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The following is an excerpt from the transcript of a conference call hosted by NACCO Industries, Inc. on August 3, 2006 regarding NACCO's financial results for the period ended June 30, 2006. The excerpt contains the portion of the transcript relating to discussions of the proposed spin-off by NACCO of its Hamilton Beach/Proctor-Silex business to NACCO's stockholders and subsequent merger of Applica Incorporated with and into Hamilton Beach/Proctor-Silex pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 23, 2006.

Brian Gonick (Corsair Capital; Analyst): That's very good to hear. Sorry, I do have one more question and that is, what are your plans with the \$100 million in cash I saw you're going to be taking out Hamilton Beach in the form of a dividend? What are your, can you talk about what you're going to do with the cash?

Alfred M. Rankin, Jr. (Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of NACCO): At this point, we have not made any decisions about what we're going to do with the cash. We are entirely focused on completing the transaction and as you can imagine, in any transaction of this nature, there's just a tremendous amount of work that has to be done following the time that core terms of the deal are set. And so, that issue, lies ahead of us.

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