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This filing contains a letter from Olivier Houssin and Etienne Fouques of Alcatel to customers of Alcatel regarding the proposed merger of Alcatel and Lucent Technologies Inc.

April 4, 2006

Dear Customer and Partner,

We're sure you are by now aware of the important announcement re: Alcatel's proposed merger with Lucent Technologies. We're also sure you are eager to understand more about the consequences on our Enterprise activities, and the potential impact on our business relationship with you.

As you know, Lucent, unlike Alcatel, no longer has any Enterprise activities (spun-off in 2000 under the Avaya name). As a result, there is no overlap or adverse effect from the combination. Quite the opposite, as the two groups actually share an identical vision of the role of Enterprise in a global communications market:

- technical commonalities with carrier solutions, especially in an IMS world;
- diversity and depth of the customer base beyond service providers;
- flexibility in delivery models, from enterprise-based solutions to carrier-hosted applications – something Alcatel has pioneered under its Managed Communications Services strategy.

Ms. Patricia Russo, Lucent's Chairman & CEO, and future CEO of the combined ensemble, actually led Lucent's enterprise activities before they were spun-off, and publicly stated on several occasions her regrets about Lucent's former management having decided to spin-off Avaya. She recently expressed her full support to a global Enterprise strategy within the new Alcatel-Lucent combination.

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In short, with our scope of Enterprise activities fully preserved, a confirmed mandate and an enlarged endorsement, we are positive this combination will offer new potential and exciting opportunities to all our customers and business partners.

Our future is confirmed something few of our competitors can claim and our ambitions expanding, for your greater success. We are very excited at the idea of further enhancing our business relationship, and wanted to share this excitement with you.

Thank you for your business and your continued support.

Very sincerely,

/s/ Olivier Houssin
Olivier Houssin
Executive Vice-President, Alcatel
President, Private Communications Group

/s/ Etienne Fouques
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Executive Vice-President, Alcatel
President, Europe & South

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This document contains statements regarding the proposed transaction between Lucent and Alcatel, and may contain statements regarding the expected timetable for completing the transaction, future financial and operating results, benefits and synergies of the proposed transaction and other statements about Lucent and Alcatel's managements' future expectations, beliefs, goals, plans or prospects that are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about Lucent and Alcatel and the combined company, as well as Lucent's and Alcatel's and the combined company's future performance and the industries in which Lucent and Alcatel operate and the combined company will operate, in addition to managements' assumptions. These statements constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "expects," "anticipates," "targets," "goals," "projects," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements which are not statements of historical facts. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to assess. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties are based upon a number of important factors including, among others: the ability to consummate the proposed transaction; difficulties and delays in obtaining regulatory approvals for the proposed transaction; difficulties and delays in achieving synergies and cost savings; potential difficulties in meeting conditions set forth in the definitive merger agreement entered into by Lucent and Alcatel; fluctuations in the telecommunications market; the pricing, cost and other risks inherent in long-term sales agreements; exposure to the credit risk of customers; reliance on a limited number of contract manufacturers to supply products we sell; the social, political and economic risks of our respective global operations; the costs and risks associated with pension and postretirement benefit obligations; the complexity of products sold; changes to existing regulations or technical standards; existing and future litigation; difficulties and costs in protecting intellectual property rights and exposure to infringement claims by others; and compliance with environmental, health and safety laws. For a more complete list and description of such risks and uncertainties, refer to Lucent's Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2005 and Alcatel's Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2005 as well as other filings by Lucent and Alcatel with the US Securities and Exchange Commission. Except as required under the US federal securities laws and the rules and regulations of the US Securities and Exchange Commission, Lucent and Alcatel disclaim any intention or obligation to update any forward-looking statements after the distribution of this document, whether as a result of new information, future events, developments, changes in assumptions or otherwise.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

In connection with the proposed transaction, Alcatel and Lucent intend to file relevant materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the filing by Alcatel with the Securities and Exchange Commission of a Registration Statement on Form F-6 and a Registration Statement on Form F-4 (collectively, the "Registration Statements"), which will include a preliminary prospectus and related materials to register the American Depositary Shares (each, an "ADS"), as well as the Alcatel ordinary shares underlying such ADSs, to be issued in exchange for Lucent common shares, and Lucent and Alcatel plan to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission and mail to their respective stockholders a Proxy Statement/Prospectus relating to the proposed transaction. The Registration Statements and the Proxy Statement/Prospectus will contain important information about Lucent, Alcatel, the transaction and related matters. Investors and security holders are urged to read the Registration Statements and the Proxy Statement/Prospectus carefully when they are available. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the Registration Statements and the Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Lucent and Alcatel through the web site maintained by the Securities and Exchange Commission at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the Registration Statements and the Proxy Statement/Prospectus when they become available from Lucent by contacting Investor Relations at www.lucent.com, by mail to 600 Mountain Avenue, Murray Hill, New Jersey 07974 or by telephone at 908-582-8500 and from Alcatel by contacting Investor Relations at www.alcatel.com, by mail to 54, rue La Boetie, 75008 Paris, France or by telephone at 33-1-40-76-10-10.

Lucent and its directors and executive officers also may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Lucent in connection with the transaction described herein. Information regarding the special interests of these directors and executive officers in the transaction described herein will be included in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus described above. Additional information regarding these directors and executive officers is also included in Lucent's proxy statement for its 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about January 3, 2006. This document is available free of charge at the Securities and Exchange Commission's web site at www.sec.gov and from Lucent by contacting Investor Relations at www.lucent.com, by mail to 600 Mountain Avenue, Murray Hill, New Jersey 07974 or by telephone at 908-582-8500.

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