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# Developments in Takeover Defense Webcast

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#### **Presentation Overview**

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### Section 1:

The Current Environment -

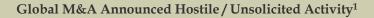
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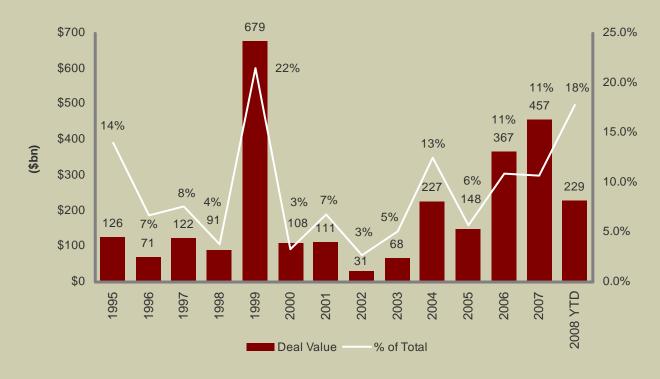
## **Two Different Types of Threats**

- Traditional Hostile Tactics
  - Public "bear hug" letter to put Company "in play"
  - Tender offer at inadequate price
  - Creeping accumulation or aggressive block purchases
- Shareholder Activism
  - Disproportionate governance role
  - Pressure to effect extraordinary corporate transactions
    - Capital or other restructuring
    - Disposal of businesses
    - Sale of entire Company
- Threats Materialize and Evolve Rapidly
  - Large amounts of capital move with extraordinary velocity
  - Symbiotic relationships abound
  - Sense of inevitability can create self-fulfilling prophecy

## **Record Hostile and Unsolicited Activity**

Hostile / unsolicited activity currently accounts for approx. 18% of total Global M&A activity





Source: Thomson Financial

#### Notes

- 1 All deals with disclosed deal value, excluding minority stake purchases, repurchases, spin-offs and deals less than \$50 million. Includes withdrawn deals.
- 2 YTD as of September 2008.

### Historical Review of Unsolicited M&A

#### Historical Annual Unsolicited / Hostile M&A Volume

	Annual Global	Annual Unsolicited	
Year	Volume (\$bn)	Volume (\$bn)	% of Total
2008 YTD	1,285	229	17.8%
2007	4,270	457	10.7%
2006	3,371	367	10.9%
2005	2,614	148	5.7%
2004	1,820	227	12.5%
2003	1,329	68	5.1%
2002	1,162	31	2.7%
2001	1,626	111	6.8%
2000	3,308	108	3.3%
1999	3,162	679	21.5%
1998	2,400	91	3.8%
1997	1,597	122	7.6%
1996	1,065	71	6.7%
1995	899	126	14.0%

Source: Thompson SDC

All Time Largest Unsolicited / Hostile Transactions			
Target	Acquiror	Date Announced	Size (\$bn)
MANNESMANN	vodafone airtouch	11/14/1999	203
RIO TINTO	<b>bhp</b> billiton	11/8/2007	185
ABN·AMRO Holding N.V.	RFS Holdings	4/25/2007	98
WARNER LAMBERT	Pfizer	11/4/1999	89
The Wart Disney Company	comcast.	2/11/2004	67
Aventis	sanofi~synthelabo	1/26/2004	60
E endesa	e·on	2/21/2006	56
TOTALFINA	elf aquitaine	7/19/1999	51
ANHEUSER BUSCH Companies	!nBev	6/11/2008	48
YAHOO!	Microsoft <sup>®</sup>	2/1/2008	43

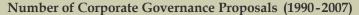
### **How Do Hostile Bids Unfold?**

A fairly common pattern...

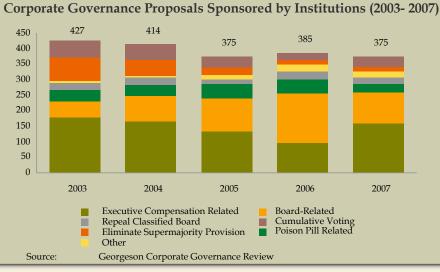
	Action	Implication
Friendly	<ul><li>Casual pass at conference</li><li>Banker-to-banker inquiry</li><li>CEO to CEO call</li></ul>	Commonplace and does not necessarily result in more aggressive activity, but must be evaluated on a case by case basis
Assertive	<ul> <li>Private "bear hug" letter</li> <li>Bidder communication directly to Board</li> <li>Smaller share accumulations</li> <li>Market rumors</li> <li>Conference call innuendo</li> </ul>	Reflects detailed planning, retention of advisors and Board-level consideration of transaction
Aggressive	<ul><li>Public "bear hug" letter</li><li>Proxy contest</li><li>Tender offer</li><li>Significant share accumulations</li></ul>	Indicates bidder is committed to completing transaction

#### Shareholder Activism is on the Rise

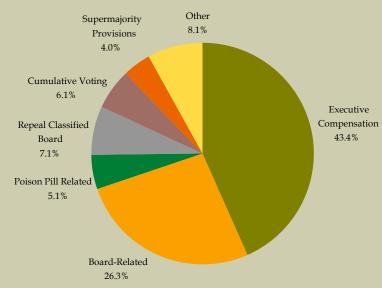
Since the corporate scandals in 2000 - 2001, the number of proposals regarding corporate governance have increased dramatically







#### **Corporate Governance Proposals (2007)**

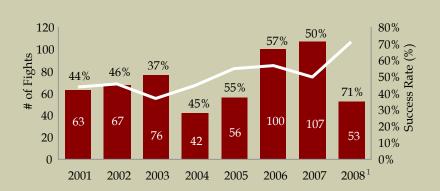


Source: Georgeson Corporate Governance Review

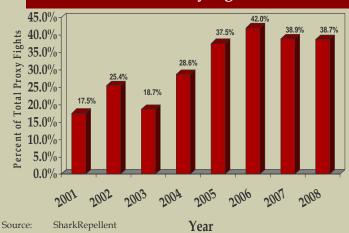
# **Activist Investors are Increasingly Successful** in Contested Situations

Activists have enjoyed heightened success in contested situations so far in 2008

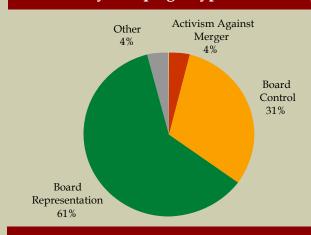
#### Dissident Success Rate, Proxy Fights



#### **Percent of Proxy Fights that Settle**



#### Primary Campaign Types, 2007 Proxy Fights



#### 2009 and Beyond

Activist investors have performed well over last 12–18 months which should drive continued activist investing

- Success of recent proxy fights will drive future activity during upcoming proxy season
- Lower profile investors to search for activists to pursue selected situations
- Successful acquisitions of companies by activist hedge funds are leading to further convergence of private equity and public equity worlds

# Many Factors Have Contributed to the Surge and Success of Hedge Fund Activism

#### Discretion Over Large Pools of Capital

- \$1.9 trillion in assets under management
- \$244 billion in "event-driven" funds
- Allows rapid accumulations of stock positions

# X Declining Returns from Financial Engineering

- Returns have receded to the mean
- Broad market gains have diminished
- Creates need for "self-fulfilling" returns

#### X "Wolf Pack" Coordination

- Leveraging of voting power
- Information sharing and cooperation
- Results in rapid and dramatic changes in shareholder profile

#### Impact of "Good Governance" Campaigns on Takeover Defense

<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> Success Rate (2001-06)<sup>1</sup>

- Rights plans
- Staggered boards
- Majority Voting

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: The Conference Board

# Which Companies are Targeted?

Target	Goal	Selected Exam	mples
Underperforming Companies	Change in Management / Board	<ul><li>Relational / SPX</li><li>Steel Partners / GenCorp</li><li>Harbinger / New York Times</li></ul>	<ul><li>Selim Zilkha / El Paso</li><li>Sam Heyman / Hercules</li></ul>
	Sale of Company	<ul><li>Barington / Nautica</li><li>ESL and Barington / Payless</li><li>Carl Icahn / Yahoo</li></ul>	Harbinger / Calpine Corp.
Overcapitalized/ Cash-Rich Situations	Return Cash to Shareholders	<ul><li>Highfields / Circuit City</li><li>Steel Partners / GenCorp</li></ul>	■ Third Point / Massey
Diversified Companies	Divestitures / Break-Up	<ul><li>Relational / JC Penney (Eckerd)</li><li>Carl Icahn / Motorola</li></ul>	<ul><li>Third Point / Western Gas</li><li>Pershing / Target</li></ul>
M&A Transactions	Defeat M&A Transactions / Increase Merger Price	<ul><li>Carl Icahn / Lear Corp.</li><li>Novartis / Chiron</li><li>Many funds / VNU</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Many funds / Micron Technology / Lexar Media</li> <li>Many funds / Armor Holdings / Stewart &amp; Stevenson</li> <li>Pershing Square and Advisory Research / Longs Drug Store</li> </ul>

#### **Common Activist Tactics**

# Increasingly Active / Hostile

#### Public Announcement of Significant Stake

Send a Letter to Management/Board

Attack Corporate Governance

Coordinate With Other Funds

**Encourage Buyer Interest** 

Pursue Litigation

Attempt to Obtain Significant Influence

Proxy Fight

- ♦ Announce a stake in a company and activist's intentions
- ◆ Send a public letter to management or board demanding financial/strategic action; often critical of current management
- ◆ Pinpoint vulnerability in the corporate governance structure and submit shareholder proposals or publicly use weakness to achieve goal
- ♦ Informally or formally "partner" with other investors
- ♦ Directly solicit interest from potential buyers; publicly leak level of potential buyer interest
- ♦ Use legal system to help pressure the company and distract management and the board
- ♦ Seek board seats with goal of disrupting leadership or embedding directors supportive of activist's agenda
- ♦ Launch full or "short-slate" proxy fight to replace board

# Recent Legal Developments

- CNET Networks / Office Depot
  - Ambiguities in advance notice bylaws construed against the Company
  - Companies should review bylaws to mitigate risk
- CSX Corporation
  - "Total return equity swap" may confer beneficial ownership under federal securities laws
  - "Wolf pack" activities may result in "group" determination under Section 13(d)
  - Statutory remedies for violation may be limited, however
  - 2nd Circuit has confirmed lack of "sterilization" remedy
  - · Consequences for shareholder rights plans
- Lyondell Chemical Co.
  - Adequacy of Board action in connection with a sale of the Company
  - Impact of CEO-dominated M&A process and need for active Board participation
  - Board required to evaluate process for maximizing shareholder value
  - Consider benefits of regular contingency planning
  - More recent decisions may mitigate impact
- SEC's Cross Border Release
  - Generally codify existing "no-action" positions
  - Evolutionary in nature

# Section 2: Practical Aspects of Takeover Defense – What Should I Tell My CEO?

## Be Prepared from a Business Perspective

- Monitor and communicate regularly with shareholders
  - Consider stock-watch service to monitor trading activity
  - Regular shareholder communications on strategic plans frame alternatives if threat materializes
- Board should meet at least annually with financial advisor to review threat environment and analyze strategic alternatives
  - Industry dynamics and general M&A environment
  - Potential bidders, including strategic strengths and weaknesses, and potential opportunities
  - Current stock valuation and trends
  - Enables rapid initial response and provides foundation for Board to assess alternatives
  - Lesson of Lyondell
- Maintain long-term forecasts and strategic plans
  - Provides input for financial analysis
  - Credibility enhanced if prepared without regard to pending threat
  - OK to acknowledge variability
- Develop initial business response "playbook"
  - Define leadership and responsibilities among Board, management and outside advisors
  - Current "key players" list and contact information, including outside advisors
  - Initial plan for investor and employee communications

## Be Prepared from Legal Perspective

- Board should meet at least annually with legal advisor to discuss takeover defenserelated issues
  - Review fiduciary duties of directors
  - Update on legal developments, trends and issues
  - Assess defensive position; consider possible enhancements
- Monitor corporate governance developments
  - RiskMetrics and other proxy advisory services
  - General trends and key corporate governance issues
- Monitor shareholder filings
  - Schedules 13D / 13G / 13F
  - Hart-Scott-Rodino Act filings
- Maintain initial legal response "playbook"
  - "Stop, look and listen" press release
  - Rights plan "on the shelf", if applicable

# **Business Fundamentals for Takeover Responses**

- Unsolicited offers may arise if bidder mistakenly thinks the Company is receptive
  - Politeness in response to casual pass can be mistaken for receptiveness
- Board and CEO must speak with "one voice" and avoid leaks
  - Avoids unintended flirtations, ambiguous messages or misunderstandings
  - All statements may be used against the Company
- Adopt "no comment" policy on market rumors and activity
  - Policy ought to be in place generally
  - Provides additional flexibility, with no general duty to update
- Never underestimate the Board's leverage
  - Board can exercise business judgment to: (i) pursue stand-alone business plan, (ii) consider available strategic alternatives or (iii) act as auctioneer to sell the Company
  - Substantial time and expense is required to overcome Board's opposition, and Board should not end up with a lower price by saying no to the first pass
- Current and credible business plans will be crucial
  - Valuation underpins standalone valuation of the Company
  - Financial valuation analysis critical to Board process and securing shareholder support

# **Business Fundamentals for Responding to Activists**

- Don't overreact to an initial accumulation
  - Treat activist as any other significant investor
  - Dialogue with activist should not assume they will go hostile
  - <u>But</u>, prepare assuming the activist will go hostile
- If activist asks for a meeting, take it
  - Good for information gathering
  - Avoid misperception of management entrenchment
  - Consider carefully who meets with the activists
- Board and CEO must speak with "one voice" and avoid leaks
  - Avoids unintended flirtations, ambiguous messages or misunderstandings
  - All statements may be used against the Company
- Monitor your stockholder profile daily, using an expert firm
  - Accumulations by insurgent
  - Emergence of "wolf pack"
- Gather the right advisors
  - Proxy Solicitor
  - Legal Advisor
  - Financial Advisor
  - Public and Investor Relations
- Stay close to your other significant investors
  - Communicate the Board's plans
  - Assess investor concerns/predilections

# Section 3: Advance Notice Bylaws – Tell Us a Little About Yourself . . .

## **Conventional Advance Notice Bylaws**

- Shareholders must provide advance notice (typically 60-90 days) to make proposals or nominate directors
  - Disclosure required on proposal, nominees (if any) and beneficial ownership, but nothing more
  - Uses or mirrors Exchange Act definition of beneficial ownership
- Does not require disclosure of other information that may be material to the Company and its shareholders
  - "Synthetic equity" or other derivatives positions, "record date capture" or other "empty voting" strategies or other material interests
  - Disclosures likely to be stale by shareholder meeting
- Federal securities laws have not been revised to address modern threats
- Many corporations' bylaws are subject to challenge under JANA/Office Depot
  - Advance notice deadlines are too early
  - Lack of differentiation of treatment of 14a-8 proposals
  - Significant adverse consequences if bylaw provisions are struck or viewed as inapplicable

## Modernized Advance Notice Bylaws

- Expanded Required Disclosures
  - Persons Making Proposals or Nominations
    - Create visibility to "synthetic equity" and other derivative ownership, "record date capture" and other "empty voting" strategies and other material interests
    - Other information that would be required in proxy statement
    - Possible additional disclosures based on SEC's shareholder access proposal
    - · Capture "wolf pack" through "conscious parallelism" based disclosure
  - Director Nominees
    - Same disclosure as if nominee were making a proposal (see above)
    - Financial and other relationships between proponent and director nominee
  - Proposed Business
    - Reasons for proposal
    - Agreements with other shareholders
- Updated Supplemental Disclosures
  - · As of record date and as of shortly prior to meeting date
- Additional procedures if shareholders permitted to call special meetings or act by written consent

# Rationale for Modernized Advance Notice Bylaws

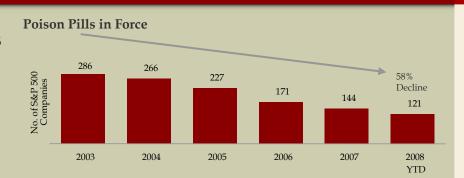
- Establish orderly procedures
- Provide Company and shareholders adequate time to become informed and to respond
- Clarify and strengthen bylaws to protect against threats in current environment (*CSX*)
  - Obtain information on economic, voting and other interests or relationships that may be material
  - Address gaps under federal securities laws
- Obtain current information to ensure accurate disclosure of interests of proponent and nominee
- Eliminate ambiguities in existing bylaws, including distinction of 14a-8 proposals (*JANA / Office Depot*)
- Avoid:
  - Undue burden or ambiguity
  - Adoption after contest arises or is threatened

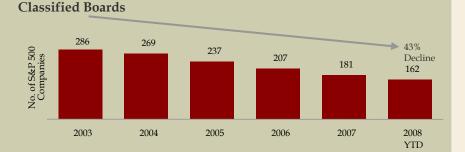
Section 4:
Structural Defenses –
Which, When and How

#### **Defensive Position**

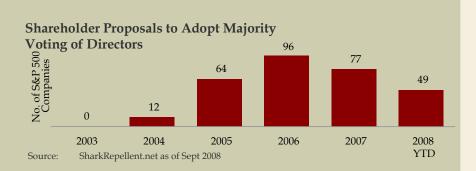
#### Impact of Activism and Corporate Governance Opposition

- Redemption or Expiration of Rights Plans
  - Company under constant threat
  - Enhances importance of trading monitors to pull "off the shelf"
- Declassification of Boards
  - Reduces impact of rights plan
  - Increases activist leverage for settlement
  - But, 2 to 3 directors are still often enough





- Director resignation policies
  - Reduces Board willingness to buck RiskMetrics
  - Encourages shareholder proposals due to subsequent withhold recommendations



# Shareholder Rights Plans Considerations for Renewal vs. Expiration

#### **Renew Rights Plan**

#### + Potential deterrent effect on most egregious "wolf pack" activities particularly following CSX decision

- + Use on interim basis may be accepted by market and RiskMetrics
- Will draw "withhold" vote recommendation from RiskMetrics at next annual meeting
- Potential rallying point for activist investors

#### Allow Rights Plan to Expire

- + Avoids stockholder proposal or demand to terminate rights plan
- + Avoids RiskMetrics "withhold" vote issues
- Loss of immediate deterrent effect against "wolf packs"
- Delay attendant to later adoption can be strategically costly
- Subsequent adoption may be in "fog" of takeover battle

# Allow Expiration <u>and</u> Put New Rights Plan "On the Shelf"

- + Allows more thoughtful Board review of new rights plan
- + Board evaluation conducted absent pending threat
- + Allows quick implementation in response to rapid share accumulations
- + No public notice / RiskMetrics
- Any deterrent effect on most egregious "wolf pack" activities is delayed

## Modernized Shareholder Rights Plan

- Traditional rights plans incorporate federal securities law definition of "beneficial ownership" in determining whether an "Acquiring Person" has exceeded trigger threshold
- Modernized rights plan could:
  - Add synthetic equity to definition of beneficial ownership
    - Address prospect that the holder of synthetic equity could direct the vote on the banker's share position
    - Address concern that synthetic equity position can be easily converted to actual equity ownership
  - Expand "group" concept for definition of beneficial ownership to capture parties acting with "conscious parallelism"
  - Enable Board determination of triggering activity
- Synthetic Equity Issues
  - Does the holder of synthetic equity suffer dilution under the plan?
  - Effectiveness is likely dependent on scale of actual ownership
- Conscious Parallelism Issues
  - Ability to discourage "wolf pack"
  - Changed definition needed after CSX?
  - Does the need for Board determination hinder effectiveness?
- Do modernized provisions work with "on the shelf" strategy?

Appendix A: Typical Approaches and Responses

# **Takeover Approaches and Responses**

Takeover Approach  Casual Pass / Friendly Lunch	<ul> <li>Description</li> <li>Informal request for meetings or discussions</li> <li>Price not typically proposed</li> <li>May come from acquaintances, colleagues on other Boards, at industry conferences or otherwise</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Initial Response</li> <li>Report to CEO and Chairman</li> <li>No duty to discuss, respond, negotiate or disclose publicly</li> <li>Structure response, if any, to convey clear message and avoid unintended signals</li> </ul>
Private "Bear Hug" Letter	<ul> <li>Private letter to management or Board requests meetings or discussions</li> <li>Initial price typically proposed</li> <li>Relatively friendly approach, but carries implicit threat to go public</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Report to Board</li> <li>Activate readiness plan and engage M&amp;A advisory teams</li> <li>Board evaluation required</li> <li>No duty to discuss, respond, negotiate or disclose publicly</li> <li>Structure response, if any, to convey clear message and avoid unintended signals</li> <li>Plan for likely next events</li> </ul>
Public "Bear Hug" Letter	<ul> <li>Public letter to Board requests meetings or discussions</li> <li>Initial price proposed</li> <li>Increasingly hostile approach</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Issue "stop, look and listen" statement</li> <li>Board evaluation required</li> <li>Determine strategic responses, in consultation with M&amp;A advisory team</li> <li>Public response recommended</li> <li>No duty to negotiate</li> </ul>

# Takeover Approaches and Responses (cont'd)

Takeover Approach	Description	Initial Response
Tender Offer or Exchange Offer	<ul> <li>Formal offer directly to stockholders</li> <li>Regulated by U.S. securities laws</li> <li>Hostile approach</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Issue "stop, look and listen" statement</li> <li>Board evaluation required</li> <li>Determine strategic responses, in consultation with M&amp;A advisory team</li> <li>Public response required under U.S. securities laws within 10 business days</li> <li>No duty to negotiate</li> </ul>
Proxy Contest	<ul> <li>Solicitation of votes for action by shareholders</li> <li>Seeks replacement of Board to remove rights plan</li> <li>Typically coupled with tender offer or exchange offer</li> <li>Hostile approach</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Issue "stop, look and listen" statement</li> <li>Board evaluation required</li> <li>Consider tactical responses</li> <li>Consider acceleration or delay of meeting</li> <li>Determine strategic responses, in consultation with M&amp;A advisory team</li> <li>Public response required under U.S. proxy rules if Company seeks to solicit votes or consents in opposition</li> <li>No duty to negotiate</li> </ul>

# **Activist Approaches and Responses**

Activist Approach	Description	Initial Response
Initial Stock Accumulation and Request for Meetings	<ul> <li>Accumulates initial stock ownership position (likely more than 5% but less than 15%)</li> <li>Requests meetings with management to discuss ideas to "enhance value"</li> <li>May make Schedule 13D filing disclosing plans and proposals to "enhance value"</li> <li>Not typically interested in acquisition</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Activate contingency plan and engage activist advisory team</li> <li>Gather information about activist</li> <li>No duty to meet, discuss or respond</li> <li>Carefully staged meeting may be desirable to open communication</li> <li>Understand activist's objections</li> </ul>
"Wolf Pack" Tactics	<ul> <li>Other activist funds accumulate stock ownership positions</li> <li>Likely act in parallel with initial activist, if not formally acting as a "group"</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Gather information about "wolf pack" members</li> <li>Evaluate extent to which "wolf pack" is acting as undisclosed "group"</li> </ul>
Private Letters	<ul> <li>Demands action with respect to:         <ul> <li>Board seats</li> </ul> </li> <li>Management change</li> <li>Evaluation of strategic alternatives</li> </ul> <li>Financial restructurings (special dividend, leveraged recap, sale of noncore assets)</li> <li>Frequently threatens public disclosure, stockholder proposals and/or proxy contests</li>	<ul> <li>Report to CEO and Chairman</li> <li>Board evaluation recommended</li> <li>Determine strategic responses, in consultation with advisory team</li> <li>No duty to meet, discuss, respond or disclose publicly</li> <li>Designate point person for all future contacts.</li> <li>Structure response, if any, to confer clear message and avoid unintended signals</li> </ul>

# Activist Approaches and Responses (cont'd)

Activist Approach  Public Letters	<ul> <li>Description</li> <li>Letter publicly disclosed</li> <li>Reiterates demands made in private letters</li> <li>Threatens shareholder proposals and/or proxy contests</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Initial Response</li> <li>Board evaluation required</li> <li>Determine strategic responses, including rejection or adoption of all or part of proposal or negotiated settlement, in consultation with advisory team</li> <li>No duty to meet or discuss</li> <li>Public response recommended</li> </ul>
14a-8 Stockholder Proposals (made under U.S. proxy rules which require Company to include in proxy statement)	<ul> <li>Typically relates to governance items such as:</li> <li>Majority voting for directors</li> <li>Redemption of rights plan</li> <li>Other procedural matters in bylaws</li> <li>May be binding or advisory</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consider ability to exclude from proxy statement under U.S. proxy rules</li> <li>Board evaluation required</li> <li>Determine strategic responses, including possible negotiated settlement, in consultation with advisory team</li> </ul>
Proxy Contest	<ul> <li>Solicitation of votes for action by shareholders</li> <li>Typically relates to election of directors</li> <li>Activist initially bears cost of proxy solicitation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Public response required under U.S. proxy rules if Company seeks to solicit votes or consents in opposition</li> <li>Consider tactical responses</li> <li>Consider delay or acceleration of meeting</li> <li>Determine strategic responses, including fight through election, announcement of adoption of all/part of activist agenda or possible negotiated settlement, in consultation with advisory team</li> </ul>