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## PREMERGER NOTIFICATION

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LOS ANGELES - May 21, 2001 - On May 18, 2001, Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) filed notification with the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission of its intention to acquire Newport News Shipbuilding, in compliance with the premerger notification requirements of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976.

Northrop Grumman announced on May 9, 2001, that it had sent a letter to Newport News Shipbuilding offering to acquire Newport News Shipbuilding and that it expected to commence an exchange offer shortly.

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