



Colfax Announces Result of Charter Shareholder Meetings

FULTON, Md., Nov. 14, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- The Board of Directors of Colfax Corporation (NYSE: CFX), a global leader in fluid-handling solutions for critical applications, is pleased to announce that, at the Court Meeting and the Charter General Meeting of Scheme Shareholders held earlier today in connection with the recommended acquisition of Charter International plc ("Charter") by way of scheme of arrangement in accordance with Article 125 of the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 (the "Acquisition"), all the resolutions proposed received the overwhelming support of Charter Shareholders.

At the Court Meeting, a majority in number of Scheme Shareholders as defined in the Scheme Document dated October 18, 2011, who voted (either in person or by proxy) and who together represented over 75% by value of the votes cast, voted in favor of the resolution to approve the Scheme. The resolution was accordingly passed. At the Charter General Meeting, the special resolution to approve the Scheme and provide for its implementation was also passed by the requisite majority.

Completion of the Acquisition remains subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the other Conditions set out in the Scheme Document sent to Charter Shareholders dated October 18, 2011, including the Court sanctioning the Scheme and confirming the Capital Reduction at the Court Hearing which is expected to take place on January 12, 2012, as well as approval of the Acquisition by Colfax's stockholders. Subject to the satisfaction of the Conditions, the Scheme is expected to become effective on January 13, 2012.

Capitalized terms used but not defined in this announcement shall have the meaning given to them in the Scheme Document, which is available on the Colfax website at www.colfaxcorp.com under the "Investors" section.

ABOUT COLFAX CORPORATION — Colfax Corporation is a global leader in critical fluid-handling products and technologies. Through its global operating subsidiaries, Colfax manufactures positive displacement industrial pumps and valves used in oil & gas, power generation, commercial marine, defense and general industrial markets. Colfax's operating subsidiaries supply products under the well-known brands Allweiler, Baric, Fairmount Automation, Houttuin, Imo, LSC, Portland Valve, Tushaco, Warren and Zenith. Colfax is traded on the NYSE under the ticker "CFX." Additional information about Colfax is available at www.colfaxcorp.com.

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person to whom Rule 8.3(a) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the announcement in which any paper offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a paper offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure. Under Rule 8.3(b) of the City Code, any person who is, or becomes, interested in 1 per cent. or more of any class of relevant securities of the offeree company or of any paper offeror must make a Dealing Disclosure if the person deals in any relevant securities of the offeree company or of any paper offeror. A Dealing Disclosure must contain details of the dealing concerned and of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any paper offeror, save to the extent that these details have previously been disclosed under Rule 8. A Dealing Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(b) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the business day following the date of the relevant dealing. If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire or control an interest in relevant securities of an offeree company or a paper offeror, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.

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