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Rite Aid Corporation (Rite Aid) will be using the updated slides set forth below for any presentations in advance of the vote at the January 18, 2007 special meeting of Rite Aid stockholders to approve the issuance of additional shares of Rite Aid common stock and certain other matters in connection with the acquisition by Rite Aid of all of the outstanding capital stock of The Jean Coutu Group (PJC) USA, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Jean Coutu Group (PJC) Inc.

This document may contain forward-looking statements, which are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements include our high level of indebtedness, our ability to make interest and principal payments on our debt and satisfy the other covenants contained in our senior secured credit facility and other debt agreements, our ability to improve the operating performance of our existing stores in accordance with our long term strategy, our ability to hire and retain pharmacists and other store personnel, the efforts of private and public third-party payors to reduce prescription drug reimbursements and encourage mail order, competitive pricing pressures, continued consolidation of the drugstore industry, changes in state or federal legislation or regulations, the outcome of lawsuits and governmental investigations, general economic conditions and inflation, interest rate movements, access to capital, the ability of Rite Aid to consummate the transaction with Jean Coutu Group and realize the benefits of such transaction and our ability to assume the senior subordinated notes. Consequently, all of the forward-looking statements made in this press release are qualified by these and other factors, risks and uncertainties. Readers are also directed to consider other risks and uncertainties discussed in documents filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements can be identified through the use of words such as may , will , intend , plan , project , expect , anticipate , could , should , would , believe , estimate , contemplate , and possible .

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WHERE TO FIND IT

Rite Aid has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a proxy statement in connection with the proposed transaction with the Jean Coutu Group. The proxy statement has been mailed to the stockholders of Rite Aid. **STOCKHOLDERS OF RITE AID ARE ADVISED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT BECAUSE IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** Such proxy statement and other relevant documents may also be obtained, free of charge, on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website (<http://www.sec.gov>) or by contacting our Secretary, Rite Aid Corporation, 30 Hunter Lane, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOLICITATION

Rite Aid and certain persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies relating to the proposed transaction. The participants in such solicitation may include Rite Aid's executive officers and directors. Further information regarding persons who may be deemed participants is available in Rite Aid's proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the transaction.

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