

JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC
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SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC.

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On March 8, 2005, Johnson Outdoors Inc. (the Company) issued to employees of the Company an e-mail notice (the Notice) relating to special meeting of the Company's shareholders to be held March 22, 2005 to consider the Agreement and Plan of Merger providing for the merger of JO Acquisition Corp., a Wisconsin corporation, with and into the Company. Under the terms of the proposed merger, public shareholders of Johnson Outdoors would receive cash for their shares, and the members of the Johnson family would acquire 100% ownership of Johnson Outdoors. A copy of the Notice follows as part of this filing under Rule 14a-6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

PLEASE NOTE AN ADDITIONAL MATTER REGARDING PROXIES: Our proxy solicitation firm, Innisfree, will continue to send proxy mailings to all shareholders who have not voted up and until the March 22nd meeting. The timing of when you vote and when Innisfree checks their records to generate another mailing could result in you receiving an additional mailing even though you have voted. As example, if you mailed your proxy on March 3rd or 4th, 2005 and March 4th was a date that Innisfree is checking their records to generate another mailing, you will receive another proxy even though you have voted.

If you know you have voted you should disregard the additional mailing. If you are uncertain as to whether you have voted, you should vote again as Innisfree's record keeping will only allow one vote per proxy

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