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Business Update

TOWNHALL

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023



Today's Agenda





What We Announced

- We have entered into an agreement to be acquired by The J.M. Smucker Co. for approximately \$5.6 billion.
- This transaction is a testament to our team's hard work and commitment to excellence since our second founding in 2013.
- J.M. Smucker was primarily attracted to our iconic brands, our prolific innovation, our tremendous commitment to quality, our strong customer partnerships, and our ability to deliver consistent, profitable and sustainable growth.
- J.M. Smucker believes in what you are creating here at Hostess Brands, and sees this combination as an opportunity for leadership in the rapidly growing snacking category and broader evolving food industry.
- This transaction is still subject to close, and we will have more information to share as this process unfolds.



How We Arrived At Our Decision

A few months ago, we were approached with an unsolicited offer to acquire Hostess Brands

Our Board of Directors then launched a formal process to evaluate strategic options, which resulted in interest from several other companies

Our Board closely reviewed the offers it received, and evaluated them against our standalone business

Ultimately, our Board of Directors decided that selling the business to The J.M. Smucker Co. was in the best interest of shareholders



More About The J.M. Smucker Co.

Beyond a clear strategic fit, our two companies also share very similar cultures and values





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Portfolio of Brands You Know and Love



What's Next?

We are committed to keeping you updated throughout this process

- The transaction is anticipated to close between November 2023 and January 2024 subject to customary closing conditions
- We will learn more about The J.M. Smucker Co. integration plan over the coming weeks,
- Until the transaction close it is business as usual at Hostess Brands, and there will be no changes to day-to-day operations
- We will continue to update you as information becomes available



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Q&A Session

For all of those on Zoom, please send your questions over chat to Rob Weber

Please feel free to submit your questions at this time

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Disclosures

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WHERE TO FIND IT

The exchange offer referenced in this communication has not yet commenced. This communication is for informational purposes only and is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell any securities, nor is it a substitute for the exchange offer materials that Hostess Brands or The J.M. Smucker Co. or its acquisition subsidiary, SSF Holdings, Inc., will file with the SEC. This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction. The solicitation and offer to buy Hostess Brands stock will only be made pursuant to an Offer to Exchange and related exchange offer materials that The J.M. Smucker Co. intends to file with the SEC. At the time the exchange offer is commenced, The J.M. Smucker Co. and its acquisition subsidiary will file a tender offer statement on Schedule 10, The J.M. Smucker Co. will file a registration statement on Schedule 14D-9 with the SEC with respect to the exchange offer. HOSTESS BRANDS' STOCKHOLDERS AND OTHER INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ CAREFULY THE EXCHANGE OFFER MATERIALS (INCLUDING AN OFFER TO EXCHANGE, A RELATED LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL AND CERTAIN OTHER EXCHANGE OFFER DOCUMENTS) AND THE SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT ON SCHEDULE 14D-9 BECAUSE THEY WILL EACH CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT HOLDERS OF HOSTESS BRANDS SECURITIES AND OTHER INVESTORS SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE EXCHANGE OFFER. The Offer to Exchange, the related Letter of Transmittal, certain other exchange offer documents, as well as the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Additional copies may be obtained for free by contacting either The J.M. Smucker Co. or Hostess Brands. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Hostess Brands will be available free of charge on Hostess Brands' website at https://investors.jmsmucker.com or by contacting The J.M. Smucker Co. Investor Relations the available free of charge on The J.M. Smucker Co. or by to contacting ei

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