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**OFFER BY COLFAX UK HOLDINGS LIMITED ("BIDCO")  
A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF COLFAX CORPORATION ("COLFAX")  
FOR  
CHARTER INTERNATIONAL PLC ("CHARTER")  
  
COLFAX STOCKHOLDER MEETING DATE SET**

Colfax announces today that it has set the record date and meeting date for its special meeting of stockholders to approve the issuances of shares and amendment and restatement of its Certificate of Incorporation in connection with its offer to acquire Charter.

The special meeting of stockholders will be held at 9:00 a.m. local time on January 5, 2012 at the Maple Lawn Community Center located at 7600 Maple Lawn Boulevard, Fulton, Maryland 20759 U.S.A. The close of business on December 19, 2011 has been fixed as the record date for determining those Colfax stockholders entitled to vote at the special meeting.

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