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THE MONY GROUP INC.

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The following is a memorandum to certain strategic distribution partners of The MONY Group Inc. The merger agreement for AXA Financial, Inc.'s acquisition of The MONY Group was filed by The MONY Group under cover of Form 8-K on September 18, 2003 and is incorporated by reference into this filing.

A MESSAGE TO OUR STRATEGIC DISTRIBUTION PARTNERS

On September 17, 2003, AXA Financial agreed to purchase The MONY Group. Of course, the transaction is subject to shareholder and regulatory approval and is expected to close by the end of the first quarter 2004.

We believe the combination of MONY and AXA will strengthen our offerings to distributors and clients in many ways:

As part of the transaction, MONY will become a wholly owned subsidiary of AXA Financial, Inc., which is a subsidiary of AXA Group, a worldwide leader in financial protection and wealth management. As of December 31, 2002, AXA Financial had approximately \$415 billion in assets under management.

The combined strength of both companies would make it #1 in variable life and #4 in variable annuity sales, in terms of United States market share.

AXA Financial, one of the most respected companies in our industry, has stated that a primary reason for the acquisition is to increase its distribution in the United States. We believe that should lead to stronger products, guarantees and reinsurance capacity and that, together, we can support our distribution partners better than ever.

On a September 18, 2003 conference call with shareholders and analysts, AXA Financial President & CEO Christopher Condrone praised MONY's wholesaling

reach and commented on AXA's own wholesaling success, saying, "Together, this makes for a terrific combination.

As of September 19, 2003, MONY's rating agencies have already reacted positively to the news:

- " The rating of A (Excellent) of MONY's life insurance subsidiaries as well as the group's debt ratings have been placed under review with positive implications. A.M. Best
- " Standard & Poor's revised its outlook on MONY Group Inc. (MONY) and MONY's subsidiaries MONY Life Insurance Co. and MONY Life Insurance Co. of America to developing from negative. Standard & Poor's
- " And, as of September 18, 2003, both Fitch and Moody's have placed The MONY Group's ratings on positive watch and on review for upgrade, respectively.

Going forward, it's business as usual for MONY Partners: we maintain our unwavering commitment to our distribution partners and look forward to further enhancing our products and services to help you compete and win.

Important Legal Information

MONY intends to file a proxy statement and AXA Financial and MONY intend to file other documents regarding the proposed acquisition of MONY by AXA Financial with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). **Before making any voting or investment decisions, investors and security holders of MONY are urged to read the proxy statement regarding the acquisition, carefully in its entirety when it becomes available, because it will contain important information about the proposed transaction.** A definitive proxy statement will be sent to the stockholders of MONY seeking their approval of the transaction. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the definitive proxy statement/prospectus, when it becomes available, and other documents filed with, or furnished to, the SEC by AXA Financial and MONY at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. The definitive proxy statement and other documents may also be obtained for free from MONY and AXA Financial by directing a written request to Shareholder Services, MONY, 1740 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10019; Attn. John MacLane (jmaclane@mony.com), or to AXA Financial, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10104, Attn. Robert Walsh (Robert.Walsh@axa-financial.com).

Certain Information Concerning Participants: MONY, its directors, executive officers and certain members of management and employees may be soliciting proxies from MONY shareholders in favor of the approval of the transaction. Information regarding such officers and directors is

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included in MONY's proxy statement for its 2003 Annual Meeting of shareholders filed with the SEC on May 2, 2003.