

DOLE FOOD CO INC  
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October 17, 2013

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**Dole Food Company, Inc.**

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**IMPORTANT**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**  
**IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 31, 2013**  
**PLEASE INSTRUCT YOUR BANK OR BROKER TO VOTE TODAY!**

**Dear Sir / Madam:**

According to our latest records, your bank or broker has not received your voting instructions for the important meeting of stockholders of Dole Food Company, Inc. to be held on October 31, 2013. **Your vote is extremely important, regardless of the number of shares that you own. Please instruct your bank or broker how to vote your shares today so the Company may avoid additional solicitation costs.**

**Please use one of the following methods to promptly provide voting instructions to your bank or broker:**

1. **Instruct your bank/broker by Internet: Have your control number listed on the instruction form ready and follow the online instructions. The control number is located in the rectangular box on the right side of your voting instruction form.**
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For the reasons set forth in the definitive proxy statement dated October 2, 2013 your Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote **FOR** the Merger Proposal, Compensation Proposal and Proposal to Adjourn the Special Meeting. We respectfully request that you vote your shares at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call D.F. King & Co., Inc. toll free at (800) 859-8511.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Sincerely,

C. Michael Carter

President and Chief Operating Officer