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Transcript of Interview of Mark Mactas, President, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer,

Towers Perrin, and John Haley, Chief Executive Officer, Watson Wyatt,

on FOX Business Morning, Monday, June 29, 2009

[picture] **Connell McShane, Co-Anchor:**

And, we also have a three-and-a-half-billion-dollar merger that's been announced today in the consulting, uh, industry, a company with fourteen thousand employees pretty big deal here. And we're gonna talk to the CEO of Watson Wyatt and the CEO of Towers Perrin about their deal next, and it's coming up live here on *FOX Business Morning*, so you don't wanna miss that.

[Commercial break]

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All right, we're back. In our C-Suite Sit-Down this morning, uh, we talked about this earlier a deal in the consulting industry; the companies Towers Perrin Foster and Crosby, and Watson Wyatt Worldwide, announcing a, a merger, uh, to form a new company. It's an all-stock deal. It values, uh, the companies at three-and-a-half billion dollars, and it will create a, a consulting company that has fourteen thousand employees

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across, uh, two dozen countries. So, this is a pretty big deal, expected to close shortly after a shareholder vote in, uh, 2009's fourth quarter. John Haley, the CEO of Watson Wyatt, and he will retain his role at Towers Watson as the CEO of the combined company, and Mark Mactas, the, uh, Tower Perrin, uh, Towers Perrin CEO, will serve as the president. They're both with us today.

Uh, thanks for coming in. You know, it's interesting, because we do these stories about mergers and acquisitions all the time. Rarely is it really a merger of equals, but this one looks like it is. Is that, is that true?

[picture] **John Haley, Chief Executive Officer, Watson Wyatt:**

That's, that's our perception. It's the spirit in which we've approached everything. We, we've started off by saying we have, uh, uh, shared values

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and we have a shared sense of strategic alignment, and we're rough, are two firms that are roughly the same size. So, what we wanted to do was to bring together the best of each.

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All right. So, but, if you are merging the two, equally merging the two, does it speak at all to the troubles in the consulting industry, to some extent, with, you know, the, the recession, obviously, hitting both business, and the need to cut costs more?

[picture] **Mark Mactas, President, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer, Towers Perrin:**

It's really not a function of the current economic times. This is a strategic deal, as, as John indicated. We fit together like, like hand in glove. We are very complementary businesses. We'll build on each other's strengths and move forward in a way that neither firm could have independently, each being strong firms in, in our own right

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but, together, really, stronger than the sum of the parts.

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Towers Perrin, a privately held, uh, company, and, uh, y know, getting together with your company, which is already publicly traded, so, now the new company will be publicly traded we've seen, so, we obviously have more information, looking at, um, a, a company that has already missed the mark last quarter on, on earnings expectations. And, y know, Mark's talking about the idea that, y know, you bring these two companies together. How does that help, in the short term?

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What we'll do is we'll create a wider scale of services that we can offer to our clients. We'll have a deeper, um, pool of talent for our clients. We'll be able to offer great job opportunities to our associates.

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You'll cut costs, too, right, to some extent?

[picture] **Haley:**

Uh, we will cut, we will cut some costs. We'll become more efficient. But, the cost-cutting, while we think it's an important part of what we're doing, it's not the main reason we're doing this. We're, we're doing this to get together at the top level and to grow the, the top line.

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But how many job cuts? You have fourteen thousand employees - was that a correct number, about?

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Uh, we have about fourteen thousand employees. Even with all of the IT restructuring, uh, that we can do to save, uh, costs and everything, we still think the cost savings will be about two-point-three percent of revenues. So, it's a, it's a *[inaudible]*.

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What would the head count look like, about?

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We, we don't, we don't have a number on that.

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You don't know yet. All right. Uh, from, from your point of view, Mark, in entering a deal like this, talk to us a little bit about the environment. I brought this up earlier with the recession, every CEO seems to come in and say, "Wow, these are tough times. How had things been going beforehand, and what did you see that you said, "All right, we gotta, we gotta get together with somebody"? Or was it not as simple as that?

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Uh, we, we didn't view this as we have to get together with somebody; as, as John and I talked, it became increasingly apparent just how well these two firms complemented each other.

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When did those discussions begin?

[picture] **Mactas:**

Uh, we've known each other a long time, and we've had discussions on and off, but they really got traction, uh, in terms of, of a formal combination, very recently. And, when we, we talk about our shared, shared values and the strategic merits of coming together, uh, you know, where we're relatively strong, we complement what, what Watson Wyatt has. Where they're relatively, you know, where, where we're weak, uh, they complement us. So, this it happens to be during a period when the economy's not strong

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but I think that's more coincidental than, um, cause and effect.

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All right. Last couple of minutes we have, let's get each, each of you to give us an outlook on the future, cause, as you said, Mark, it come at a time when the economy's not strong, not just for you, but for everybody, of course. And, do things get better, and, if so, when? Because the idea is, for consulting companies, hey, that's one of the things companies are gonna cut back on, right?

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I, well, I d say the answer to the first question is easy. Yes, things do get better.

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When is a little bit harder, but we are in a business where we're helping employers with their people, and I think human capital has never been more important now, uh, than it has been in history, and I think it's gonna get more important in the future. We work in the insurance consulting industry. We, uh, do, um, we do, uh, benefits and retirement work. All of those are businesses that we think are around for the long run.

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And, just to add, we're, we're fortunate that a lot of our businesses are ongoing annuity based, and not really subject to fluctuations based on the economy. So, we've got a very strong, stable base to work off of.

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What, what would, when would you expect some sort of an economic turnaround? Some people say we've already seen the turn; in other words, we've seen the worst. Is that a fair statement from either one of you guys, and, and, if so, does next year start to look significantly better? A little bit better? What do you think?

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I, I think we see the same kind of signs that you hear people talking about, in terms of, uh, positive signals. Uh, I don't, uh, fashion myself an economic prognosticator.

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so, I, I wouldn't predict when the economy's gonna turn around, uh, but we are seeing some signs of, at least, stabilization, and the reverberations, uh, and instability settling down a bit.

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And how do you measure that, John, in your business? What do you look for, specifically, to say, All right, now we're starting to see things turn; maybe the worst is behind us?

[picture] **Haley:**

Well, we almost have to look at this—we have a number of lines of business, and we almost have to dissect it to get to down to the individual level. The, uh, the business, uh,

retirement business, which is roughly fifty percent of, uh, our firm's business, that's something that tends to do well even throughout the, uh, downturn. The, uh, um, organizational effect of this piece is much more project-oriented and subject to cancellation. We do, uh, investment consulting, helping, uh, funds pick the managers that they're going to use. That business took a beating last year, but is already seeing a recovery start.

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All right. Um, John and Mark, good luck with everything. Thanks for coming in. A true merger of equals, it looks like, so we'll see how, uh, things play out, but good luck to both of you guys.

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Thanks very much.

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