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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Greenlight Capital, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Greenlight LLC"), and Greenlight Capital, Inc., a Delaware corporation (together with Greenlight LLC, "Greenlight"), have reached an agreement with Mercer International Inc. ("Mercer") in connection with Greenlight's solicitation of proxies in support of electing Greenlight nominees to the board of trustees of Mercer at the 2003 annual meeting of shareholders. The press release announcing the agreement is set forth below.

(GREENLIGHT CAPITAL LOGO)

GREENLIGHT CAPITAL REACHES AGREEMENT WITH MERCER INTERNATIONAL ON TWO BOARD NOMINEES

New York, NY; August 6, 2003: Greenlight Capital, Inc., ("Greenlight") today announced that it has reached an agreement with Mercer International, Inc. (Nasdaq: MERCS) ("Mercer") under which Mercer will nominate for election as Trustees at its upcoming annual shareholders' meeting Guy W. Adams, a candidate proposed by Greenlight, and an independent candidate proposed by three of Mercer's other largest shareholders. Accordingly, Greenlight has withdrawn its proposed nominations for trustees and terminated its proxy solicitation.

"We are pleased that Mercer's management has listened to our concerns over corporate governance," said Daniel Roitman, Chief Operating Officer of Greenlight. "We are also pleased that other significant shareholders in Mercer have participated in achieving a resolution that is supported by all stakeholders and is in the best interests of the Company."

"We believe there is substantial value in Mercer that can be delivered to all shareholders, which is why we decided to push for change, rather than sell our position. We hope that Guy Adams and the other new independent board member will work cooperatively with Mercer's board and management to enhance corporate governance, successfully implement the business plan, and represent all shareholders."

David Einhorn, President of Greenlight added, "We believe this resolution will enhance investor confidence in the marketplace and ensure that the value of Mercer's assets are maximized for the benefit of Mercer's shareholders. I want to thank Peter Kellogg, Coghill Capital Management and Cramer Rosenthal McGlynn for assisting Mercer and Greenlight in reaching an agreement."

Mercer's Board of Trustees currently has seven members, two of whom are scheduled to be elected at the company's annual meeting of shareholders on August 22, 2003. On July 2, 2003, Greenlight filed a definitive proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission nominating two independent candidates in opposition to management's candidates. Greenlight, an investment

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management firm with a focus on long-term value investing, has been an investor in Mercer since August 1997. Greenlight owns 14.9% of Mercer's shares outstanding, and has been the company's largest shareholder since 2000. Mercer is a pulp and paper manufacturing company with operations in Europe.

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