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The following communication was first sent to employees beginning on April 14, 2017:

Dear Team,

Today I have great news to share with you. Alere and Abbott have jointly announced that we have resolved certain differences that had emerged during the course of the past year. As a result, certain terms of the merger agreement have been revised and a settlement agreement created. Abbott will now acquire Alere for \$51.00 per share of common stock. See press release here.

With this news, I want to thank you all for your focus and engagement as we have moved through this process. Your continued support and contributions have been invaluable to Alere and made us both a “Faster” and “Stronger” company and has given us many more opportunities to enhance our “One Alere” culture and spirit.

The Alere Board of Directors and Executive Team steadfastly believe that this transaction greatly benefits the Company and all our stakeholders. We are confident that as part of Abbott – a larger organization with greater financial resources – Alere will be able to continue to fulfill its mission of improving clinical and economic health outcomes globally. We very much look forward to joining forces with Abbott, serving our global customers, innovation and operational excellence.

This announcement also means that our integration planning work will continue without interruption. As for next steps, under the revised terms, we expect to complete the transaction by the end of the third quarter of 2017, subject to regulatory review, stockholder approval and customary closing conditions.

We recognize that you may have many questions, and we are committed to keeping you informed. We will host a Global Town Hall at 10:00 am ET today to address your questions. Please check your Outlook calendar for webcast details.

It would be remiss of me not to specifically thank our Chairman, Gregg Powers, who has tirelessly dedicated himself to support Alere and its employees and equally the support of our entire Board of Directors. Finally, on behalf of the Executive Team, we deeply appreciate your continued support. Your talent and capabilities will undoubtedly drive Alere’s success well into the future.

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Dear [Insert Customer Name]:

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With this news, I want to thank you for your continued support of Alere as we have moved through this process. We continue to believe that by combining our unmatched point of care diagnostic technology with Abbott's scale, capabilities and existing strength in point of care, the combined company will be well positioned to access and accelerate growth and operate in the full spectrum of the global diagnostics market. We are excited to join forces with Abbott, serving our global customers, innovation and operational excellence.

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As always, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Dear [Valued Supplier / Partner / INSERT CUSTOMARY GREETING],

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With this news, I want to thank you for your support as we have moved through this process. We continue to believe that by combining our unmatched point of care diagnostic technology with Abbott's scale, capabilities and existing strength in point of care, the combined company will be well positioned to access and accelerate growth and operate in the full spectrum of the global diagnostics market. We are excited to join forces with Abbott, serving our global customers, innovation and operational excellence.

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As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Sincerely,

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Dear [Insert Distributor Name]:

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In response to inquiries from news outlets, the following statement was first made available on April 14, 2017:

Statement to be attributed to Namal Nawana, president and chief executive officer, Alere:

“The amended terms of the agreement deliver value and certainty to Alere shareholders. Abbott’s capabilities and infrastructure will further accelerate Alere’s progress in making rapid diagnostics available globally and in bringing breakthrough molecular diagnostics to the point of care. Alere will work to successfully complete the transaction and realize the full benefits of this transaction for our shareholders, customers, employees and partners.”

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