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THIS FILING CONSISTS OF ANSWERS TO EMPLOYEE QUESTIONS POSTED TO THE EMPLOYEE SECTION OF THE www.stantec.com/keithco WEBSITE, REGARDING THE PROPOSED COMBINATION OF STANTEC INC. AND THE KEITH COMPANIES, INC.

## Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed merger, Stantec Inc. and The Keith Companies, Inc. ( TKC ) have filed a Registration Statement on Form F-4, a joint proxy statement/ prospectus and other related documents with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ). Shareholders of TKC are advised to read these documents and any other documents relating to the merger that are filed with the SEC when they become available because they contain important information. Shareholders may obtain copies of these documents for free, when available, at the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. These and such other documents may also be obtained for free from:

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Stantec and TKC and their respective directors, executive officers and other members of their management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with Stantec s proposed acquisition of TKC. Information regarding the special interests of these directors and executive officers in the transaction described herein will be included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus described above. Additional information regarding Stantec s directors and executive officers is also included in its management information circular for its 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which was filed with the applicable securities commissions in Canada on or about March 31, 2005 and is available free of charge at the Canadian Securities Administrators web site

information regarding TKC s directors and executive officers is also included its proxy statement for its 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on or about April 12, 2005 and is available free of charge at the SEC s web site at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> or by contacting TKC at the address or telephone number set forth above.

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## **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward Looking Statements**

This document contains forward-looking statements. In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as believe, expect, anticipate, plan, potential, continue or similar expressions. Such forward-look statements are based upon current expectations and beliefs and are subject to a number of factors and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. Some of the forward-looking statements contained in this document include statements about the proposed Stantec and TKC merger; including statements that: (i) the merger will allow the combined company to realize strategic goals; (ii) the merger is expected to be accretive to earnings of the combined company; (iii) the merger will allow Stantec to increase its revenues from its United States operations by approximately 70%; (iv) the combination with TKC will allow Stantec opportunities to cross sell services to TKC s client base; and (v) the TKC shareholders will realize a premium of approximately 30%. These statements are not guarantees of future performance, involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict, and are based upon assumptions as to future events that may not prove accurate. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed herein. For example, if TKC does not receive required shareholder approvals, if Stantec is unable to list its stock on a major US exchange or either party fails to satisfy other conditions to closing, the merger will not be consummated. In addition, the combined companies may not realize all or any of the expected benefits of the merger. The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements: global capital market activities, fluctuations in interest rates and currency values, the effects of war or terrorist activities, the effects of disease or illness on local, national, or international economies, the effects of disruptions to public infrastructure, such as transportation or communications, disruptions in power or water supply, industry and worldwide economic and political conditions, regulatory and statutory developments, the effects of competition in the geographic and business areas in which the companies operate, the actions of management, and technological changes. Actual results may differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements in this document.

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## **CEO Forum Message**

June 10, 2005

Message from Aram Keith

Integration planning is in full swing and will continue to keep many of us busy over the next few months. The mountains of information regarding benefits, policies and practices, along with financial and information technology systems integration is being sorted through by our respective representative groups.

As we sort through all of this information and develop plans for integrating Stantec and TKC together, we are beginning to find the answers to many of your questions. However, we cannot effectively respond until we have a complete picture and plan in front of us. If you have submitted a question in the past two weeks, be assured we have received it and we are using your questions to help focus some of our research and planning.

One thing I can say is that as we continue to progress through the planning stage we are finding many similarities between Stantec and TKC and it is confirming what Tony and I thought from the very beginning<sup>3</sup>/4 our two firms are a great fit and we see many opportunities for our employees in the combined company.

I also want to take a little bit of space here to celebrate our successes. Last week TKC announced the award of a multi-million dollar contract from NMC Builders, LLC for the engineering design, program management, and construction management of the New Model Colony Backbone Infrastructure Facilities project in Ontario, California. The project will require work from some of our best areas of expertise and we will call on many of our offices to support the work. Project awards like this are an opportunity to showcase to our clients the depth of our services and the breadth of our expertise. Congratulations to TKC s NMC team for securing this project!

As information comes available we will communicate it to all employees as soon as possible. Thank-you for your continued loyalty and hard work.

Sincerely,

Aram Keith