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**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**Amendment No. 1 to**  
**FORM S-4**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

*UNDER*  
*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

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**Northrop Grumman Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**3812**  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

**95-4840775**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Numbers)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale of the securities to the public:** As soon as practicable after this registration statement becomes effective and upon completion of the transactions described in the enclosed prospectus.

If the securities being registered on this Form are being offered in connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with General Instruction G, check the following box. " \_\_\_\_\_"

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## CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered(1)	Amount to be Registered(2)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(3)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share (together with the associated rights)	58,132,790	N/A	\$6,622,116,384.18	\$609,234.71

- (1) This Registration Statement relates to securities of Northrop Grumman Corporation ( Northrop Grumman ) exchangeable for all of the issued and outstanding shares of (a) common stock, par value \$0.625 per share (the TRW common stock ) of TRW Inc., an Ohio corporation ( TRW ), (b) Cumulative Serial Preference Stock II, \$4.40 Convertible Series 1, no par value per share (the Series 1 Shares ), of TRW and (c) Cumulative Serial Preference Stock II, \$4.50 Convertible Series 3, no par value per share (the Series 3 Shares and, together with the TRW common stock and the Series 1 Shares, capital stock ), of TRW in the offer to exchange by registrant for all of the issued and outstanding shares of TRW capital stock and in the proposed merger with TRW.
- (2) This amount is based upon the maximum number of shares of common stock of Northrop Grumman (together with the associated rights to purchase Series A junior participating preferred stock) issuable upon completion of the offer to exchange and merger for shares of TRW capital stock.
- (3) Computed solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee. The registration fee has been computed pursuant to Rule 457(f)(1) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, based on the average of the high and low prices for shares of TRW common stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on March 26, 2002 (\$51.98) and the maximum number of such shares (127,397,391) that may be exchanged for the securities being registered minus the maximum cash consideration payable for such shares.

**The registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

**The information in this offer to exchange may change. Northrop Grumman may not complete the exchange offer and issue these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This offer to exchange is not an offer to sell these securities and Northrop Grumman is not soliciting offers to buy these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted.**

**NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION**

**Offer To Exchange Each Outstanding Share of Common Stock**

of

**TRW INC.**

for

**Shares of Common Stock of Northrop Grumman Corporation valued at \$47.00**

and

**Each Outstanding Share of Serial Preference Stock II**

of

**TRW INC.**

for

**Shares of Common Stock of Northrop Grumman Corporation valued at \$47.00  
multiplied by the then-effective conversion rate of the applicable Series of Serial Preference Stock II**

by

**NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION**

**in each case subject to the procedures and limitations described in this offer  
to exchange and the related letters of transmittal.**

**The offer to exchange of Northrop Grumman Corporation, a Delaware corporation ( Northrop Grumman ), and the withdrawal rights of the shareholders of TRW Inc., an Ohio corporation ( TRW ), will expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on March 29, 2002, unless extended. TRW shares tendered pursuant to the offer to exchange may be withdrawn at any time prior to the expiration of the offer to exchange but not during any subsequent offering period.**

Northrop Grumman hereby offers, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this offer to exchange and in the related letters of transmittal, to issue shares of Northrop Grumman common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, (together with associated rights to purchase Series A junior participating preferred stock) for each of the issued and outstanding shares of (a) common stock, par value \$0.625 per share, of TRW (the TRW common stock ), (b) Cumulative Serial Preference Stock II, \$4.40 Convertible Series 1, no par value per share, of TRW (the Series 1 Shares ) and (c) Cumulative Serial Preference Stock II, \$4.50 Convertible Series 3, no par value per share, of TRW (the Series 3 Shares and, together with the TRW common stock and the Series 1 Shares, capital stock or TRW shares ). Each share of TRW common stock may be exchanged for a number of shares of Northrop Grumman common stock equal to the exchange ratio, as defined below. Each Series 1 Share and each Series 3 Share may be exchanged for a number of shares of Northrop Grumman common stock equal to the then-effective conversion rate for the Serial Preference Stock II multiplied by the exchange ratio. The method for calculating the conversion rates for the Series 1 Shares and the Series 3 Shares is provided in TRW s amended articles of incorporation. See The Offer to Exchange beginning on page 27 for a discussion of the conversion rates. As of March 25, 2002, TRW reported that the conversion ratios for the Series 1 Shares and Series 3 Shares were 8.8 and 7.448, respectively.

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Northrop Grumman will determine the exact exchange ratio (the exchange ratio ) by dividing \$47.00 by the average of the closing sale prices for a share of Northrop Grumman common stock on the New York Stock Exchange as reported in The Wall Street Journal over the five consecutive trading days ending immediately prior to the second trading day prior to the expiration of the offer to exchange but in no event will the exchange ratio be more than 0.4563 (\$47.00/\$103.00) or less than 0.4159 (\$47.00/\$113.00). The closing price of Northrop Grumman common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on March 1, 2002, the last trading day before the offer to exchange commenced, was \$107.75. The closing price of Northrop Grumman common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on March 27, 2002, the last trading day before the filing of this amendment to the offer to exchange, was \$111.50.

The purpose of the offer to exchange is for Northrop Grumman to acquire control of, and ultimately the entire equity interest in, TRW. Northrop Grumman intends, promptly after completion of the offer to exchange, to seek to have TRW complete a merger (the TRW merger) with Northrop Grumman, or a wholly-owned subsidiary of Northrop Grumman, in which each outstanding share of capital stock of TRW (except for treasury shares of TRW and shares beneficially owned directly or indirectly by Northrop Grumman for its own account) would be converted into the right to receive shares of Northrop Grumman common stock at the same exchange ratio as used in the offer to exchange, subject to dissenters rights under Ohio law.

Tenders of TRW shares pursuant to the offer to exchange will be effective, and Northrop Grumman shall have the right to acquire tendered TRW shares, only at such time as Section 1704 of the Ohio Revised Code shall not prohibit or delay the TRW merger. No tender of TRW shares shall be effective, and Northrop Grumman shall have no right to acquire tendered TRW shares, prior to such time. This provision is referred to herein as the 1704 Limitation.

Northrop Grumman's obligation to exchange Northrop Grumman common stock for TRW capital stock is subject to the 1704 Limitation and each of the conditions listed under The Offer to Exchange Conditions to the Offer to Exchange beginning on page 39.

Northrop Grumman's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange and the Pacific Exchange under the symbol NOC, and TRW's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange, the Pacific Exchange, the Chicago Stock Exchange and the Philadelphia Stock Exchange under the symbol TRW.

See Risk Factors beginning on page 10 for a discussion of various factors that shareholders should consider about the offer to exchange.

Northrop Grumman is not asking TRW shareholders for a proxy in this document and TRW shareholders are requested not to send a proxy. Any solicitation of proxies only will be made pursuant to separate proxy solicitation materials complying with the requirements of Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this offer to exchange. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The Dealer Manager for the Offer to Exchange is

**Salomon Smith Barney**

The date of this offer to exchange is March 4, 2002, as amended on March 28, 2002.

This offer to exchange incorporates important business and financial information about Northrop Grumman and TRW from documents filed with the SEC that have not been included in, or delivered with, this offer to exchange. This information is available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov> and from other sources. See "Additional Information" beginning on page 61.

TRW shareholders may also request copies of these documents from Northrop Grumman, without charge, upon written or oral request to Northrop Grumman's information agent, D. F. King & Co., Inc., 77 Water Street, New York, New York 10005, toll-free at (800) 755-7250 or by calling collect at (212) 269-5550. TRW shareholders may call the toll free number above to learn the exchange ratio starting on the second trading day prior to the expiration of the offer to exchange. In addition, TRW shareholders may call the toll free number above at any time during the offer to exchange to determine the exchange ratio that would be in effect assuming the offer to exchange had expired on the date of the call.

**In order to receive timely delivery of the documents, TRW shareholders must make requests no later than March 22, 2002 (five business days before the initially scheduled expiration date of the offer to exchange).**

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**SUMMARY**

This summary does not contain all of the information that is important to TRW shareholders. To fully understand Northrop Grumman's offer to exchange, TRW shareholders should carefully read this entire offer to exchange and all other documents to which this offer to exchange refers. See *Additional Information* beginning on page 61. References to *Northrop Systems* refer to Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation, formerly Northrop Grumman Corporation; references to *Northrop Grumman* refer to Northrop Grumman Corporation, formerly NNG, Inc.; references to *Litton* refer to Litton Industries, Inc.; references to *Newport News* refer to Newport News Shipbuilding Inc., formerly Purchaser Corp. I; and references to *TRW* refer to TRW Inc.

**The Offer to Exchange (Page 27)**

Under the terms of the offer to exchange, Northrop Grumman will exchange shares of newly issued Northrop Grumman common stock (together with associated rights to purchase Series A junior participating preferred stock) for each of the issued and outstanding (a) shares of TRW common stock, (b) Series 1 Shares and (c) Series 3 Shares. Each share of TRW common stock may be exchanged for a number of shares of Northrop Grumman common stock equal to the exchange ratio. Each Series 1 Share may be exchanged for a number of shares of Northrop Grumman common stock equal to the then-effective conversion rate for the Series 1 Shares multiplied by the exchange ratio, and each Series 3 Share may be exchanged for a number of shares of Northrop Grumman common stock equal to the then-effective conversion rate for the Series 3 Shares multiplied by the exchange ratio. See *The Offer to Exchange* beginning on page 27 for a discussion of the conversion rates.

Northrop Grumman will determine the exact exchange ratio by dividing \$47.00 by the average of the closing sale prices for a share of Northrop Grumman common stock on the New York Stock Exchange as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* over the five consecutive trading days ending immediately prior to the second trading day before the expiration of the offer to exchange but in no event will the exchange ratio be more than 0.4563 (\$47.00/\$103.00) or less than 0.4159 (\$47.00/\$113.00).

By way of illustration, the following table provides examples of the exchange ratio calculated at various closing sale prices of Northrop Grumman common stock.

<u>Northrop Grumman Average Closing Price</u>	<u>Exchange Ratio</u>	<u>Implied Value</u>
\$101.00	0.4563	\$46.09
\$103.00	0.4563	\$47.00
\$105.00	0.4476	\$47.00
\$107.00	0.4393	\$47.00
\$109.00	0.4312	\$47.00
\$111.00	0.4234	\$47.00
\$113.00	0.4159	\$47.00
\$115.00	0.4159	\$47.83

The offer to exchange shares of common stock of Northrop Grumman valued at \$47.00 for shares of the outstanding capital stock of TRW common stock represented a premium of 18% over the closing price of TRW common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on February 21, 2002, the last trading day before the public announcement of Northrop Grumman's proposal for a business combination of Northrop Grumman and TRW, a premium of 22% over the average trading price for the twelve months prior to February 21, 2002 and 4% over the highest closing price of TRW common stock for the twelve months prior to February 21, 2002. Since Northrop Grumman's announcement, the \$47 offer price represented a discount in relation to the trading price of the TRW common stock, and on March 27, 2002, the last trading day before the filing of this amendment to the offer to exchange, the \$47 offer price represented a discount of 9% under the closing price of TRW common stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

Northrop Grumman will issue a press release before 9:00 A.M., New York City time, on the second trading day before the offer to exchange expires, announcing the (i) the exchange ratio assuming expiration of the offer

to exchange as scheduled, (ii) the average closing price of the Northrop Grumman common stock over the previous five consecutive trading days and (iii) the then-effective conversion rates of the Series 1 Shares and Series 3 Shares. If for any reason the expiration date is subsequently extended, a revised exchange ratio will be announced prior to the new expiration date.

TRW shareholders will not receive any fractional Northrop Grumman common stock. Instead, shareholders will receive cash in an amount equal to the value of the fractional Northrop Grumman common stock that shareholders would otherwise have been entitled to receive.

Northrop Grumman intends, promptly after completion of the offer to exchange, to seek to merge TRW with Northrop Grumman or a wholly owned subsidiary of Northrop Grumman. In the TRW merger, each share of TRW capital stock that has not been exchanged in the offer to exchange (except for treasury shares of TRW and shares beneficially owned directly or indirectly by Northrop Grumman for its own account) would be converted into the right to receive shares of Northrop Grumman common stock at the same exchange ratio as used in the offer to exchange, subject to dissenters' rights under Ohio law. See "The Offer to Exchange" beginning on page 27. Upon completion of the offer to exchange and the TRW merger, the former TRW shareholders will own a maximum of 34% of the shares of Northrop Grumman common stock.

#### **Information About Northrop Grumman and TRW (Page 20)**

##### **Northrop Grumman**

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Northrop Grumman provides technologically advanced, innovative products, services and solutions in defense and commercial electronics, information technology, systems integration and nuclear and non-nuclear shipbuilding and systems. As a prime contractor, principal subcontractor, partner, or preferred supplier, Northrop Grumman participates in many high-priority defense and commercial technology programs in the United States and abroad. While Northrop Grumman is subject to the usual vagaries of the marketplace, it is also affected by the unique characteristics of the defense industry and by certain elements peculiar to its own business mix. It is common in this industry for work on major programs to be shared among a number of companies. A company competing to be a prime contractor may, upon ultimate award of the contract, turn out to be a subcontractor. It is not uncommon to compete with customers, and simultaneously on other contracts, to be either a supplier to, or a customer of, such competitor. The nature of major defense programs, conducted under binding contracts, allows companies that perform well to benefit from a level of program continuity unknown in many industries. While Northrop Grumman conducts most of its business with the U.S. Government, principally the Department of Defense (DOD), domestic and international commercial sales still represent a significant portion of its business.

Based on the closing price of Northrop Grumman common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on March 27, 2002, Northrop Grumman's market capitalization was approximately \$12.53 billion.

**TRW**

TRW Inc.  
1900 Richmond Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44124  
(216) 291-7000

TRW is a U.S.-based international company that provides advanced technology products and services. The principal businesses of TRW and its subsidiaries are the design, manufacture and sale of products and the performance of systems engineering, research and technical services for industry and the U.S. Government in the automotive, information systems, defense and aerospace markets. In the fourth quarter of 2001, as a result of the reorganization and consolidation of TRW's automotive businesses, TRW combined its Chassis Systems, Occupant Safety Systems and Automotive Electronics segments into one Automotive segment. TRW currently operates its business in the following four operating segments:

Automotive;

Systems;

Space & Electronics;  
and

Aeronautical  
Systems.

Based on the closing price of TRW common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on March 27, 2002, TRW's market capitalization was approximately \$6.54 billion.

**The Offer to Exchange Is Subject to the 1704 Limitation and Various Conditions (page 38)**

Tenders of TRW shares pursuant to the offer to exchange will be effective, and Northrop Grumman shall have the right to acquire tendered TRW shares, only at such time as the 1704 Limitation shall not prohibit or delay the TRW merger. No tender of TRW shares shall be effective, and Northrop Grumman shall have no right to acquire tendered TRW shares, prior to that time. See "The 1704 Limitation" beginning on page 38.

Northrop Grumman's obligation to exchange shares of Northrop Grumman's common stock for TRW shares pursuant to the offer to exchange is subject to a number of conditions, including, but not limited to, the following:

the tender of enough shares of TRW capital stock so that, after the completion of the offer to exchange, Northrop Grumman owns a majority of the then-outstanding TRW common stock on a fully diluted basis;

the expiration or termination of any waiting periods under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89 of the Council of the European Union and any other applicable similar foreign laws or regulations;

the requisite approval of TRW's shareholders under the Ohio control share acquisition law or Northrop Grumman being satisfied, in its reasonable judgment, that such law is inapplicable or invalid;

the expiration or termination of the waiting period during which the Ohio Division of Securities may suspend the offer to exchange under the Ohio Revised Code, which waiting period expired on March 12, 2002; and

the approval of the issuance of shares of Northrop Grumman common stock pursuant to the offer to exchange and the TRW merger by the stockholders of Northrop Grumman.

These conditions and the other conditions to the offer to exchange are discussed under "The Offer to Exchange" "Conditions to the Offer to Exchange" beginning on page 39.

**The Receipt of Northrop Grumman Common Stock in Exchange for TRW Shares Pursuant to the Offer to Exchange and/or the TRW Merger is not Expected to be a Taxable Transaction to TRW Shareholders (Page 34)**

In the opinion of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, counsel to Northrop Grumman, the exchange of TRW shares for Northrop Grumman shares pursuant to the offer to exchange and the TRW merger will be treated as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which is referred to herein as the Code, provided that certain factual assumptions are satisfied. If the transactions so qualify, holders of TRW shares generally will not recognize any gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes on the exchange of their TRW shares for Northrop Grumman common stock in the offer to exchange and the TRW merger, except for any gain or loss attributable to the receipt of cash in lieu of a fractional share of Northrop Grumman common stock. The qualification of the offer to exchange and the TRW merger as a reorganization is based on various factual assumptions, but there can be no assurance at the present time that such factual assumptions will in fact be satisfied. For more information, see The Offer to Exchange Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Offer to Exchange and the TRW Merger beginning on page 34.

**The Offer to Exchange Is Currently Scheduled to Expire on March 29, 2002 (Page 28)**

The offer to exchange is scheduled to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on March 29, 2002. The term expiration date means 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on March 29, 2002, unless Northrop Grumman extends the period of time for which the offer to exchange is open, in which case the term expiration date means the latest time and date on which the offer to exchange, as so extended, expires.

**The Offer to Exchange May Be Extended, Terminated or Amended (Page 29)**

Northrop Grumman expressly reserves the right, in Northrop Grumman's sole discretion, at any time or from time to time, to extend the period of time during which the offer to exchange remains open, and Northrop Grumman can do so by giving oral or written notice of the extension to the exchange agent. Northrop Grumman is not providing any assurance that it will exercise this right to extend the offer to exchange, although Northrop Grumman currently intends to do so until all conditions have been satisfied or, to the extent permissible, waived. During any extension except in the case of a subsequent offering period, all TRW shares previously tendered and not properly withdrawn will remain subject to the offer to exchange, subject to the right of each shareholder of TRW to withdraw his or her TRW shares.

Subject to the SEC's applicable rules and regulations, Northrop Grumman also reserves the right, in its sole discretion, at any time or from time to time:

to delay its acceptance for exchange or the exchange of any TRW shares, or to terminate the offer to exchange, upon the failure of any of the conditions of the offer to exchange to be satisfied prior to the expiration date, or upon the failure of the condition relating to antitrust approvals to be satisfied at any time after the expiration date; and

to waive any condition (other than the conditions relating to antitrust approvals, the absence of an injunction and the effectiveness of the registration statement for the Northrop Grumman common stock to be issued in the offer to exchange) or otherwise to delay, terminate or amend the offer to exchange in any respect, by giving oral or written notice of such delay, termination or amendment to the exchange agent and by making a public announcement. However, Northrop Grumman may not waive the 1704 Limitation.

Northrop Grumman will follow any extension, termination, amendment or delay, as promptly as practicable, with a public announcement. In the case of an extension, any related announcement will be issued no later than 9:00 A.M., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled expiration date. Subject to applicable law (including Rules 14d-4(c) and 14d-6(d) under the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the

Exchange Act ), which require that any material change in the information published, sent or given to TRW s shareholders in connection with the offer to exchange be promptly sent to those shareholders in a manner reasonably designed to inform them of that change) and without limiting the manner in which Northrop Grumman may choose to make any public announcement, Northrop Grumman assumes no obligation to publish, advertise or otherwise communicate any public announcement of this type other than by making a release to the Dow Jones News Service.

**The Exchange Shall Occur Promptly After the Expiration Date (Page 30)**

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the offer to exchange (including, if the offer to exchange is extended or amended, the terms and conditions of any extension or amendment), Northrop Grumman will accept for exchange, and will exchange, TRW shares validly tendered and not properly withdrawn promptly after the expiration date and promptly after they are tendered during any subsequent offering period that may apply.

**Tendered Shares May Be Withdrawn at Any Time Prior to the Exchange of Those Shares (Page 31)**

TRW shares tendered pursuant to the offer to exchange may be withdrawn at any time prior to the expiration date, and, unless Northrop Grumman previously accepted them pursuant to the offer to exchange, may also be withdrawn at any time after May 3, 2002.

**Northrop Grumman May Provide a Subsequent Offering Period (Page 29)**

Northrop Grumman may elect to provide a subsequent offering period of not more than twenty business days after the acceptance of TRW shares pursuant to the offer to exchange if the requirements of Rule 14d-11 under the Exchange Act have been met. TRW s shareholders will not have the right to withdraw TRW shares that they tender in the subsequent offering period, if any.

**Procedure for Tendering Shares (Page 31)**

For TRW shareholders to validly tender TRW shares pursuant to the offer to exchange, subject to the 1704 Limitation:

a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, along with any required signature guarantees, or an agent s message in connection with a book-entry transfer, and any other required documents, must be received by the exchange agent at one of its addresses set forth on the back cover of this offer to exchange, and certificates for tendered TRW shares must be received by the exchange agent at one of those addresses, or those TRW shares must be tendered pursuant to the procedures for book-entry tender set forth herein (and a confirmation of receipt of that tender received), in each case before the expiration date; or

shareholders must comply with the guaranteed delivery procedures set forth in The Offer to Exchange Guaranteed Delivery beginning on page 32.

**Reasons for the Offer to Exchange (Page 22)**

Northrop Grumman is proposing the offer to exchange and the TRW merger because it believes that the offer to exchange and the TRW merger will significantly benefit Northrop Grumman s stockholders, including TRW shareholders who would become Northrop Grumman stockholders by means of the offer to exchange and the TRW merger, and Northrop Grumman s customers. Northrop Grumman believes that the offer to exchange and the TRW merger will provide access to new product areas, increase diversification into new markets, increase market presence and opportunities, provide a complimentary product mix and increase operating efficiencies for the benefit of all Northrop Grumman stockholders, including the former TRW shareholders.

**Plans for TRW (Page 38)**

Northrop Grumman is making the offer to exchange in order to acquire control of, and ultimately the entire equity interest in, TRW. The offer to exchange is the first step in its acquisition of TRW and is intended to facilitate the acquisition of all TRW shares. Northrop Grumman intends, as soon as possible after completion of the offer to exchange, to seek to have TRW merge with Northrop Grumman or a wholly owned subsidiary of Northrop Grumman. The purpose of the TRW merger would be to acquire all TRW shares not exchanged in the offer to exchange. In the TRW merger, each outstanding share of TRW capital stock (except for treasury shares of TRW and shares beneficially owned directly or indirectly by Northrop Grumman for its own account) would be converted into the right to receive shares of Northrop Grumman common stock at the same exchange ratio used in the offer to exchange, subject to dissenters' rights under Ohio law.

Once Northrop Grumman has completed the TRW merger, Northrop Grumman expects that TRW would continue its current operations, except that it would cease to be publicly owned and would instead be wholly owned by Northrop Grumman. Northrop Grumman expects to promptly dispose of TRW's automotive business either by selling that business to a third party or parties or by spinning it off to the Northrop Grumman stockholders (including the former TRW shareholders), or a combination thereof.

**Dividend Policy of Northrop Grumman (Page 47)**

The holders of Northrop Grumman common stock receive dividends if and when declared by Northrop Grumman's board of directors out of legally available funds. For the past 13 fiscal quarters, with the last quarter ended December 31, 2001, Northrop Grumman has paid a cash dividend of \$0.40 per common share.

Following completion of the offer to exchange and the TRW merger, Northrop Grumman expects to continue paying quarterly cash dividends on a basis consistent with Northrop Grumman's past practice. However, the declaration and payment of dividends will depend upon business conditions, operating results, capital and reserve requirements, covenants in its debt instruments and Northrop Grumman's board of directors consideration of other relevant factors. Northrop Grumman can give TRW shareholders no assurance that Northrop Grumman will continue to pay dividends on its common stock in the future.

**No Dissenters' Rights in Connection with the Offer to Exchange Although Dissenters' Rights Will Exist in Connection with the TRW Merger (Page 36)**

No dissenters' rights are available in connection with the offer to exchange. If the TRW merger is consummated, however, TRW shareholders will have certain rights under the Ohio Revised Code to dissent and demand dissenters' rights and to receive payment of the fair cash value of their shares. TRW shareholders who perfect such rights by complying with the procedures set forth in Sections 1701.84 and 1701.85 of the Ohio Revised Code will have the fair cash value of their TRW shares determined by an Ohio trial court and will be entitled to receive a payment equal to such fair cash value from the surviving corporation. In addition, such dissenting TRW shareholders would be entitled to receive payment of a fair rate of interest at a rate determined by the trial court on the amount determined to be the fair cash value of their TRW shares. In determining the fair cash value of the shares, the court is required to take into account all relevant factors, excluding any appreciation or depreciation in market value resulting from the transactions. Accordingly, such determination could be based upon considerations other than, or in addition to, the market value of the TRW shares, including, among other things, asset values and earning capacity. A copy of Sections 1701.84 and 1701.85 of the Ohio Revised Code is provided in Annex B.

**Material Differences in Rights of Stockholders/Shareholders (Page 55)**

The governing documents of Northrop Grumman and TRW vary, and to that extent, TRW shareholders will have different rights once they become Northrop Grumman stockholders. Similarly, the laws of Ohio, TRW's

state of incorporation, differ from those of Delaware, Northrop Grumman's state of incorporation. The differences are described in more detail under "Comparison of Rights of Holders of Northrop Grumman Common Stock and TRW Capital Stock" beginning on page 55.

**Northrop Grumman Will Account for the Merger Using the Purchase Method (Page 46)**

Northrop Grumman will account for the TRW merger as a purchase for financial reporting purposes.

**Forward-Looking Statements May Prove Inaccurate (Page 64)**

Certain statements and assumptions in this offer to exchange and in the documents incorporated by reference contain or are based on forward-looking information and involve risks and uncertainties. Such forward-looking information includes statements as to the impact of the proposed acquisition on revenues and earnings. Such statements are subject to numerous assumptions and uncertainties, many of which are outside Northrop Grumman's control. These include governmental regulatory processes, Northrop Grumman's ability to successfully integrate the operations of TRW, achieving a successful disposition or other resolution with respect to the TRW automotive business, assumptions with respect to future revenues, expected program performance and cash flows, the outcome of contingencies including litigation, environmental remediation, divestitures of businesses, and anticipated costs of capital investments. Northrop Grumman's operations are subject to various additional risks and uncertainties resulting from its position as a supplier, either directly or as subcontractor or team member, to the U.S. Government and its agencies as well as to foreign governments and agencies. Actual outcomes are dependent upon many factors, including, without limitation, Northrop Grumman's successful performance of internal plans; government customers' budgetary restraints; customer changes in short-range and long-range plans; domestic and international competition in both the defense and commercial areas; product performance; continued development and acceptance of new products; performance issues with key suppliers and subcontractors; government import and export policies; acquisition or termination of government contracts; the outcome of political and legal processes; legal, financial, and governmental risks related to international transactions and global needs for military aircraft, military and civilian electronic systems and support and information technology; as well as other economic, political and technological risks and uncertainties and other risk factors set out in Northrop Grumman's filings from time to time with the SEC, including, without limitation, Northrop Grumman's reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q.

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## RISK FACTORS

In deciding whether to tender TRW shares for exchange pursuant to the offer to exchange, TRW shareholders should read carefully this offer to exchange and all other documents to which this offer to exchange refers. TRW shareholders should also carefully consider the following factors:

### **Successful Integration of the Northrop Grumman and TRW Businesses Is Not Assured**

Integrating and coordinating the operations and personnel of Northrop Grumman and TRW will involve complex technological, operational and personnel-related challenges. This process will be time-consuming and expensive and may disrupt the business of the companies. Additional elements of integration of Northrop Grumman's acquisitions of Litton and Newport News may require significant management time and attention. While the integration of Litton and Newport News is expected to be substantially complete by the time of the TRW merger, the integration of the companies may not timely result in the full benefits expected by Northrop Grumman. The difficulties, costs and delays that could be encountered may include:

unanticipated issues in integrating the information, communications and other systems;

negative impacts on employee morale and performance as a result of job changes and reassignments;

loss of customers;

unanticipated incompatibility of systems, procedures and operating methods;

unanticipated costs in terminating or relocating facilities and operations; and

the effect of complying with any government imposed organizational conflict-of-interest rules.

### **The Exchange Ratio Will Not be Known Until Two Full Trading Days Prior to Expiration of the Offer to Exchange**

The exchange ratio will be determined by dividing \$47.00 by the average of the closing sale prices for a share of Northrop Grumman common stock on the New York Stock Exchange as reported in the The Wall Street Journal over the five consecutive trading days ending immediately prior to the second trading day prior to the expiration of the offer to exchange. Accordingly, TRW shareholders will not know the exchange ratio until immediately prior to the opening of the last two trading days during which the offer to exchange is open. Further, the market price of Northrop Grumman common stock may change after the determination of the exchange ratio, and therefore the exchange ratio may not reflect the actual market price for Northrop Grumman common stock following completion of the offer to exchange.

### **The Exchange Ratio of the Offer to Exchange Could Work to the Disadvantage of TRW's Shareholders**

Northrop Grumman is offering to exchange shares of Northrop Grumman common stock designed to have a value of \$47.00 for each outstanding share of TRW common stock and for each outstanding share of the Serial Preference Stock II multiplied by the applicable conversion rate of the Serial Preference Stock II. However, because of the manner in which the exchange ratio is calculated, the Northrop Grumman common stock to be received by holders of TRW capital stock will have a value of \$47.00 per share only if the market price of the Northrop Grumman common stock is between \$103.00 and \$113.00. Holders of TRW capital stock will receive less than \$47.00 per share of value if the market price of the Northrop Grumman common stock is less than \$103.00 and will receive more than \$47.00 of value if the market price of the Northrop Grumman common stock is more than \$113.00.

### **The Receipt of Northrop Common Stock Could be Taxable to TRW Shareholders Depending on Facts Surrounding the Offer to Exchange and the TRW Merger**

Northrop Grumman does not plan to request a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service with regard to the tax consequences of the offer to exchange and/or the TRW merger. The offer to exchange and the TRW merger

are expected to qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code provided that certain factual assumptions are satisfied. If the transaction does not qualify as a reorganization, a TRW shareholder's exchange of TRW shares for Northrop Grumman common stock in the offer to exchange or the TRW merger could be a taxable transaction, depending on the surrounding facts. TRW shareholders are urged to consult their tax advisors concerning the United States federal income and other tax consequences of participation in the offer to exchange and/or the TRW merger. For more information, see "The Offer to Exchange" Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Offer to Exchange and the TRW Merger beginning on page 34.

**Resales of Northrop Grumman Common Stock Following the Offer to Exchange May Cause the Market Price of that Stock to Fall**

As of March 21, 2002, Northrop Grumman had 112,349,073 shares of common stock outstanding and 19,098,587 shares subject to outstanding options and other rights to purchase or acquire. Northrop Grumman expects that it will issue a maximum of 58,132,790 shares of common stock in connection with the offer to exchange and the TRW merger. The issuance of these new shares and the sale of additional shares of Northrop Grumman's common stock that may become eligible for sale in the public market from time to time upon exercise of options could have the effect of depressing the market price for Northrop Grumman's common stock.

**The Trading Price of Northrop Grumman Common Stock May Be Affected by Factors Different from Those Affecting the Price of TRW Capital Stock**

Upon completion of the offer to exchange and the TRW merger, holders of TRW capital stock will become holders of Northrop Grumman common stock. Northrop Grumman's business differs from that of TRW, and Northrop Grumman's results of operations, as well as the trading price of Northrop Grumman common stock, may be affected by factors different from those affecting TRW's results of operations and the price of TRW capital stock.

**Northrop Grumman's Indebtedness Following Completion of the Offer to Exchange Will Be Higher Than Northrop Grumman's Existing Indebtedness**

The indebtedness of Northrop Grumman as of March 22, 2002 was approximately \$5.568 billion. Northrop Grumman's pro forma indebtedness as of December 31, 2001 giving effect to the offer to exchange and the TRW merger (as described in "Northrop Grumman Selected Historical and Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Data") is approximately \$11.327 billion. As a result of the increase in debt, demands on the cash resources of Northrop Grumman will increase after the TRW merger, which could have important effects on an investment in Northrop Grumman's common stock. For example, while the impact of this increased indebtedness will be addressed by the combined cash flows of Northrop Grumman and TRW, the increased levels of indebtedness could nonetheless:

- reduce funds available for investment in research and development and capital expenditures;
- or

- create competitive disadvantages compared to other companies with lower debt levels.

Northrop Grumman expects that a significant portion of the debt assumed in the acquisition of TRW will be transferred or reduced with the sale or spin off of the TRW automotive business. However, no decisions have been made as to how much debt will be transferred, and, as noted above, there can be no assurance that the transfer of the TRW automotive business will occur.

**The Purchase Price Allocations of the Litton and Newport News Acquisitions May Have a Material Effect on the Pro Forma Financial Information**

The final adjustment of purchase prices of the Litton and Newport News acquisitions have not been determined as of March 27, 2002. There can be no assurance that such adjustments will not have a material impact on the pro forma financial statements. See Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information beginning on page 48.

**Northrop Grumman May Be Unable to Retain Personnel Who Are Key to Northrop Grumman's and TRW's Businesses**

The success of Northrop Grumman's operations is dependent, among other things, on Northrop Grumman's ability to attract and retain highly qualified professional personnel. Competition for key personnel in the various localities and business segments in which Northrop Grumman operates is intense. Northrop Grumman's ability to attract and retain key personnel, in particular senior officers and experienced and top rate engineers, is dependent on a number of factors, including prevailing market conditions and compensation packages offered by companies competing for the same talent, who may offer compensation packages that include considerable equity based incentives through stock option or similar programs. These same pressures and concerns also apply to TRW's business.

**Risks Related to the Business of Northrop Grumman and TRW**

Results of operations of Northrop Grumman will be subject to numerous risks affecting the businesses of Northrop Grumman and TRW, many of which are beyond the companies' control. Many of the risks affecting Northrop Grumman are identified under Forward-Looking Statements beginning on page 64.

**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The following table sets forth the unaudited historical ratios of earnings to fixed charges of Northrop Systems (formerly Northrop Grumman Corporation) for each of the years in the four-year period ended December 31, 2000 and for Northrop Grumman for the period ended December 31, 2001 and the unaudited pro forma ratio of earnings to fixed charges of Northrop Grumman, Litton, Newport News and TRW for the year ended December 31, 2001.

The unaudited pro forma ratio of earnings to fixed charges is based upon the historical financial statements of Northrop Grumman, Litton, Newport News and TRW adjusted to give effect to the Litton, Newport News and TRW acquisitions. The pro forma amounts have been developed from (a) the audited consolidated financial statements of Northrop Grumman contained in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, which is incorporated by reference in this offer to exchange, (b) the unaudited consolidated financial statements contained in Litton's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 31, 2001, (c) the unaudited consolidated financial statements of Newport News contained in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 16, 2001 and (d) the audited consolidated financial statements of TRW contained in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001, which is incorporated by reference in this offer to exchange. TRW information includes all segments and subsidiaries as it is not possible to segregate amounts pertaining to Automotive, Space and other Defense units. In the event that a transaction were completed, Northrop Grumman has indicated that it would sell or spin off the automotive operations of TRW. There currently is no agreement for the sale of the automotive business and there can be no assurance that a sale will be consummated or with respect to the terms of such sale. Such a transaction would materially change the pro-forma information provided herein.

<b>Northrop Grumman/ Litton/Newport News/ TRW Pro Forma</b>	<b>Northrop Systems/Northrop Grumman Historical Data</b>				
<b>Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2001</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ended December 31,</b>				
	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1997</b>
1.78	2.35	5.26	3.78	2.11	2.68

For purposes of computing the ratios of earnings to fixed charges, earnings represent earnings from continuing operations before income taxes and fixed charges, and fixed charges consist of interest expense, the portion of rental expense calculated to be representative of the interest factor, amortization of discounts and capitalized expenses related to indebtedness, and preferred stock dividends. The ratios should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and other financial data included or incorporated by reference in this offer to exchange. See **Additional Information** beginning on page 61.

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**SELECTED HISTORICAL AND UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL DATA**

The following table sets forth selected historical consolidated financial data for Northrop Systems (formerly Northrop Grumman Corporation) for each of the years in the four-year period ended December 31, 2000 and for Northrop Grumman for the period ended December 31, 2001, and selected unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial data of Northrop Grumman, Litton, Newport News and TRW for the year ended December 31, 2001. Historical consolidated financial data for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999, 1998 and 1997 have been derived from, and are qualified by reference to, the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto filed by Northrop Systems with the SEC. Historical consolidated financial data for the year ended December 31, 2001 have been derived from, and are qualified by reference to, the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto filed by Northrop Grumman with the SEC. The selected historical financial data for each of the years in the four-year period ending December 31, 2000 do not give affect to the Litton or Newport News acquisitions. The historical operating data for the period ended December 31, 2001 includes nine months of Litton's operating results subsequent to the acquisition on April 3, 2001 and one month of Newport News' operating results subsequent to the acquisition on November 29, 2001.

TRW shareholders should read this summary together with the financial statements referred to below and incorporated by reference in this offer to exchange, and the accompanying notes and management's discussion and analysis of operations and financial conditions of Northrop Systems, Northrop Grumman, Litton, Newport News and TRW contained in such reports.

The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Data is based upon the historical financial statements of Northrop Grumman, Litton, Newport News and TRW adjusted to give effect to the Litton, Newport News and TRW acquisitions. The pro forma amounts have been developed from (a) the audited consolidated financial statements of Northrop Grumman contained in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, which is incorporated by reference in this offer to exchange, (b) the unaudited consolidated financial statements contained in Litton's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 31, 2001, (c) the unaudited consolidated financial statements of Newport News contained in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 16, 2001, and (d) the audited consolidated financial statements of TRW contained in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001, which is incorporated by reference in this offer to exchange. TRW information includes all segments and subsidiaries as it is not possible to segregate amounts pertaining to Automotive, Space and other Defense units. In the event that a transaction were completed, Northrop Grumman has indicated that it would sell or spin off the automotive operations of TRW. There currently is no agreement for the sale of the automotive business and there can be no assurance that a sale will be consummated or with respect to the terms of such sale. Such a transaction would materially change the pro forma information provided herein.

The final determination and allocation of the purchase price paid for the Litton, Newport News and TRW acquisitions may differ from the amounts assumed in this Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Data.

The acquisition of Litton, which is valued at approximately \$5.2 billion, including the assumption of Litton's net debt of \$1.3 billion, is accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Under the purchase method of accounting, the purchase price is allocated to the underlying tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their respective fair market values, with the excess recorded as goodwill. The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Data reflects preliminary estimates of the fair market value of the Litton assets acquired and liabilities assumed and the related allocations of purchase price, and preliminary estimates of adjustments necessary to conform Litton data to Northrop Grumman's accounting policies. Northrop Grumman is currently reviewing the preliminary estimates of the fair market value of the Litton assets acquired and liabilities assumed, including valuations associated with certain contracts and

restructuring activities and preliminary valuation study results for workers' compensation accruals and retiree benefits assets and liabilities. The final determination of the fair market value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed and final allocation of the purchase price may differ from the amounts assumed in the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Data. Adjustments to the purchase price allocations will be finalized by March 31, 2002, and will be reflected in future Northrop Grumman filings. There can be no assurance that such adjustments will not be material.

The acquisition of Newport News, which is valued at approximately \$2.6 billion, including the assumption of Newport News' net debt of \$400 million, is accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Northrop Grumman is in the early stages of the fair market value and accounting conformance evaluation process with respect to the Newport News acquisition. The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Data reflects preliminary estimates of the fair market value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed and the related allocations of purchase price and preliminary estimates of adjustments to conform Newport News to Northrop Grumman's accounting policies. Adjustments to the purchase price allocation are expected to be finalized by June 30, 2002, and will be reflected in future filings. There can be no assurance that such adjustments will not be material.

As of the date of this offer to exchange, Northrop Grumman has not performed the valuation studies necessary to estimate the fair market value of TRW assets to be acquired and liabilities to be assumed and the related allocations of purchase price, nor has it identified the adjustments necessary, if any, to conform TRW data to Northrop Grumman's accounting policies. Accordingly, Northrop Grumman has used the historical book values of the assets and liabilities of TRW and has used the historical revenue recognition policies of TRW to prepare the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Data, with the excess of the purchase price over the historical net assets of TRW recorded as goodwill and other purchased intangibles. Once Northrop Grumman has completed the valuation studies necessary to finalize the required purchase price allocations and identified any necessary conforming changes, such pro forma financial data will be subject to adjustment. There can be no assurance that such adjustments will not be material.

The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Data is provided for illustrative purposes only and does not purport to represent what the actual consolidated results of operations or the consolidated financial position of Northrop Grumman would have been had Northrop Grumman's offer to exchange and the Litton, Newport News, and TRW acquisitions occurred on the dates assumed, nor is it necessarily indicative of future consolidated results of operations or financial position.

The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Data does not include the realization of cost savings from operating efficiencies, synergies or other restructurings resulting from the Litton, Newport News and TRW acquisitions.

The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Data should be read in conjunction with the separate historical consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes of Northrop Grumman and TRW that are incorporated by reference in this offer to exchange and the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements beginning on page 48.

	Northrop Grumman/ Litton/ Newport News/ TRW Pro Forma	Northrop Systems/Northrop Grumman Historical Data Year ended December 31,				
		Year Ended December 31, 2001	2001	2000	1999	1998
(in millions, except per share data)						
<b>Operating Data</b>						
Net sales	\$ 33,234	\$ 13,558	\$ 7,618	\$ 7,616	\$ 7,367	\$ 7,798
Income from continuing operations, net of tax	485	427	625	474	193	318
Basic earnings per share, from continuing operations	2.89	4.84	8.86	6.84	2.82	4.76
Diluted earnings per share, from continuing operations	2.87	4.80	8.82	6.80	2.78	4.67
Cash dividends per common share	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60
<b>Balance Sheet Data (at end of period)</b>						
Total assets	\$ 39,929	\$ 20,886	\$ 9,622	\$ 9,285	\$ 9,536	\$ 9,677
Total long term obligations	16,010	8,013	3,015	3,564	4,319	4,339
Redeemable preferred stock	350	350	0	0	0	0

**SELECTED HISTORICAL FINANCIAL DATA OF TRW**

The following is a summary of selected consolidated financial data of TRW for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2001. This information is derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of TRW contained in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001. Shareholders should read this summary together with the financial statements which are incorporated by reference in this offer to exchange and their accompanying notes and management's discussion and analysis of operations and financial conditions of TRW contained in such reports.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
	(in millions, except per share)				
<b>Operating Data</b>					
Net sales	\$ 16,383	\$ 17,231	\$ 16,969	\$ 11,886	\$ 10,831
Income (loss) from continuing operations, net of tax	68	438	469	477	(49)
Basic earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations	0.54	3.55	3.87	3.93	(0.40)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations	0.54	3.51	3.80	3.83	(0.40)
Cash dividends per common share	1.05	1.36	1.32	1.28	1.24
<b>Balance Sheet Data</b>					
Total assets	\$ 14,444	\$ 16,467	\$ 18,266	\$ 7,340	\$ 6,410
Total long term obligations	7,500	7,956	8,825	2,442	2,067

### COMPARATIVE PER SHARE INFORMATION

The following table summarizes unaudited per share information for Northrop Grumman and TRW on a historical basis, pro forma combined basis for Northrop Grumman and equivalent pro forma combined basis for TRW. The following information should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements of Northrop Grumman and TRW, and the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements beginning on page 48. The pro forma information is presented for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the operating results or financial position that would have occurred if Northrop Grumman's offer to exchange and the Litton, Newport News and TRW acquisitions had been completed as of the beginning of the period presented, nor is it necessarily indicative of the future operating results or financial position of the combined companies. The historical book value per share is computed by dividing total stockholders' equity by the number of common shares outstanding at the end of the period. The pro forma per share earnings from continuing operations are computed by dividing the pro forma income from continuing operations available to holders of common stock by the pro forma weighted average number of shares outstanding. The pro forma combined book value per share is computed by dividing total pro forma stockholders' equity by the pro forma number of common shares outstanding at the end of the period. TRW equivalent pro forma combined per share amounts are calculated by multiplying Northrop Grumman pro forma combined per share amounts by 0.4395, the percentage of a share of Northrop Grumman common stock that would be exchanged for each share of TRW common stock in the offer to exchange, based upon a Northrop Grumman common stock price of \$106.94 per share, which represents the five-day average of the closing sales prices for a share of Northrop Grumman common stock on the New York Stock Exchange from March 5, 2002 through March 11, 2002. The historical per share information of TRW was derived from its historical annual financial statements.

	<u>Year Ended December 31, 2001</u>
<b>Northrop Grumman Historical</b>	
Historical per common share:	
Income per basic share, from continuing operations	\$ 4.84
Income per diluted share, from continuing operations	4.80
Dividends declared - Common	1.60
Dividends declared - Preferred	5.19
Book value per share	68.08
<b>TRW Historical</b>	
Historical per common share:	
Income per basic share, from continuing operations	\$ 0.54
Income per diluted share, from continuing operations	0.54
Dividends declared - Common	1.05
Dividends declared - Preferred	
Book value per share	17.28
<b>Unaudited Pro Forma Combined</b>	
Unaudited pro forma per share of Northrop Grumman common shares:	
Income per basic share, from continuing operations	\$ 2.89
Income per diluted share, from continuing operations	2.87
Dividends declared - Common	1.60
Dividends declared - Preferred	7.00
Book value per share	81.56
<b>Unaudited Pro Forma TRW Equivalents</b>	
Unaudited pro forma per share of TRW common shares:	
Income per basic share, from continuing operations	\$ 1.27
Income per diluted share, from continuing operations	1.26
Dividends declared - Common	0.70
Dividends declared - Preferred	3.08
Book value per share	35.85

**COMPARATIVE MARKET DATA**

Northrop Grumman's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange and on the Pacific Exchange under the symbol NOC and TRW's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange, the Pacific Exchange, the Chicago Stock Exchange and the Philadelphia Stock Exchange under the symbol TRW. The following table presents trading information for Northrop Grumman and TRW common stock on February 21, 2002, March 1, 2002 and March 26, 2002. February 21, 2002 was the last trading day before the public announcement of Northrop Grumman's proposal for a business combination of Northrop Grumman and TRW, and March 1, 2002 was the last trading day before the date of the commencement of the offer to exchange, and March 27, 2002 was the last trading day before the filing of this amendment to the offer to exchange. Shareholders should read the information presented below in conjunction with Comparative Per Share Market Price and Dividend Information on page 47.

	Northrop Grumman Common Stock			TRW Common Stock		
	HIGH	LOW	CLOSING	HIGH	LOW	CLOSING
February 21, 2002	\$ 118.89	\$ 114.81	\$ 117.80	\$ 40.05	\$ 38.91	\$ 39.80
March 1, 2002	108.00	106.80	107.75	50.61	50.00	50.05
March 27, 2002	112.50	108.00	111.50	51.84	51.16	51.61

For illustrative purposes, the following table provides TRW equivalent per share information on each of the relevant dates assuming the highest (\$47.00/\$103.00) and the lowest (\$47.00/\$113.00) possible exchange ratios.

TRW equivalent per share amounts are calculated by multiplying Northrop Grumman per share amounts by the exchange ratio.

Date	NOC Common Stock			TRW Equivalent per share at Highest Exchange Ratio			TRW Equivalent per share at Lowest Exchange Ratio		
	High	Low	Close	High	Low	Close	High	Low	Close
2/21/2002	\$ 118.89	\$ 114.81	\$ 117.80	\$ 54.25	\$ 52.39	\$ 53.75	\$ 49.45	\$ 47.75	\$ 49.00
3/1/2002	108.00	106.80	107.75	49.28	48.73	49.17	44.92	44.42	44.82
3/27/2002	112.50	108.00	111.50	51.33	49.28	50.88	46.79	44.92	46.38

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## INFORMATION ABOUT NORTHROP GRUMMAN AND TRW

### Northrop Grumman Corporation

Northrop Grumman provides technologically advanced, innovative products, services and solutions in defense and commercial electronics, information technology, systems integration and nuclear and non-nuclear shipbuilding and systems. As a prime contractor, principal subcontractor, partner, or preferred supplier, Northrop Grumman participates in many high-priority defense and commercial technology programs in the United States and abroad. While Northrop Grumman is subject to the usual vagaries of the marketplace, it is also affected by the unique characteristics of the defense industry and by certain elements peculiar to its own business mix. It is common in this industry for work on major programs to be shared among a number of companies. A company competing to be a prime contractor may, upon ultimate award of the contract, turn out to be a subcontractor. It is not uncommon to compete with customers, and simultaneously on other contracts, to be either a supplier to or a customer of such competitor. The nature of major defense programs, conducted under binding contracts, allows companies that perform well to benefit from a level of program continuity unknown in many industries. While Northrop Grumman conducts most of its business with the U.S. Government, principally the Department of Defense, domestic and international commercial sales still represent a significant portion of our business.

Northrop Grumman is aligned into six business sectors as follows:

*Electronic Systems.* This sector includes the design, development, manufacture and integration of a wide variety of defense electronics and systems, airspace management systems, precision weapons, marine systems, logistics systems, space systems, and automation and information systems. Significant programs include fire control radars for the F-16 and F-22 fighter aircraft and the Longbow Apache helicopter, the AWACS airborne early warning radar, the Joint STARS air-to-ground surveillance radar sensor, the Longbow Hellfire missile and the BAT brilliant anti-armor submunition. This sector also provides tactical military radars and country-wide air defense systems, plus airborne electronic countermeasures systems intended to jam enemy aircraft and weapons systems. The sector includes the advanced electronics businesses, which design, develop and manufacture inertial navigation, guidance and control, IFF (identification friend or foe), and marine electronic systems, and provide electronic warfare systems and integrated avionics systems and shipboard information and communication systems. The U.S. Government is a significant customer.

*Information Technology.* This sector includes the design, development, operation and support of computer systems for scientific and management information. Information Technology has extensive expertise in command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR). It is a key management support element for major weapons systems, such as the U.S. Navy's AEGIS class destroyer, and also provides mission planning for the U.S. Navy, Air Force and Special Operations Command. Information Technology provides base operations support for NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral Air Station and Patrick Air Force Base, among others. In addition, Information Technology provides information technology services to commercial customers and to the other Northrop Grumman sectors. Information Technology includes the information systems businesses, which design, develop, integrate and support computer-based information systems and provide information technology and services primarily for government customers.

*Integrated Systems.* This sector includes the design, development and production of airborne early warning, electronic warfare and surveillance and battlefield management systems. Integrated Systems is the prime contractor for the Joint STARS advanced airborne targeting and battle management system, the U.S. Air Force's B-2 Spirit stealth bomber, unmanned vehicles including The Global Hawk, and the EA-6B Prowler electronic countermeasures aircraft, and is upgrading the E-2C Hawkeye early warning aircraft. Integrated Systems also has a principal role in producing the U.S. Navy's F/A18 Hornet strike fighter and in the development and future production of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

*Ship Systems.* This sector is engaged in the building of large multimission non-nuclear surface ships for the U.S. Navy as well as for other government and commercial customers worldwide and is a provider of

overhaul, repair, modernization, ship design and engineering services. The U.S. Government is a significant customer.

*Newport News.* Newport News is the largest non-government-owned shipyard in the U.S., as measured by each of revenues, size of facilities and number of employees. Its primary business is the design, construction, repair, maintenance, overhaul, life-cycle support and refueling of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and the design, life-cycle support and construction of nuclear powered submarines for the U.S. Navy.

*Component Technologies.* This sector includes international suppliers of complex backplanes, connectors, laser crystals, solder materials, specialty products and other electronic components used primarily in the telecommunications, industrial and computer markets.

The principal executive offices of Northrop Grumman are located at 1840 Century Park East, Los Angeles, California 90067 and its telephone number is (310) 553-6262.

Additional information concerning Northrop Grumman is included in the Northrop Grumman reports incorporated by reference in this offer to exchange. See *Additional Information* beginning on page 61.

## **TRW**

TRW is a U.S.-based international company that provides advanced technology products and services. The principal businesses of TRW and its subsidiaries are the design, manufacture and sale of products and the performance of systems engineering, research and technical services for industry and the U.S. Government in the automotive, information systems, defense and aerospace markets. In the fourth quarter of 2001, as a result of the reorganization and consolidation of TRW's automotive businesses, TRW combined its Chassis Systems, Occupant Safety Systems and Automotive Electronics segments into one Automotive segment. TRW currently operates its business in the following four operating segments:

Automotive;

Systems;

Space & Electronics;  
and

Aeronautical  
Systems.

The principal office of TRW is located at 1900 Richmond Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44124, telephone number (216) 291-7000.

Additional information concerning TRW is included in the TRW reports incorporated by reference in this offer to exchange. See *Additional Information* beginning on page 61.

**REASONS FOR THE OFFER TO EXCHANGE**

Northrop Grumman believes that the proposed acquisition of TRW by means of the offer to exchange and the TRW merger will produce the following benefits:

*Access to New Product Areas.* TRW's proprietary technology and products will provide Northrop Grumman with technology and products to complement Northrop Grumman's existing technology and products.

*Increased Diversification into New Markets.* The combination of Northrop Grumman and TRW provides the affiliated entities with the opportunity for diversification into new markets and access to new customers.

*Increased Market Presence and Opportunities.* The combination of Northrop Grumman and TRW provides the affiliated entities with increased market presence and opportunities for growth that could allow them to be better able to respond to the needs of customers, the increased competitiveness of the marketplace and opportunities that changes in the market for their respective products might bring.

*Product Mix.* The complementary nature of Northrop Grumman's and TRW's products and services will benefit clients of both companies.

*Operating Efficiencies.* The combination of Northrop Grumman and TRW provides the opportunity for potential economies of scale and cost savings.

## BACKGROUND OF THE OFFER TO EXCHANGE

### Background

*Prior Contacts.* Northrop Grumman, for some time, has viewed certain portions of TRW's business as attractive and complementary to Northrop Grumman's business and operations. Northrop Grumman has analyzed available public information regarding TRW and its business and operations to determine whether a merger or other business combination of Northrop Grumman and TRW was feasible and was likely to produce favorable results for the combined companies. Based on these analyses and the relative trading prices and results of operations of the respective companies, Northrop Grumman determined that a business combination was desirable and analyzed potential ranges of value which might be offered for TRW stock.

In early October 2001, Mr. Kresa had one brief meeting and one telephone conversation with David Cote, the then Chief Executive Officer of TRW, regarding possible discussions for a combination of the two companies. No discussions were pursued.

*Northrop Grumman's Proposal.* On February 19, 2001, Northrop Grumman learned that Mr. David M. Cote, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of TRW, had resigned. Northrop Grumman determined that TRW's Board of Directors and shareholders might view favorably a merger or other combination of TRW and Northrop Grumman in view of the leadership issues arising from Mr. Cote's resignation. On February 21, 2002, Northrop Grumman sent a letter to TRW, setting forth a proposal for a business combination between TRW and Northrop Grumman. On February 22, 2002, Northrop Grumman issued a press release which attached a copy of the letter.

The full text of the Northrop Grumman letter is as follows:

February 21, 2002

Philip A. Odeen  
Office of the Chief Executive  
Kenneth W. Freeman  
Lead Director  
TRW Inc.  
1900 Richmond Road  
Cleveland, OH 44124

Gentlemen,

As you know from prior conversations between our companies, for quite some time we have believed that a merger of the TRW Inc. ( TRW ) aerospace and information systems businesses with the complementary operations of Northrop Grumman Corporation ( Northrop ) would be a compelling strategic combination in the best interests of stockholders, customers and employees of both corporations. I am writing at this time to formally propose a transaction for this purpose.

Based upon publicly available information, Northrop is prepared to provide all TRW stockholders with \$47.00 in Northrop common stock for each share of TRW common stock. The transaction will be structured so that the receipt of Northrop stock by TRW stockholders will be tax-free. The proposed \$47.00 per share of TRW common stock represents a premium of 18% over today's closing price, a premium of 22% over the average trading price for the last twelve months and is 4% over the highest closing price for the last twelve months. We would welcome the opportunity to consider non-public information concerning TRW, and we are prepared to

consider in our offer any enhanced values that may be demonstrated by such information. Naturally, we are prepared to provide TRW and its representatives with a similar due diligence opportunity concerning Northrop non-public information.

Upon completion of the acquisition transaction, it is Northrop's intention to proceed with the separation of the TRW automotive business from the rest of the company immediately. We recognize that the automotive business is an outstanding operation in its own right, but we believe that it does not logically fit with either your or our other business segments.

Northrop has successfully completed the integration of many large acquisitions in recent years, and I believe we have earned the reputation for recognizing the continuing value and contribution of the executives of those acquired companies. We have also demonstrated fairness and evenhandedness in dealing with employees of the acquired companies and for scrupulously observing employees' rights to compensation and benefits.

Northrop is prepared to begin immediately with the due diligence process and negotiation of a definitive acquisition agreement for the approval of our respective Boards of Directors. With full cooperation from both sides, we can conclude our agreement no later than March 11, 2002 and commence immediately the necessary proceedings for stockholder approval in accordance with Ohio law and for approval of our own stockholders. Our antitrust counsel has advised us that delays in connection with the antitrust review process should be minimal; and we believe a transaction could realistically be completed in the third quarter of this year.

Ron and I sincerely believe that a combination of TRW's aerospace and information systems businesses with our own will maximize the opportunities to enhance the value of those operations for the benefit of all our stockholders. Not only are the operations highly complementary, but the TRW operations will enjoy the support of a stronger balance sheet.

In light of the importance of this proposal to Northrop's shareholders, we will be publicly disclosing this letter. Should you have any questions concerning our offer, I and our representatives are prepared to speak with you at any time. We would appreciate your response to this offer by the close of business February 27, 2002.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Kent  
Kresa

On March 3, 2002, TRW notified Northrop Grumman that TRW's board of directors was rejecting Northrop Grumman's proposal as financially inadequate and Northrop Grumman announced that it would commence the offer to exchange on March 4, 2002.

On March 4, 2002, Northrop Grumman commenced the offer to exchange and delivered to TRW the acquiring person statement pursuant to Ohio law relating to the offer to exchange. In addition, on March 4, 2002, in connection with the delivery of the acquiring person statement, Northrop Grumman requested that TRW's Board take appropriate action so that the Ohio business combination law is not applicable to the acquisition of TRW capital stock pursuant to the offer to exchange or the TRW merger.

On March 4, 2002, TRW filed a Notice of 2002 Annual Meeting and Definitive Proxy Statement relating to TRW's 2002 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. On March 18, 2002, Northrop Grumman filed a Preliminary Proxy Statement relating to TRW's 2002 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

On March 4, 2002, Northrop Grumman filed a Preliminary Proxy Statement relating to TRW's Special Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 22, 2002. On March 13, 2002, TRW filed a Notice of Special

Meeting of Shareholders and Preliminary Proxy Statement relating to TRW's Special Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 22, 2002.

On March 4, 2002, Northrop Grumman filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio against TRW and certain other persons, seeking declaratory and injunctive relief with respect to the Ohio control share acquisition law, the Ohio business combination law and the Ohio control bid law. The lawsuit alleges that such statutes conflict with the United States Constitution and United States laws governing the conduct of tender offers.

On March 4, 2002, TRW filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio against Northrop Grumman, the Attorney General of Ohio, the Director of Ohio's Department of Commerce and the Commissioner of Ohio's Division of Securities. The lawsuit seeks a judgment that the control share acquisition law, business combination law and control bid law are constitutional. The complaint seeks declaratory relief, as well as the costs of the lawsuit. On March 15, 2002, the court granted Northrop Grumman's motion to stay TRW's lawsuit pending resolution of Northrop Grumman's claims in the Northern District.

On March 11, 2002, Northrop Grumman filed notification with the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission of its intention to acquire TRW, in compliance with the Premerger Notification requirements of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976.

On March 13, 2002, TRW's board of directors issued a press release rejecting the offer to exchange and stating that Northrop Grumman's offer was financially inadequate and not in the best interests of TRW's shareholders. On March 13, 2002, Northrop Grumman issued a press release containing the following text reaffirming its commitment to the offer to exchange:

Northrop Grumman remains fully committed to its previously announced exchange offer to acquire TRW. If TRW's board and management want to maximize shareholder value, as they stated in today's release, then we would encourage them to sit down with us immediately to begin the process of negotiating a transaction that is in the best interests of the shareholders of both our companies, said Kent Kresa, chairman and chief executive officer. While we continue to believe that our offer represents full and fair value based on analysis of the available public data, TRW continues to hold us at arm's length and deny us access to information that could support its claim that an offer of greater value is warranted.

Furthermore, we believe that TRW and its shareholders should recognize that our offer has a higher degree of certainty, can be rapidly completed and poses far less risk than any of the alternatives suggested in its announcement today. TRW promises to explore a variety of contingent actions, which may lead to the separation of its automotive and aerospace businesses while arguing that its shareholders should hold out hope that these potential actions can deliver value. In contrast, Northrop's proposal represents a single, coherent, well-defined transaction that will provide excellent value immediately while also providing TRW shareholders the opportunity to participate in the exciting future growth potential of Northrop Grumman.

As to any conditions attached to our offer, it should be clear that only TRW's board has the ability to create near-term value by removing the principal conditions through immediately entering into good faith negotiations and allowing Northrop Grumman to conduct its due diligence. Not doing so only serves to hinder the realization of value for TRW shareholders.

A Northrop Grumman/TRW combination makes eminent strategic sense and will bring together our two companies' complementary defense capabilities, said Kresa.

Over the years, we are very proud of the fact that we have built a major tier-one defense company. This has been accomplished by first identifying and then successfully integrating new businesses into the Northrop Grumman family. We have also consistently delivered shareholder value not only to our shareholders but to the shareholders of these acquired companies, concluded Kresa.

On March 13, 2002, TRW filed a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 recommending that TRW's shareholders reject the offer to exchange and not exchange their TRW shares pursuant to the offer to exchange.

On March 25, 2002, TRW issued a press release reiterating its recommendation that TRW shareholders reject the offer to exchange and vote against Northrop Grumman's shareholder proposals at TRW's 2002 Annual Meeting of TRW Shareholders.

On March 26, 2002, Northrop Grumman issued a press release stating that it wants to pay full and fair value for TRW and asking TRW shareholders to vote in favor of providing Northrop Grumman with additional information.

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**THE OFFER TO EXCHANGE**
**Consideration to Be Paid**

Under the terms of the offer to exchange, Northrop Grumman will exchange shares of newly issued Northrop Grumman common stock (together with associated rights to purchase Series A junior participating preferred stock) for each of the issued and outstanding (a) shares of TRW common stock, (b) Series 1 Shares and (c) Series 3 Shares. Each share of TRW common stock may be exchanged for a number of shares of Northrop Grumman common stock equal to the exchange ratio. Pursuant to the terms of the offer to exchange, each Series 1 Share may be exchanged for a number of shares of Northrop Grumman common stock equal to the then-effective conversion rate for the Series 1 Shares multiplied by the exchange ratio, and each Series 3 Share may be exchanged for a number of shares of Northrop Grumman common stock equal to the then-effective conversion rate for the Series 3 Shares multiplied by the exchange ratio.

Northrop Grumman will determine the exact exchange ratio by dividing \$47.00 by the average of the closing sale prices for a share of Northrop Grumman common stock on the New York Stock Exchange as reported in The Wall Street Journal over the five consecutive trading days ending immediately prior to the second trading day prior to the expiration of the offer to exchange but in no event will the exchange ratio be more than 0.4563 (\$47.00/\$103.00) or less than 0.4159 (\$47.00/\$113.00).

By way of illustration, the following table provides examples of the exchange ratio calculated at various closing sale prices of Northrop Grumman common stock.

<u>Northrop Grumman Average Closing Price</u>	<u>Exchange Ratio</u>	<u>Implied Value</u>
\$101.00	0.4563	\$46.09
\$103.00	0.4563	\$47.00
\$105.00	0.4476	\$47.00
\$107.00	0.4393	\$47.00
\$109.00	0.4312	\$47.00
\$111.00	0.4234	\$47.00
\$113.00	0.4159	\$47.00
\$115.00	0.4159	\$47.83

The offer to exchange shares of common stock of Northrop Grumman valued at \$47.00 for shares of the outstanding capital stock of TRW common stock represented a premium of 18% over the closing price of TRW common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on February 21, 2002, the last trading day before the public announcement of Northrop Grumman's proposal for a business combination of Northrop Grumman and TRW, a premium of 22% over the average trading price for the twelve months prior to February 21, 2002 and 4% over the highest closing price of TRW common stock for the twelve months prior to February 21, 2002. Since Northrop Grumman's announcement, the \$47 offer price represented a discount in relation to the trading price of the TRW common stock, and on March 27, 2002, the last trading day before the filing of this amendment to the offer to exchange, the \$47 offer price represented a discount of 9% under the closing price of TRW common stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Series 1 Shares are convertible into shares of TRW common stock, at the holder's option, at the conversion rate set forth in TRW's amended articles of incorporation. Pursuant to the amended articles of incorporation, the number of shares of TRW common stock issuable upon conversion of one Series 1 Share is determined by dividing \$100 by the conversion price then in effect. The conversion price was originally set at \$90.909 per share, subject to automatic adjustment upon the occurrence of certain anti-dilutive events. As of March 25, 2002, TRW reported that each Series 1 Share was convertible into the right to receive 8.8 shares of TRW common stock. This conversion rate could change before the expiration of the offer to exchange.

The Series 3 Shares are convertible into shares of TRW common stock, at the holder's option, at the conversion rate set forth in TRW's amended articles of incorporation. Pursuant to the amended articles of

incorporation, Series 3 Shares were initially convertible into shares of common stock at the rate of 1.862 shares of common stock for each share of Series 3, subject to automatic adjustment upon the occurrence of certain anti-dilutive events. As of March 13, 2002, TRW reported that each Series 3 Share was convertible into the right to receive 7.448 shares of TRW common stock. This conversion rate could change before the expiration of the offer to exchange.

The conversion rights of the Series 1 Shares and the Series 3 Shares outlined above are subject to a number of other qualifications. Shareholders seeking more information about the conversion rights should read TRW's amended articles of incorporation.

Northrop Grumman will issue a press release before 9:00 A.M., New York City time, on the second trading day before expiration of the offer to exchange, announcing (i) the exchange ratio, assuming expiration of the offer to exchange as scheduled, (ii) the average closing price of the Northrop Grumman common stock over the previous five consecutive trading days and (iii) the then-effective conversion rates of the Series 1 Shares and Series 3 Shares. If for any reason the expiration date is subsequently extended, a revised exchange ratio will be announced prior to the new expiration date.

*Other Aspects of the Offer to Exchange.* Northrop Grumman is making the offer to exchange in order to acquire control of, and ultimately the entire equity interest in, TRW. The offer to exchange is the first step in Northrop Grumman's acquisition of TRW and is intended to facilitate the acquisition of all TRW shares. Northrop Grumman intends, as soon as possible after completion of the offer to exchange, to seek to have TRW merge with Northrop Grumman or a wholly-owned subsidiary of Northrop Grumman. The purpose of the TRW merger would be to acquire all TRW shares not exchanged in the offer to exchange. In the TRW merger, each outstanding share of TRW capital stock (except for treasury shares of TRW and shares beneficially owned directly or indirectly by Northrop Grumman for its own account) would be converted into the right to receive shares of Northrop Grumman common stock at the same exchange ratio used in the offer to exchange, subject to dissenters' rights under Ohio law. Upon completion of the offer to exchange and the TRW merger, the former TRW shareholders will own a maximum of 34% of the shares of Northrop Grumman common stock.

Northrop Grumman's obligation to exchange shares of Northrop Grumman common stock for TRW shares pursuant to the offer to exchange is subject to the 1704 Limitation and the conditions referred to under "The 1704 Limitation" beginning on page 38 and "Conditions to the Offer to Exchange" beginning on page 39.

TRW shareholders who tender TRW shares pursuant to the offer to exchange will not be obligated to pay any charges or expenses of the exchange agent or any brokerage commissions. Except as set forth in the instructions to the letters of transmittal, transfer taxes on the exchange of TRW capital stock pursuant to the offer to exchange will be paid by Northrop Grumman or on its behalf.

On March 4, 2002, Northrop Grumman asked TRW for its shareholder list and security position listings in order to communicate with shareholders and to distribute the offer to exchange to the TRW shareholders. On March 6, 2002, TRW notified Northrop Grumman that TRW would distribute the offer to exchange to its shareholders. On March 11, 2002, TRW notified Northrop Grumman that it will make available to Northrop Grumman its shareholder list and security position listing.

#### **Timing of the Offer to Exchange**

The offer to exchange is scheduled to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on March 29, 2002. For more information, TRW shareholders should read the discussion below under the caption "Extension, Termination and Amendment."

The term "expiration date" means 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on March 29, 2002, unless Northrop Grumman extends the period of time for which the offer to exchange is open, in which case the term "expiration date" means the latest time and date on which the offer to exchange, as so extended, expires.

### Extension, Termination and Amendment

Northrop Grumman expressly reserves the right, in its sole discretion, at any time or from time to time, to extend the period of time during which the offer to exchange remains open, and Northrop Grumman can do so by giving oral or written notice of that extension to the exchange agent. Northrop Grumman can give TRW shareholders no assurance that it will exercise its right to extend the offer to exchange, although currently Northrop Grumman intends to do so until all conditions have been satisfied or, where permissible, waived. During any extension, all TRW shares previously tendered and not withdrawn will remain subject to the offer to exchange, subject to each shareholder's right to withdraw his or her TRW shares. TRW shareholders should read the discussion below under the caption "Withdrawal Rights."

Subject to the SEC's applicable rules and regulations, Northrop Grumman also reserves the right, in its sole discretion, at any time or from time to time:

to delay acceptance for exchange or the exchange of any TRW shares pursuant to the offer to exchange, or to terminate the offer to exchange and not accept for exchange or exchange any TRW shares not previously accepted for exchange or exchanged, upon the failure of any of the conditions of the offer to exchange to be satisfied prior to the expiration date; and

to waive any condition prior to the expiration of the offer to exchange (other than the antitrust condition, the conditions relating to the absence of an injunction and the effectiveness of the registration statement for the Northrop Grumman shares to be issued in the offer to exchange) or otherwise delay, terminate or amend the offer to exchange in any respect, by giving oral or written notice of such delay, termination or amendment to the exchange agent and by making a public announcement. However, Northrop Grumman may not waive the 1704 Limitation.

Northrop Grumman will follow any extension, termination, amendment or delay, as promptly as practicable, with a public announcement. In the case of an extension, the related announcement will be issued no later than 9:00 A.M., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled expiration date. Subject to applicable law (including Rules 14d-4(d) and 14d-6(c) under the Exchange Act, which require that any material change in the information published, sent or given to TRW shareholders in connection with the offer to exchange be promptly sent to shareholders in a manner reasonably designed to inform shareholders of that change) and without limiting the manner in which it may choose to make any public announcement, Northrop Grumman assumes no obligation to publish, advertise or otherwise communicate any public announcement (i) of this type or (ii) related to an election to provide a subsequent offering period, as explained below, other than by issuing a press release to the Dow Jones News Service.

If Northrop Grumman makes a material change in the terms of the offer to exchange or the information concerning the offer to exchange, or if Northrop Grumman waives a material condition of the offer to exchange, it will extend the offer to exchange to the extent required under the Exchange Act. If, prior to the expiration date, Northrop Grumman changes the percentage of TRW shares sought in the first exchange or the consideration offered to TRW shareholders, that change will apply to all holders whose TRW shares are accepted for exchange pursuant to the offer to exchange, whether or not these TRW shares were accepted for exchange prior to the change. If at the time notice of such a change is first published, sent or given to TRW shareholders, the offer to exchange is scheduled to expire at any time earlier than the tenth business day from and including the date that the related notice is first so published, sent or given, Northrop Grumman will extend the offer to exchange until the expiration of that ten business-day period. For purposes of the offer to exchange, a business day means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or federal holiday and consists of the time period from 12:01 A.M. through 12:00 midnight, New York City time.

Northrop Grumman may elect to provide a subsequent offering period of not more than twenty business days after the acceptance of TRW shares pursuant to the offer to exchange if the requirements under Exchange Act Rule 14d-11 have been met. If Northrop Grumman elects to provide a subsequent offering period, Northrop

Grumman will publicly announce the results of the offer to exchange, including the approximate number and percentage of TRW shares deposited to date, no later than 9:00 a.m. New York City time on the next business day after the expiration date of the initial offering period and will immediately thereafter begin the subsequent offering period. TRW shareholders will not have the right to withdraw TRW shares that they tender in the subsequent offering period, if any.

If TRW agrees upon a negotiated merger with Northrop Grumman, Northrop Grumman may amend or terminate the offer to exchange without purchasing any TRW shares.

#### **Exchange of TRW Shares; Delivery of Northrop Grumman Common Stock**

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the offer to exchange (including, if the offer to exchange is extended or amended, the terms and conditions of any extension or amendment), Northrop Grumman will accept, and will exchange, TRW shares validly tendered and not properly withdrawn promptly after the expiration date and promptly after they are tendered during any subsequent offering period. In all cases, exchange of TRW shares tendered and accepted for exchange pursuant to the offer to exchange will be made only after timely receipt by the exchange agent of:

certificates for those TRW shares (or a confirmation of a book-entry transfer of those TRW shares in the exchange agent's account at The Depository Trust Company, which Northrop Grumman refers to as DTC);

a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal or a manually signed facsimile of that document;  
and

any other required documents.

For purposes of the offer to exchange, Northrop Grumman will be deemed to have accepted for exchange TRW shares validly tendered and not withdrawn if and when Northrop Grumman notifies the exchange agent of Northrop Grumman's acceptance for exchange of the tenders of those TRW shares pursuant to the offer to exchange. The exchange agent will deliver Northrop Grumman common stock in exchange for TRW shares pursuant to the offer to exchange and cash to be paid instead of fractional shares of Northrop Grumman common stock as soon as practicable after receipt of that notice. The exchange agent will act as agent for tendering TRW shareholders for the purpose of receiving Northrop Grumman common stock (including cash to be paid instead of fractional shares of Northrop Grumman common stock) from Northrop Grumman and transmitting the stock and cash, if any, to TRW shareholders. TRW shareholders will not receive any interest on any cash that Northrop Grumman pays TRW shareholders regardless of any delay in making the exchange.

If Northrop Grumman does not accept any tendered TRW shares for exchange pursuant to the terms and conditions of the offer to exchange for any reason, or if certificates are submitted for more TRW shares than are tendered, Northrop Grumman will return certificates for such TRW shares without expense to the tendering shareholder or, in the case of TRW shares tendered by book-entry transfer of those TRW shares into the exchange agent's account at DTC pursuant to the procedures set forth below under the discussion entitled "Procedure for Tendering," those TRW shares will be credited to an account maintained within DTC, promptly following expiration or termination of the offer to exchange.

#### **Cash Instead of Fractional Shares of Northrop Grumman Common Stock**

Northrop Grumman will not issue fractional shares of Northrop Grumman's common stock pursuant to the offer to exchange. Instead, each tendering TRW shareholder who would otherwise be entitled to a fractional share of Northrop Grumman's common stock will receive cash in an amount equal to that fraction (expressed as a decimal, rounded to the nearest 0.01 of a share) multiplied by the average of the closing sale prices for a share of Northrop Grumman common stock on the New York Stock Exchange as reported in the Wall Street Journal over the five consecutive trading days ending immediately prior to the second trading day prior to the expiration of the offer.

### **Withdrawal Rights**

TRW shares tendered pursuant to the offer to exchange may be withdrawn at any time prior to the expiration date, and, unless Northrop Grumman previously accepted them pursuant to the offer to exchange, may also be withdrawn at any time after May 3, 2002. Once Northrop Grumman accepts tendered shares for exchange, a TRW shareholder's tender is irrevocable. If Northrop Grumman elects to provide a subsequent offering period under Exchange Act Rule 14d-11, TRW shares tendered in the subsequent offering period will be accepted promptly following the tender, and shareholders will not have the right to withdraw such TRW shares.

For a withdrawal to be effective, the exchange agent must receive from each withdrawing TRW shareholder a written notice of withdrawal at one of its addresses set forth on the back cover of this offer to exchange, and such notice must include the TRW shareholder's name, address, social security number, the certificate number(s) and the number of TRW shares to be withdrawn as well as the name of the registered holder, if it is different from that of the person who tendered those TRW shares.

A financial institution must guarantee all signatures on the notice of withdrawal. Most banks, savings and loan associations and brokerage houses are able to effect these signature guarantees for shareholders. The financial institution must be a participant in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program, an eligible institution, unless those TRW shares have been tendered for the account of any eligible institution.

If TRW shares have been tendered pursuant to the procedures for book-entry tender discussed under the caption entitled "Procedure for Tendering," any notice of withdrawal must specify the name and number of the account at DTC to be credited with the withdrawn TRW shares and must otherwise comply with DTC's procedures. If certificates have been delivered or otherwise identified to the exchange agent, the name of the registered holder and the serial numbers of the particular certificates evidencing the withdrawn TRW shares withdrawn must also be furnished to the exchange agent, as stated above, prior to the physical release of those certificates.

Northrop Grumman will decide all questions as to the form and validity (including time of receipt) of any notice of withdrawal in its sole discretion, and Northrop Grumman's decision shall be final and binding. None of Northrop Grumman, the exchange agent, the information agent, the dealer manager or any other person will be under any duty to give notification of any defects or irregularities in any notice of withdrawal or will incur any liability for failure to give any notification. Any TRW shares properly withdrawn will be deemed not to have been validly tendered for purposes of the offer to exchange. However, TRW shareholders may retender withdrawn TRW shares by following one of the procedures discussed below under the captions entitled "Procedure for Tendering" or "Guaranteed Delivery" at any time prior to the expiration date.

### **Procedure for Tendering**

For TRW shareholders to validly tender TRW shares pursuant to the offer to exchange, (a) a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, along with any required signature guarantees, or an agent's message in connection with a book-entry transfer, and any other required documents, must be received by the exchange agent at one of its addresses set forth on the back cover of this offer to exchange, and certificates for tendered TRW shares must be received by the exchange agent at that address or those TRW shares must be tendered pursuant to the procedures for book-entry tender set forth below (and a confirmation of receipt of that tender received (Northrop Grumman refers to this confirmation below as a book-entry confirmation)), in each case before the expiration date, or (b) TRW shareholders must comply with the guaranteed delivery procedures set forth below under "Guaranteed Delivery." All tenders will be subject to the 1704 Limitation. See "The 1704 Limitation" beginning on page 38.

The term "agent's message" means a message, transmitted by DTC to, and received by, the exchange agent and forming a part of a book-entry confirmation, that states that DTC has received an express acknowledgment

from the participant in DTC tendering the TRW shares that are the subject of that book-entry confirmation, that the participant has received and agrees to be bound by the terms of the letter of transmittal and that Northrop Grumman may enforce that agreement against the participant.

The exchange agent has established accounts with respect to the TRW shares at DTC for purposes of the offer to exchange, and any financial institution that is a participant in DTC may make book-entry delivery of the TRW shares by causing DTC to transfer the TRW shares into the exchange agent's account in accordance with DTC's procedure for that transfer. However, although delivery of TRW shares may be effected through book-entry at DTC, the letter of transmittal with any required signature guarantees, or an agent's message in connection with a book-entry transfer, and any other required documents, must, in any case, be received by the exchange agent at one or more of its addresses set forth on the back cover of this offer to exchange prior to the expiration date, or the guaranteed delivery procedures described below must be followed.

Signatures on all letters of transmittal must be guaranteed by an eligible institution, except in cases in which TRW shares are tendered either by a registered holder of TRW shares who has not completed the box entitled "Special Issuance Instructions" on the letter of transmittal or for the account of an eligible institution.

If the certificates for TRW shares are registered in the name of a person other than the person who signs the letter of transmittal, or if certificates for unexchanged TRW shares are to be issued to a person other than the registered holder(s), the certificates must be endorsed or accompanied by appropriate stock powers, in either case signed exactly as the name or names of the registered owner or owners appear on the certificates, with the signature(s) on the certificates or stock powers guaranteed in the manner Northrop Grumman has described above.

The method of delivery of share certificates and all other required documents, including delivery through DTC, is at the TRW shareholder's option and risk, and the delivery will be deemed made only when actually received by the exchange agent. If delivery is by mail, Northrop Grumman recommends registered mail with return receipt requested, properly insured. In all cases, shareholders should allow sufficient time to ensure timely delivery.

To prevent backup federal income tax withholding with respect to cash received pursuant to the offer to exchange, TRW shareholders must provide the exchange agent with their correct taxpayer identification number and certify whether they are subject to backup withholding of federal income tax by completing the substitute Form W-9 included in the letter of transmittal. Some TRW shareholders, including, among others, all corporations and some foreign individuals) are not subject to these backup withholding and reporting requirements. In order for a foreign individual to qualify as an exempt recipient, the shareholders must submit a Form W-8, signed under penalty of perjury, attesting to that individual's exempt status.

#### **Guaranteed Delivery**

If TRW shareholders wish to tender TRW shares pursuant to the offer to exchange and their certificates are not immediately available or TRW shareholders cannot deliver the certificates and all other required documents to the exchange agent prior to the expiration date or cannot complete the procedure for book-entry transfer on a timely basis, their TRW shares may nevertheless be tendered, so long as all of the following conditions are satisfied:

TRW shareholders make their tender by or through an eligible institution (see "Withdrawal Rights" above);

a properly completed and duly executed notice of guaranteed delivery, substantially in the form made available by Northrop Grumman, is received by the exchange agent as provided below on or prior to the expiration date; and

the certificates for all tendered TRW shares (or a confirmation of a book-entry transfer of such securities into the exchange agent's account at DTC as described above), in proper form for transfer, together with a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal with any required signature guarantees (or, in the case of a book-entry transfer, an agent's message) and all other documents required by the letter of transmittal are received by the exchange agent within three New York Stock Exchange trading days after the date of execution of the notice of guaranteed delivery.

TRW shareholders may deliver the notice of guaranteed delivery by hand or transmit it by facsimile transmission or mail to the exchange agent and shareholders must include a guarantee by an eligible institution in the form set forth in that notice.

In all cases, Northrop Grumman will exchange TRW shares tendered and accepted for exchange pursuant to the offer to exchange only after timely receipt by the exchange agent of certificates for TRW shares (or timely confirmation of a book-entry transfer of those securities into the exchange agent's account at DTC as described above), properly completed and duly executed letter(s) of transmittal, or an agent's message in connection with a book-entry transfer, and any other required documents.

By executing a letter of transmittal as set forth above, subject to the 1704 Limitation, TRW shareholders irrevocably appoint Northrop Grumman's designees as their attorneys-in-fact and proxies, each with full power of substitution, to the full extent of their rights with respect to their TRW shares tendered and accepted for exchange by Northrop Grumman and with respect to any and all other TRW shares and other securities issued or issuable in respect of the TRW shares on or after March 4, 2002. That appointment is effective, and voting rights will be affected, when and only to the extent that Northrop Grumman deposits the shares of Northrop Grumman's common stock issuable with respect to the TRW shares that shareholders have tendered with the exchange agent. Subject to the 1704 Limitation, all proxies shall be considered coupled with an interest in the tendered TRW shares and therefore shall not be revocable once the appointment is effective. Upon the effectiveness of the appointment, all prior proxies that TRW shareholders have given will be revoked, and TRW shareholders may not give any subsequent proxies (and, if given, they will not be deemed effective). Northrop Grumman's designees will, with respect to the TRW shares for which the appointment is effective, be empowered, among other things, to exercise all of the TRW shareholders' voting and other rights as they, in their sole discretion, deem proper at any annual, special or adjourned meeting of TRW's shareholders or otherwise. Northrop Grumman reserves the right to require that, in order for TRW shares to be deemed validly tendered, immediately upon Northrop Grumman's exchange of those TRW shares, Northrop Grumman must be able to exercise full voting rights with respect to those TRW shares. **However, prior to acceptance for exchange by Northrop Grumman in accordance with terms of the offer to exchange, the appointment will not be effective, and, Northrop Grumman shall have no voting rights as a result of the tender of TRW shares.**

Northrop Grumman will determine questions as to the validity, form, eligibility (including time of receipt) and acceptance for exchange of any tender of TRW shares, in Northrop Grumman's sole discretion, and its determination shall be final and binding. Northrop Grumman reserves the absolute right to reject any and all tenders of TRW shares that Northrop Grumman determines are not in proper form or the acceptance of or exchange for which may, in the opinion of Northrop Grumman's counsel, be unlawful. Northrop Grumman also reserves the absolute right to waive any of the conditions of the offer to exchange (other than the antitrust condition, the conditions relating to the absence of an injunction and the effectiveness of the registration statement for Northrop Grumman shares to be issued in the offer to exchange), or any defect or irregularity in the tender of any TRW shares. However, Northrop Grumman cannot waive the 1704 Limitation. No tender of TRW shares will be deemed to have been validly made until all defects and irregularities in tenders of TRW shares have been cured or waived. None of Northrop Grumman, the exchange agent, the information agent, the dealer manager or any other person will be under any duty to give notification of any defects or irregularities in the tender of any TRW shares or will incur any liability for failure to give any notification. The interpretation of the terms and conditions of the offer to exchange (including the letter of transmittal and its instructions) will be final and binding.

The tender of TRW shares pursuant to any of the procedures described above will constitute a binding agreement between Northrop Grumman and shareholders upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the offer to exchange and the letter of transmittal.

**Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Offer to Exchange and the TRW Merger**

The following discussion summarizes the material U.S. federal income tax considerations that are generally applicable to holders of TRW capital stock who exchange their TRW capital stock in the offer to exchange and the TRW merger for shares of Northrop Grumman common stock. This discussion is based on currently existing provisions of the Code, existing and proposed Treasury Regulations thereunder and current administrative rulings and court decisions, all of which are subject to change. Any such change, which may or may not be retroactive, could alter the tax consequences of the offer to exchange and the TRW merger that are described below. TRW shareholders should be aware that this discussion does not deal with all federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to particular TRW shareholders in light of their individual circumstances, such as TRW shareholders who:

are dealers in securities;

are subject to the alternative minimum tax provisions of the Code;

are foreign persons;

do not hold their shares of TRW capital stock as capital assets;

acquired their shares of TRW capital stock in connection with stock option or stock purchase plans or in other compensatory transactions;

hold their shares of TRW capital stock as part of an integrated investment (including a straddle) comprised of shares of TRW capital stock and one or more other positions; or

are subject to the constructive sale or constructive ownership provisions of the Code under Sections 1259 or 1260, respectively, with respect to their TRW capital stock.

In addition, the following discussion does not address:

the tax consequences of the offer to exchange and the TRW merger to any person under foreign, state or local tax laws; or

the tax consequences of transactions effectuated prior or subsequent to, or concurrently with, the TRW merger, including a potential sale or spin-off of the TRW automotive business.

**Accordingly, TRW shareholders are urged to consult their own tax advisors as to the specific tax consequences to them of the offer to exchange and the TRW merger in light of their own particular facts and circumstances, including the applicable federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences.**

In the opinion of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, counsel to Northrop Grumman, the exchange of TRW shares for Northrop Grumman shares pursuant to the offer to exchange and the TRW merger will be treated as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code provided that certain factual assumptions are satisfied. Such factual assumptions include the following: (i) the offer to exchange and the TRW merger are consummated in the manner provided herein, (ii) none of Northrop Grumman, TRW or any related party acquires or redeems, in connection with the offer to exchange or the TRW merger, shares of Northrop Grumman common stock issued to TRW shareholders pursuant to the offer to exchange or the TRW merger, (iii) TRW continues a significant line of its business or uses a significant portion of its historic business assets in a business, (iv) the description of TRW's business operations set forth in its SEC filings is accurate in all material respects and there will be no material changes in such operations prior to the closing of the TRW merger, (v) the only consideration issued by Northrop Grumman in exchange for TRW shares in the offer to exchange and the TRW merger will be

Northrop Grumman voting stock (except for cash issued to dissenting shareholders) and (vi) Northrop Grumman will provide counsel with customary representations regarding its legal status and its plans and intentions with respect to future operations of TRW.

Assuming that the offer to exchange and the TRW merger qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code:

A holder of TRW shares will not recognize any gain or loss upon exchange of its TRW shares solely for Northrop Grumman common stock in the offer to exchange or the TRW merger;

If a holder of TRW shares receives cash instead of a fractional share of Northrop Grumman common stock, the holder will be required to recognize gain or loss, measured by the difference between the amount of cash received instead of that fractional share of Northrop Grumman common stock and the portion of the tax basis of that holder's TRW shares allocable to that fractional share. Such gain or loss will be a capital gain or loss, and will be a long-term capital gain or loss if the TRW shares that would otherwise have been exchanged for that fractional share of Northrop Grumman common stock were held for more than one year;

A holder of TRW shares will have a tax basis in the Northrop Grumman shares received in the offer to exchange and the TRW merger equal to (a) the tax basis of the TRW shares surrendered by that holder pursuant to the offer to exchange or in the TRW merger, less (b) any tax basis of the TRW shares surrendered that is allocable to any fractional share of Northrop Grumman common stock for which cash is received;

The holding period for shares of Northrop Grumman common stock received in exchange for TRW shares in the offer to exchange and the TRW merger will include the holding period for TRW shares surrendered in the offer to exchange and the TRW merger; and

If a TRW shareholder, pursuant to the exercise of its right to seek an appraisal, exchanges all of its TRW shares solely for cash, such shareholder generally will recognize a capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount of cash received and its adjusted tax basis in the TRW shares surrendered. Such gain or loss generally will be a long-term capital gain or loss if the holder held the TRW shares surrendered for more than one year as of the date of the exchange.

Currently, Northrop Grumman does not plan to request a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service with regard to the tax consequences of the offer to exchange and/or the TRW merger. Whether or not the offer to exchange and the TRW merger qualify as a tax-free reorganization depends in part on the factual assumptions set forth above. If such factual assumptions are not satisfied, a TRW shareholder's exchange of TRW shares for Northrop Grumman common stock in the offer to exchange or the TRW merger could be a taxable transaction, depending on the surrounding facts.

**The foregoing discussion does not purport to be a complete analysis or listing of all potential U.S. federal income tax consequences of the offer to exchange and the TRW merger. TRW shareholders are urged to consult their tax advisors concerning the U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences to them of participation in the offer to exchange and/or the TRW merger in light of their particular facts and circumstances.**

#### **Effect of the Offer to Exchange on the Market for TRW Shares; Registration Under the Exchange Act**

*Reduced Liquidity; Possible Delisting.* The tender of TRW shares pursuant to the offer to exchange will reduce the number of holders of TRW shares and the number of TRW shares that might otherwise trade publicly and could adversely affect the liquidity and market value of the remaining TRW shares held by the public. TRW shares are listed and principally traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Depending on the number of TRW shares acquired pursuant to the offer to exchange, following the completion of the offer to exchange, TRW shares

may no longer meet the requirements of the New York Stock Exchange for continued listing. For example, published guidelines of the New York Stock Exchange indicate that the New York Stock Exchange would consider delisting the outstanding TRW shares if, among other things:

the number of publicly held TRW shares (exclusive of holdings of officers, directors and members of their immediate families and other concentrated holdings of 10 percent or more) should fall below 600,000;

the number of record holders of 100 or more TRW shares should fall below 1,200;

or

the aggregate market value of publicly held TRW shares should fall below \$5 million.

As of March 25, 2002, TRW reported that there were (i) 126,741,385 shares of TRW common stock outstanding, (ii) 28,983 Series 1 Shares outstanding and (iii) 53,834 Series 3 Shares outstanding.

If the New York Stock Exchange were to delist the TRW shares, including after the exchange of TRW shares in the offer to exchange but prior to the TRW merger, the market for TRW shares could be adversely affected. It is possible that TRW shares would be traded on other securities exchanges or in the over-the-counter market, and that price quotations would be reported by those exchanges, or through the Nasdaq Stock Market or by other sources. The extent of the public market for the TRW shares and the availability of such quotations would, however, depend upon the number of holders and/or the aggregate market value of the TRW shares remaining at that time, the interest in maintaining a market in the TRW shares on the part of securities firms, the possible termination of registration of TRW shares under the Exchange Act, as described below, and other factors.

*Status as Margin Securities.* The TRW shares are presently margin securities under the regulations of the Federal Reserve Board, which has the effect, among other things, of allowing brokers to extend credit on the collateral of TRW shares. Depending on factors similar to those described above with respect to listing and market quotations, following completion of the offer to exchange, the TRW shares may no longer constitute margin securities for the purposes of the Federal Reserve Board's margin regulations, in which event the TRW shares would be ineligible as collateral for margin loans made by brokers.

*Registration Under the Exchange Act.* TRW shares are currently registered under the Exchange Act. TRW can terminate that registration upon application to the SEC if the outstanding shares are not listed on a national securities exchange and if there are fewer than 300 holders of record of TRW shares. Termination of registration of the TRW shares under the Exchange Act would reduce the information that TRW must furnish to its shareholders and to the SEC and would make some provisions of the Exchange Act, including the short-swing profit recovery provisions of Section 16(b) and the requirement of furnishing a proxy statement in connection with shareholders meetings pursuant to Section 14(a) and the related requirement of furnishing an annual report to stockholders, no longer applicable with respect to TRW shares. Furthermore, the ability of TRW affiliates and persons holding restricted securities of TRW to dispose of securities pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act) may be impaired or eliminated. If registration of the TRW shares under the Exchange Act were terminated, TRW shares would no longer be eligible for New York Stock Exchange listing or for continued inclusion on the Federal Reserve Board's list of margin securities.

#### **Purpose of the Offer to Exchange; the TRW Merger; Dissenters' Rights**

Northrop Grumman is making the offer to exchange in order to acquire control of, and ultimately the entire equity interest in, TRW. The offer to exchange is the first step in Northrop Grumman's acquisition of TRW and is intended to facilitate the acquisition of all TRW shares. TRW shareholders will not have dissenters' rights as a result of the completion of the offer to exchange.

Northrop Grumman intends, as soon as practicable after the completion of the offer to exchange, to seek to merge TRW with Northrop Grumman or a wholly-owned subsidiary. The purpose of the TRW merger is to

acquire all TRW shares not tendered and exchanged pursuant to the offer to exchange. In the TRW merger, each then-outstanding share of TRW capital stock (except for treasury shares of TRW and shares beneficially owned directly or indirectly by Northrop Grumman for its own account) will be converted into the right to receive shares of Northrop Grumman common stock at the same exchange ratio used in the offer to exchange, subject to dissenters' rights under Ohio law.

The TRW merger may be completed pursuant to Section 1701.80 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 253 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. Under Section 1701.80, a foreign parent corporation owning at least 90% of the outstanding shares of each class of a domestic subsidiary corporation may merge the subsidiary corporation into itself without the approval of the shareholders of the subsidiary corporation but with the approval of the board of directors of the subsidiary corporation. Under Section 253 of the Delaware General Corporation Law such a merger may be completed without the approval of the stockholders of the parent corporation.

No dissenters' rights are available in connection with the offer to exchange. If the TRW merger is consummated, however, TRW shareholders will have certain rights under the Ohio Revised Code to dissent and demand dissenters' rights and to receive payment in cash of the fair cash value of their TRW shares. TRW shareholders that vote in favor of the TRW merger will not be entitled to relief as dissenting shareholders. In order to qualify for rights as a dissenting shareholder, a TRW shareholder must deliver to TRW a written demand for payment of the fair cash value of the shares for which relief is sought within the time period prescribed by Sections 1701.84 and 1701.85 of the Ohio Revised Code. If TRW then sends a dissenting shareholder a request for the certificates representing the shares for which relief is sought, the dissenting shareholder must return the certificates requested to TRW so that they may be endorsed with a legend stating that a demand for the fair cash value of such shares has been made. A dissenting shareholder's failure to deliver such certificates within a prescribed time period terminates his or her rights as a dissenting shareholder. Unless TRW and the dissenting shareholder come to an agreement on the fair cash value per share of the shares for which such dissenting shareholder seeks relief, either the dissenting shareholder or TRW may file a complaint in court. Other dissenting shareholders may join as plaintiffs or defendants in the resulting proceeding at this time.

If the statutory procedures for exercising or perfecting dissenters' rights are complied with in accordance with Sections 1701.84 and 1701.85 of the Ohio Revised Code, then a judicial determination will be made as to the fair cash value required to be paid to the objecting shareholders for their shares. Any such judicial determination of fair cash value will be based on the amount that a willing seller, under no compulsion to sell, would be willing to accept, and a willing buyer, under no compulsion to purchase, would be willing to pay. In determining the fair cash value of the TRW shares, a court is required to take into account all relevant factors excluding any appreciation or depreciation in market value resulting from the proposal of the TRW merger. Accordingly, such determination could be based upon considerations other than, or in addition to, the market value of the TRW shares, including, among other things, asset values and earning capacity. The value so determined may be more or less than the price per share to be paid in the offer to exchange or the TRW merger but in no event shall the value so determined exceed the amount specified in the demand of a particular shareholder.

From the time written demand for payment of the fair cash value is given until either the termination of the rights and obligations arising from such demand or the purchase of the shares related thereto, all rights accruing to the dissenting shareholder, including voting and dividend or distribution rights, will be suspended. If any dividend or distribution is paid in money on shares during the suspension or if any dividend, distribution or interest is paid in money upon any securities issued in extinguishment of or in substitution for such shares, an amount equal to the dividend, distribution or interest that would have been payable on the shares, but for such suspension, shall be paid to the holder of record of the shares as a credit against the fair cash value of the shares. If the right to receive the fair cash value is terminated other than by the purchase of the shares, all rights will be restored to the objecting shareholder and any distribution that would have been made to the holder of record of the shares, but for the suspension, will be made at the time of such termination.

The foregoing summary of the rights of dissenting shareholders does not purport to be a complete statement of the procedures to be followed by shareholders desiring to exercise any available dissenters' rights and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of Sections 1701.84 and section 1701.85 included herewith in Annex B. The preservation and exercise of dissenters' rights are conditioned on strict adherence to the applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code.

Rule 13e-3 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Exchange Act, which Northrop Grumman does not believe would apply to the TRW merger if the TRW merger occurred within one year of the completion of the offer to exchange, would require, among other things, that some financial information concerning TRW, and some information relating to the fairness of the proposed transaction and the consideration offered to shareholders of TRW, be filed with the SEC and disclosed to shareholders prior to the completion of the TRW merger.

#### **Plans for TRW After the TRW Merger**

Once Northrop Grumman has completed the TRW merger, it expects that TRW would continue its current operations, except that it would cease to be publicly owned and would instead be wholly-owned by Northrop Grumman. Northrop Grumman expects to promptly dispose of TRW's automotive business either by selling that business to a third party or parties or by spinning it off to the Northrop Grumman stockholders (including the former TRW shareholders) or by a combination thereof.

#### **The 1704 Limitation**

Tenders of TRW shares pursuant to the offer to exchange will be effective, and Northrop Grumman shall have the right to acquire tendered TRW shares, only at such time as Section 1704 of the Ohio Revised Code (the Ohio business combination law) shall not prohibit or delay the TRW merger. No tender of TRW shares shall be effective, and Northrop Grumman shall have no right to acquire tendered TRW shares, prior to such time.

The Ohio business combination law prohibits certain business combinations and other transactions (each, a Chapter 1704 transaction), such as the TRW merger, between an issuing public corporation (such as TRW) and any interested shareholder (defined generally as any person who, directly or indirectly, is entitled to exercise or direct the exercise of 10% or more of the outstanding voting power of a corporation in the election of directors) for a period of three years after the date that person becomes an interested shareholder. After such three-year period, a Chapter 1704 transaction between an issuing public corporation and such interested shareholder is prohibited unless either certain fair price provisions are complied with or the Chapter 1704 transaction is approved by certain supermajority shareholder votes. The Ohio business combination law restrictions do not apply to a Chapter 1704 transaction with an interested shareholder if either the acquisition of the corporation's shares that would cause the interested shareholder to become an interested shareholder, or the Chapter 1704 transaction, is approved by a resolution of the board of directors of the corporation adopted prior to the date on which the interested shareholder became an interested shareholder.

On March 4, 2002, Northrop Grumman requested that TRW's board of directors take appropriate action so that the Ohio business combination law is not applicable to the acquisition of TRW capital stock pursuant to the offer to exchange or the TRW merger. There can be no assurance that TRW's board of directors will do so.

### Conditions to the Offer to Exchange

In addition to the 1704 Limitation, the offer to exchange is also subject to a number of conditions, which are described below:

#### Minimum Tender Condition

Consummation of the offer to exchange is conditioned upon there being validly tendered and not withdrawn prior to the expiration of the offer to exchange, a number of TRW shares which, together with any TRW shares that Northrop Grumman beneficially owns for its own account, will constitute at least a majority of the total number of outstanding shares of TRW common stock on a fully diluted basis (as though all options or other securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for TRW shares had been so converted, exercised or exchanged) as of the date that Northrop Grumman accepts the TRW shares for exchange pursuant to the offer to exchange.

#### Antitrust Condition

The offer to exchange is also subject to the condition that any applicable waiting periods under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89 of the Council of the European Union, and any other applicable similar foreign laws or regulations will have expired or been terminated.

Under the provisions of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act applicable to the offer to exchange, the acquisition of TRW shares pursuant to the offer to exchange may be completed following the expiration of a 30-calendar day waiting period (if the thirtieth day falls on a weekend or holiday, the waiting period will expire on the next business day) following the filing by Northrop Grumman of a Notification and Report Form, which Northrop Grumman filed on March 11, 2002, with respect to the offer to exchange, unless Northrop Grumman receives a request for additional information and documentary material from the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice or Federal Trade Commission. If, within the initial 30-day waiting period, either the Antitrust Division or Federal Trade Commission requests additional information and documentary material from Northrop Grumman concerning the offer to exchange, the waiting period will be extended and will expire at 11:59 P.M., New York City time, on the thirtieth calendar day after the date of substantial compliance by Northrop Grumman with that request. If the thirtieth day falls on a weekend or holiday, the waiting period will expire on the next business day. Only one extension of the waiting period pursuant to a request for additional information is authorized by the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act. After that time, Northrop Grumman and TRW may close the transaction, unless Northrop Grumman agrees with the Antitrust Division or Federal Trade Commission to delay closing the transaction or the Antitrust Division or Federal Trade Commission seek a court order staying the transaction. In practice, complying with a request for additional information or material can take a significant amount of time. In addition, if the Antitrust Division or Federal Trade Commission raises substantive issues in connection with a proposed transaction, the parties frequently engage in negotiations with the relevant governmental agency concerning possible means of addressing those issues and may agree to delay completion of the transaction while those negotiations continue.

Under the laws of certain foreign nations and multinational authorities, such as the European Commission (under Council Regulation (EEC) 4064/89, or ECMR ), the transaction may not be completed or control may not be exercised unless certain filings are made with these nations antitrust regulatory authorities or multinational antitrust authorities, and these antitrust authorities approve or clear closing of the transaction. Other foreign nations and multinational authorities have voluntary and/or post-merger notification systems. Northrop Grumman has filed or intends to file shortly all other non-United States pre-merger notifications that it believes are required. Should any other approval or action be required, Northrop Grumman currently contemplates that such approval or action would be sought. Although Northrop Grumman believes that it will obtain all other

material required regulatory approvals in a timely manner, it is not certain that all other such approvals will be received in a timely manner or at all or that foreign or multinational antitrust authorities will not impose unfavorable conditions for granting the required approvals.

#### **Control Share Condition**

Consummation of the offer to exchange is conditioned upon the acquisition of TRW capital stock by Northrop Grumman being authorized by the shareholders of TRW pursuant to Section 1701.831 of the Ohio Revised Code (the "control share acquisition law") at a special meeting of shareholders of TRW (the "Ohio control share acquisition meeting") in accordance with the control share acquisition law, or Northrop Grumman being satisfied, in its reasonable judgment, that the control share acquisition law is invalid or inapplicable to the acquisition of TRW capital stock pursuant to the offer to exchange.

Under the control share acquisition law, unless a corporation's articles of incorporation or regulations otherwise provide, any control share acquisition of an issuing public corporation (such as TRW) may be made only with the prior authorization of its shareholders in accordance with the control share acquisition law. Neither TRW's amended articles of incorporation nor its regulations currently contain a provision by which TRW opts out of the control share acquisition law.

Unless and until such time as TRW's articles or regulations are amended to include such an opt out provision or the law is determined to be invalid, the control share acquisition law requires shareholder approval of any proposed control share acquisition of TRW. A control share acquisition is the acquisition, directly or indirectly, by any person of shares of a corporation that, when added to all other shares of such corporation of which such person may exercise or direct the exercise of voting power, entitles such person to exercise or direct the exercise of one-fifth or more, one third or more, or a majority or more of the voting power in the election of directors. A control share acquisition must be authorized in advance (i) by the holders of at least a majority of the voting power of the corporation in the election of directors represented at the meeting in person or by proxy and (ii) by the holders of a majority of the portion of the voting power excluding the voting power of interested shares represented at the meeting in person or by proxy. The control share acquisition law provides that a quorum shall be deemed to be present at the meeting if at least a majority of the voting power of the shares are represented at such meeting in person or by proxy.

For purposes of the control share acquisition law, "interested shares" means shares as to which any of the following may exercise or direct the exercise of voting power in the election of directors (i) an acquiring person, (ii) an officer elected or appointed by the directors of the issuing public corporation, (iii) any employee of the issuing public corporation who is also a director of such corporation and (iv) any person that acquires such shares for valuable consideration during the period beginning with the date of the first public disclosure of a proposed control share acquisition of the issuing public corporation or any proposed merger, consolidation or other transaction which would result in a change in control of the corporation or all or substantially all of its assets, and ending on the record date for the meeting if either of the following applies:

the aggregate consideration paid or otherwise given by the person who acquired the shares, and any other persons acting in concert with such person for all shares exceeds \$250,000; or

the number of shares acquired by the person who acquired the shares, and any other persons acting in concert with such person, exceeds one-half of 1% of the outstanding shares of the corporation entitled to vote in the election of directors. "Interested shares" also includes shares held by a person that transfers interested shares after the record date if accompanied by an instrument (such as a proxy or voting agreement) that gives the transferee the power to vote those shares.

Under the control share acquisition law, TRW must call a meeting to vote upon a proposed control share acquisition no later than 10 days, and it must be held no later than 50 days, following its receipt of an acquiring person statement from the acquiring person unless the acquiring person consents to a later date.

Without waiving its right to challenge the validity of all or any part of the control share acquisition law or to seek an amendment to TRW's regulations opting out of the control share acquisition law, and reserving its right to take actions inconsistent with the applicability of the control share acquisition law, Northrop Grumman delivered to TRW on March 4, 2002 an acquiring person statement relating to the offer to exchange and the TRW merger. Pursuant to the provisions of the control share acquisition law, the control share acquisition meeting must be held no later than April 23, 2002.

On March 4, 2002, Northrop Grumman filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio against TRW and certain other persons, seeking declaratory and injunctive relief with respect to the control share acquisition law. The lawsuit alleges that such statute conflicts with the United States Constitution and United States laws governing the conduct of tender offers. Northrop Grumman is also requesting a declaration from the court that the date of the first public disclosure of the offer to exchange, for the purposes of the control share acquisition law, was March 4, 2002. See *Ohio Litigation* beginning on page 44.

#### **Control Bid Condition**

Consummation of the offer to exchange is conditioned upon the expiration of the period during which the Ohio Division of Securities may suspend the offer to exchange pursuant to Sections 1707.01, 1707.041, and 1707.042 (collectively, the control bid law) of the Ohio revised code, without the occurrence of any such suspension or the invalidity of the control bid law.

The control bid law regulates the purchase or offer to purchase of any equity security of a subject company from a resident of Ohio if, after the purchase, the offeror would directly or indirectly be the beneficial owner of more than 10% of any class of issued and outstanding equity securities of such company (a control bid). A subject company includes an issuer (such as TRW) that (i) either (a) has its principal place of business or principal executive offices located in Ohio or (b) owns or controls assets located in Ohio that have a fair market value of at least \$1.0 million and (ii) has more than 10% of its beneficial or record equity security holders resident in Ohio, has more than 10% of its equity securities owned, beneficially or of record, by residents of Ohio or has 1,000 beneficial or record equity security holders who are resident in Ohio.

The control bid law prohibits an offeror from making a control bid for securities of a subject company pursuant to a tender offer until the offeror has filed specified information with the Ohio Division of Securities. In addition, the offeror is required to deliver a copy of such information to the subject company not later than the offeror's filing with the Ohio Division of Securities and to send or deliver such information and the material terms of the proposed offer to exchange to all offerees in Ohio as soon as practicable after the offeror's filing with the Ohio Division of Securities.

Within five calendar days of such filing, the Ohio Division of Securities may, by order, summarily suspend the continuation of the control bid if it determines that the offeror has not provided all of the specified information or that the control bid materials provided to offerees do not provide full disclosure of all material information concerning the control bid. If the Ohio Division of Securities summarily suspends a control bid, it must schedule and hold a hearing within 10 calendar days of the date on which the suspension is imposed and must make its determination within three calendar days after the hearing has been completed but no later than 14 calendar days after the date on which the suspension is imposed. The Ohio Division of Securities may maintain its suspension of the continuation of the control bid if, based upon the hearing, it determines that all of the information required to be provided by the control bid law has not been provided by the offeror, that the control bid materials provided to offerees do not provide full disclosure of all material information concerning the control bid or that the control bid is in material violation of any provision of the Ohio securities laws. If, after the hearing, the Ohio Division of Securities maintains the suspension, the offeror has the right to correct the disclosure and other deficiencies identified by the Ohio Division of Securities and to reinstitute the control bid by filing new or amended information pursuant to the control bid law.

On March 4, 2002, Northrop Grumman filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio against TRW and certain other persons, seeking declaratory and injunctive relief with respect to the control bid law. The lawsuit alleges that such statute conflicts with the United States Constitution and United States laws governing the conduct of tender offers. See Ohio Litigation beginning on page 44.

In addition, on March 4, 2002, Northrop Grumman filed the information required under the control bid law. On March 12, 2002, the waiting period under the control bid law expired without any action by the Ohio Division of Securities to suspend the offer to exchange. The control bid condition therefore has been satisfied.

#### **Northrop Grumman Stockholder Approval Condition**

Consummation of the offer to exchange is conditioned upon the approval by the stockholders of Northrop Grumman of the issuance of Northrop Grumman common stock pursuant to the offer to exchange and the TRW merger.

Pursuant to the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, on which Northrop Grumman's common stock is listed, the issuance of Northrop Grumman common stock pursuant to the offer to exchange and the TRW merger must be approved by holders of a majority of the shares voted at a meeting of such holders at which the total number of votes cast represents over 50% in interest of all shares of Northrop Grumman securities entitled to vote on the proposal. This approval is required because the number of shares of Northrop Grumman's common stock to be issued will be equal to or in excess of 20% of the shares outstanding prior to such issuance. Northrop Grumman intends to seek this approval at a meeting of its stockholders to be held as soon as practicable.

#### **Certain Other Conditions to the Offer to Exchange**

Notwithstanding any other provision of the offer to exchange, Northrop Grumman shall not be required to accept for exchange or exchange any TRW shares, may postpone the acceptance for exchange of or the exchange for tendered TRW shares, and may, in Northrop Grumman's sole discretion, terminate or amend the offer to exchange as to any TRW shares not then exchanged if:

at the expiration date, any of the minimum tender condition, the antitrust condition, the control share condition, the control bid condition or any of the other conditions to the offer to exchange set forth in clauses (a) through (g) below has not been satisfied or, in the case of any condition other than the antitrust condition or the conditions set forth in clauses (b) or (c) below, waived; or

on or after the date of this offer to exchange and at or prior to the time of exchange of any TRW shares (whether or not any TRW shares have theretofore been accepted for exchange or exchanged pursuant to the offer to exchange), and subject to the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC (including Rule 14e-1(c) under the Exchange Act relating to Northrop Grumman's obligation to exchange or return tendered TRW shares promptly after the termination or withdrawal of the offer to exchange), the antitrust condition is not satisfied.

The other conditions to the offer to exchange are as follows:

- (a) the shares of Northrop Grumman's common stock to be issued to TRW shareholders in the offer to exchange and the TRW merger have been authorized for listing on the New York Stock Exchange, subject to official notice of issuance;
- (b) the registration statement shall have become effective under the Securities Act, and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the registration statement or a proceeding seeking a stop order shall have been issued nor shall there have been proceedings for that purpose initiated or threatened by the SEC, and Northrop Grumman shall have received all necessary state securities law or blue sky authorizations;

(c) no temporary restraining order, preliminary or permanent injunction or other order or decree issued by any court or agency of competent jurisdiction or other legal restraint or prohibition preventing the completion of the offer to exchange, the TRW merger or any of the other transactions contemplated by the offer to exchange shall be in effect; no statute, rule, regulation, order, injunction or decree shall have been enacted, entered, promulgated or enforced by any court, administrative agency or commission or other governmental authority or instrumentality that prohibits, restricts or makes illegal the completion of the offer to exchange or the TRW merger;

(d) there shall not be pending or threatened any suit, action or proceeding by any governmental entity (1) challenging the offer to exchange, seeking to restrain or prohibit the completion of the offer to exchange or seeking to obtain from TRW or Northrop Grumman any damages that are material in relation to TRW and its subsidiaries taken as a whole or Northrop Grumman and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, (2) seeking to prohibit or limit the ownership or operation by TRW or Northrop Grumman or any of Northrop Grumman's subsidiaries of any material portion of the business or assets of TRW or Northrop Grumman or any of Northrop Grumman's subsidiaries or to compel TRW or Northrop Grumman or any of Northrop Grumman's subsidiaries to dispose of or hold separate any material portion of the business or assets of TRW or Northrop Grumman or any of Northrop Grumman's subsidiaries as a result of the offer to exchange, (3) seeking to prohibit Northrop Grumman from effectively controlling in any material respect the business or operations of TRW or (4) which otherwise is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on Northrop Grumman or TRW;

(e) no change shall have occurred or been threatened (or any condition, event or development shall have occurred or been threatened involving a prospective change) in the business, properties, assets, liabilities, capitalization, stockholders' equity, condition (financial or otherwise), operations, licenses or franchises, results of operations or prospects of TRW or any of its subsidiaries that, in the reasonable judgment of Northrop Grumman, is or may be materially adverse to TRW or any of its subsidiaries, or Northrop Grumman shall have become aware of any facts that, in its reasonable judgment, have or may have material adverse significance with respect to either the value of TRW or any of its subsidiaries or the value of the capital stock of TRW to Northrop Grumman;

(f) there shall not have occurred or been threatened (i) any general suspension of trading in, or limitation on prices for, securities on any national securities exchange or in the over-the-counter market in the United States, (ii) any extraordinary or material adverse change in the financial markets or major stock exchange indices in the United States or abroad or in the market price of the TRW shares, (iii) any change in the general political, market, economic or financial conditions in the U.S. or abroad that in the reasonable judgment of Northrop Grumman, could have a material adverse effect upon the business, properties, assets, liabilities, capitalization, stockholders' equity, condition (financial or otherwise), operations, licenses or franchises, results of operations or prospects of TRW or any of its subsidiaries, (iv) any material change in U.S. currency exchange rates or any other currency exchange rates or a suspension of, or limitation on, the markets therefor, (v) a declaration of a banking moratorium or any suspension of payments in respect of banks in the United States, (vi) any limitation (whether or not mandatory) by any government, domestic, foreign or supranational, or governmental entity on, or other event that, in the reasonable judgment of Northrop Grumman, might affect the extension of credit by banks or other lending institutions, (vii) a commencement of war or armed hostilities or other national or international calamity directly or indirectly involving the U.S., which in Northrop Grumman's reasonable judgment could have a material adverse effect on TRW, or (viii) in the case of any of the foregoing existing at the time of the commencement of the offer to exchange, a material acceleration or worsening thereof; and

(g) TRW shall not have entered into or effectuated any other agreement or transaction with any person or entity having the effect of impairing Northrop Grumman's ability to acquire TRW or otherwise diminishing the expected economic value to Northrop Grumman of the acquisition of TRW including, but not limited to, any material issuance of new securities of TRW, the declaration of any extraordinary dividend by TRW, the adoption of a shareholder rights plan by TRW or any other transaction not in the ordinary course of TRW's business.

The conditions listed above are solely for Northrop Grumman's benefit and Northrop Grumman may assert them regardless of the circumstances giving rise to any of the conditions. Northrop Grumman may waive any of these conditions in whole or in part prior to the expiration of the offer to exchange (other than the antitrust condition and the conditions set forth in clauses (b) and (c) above). The determination as to whether any condition has been satisfied shall be in Northrop Grumman's reasonable judgment and will be final and binding on all parties. The failure by Northrop Grumman at any time to exercise any of the foregoing rights shall not be deemed a waiver of any right and each right shall be deemed a continuing right which may be asserted at any time and from time to time.

#### **Ohio Litigation**

On March 4, 2002, Northrop Grumman filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio against TRW and certain other persons, seeking declaratory and injunctive relief with respect to Ohio's control share acquisition law, business combination law, and control bid law. The lawsuit alleges that such statutes conflict with the United States Constitution and United States laws governing the conduct of tender offers, and thus are unconstitutional. The complaint seeks declaratory and injunctive relief, as well as the costs of the lawsuit. Northrop Grumman is also requesting declarations from the court that: (a) the date of the first public disclosure of the offer to exchange, for purposes of the control share acquisition law, was March 4, 2002 and (b) the solicitation, acceptance, and voting of proxies at the special meeting does not make Northrop Grumman an interested shareholder as defined in the business combination law. No assurance can be provided as to the time which may be required for a final decision with respect to the issues presented, or as to the outcome of this lawsuit.

On March 4, 2002, TRW filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio against Northrop Grumman, the Attorney General of Ohio, the Director of Ohio's Department of Commerce and the Commissioner of Ohio's Division of Securities. The lawsuit seeks a judgment that the control share acquisition law, business combination law and control bid law are constitutional. The complaint seeks declaratory relief, as well as the costs of the lawsuit.

The Southern District action has been stayed by orders of both the Southern District Court and the Northern District Court. On March 18, 2002, Northrop Grumman filed a motion seeking a preliminary injunction, preventing the application of the control share acquisition law and the business combination law to the offer to exchange. In the alternative, Northrop Grumman seeks (a) to enjoin the application of the provision of the control share acquisition law requiring the exclusion of votes relating to "interested shares," to the extent it seeks to disenfranchise independent shareholders who purchased \$250,000 or more in TRW shares, either alone or in concert with others, after the public announcement of the offer to exchange, or (b) to prevent TRW from employing various restrictive and discriminatory presumptions and procedures at the special meeting. The parties were ordered to file position papers by March 29, 2002, after which the Southern District Court will determine how and when to decide Northrop Grumman's motion.

#### **Regulatory Approvals**

Other than clearance under the antitrust laws applicable to the offer to exchange and the TRW merger which are described above under Conditions to the Offer to Exchange - Antitrust Condition, the SEC declaring the effectiveness of the registration statement of which this offer to exchange is a part and the filings under the control bid law, Northrop Grumman does not believe that any additional material governmental filings are required with respect to the offer to exchange and the TRW merger.

#### **Source and Amount of Funds**

The offer to exchange is not conditioned upon any financing arrangements. Northrop Grumman will use working capital to pay any cash requirements of the offer to exchange.

### **Certain Relationships with TRW**

Except as set forth in this offer to exchange, neither Northrop Grumman nor, to the best of its knowledge, any of its directors, executive officers or other affiliates has any contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship with any other person with respect to any securities of TRW, including, but not limited to, any contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship concerning the transfer or the voting of any securities, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guaranties of loans, guaranties against loss or the giving or withholding of proxies. Except as described in this offer to exchange, there have been no contacts, negotiations or transactions since January 1, 1999, between Northrop Grumman or, to the best of its knowledge, any of Northrop Grumman's directors, executive officers or other affiliates on the one hand, and TRW or its affiliates, on the other hand, concerning a merger, consolidation or acquisition, a tender offer to exchange or other acquisition of securities, an election of directors, or a sale or other transfer of a material amount of assets. In the normal course of their businesses, Northrop Grumman and TRW are parties to transactions and agreements. Since January 1, 1999, Northrop Grumman believes that no such transaction had an aggregate value in excess of 1%, of TRW's consolidated revenues. Neither Northrop Grumman, nor, to the best of its knowledge, any of its directors, executive officers or other affiliates has since January 1, 1999 had any transaction with TRW or any of its executive officers, directors or affiliates that would require disclosure under the rules and regulations of the SEC applicable to the offer to exchange. As of the date of this offer to exchange, Northrop Grumman beneficially owns for its own account 4 shares of TRW common stock. In addition, Dr. Ronald D. Sugar, President and Chief Operating Officer and a director of Northrop Grumman, owns 21,475 shares of TRW common stock as trustee of Ronald D. Sugar Revocable Trust dated as of October 20, 1995. Dr. Ronald Sugar was employed by TRW through June 2000. In accordance with the terms of his employment with TRW, Dr. Sugar continues to receive compensation benefits from TRW relating to his past employment with TRW. To the best of Northrop Grumman's knowledge, no other officers or directors own TRW capital stock or have interests in TRW.

### **Fees and Expenses**

Northrop Grumman has retained Salomon Smith Barney to act as the dealer manager in connection with the offer to exchange and to provide various financial advisory services to Northrop Grumman in connection with the offer to exchange and any subsequent combination of TRW with Northrop Grumman or its wholly-owned subsidiary. Salomon Smith Barney will receive reasonable and customary compensation for these services and will be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses, including reasonable expenses of counsel and other advisors. Northrop Grumman has agreed to indemnify Salomon Smith Barney and related persons against various liabilities and expenses in connection with its services as the dealer manager and financial advisor, including various liabilities and expenses under the U.S. federal and state securities laws. From time to time, Salomon Smith Barney and its affiliates may actively trade the debt and equity securities of Northrop Grumman and TRW for their own account or for the accounts of customers and, accordingly, may hold a long or short position in those securities. Salomon Smith Barney has in the past performed various investment banking and financial advisory services for Northrop Grumman for which they have received customary compensation.

Northrop Grumman has retained D. F. King & Co., Inc. as information agent in connection with the offer to exchange. The information agent may contact holders of TRW shares by mail, telephone, telex, telegraph and personal interview and may request brokers, dealers and other nominee stockholders to forward material relating to the offer to exchange to beneficial owners of TRW shares. Northrop Grumman will pay the information agent reasonable and customary compensation for these services in addition to reimbursing the information agent for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. Northrop Grumman has agreed to indemnify the information agent against various liabilities and expenses in connection with the offer to exchange, including various liabilities under the U.S. federal securities laws.

In addition, Northrop Grumman has retained Equiserve Trust Company as the exchange agent. Northrop Grumman will pay the exchange agent reasonable and customary compensation for its services in connection with the offer to exchange, will reimburse the exchange agent for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and will

indemnify the exchange agent against various liabilities and expenses, including various liabilities under the U.S. federal securities laws.

Northrop Grumman will not pay any fees or commissions to any broker, dealer or other person for soliciting tenders of TRW shares pursuant to the offer to exchange. Northrop Grumman will reimburse brokers, dealers, commercial banks and trust companies and other nominees, upon request, for customary clerical and mailing expenses incurred by them in forwarding offering materials to their customers.

**Accounting Treatment**

The acquisition of TRW by Northrop Grumman would be accounted for under the purchase method of accounting under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, which means that TRW's results of operations will be included with ours from the closing date and its consolidated assets and liabilities will be recorded at their fair values at the same date.

**Stock Exchange Listing**

Northrop Grumman's common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and the Pacific Exchange. Northrop Grumman will make an application to list on the New York Stock Exchange and the Pacific Exchange the Northrop Grumman common stock that will be issued pursuant to the offer to exchange and the TRW merger.

**COMPARATIVE PER SHARE MARKET PRICE AND DIVIDEND INFORMATION**

Northrop Grumman common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and the Pacific Exchange under the symbol NOC. TRW common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the Pacific Exchange, the Chicago Stock Exchange and the Philadelphia Stock Exchange under the symbol TRW. The table below sets forth, for the calendar quarters indicated, the high and low sales prices per share reported on the New York Stock Exchange and the dividends declared on Northrop Grumman common stock and on TRW common stock.

	<b>Northrop Grumman Common Stock</b>			<b>TRW Common Stock</b>		
	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Dividends</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Dividends</b>
<b>1999</b>						
March 31, 1999	\$ 73.25	\$ 57.00	\$ 0.40	\$ 58.63	\$ 44.75	\$ 0.33
June 30, 1999	73.31	57.75	0.40	54.94	41.94	0.33
September 30, 1999	75.69	59.94	0.40	57.19	48.06	0.33
December 31, 1999	62.31	49.00	0.40	53.94	41.50	0.33
<b>2000</b>						
March 31, 2000	55.19	43.56	0.40	64.13	39.81	0.33
June 30, 2000	80.25	52.44	0.40	59.94	43.19	0.33
September 30, 2000	91.81	65.63	0.40	52.13	40.31	0.33
December 31, 2000	92.50	74.13	0.40	42.00	29.88	0.35
<b>2001</b>						
March 31, 2001	97.54	79.81	0.40	40.34	33.86	0.35
June 30, 2001	95.37	77.60	0.40	44.95	33.48	0.35
September 30, 2001	102.97	77.00	0.40	44.35	28.01	0.35
December 31, 2001	108.97	89.02	0.40	40.51	30.01	0.18
<b>2002</b>						
March 27, 2002	117.80	96.00	0.40	51.61	34.82	0.18

On March 1, 2002, the last full trading day prior to the date of this offer to exchange, the last sale price per share of Northrop Grumman common stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$107.75 and the last sale price per share of TRW common stock was \$50.05. On March 27, 2002, the closing price per share of Northrop Grumman common stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$111.50 and the closing price per share of TRW common stock was \$51.61.

Northrop Grumman urges TRW's shareholders to obtain current market quotations for Northrop Grumman and TRW common stock before making any decision regarding the offer to exchange.

**UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements presented below are derived from the historical consolidated financial statements of each of Northrop Grumman, Litton, Newport News and TRW. The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements are prepared using the purchase method of accounting, with Northrop Grumman treated as the acquirer and as if the Litton, Newport News and TRW acquisitions had been completed on January 1, 2001 for statement of operations purposes and on December 31, 2001 for balance sheet purposes.

For a summary of the business combination, see "The Offer to Exchange" beginning on page 27 of this offer to exchange.

The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements are based upon the historical financial statements of Northrop Grumman, Litton, Newport News and TRW adjusted to give effect to the Litton, Newport News and TRW acquisitions. The pro forma amounts have been developed from (a) the audited consolidated financial statements of Northrop Grumman contained in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, which is incorporated by reference in this offer to exchange, (b) the unaudited consolidated financial statements contained in Litton's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended January 31, 2001, (c) the unaudited consolidated financial statements of Newport News contained in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 16, 2001, and (d) the audited consolidated financial statements of TRW contained in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 which is incorporated by reference in this offer to exchange.

The acquisition of Litton, on April 2, 2001, which is valued at approximately \$5.2 billion, including the assumption of Litton's net debt of \$1.3 billion, is accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Under the purchase method of accounting, the purchase price is allocated to the underlying tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their respective fair market values, with the excess recorded as goodwill. The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements reflect preliminary estimates of the fair market value of the Litton assets acquired and liabilities assumed and the related allocations of purchase price, and preliminary estimates of adjustments necessary to conform Litton data to Northrop Grumman's accounting policies. Purchased intangible assets identified and recorded are contract-based intangible assets. Northrop Grumman is currently reviewing the preliminary estimates of the fair market value of the Litton assets acquired and liabilities assumed, including valuations associated with certain contracts and restructuring activities and preliminary valuation study results for workers' compensation accruals and retiree benefits assets and liabilities. The final determination of the fair market value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed and final allocation of the purchase price may differ from the amounts assumed in these Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements. Adjustments to the purchase price allocations will be finalized by March 31, 2002, and will be reflected in future Northrop Grumman filings. There can be no assurance that such adjustments will not be material.

In November 2001, Northrop Grumman purchased pursuant to an exchange offer approximately 80.7 percent of the outstanding shares of Newport News common stock. In January 2002, Northrop Grumman completed the acquisition of the shares of Newport News common stock not previously purchased, issuing 3.2 million shares of common stock and paying cash for the remaining balance of the shares. For purposes of the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements, Northrop Grumman has assumed that all shares of Newport News were acquired on January 1, 2001 for statement of operations purposes and on December 31, 2001 for balance sheet purposes. The acquisition of Newport News, which is valued at approximately \$2.6 billion, including the assumption of Newport News net debt of \$400 million, is accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Northrop Grumman is in the early stages of the fair market value and accounting conformance evaluation process with respect to the Newport News acquisition. The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements reflect preliminary estimates of the fair market value of the assets acquired, including contract-based purchased intangible assets, and liabilities assumed and the related

allocations of purchase price and preliminary estimates of adjustments necessary to conform Newport News to Northrop Grumman's accounting policies. Adjustments to the purchase price allocations are expected to be finalized by June 30, 2002, and will be reflected in future filings. There can be no assurance that such adjustments will not be material.

As of the date of the offer to exchange, Northrop Grumman has not performed the valuation studies necessary to arrive at the required estimates of the fair market value of the TRW assets to be acquired and the TRW liabilities to be assumed and the related allocations of purchase price, nor has it identified the adjustments necessary, if any, to conform TRW data to Northrop Grumman's accounting policies. Accordingly, Northrop Grumman has used the historical book values of the assets and liabilities of TRW and has used the historical revenue recognition policies of TRW to prepare the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements set forth herein, with the excess of the purchase price over the historical net assets of TRW recorded as goodwill and other purchased intangibles. Once Northrop Grumman has determined the final purchase price for TRW and has completed the valuation studies necessary to finalize the required purchase price allocations and identified any necessary conforming changes for TRW, such pro forma financial statements will be subject to adjustment. Such adjustments will likely result in changes to the pro forma statement of financial position to reflect the final allocations of purchase price and the pro forma statements of income, and there can be no assurance that such adjustments will not be material. TRW information includes all segments and subsidiaries as it is not possible to segregate amounts pertaining to Automotive, Space and other Defense units. In the event that a transaction were completed, Northrop Grumman has indicated that it would sell or spin off the automotive operations of TRW. There currently is no agreement for the sale of the automotive business and there can be no assurance that a sale will be consummated or with respect to the terms of such sale. Such a transaction would materially change the pro forma information provided herein.

The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements are provided for illustrative purposes only and do not purport to represent what the actual consolidated results of operations or the consolidated financial position of Northrop Grumman would have been had Northrop Grumman's offer to exchange and the Litton, Newport News and TRW acquisitions occurred on the dates assumed, nor are they necessarily indicative of future consolidated results of operations or financial position.

The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements do not include the realization of cost savings from operating efficiencies, synergies or other restructurings resulting from the Litton, Newport News and TRW acquisitions.

The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the separate historical consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes of Northrop Grumman and TRW that are incorporated by reference in this offer to exchange.

**Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined  
Statement of Financial Position**  
December 31, 2001  
(\$ in millions)

	Northrop Grumman	Pro Forma Adjustments	Northrop Grumman Adjusted	TRW	Pro Forma Adjustments	Combined
<b>Assets:</b>						
<b>Current assets</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 464	\$	\$ 464	\$ 240	\$	\$ 704
Accounts receivable	2,735		2,735	1,596		4,331
Interest in securitized receivables				162		162
Inventoried costs	1,226		1,226	763		1,989
Deferred income taxes	36		36	231		267
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	128		128	170		298
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>4,589</b>		<b>4,589</b>	<b>3,162</b>		<b>7,751</b>
<b>Property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>3,940</b>	<b>166(a)</b>	<b>4,106</b>	<b>8,266</b>		<b>12,372</b>
Accumulated depreciation	(1,173)		(1,173)	(4,724)		(5,897)
<b>Property, plant and equipment, net</b>	<b>2,767</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>2,933</b>	<b>3,542</b>		<b>6,475</b>
<b>Other assets</b>						
Goodwill, net	8,668	119(a)	8,787	3,811	1,894 (k)	14,492
Purchased intangible assets, net	1,139	519(a)	1,658		1,902 (k)	3,560
Prepaid retiree benefits cost and intangible pension asset	3,075		3,075	2,871		5,946
Other assets	648	(1)(a)	647	1,058		1,705
	<b>13,530</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>14,167</b>	<b>7,740</b>	<b>3,796</b>	<b>25,703</b>
	<b>\$ 20,886</b>	<b>\$ 803</b>	<b>\$ 21,689</b>	<b>\$ 14,444</b>	<b>\$ 3,796</b>	<b>\$ 39,929</b>
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders Equity</b>						
<b>Current liabilities</b>						
Notes payable and current portion of long term debt	\$ 458	\$	\$ 458	\$ 839	\$	\$ 1,297
Accounts payable	1,019		1,019	1,742		2,761
Accrued employees compensation	847		847	477		1,324
Contract loss provision	843		843			843
Advances on contracts	656		656			656
Income taxes	137		137	173		310
Other current liabilities	1,172		1,172	1,527		2,699
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>5,132</b>		<b>5,132</b>	<b>4,758</b>		<b>9,890</b>
<b>Long-term debt</b>	<b>5,033</b>	<b>127(a)</b>	<b>5,160</b>	<b>4,870</b>		<b>10,030</b>
Accrued retiree benefits	1,931	224(a)	2,155			2,155
Minority liability	122	(107)(a)	15			15
Deferred tax and other long-term liabilities	927	253(a)	1,180	2,630		3,810

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Redeemable preferred stock	350		350			350
Shareholders' equity						
Paid in capital and unearned compensation	4,433	306(a)	4,739	559	5,423(k)	10,721
Retained earnings	3,011		3,011	2,468	(2,468)(k)	3,011
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(53)		(53)	(469)	469(k)	(53)
Stock Employee Compensation Trust						
Treasury Shares - cost in excess of par value				(372)	372(k)	
	<u>7,391</u>	<u>306</u>	<u>7,697</u>	<u>2,186</u>	<u>3,796</u>	<u>13,679</u>
	<u>\$ 20,886</u>	<u>\$ 803</u>	<u>\$ 21,689</u>	<u>\$ 14,444</u>	<u>\$ 3,796</u>	<u>\$ 39,929</u>

**Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined  
Statement of Income**

*Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2001  
(\$ in millions, except per share)*

	Northrop Grumman	Litton	Pro Forma Adjustments	Pro Forma Combined	Newport News	Pro Forma Adjustments	Pro Forma Combined	TRW	Pro Forma Adjustments	Pro Forma Combined
Sales and service revenues	\$ 13,558	\$ 1,345	\$ (18)(b)	\$ 14,885	\$ 2,024	\$ (58)(b)	\$ 16,851	\$ 16,383	\$	\$ 33,234
Cost of sales										
Operating Costs	11,219	1,120	13(b)(c)(d)	12,352	1,640	27(b)(d)(h)(j)	14,019	14,225	33 (h)(j)	28,277
Administrative and general expenses	1,335	121		1,456	189		1,645	1,111		2,756
Operating margin	1,004	104	(31)	1,077	195	(85)	1,187	1,047	(33)	2,201
Interest expense	(373)	(27)	(41)(e)	(441)	(46)	(32)(i)	(519)	(478)		(997)
Other, net	68	3		71			71	(429)		(358)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	699	80	(72)	707	149	(117)	739	140	(33)	846
Federal and foreign income taxes	272	30	(25)(f)	277	59	(46)(f)(j)	290	72	(1)(f)(j)	361
Income from continuing operations	\$ 427	\$ 50	\$ (47)	\$ 430	\$ 90	\$ (71)	\$ 449	\$ 68	\$ (32)	\$ 485
Less, dividends paid to preferred shareholders	(18)		(7)(g)	(25)			(25)			(25)
Income available to common shareholders	\$ 409	\$ 50	\$ (54)	\$ 405	\$ 90	\$ (71)	\$ 424	\$ 68	\$ (32)	\$ 460
Average shares basic	84.46			86.60			\$ 103.24			159.18(1)
Average shares diluted	85.26			87.50			104.14			160.08(1)
Basic earnings per share:										
Continuing operations	\$ 4.84			\$ 4.68			\$ 4.11			\$ 2.89(1)
Diluted earnings per share:										
Continuing operations	\$ 4.80*			\$ 4.63*			\$ 4.07*			\$ 2.87*(1)

\* Calculated by dividing income available to common shareholders by average shares diluted, which is calculated assuming preferred shares are not converted to common shares, resulting in the most dilutive effect.

**Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements**

- (a) Adjustments to record the completion of the acquisition of Newport News including the following: (i) issuance of common stock for the purchase of remaining shares, (ii) additional debt for the purchase of remaining shares and acquisition related costs, (iii) fair value adjustments, (iv) elimination of minority liability and (v) additional goodwill and other purchased intangibles.
- (b) Adjustment to eliminate intercompany sales and cost of sales transactions between Northrop Grumman and Litton, and between Northrop Grumman and Newport News.
- (c) Adjustment to amortize the preliminary estimate of goodwill and other purchased intangible assets arising out of the acquisition of Litton over an estimated weighted average life of 26 years on a straight line basis.
- (d) Adjustment to record depreciation of property, plant and equipment and amortization of capitalized software arising from fair market value adjustments for the Litton and Newport News acquisitions.
- (e) Adjustment to record interest expense and the amortization of debt issuance costs on new financing for the acquisition of Litton at a weighted average rate of 6.5 percent for the year ended December 31, 2001.
- (f) Adjustment to record income tax effects on pre-tax pro forma adjustments, using a statutory tax rate of thirty-five percent.
- (g) Adjusted, pro rata, for dividends to preferred shareholders using \$7 per share dividend rate for redeemable preferred stock issued in the acquisition of Litton.
- (h) Adjustment to amortize estimated purchased intangible assets arising out of the Newport News and TRW acquisitions over an estimated life of 10 years on a straight line basis. Goodwill arising from the Newport News and TRW acquisitions has not been amortized in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 142: *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*.
- (i) Adjustment to record interest on debt financing for the Newport News acquisition at a weighted average rate of 4.8 percent for the year ended December 31, 2001.
- (j) Adjustments to reclassify state income tax expense from federal and foreign income taxes to operating costs to conform Newport News and TRW data to classifications utilized by Northrop Grumman.
- (k) Adjustments to (i) eliminate the equity of TRW, (ii) record issuance of Northrop Grumman stock, and (iii) record goodwill and other purchased intangibles arising from the acquisition of TRW.

The amount of purchase price allocated to goodwill and other purchased intangibles is subject to change and is calculated based on the assumption that Northrop Grumman has acquired 100% of the TRW common stock and Serial Preference Stock II, and accordingly, has issued 55,940,340 shares of Northrop Grumman common stock in the TRW acquisition.

The value ascribed to the Northrop Grumman common stock exchanged in the TRW acquisition is \$106.94, which represents the 5-day average of the Northrop Grumman closing stock prices from March 5, 2002 through March 11, 2002.

- (l) Calculated based on the assumption that Northrop Grumman has acquired 100% of the TRW common stock and Serial Preference Stock II, and accordingly, has issued 55,940,340 shares of Northrop Grumman common stock, determined using the 5-day average of the Northrop Grumman closing stock prices from March 5, 2002 through March 11, 2002, of \$106.94. Using the maximum exchange ratio of 0.4563 would result in the issuance of 58.08 million Northrop Grumman shares and pro forma basic earnings per share and diluted earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2001, of \$2.85 and \$2.84, respectively. Using the minimum exchange ratio of 0.4159 would result in the issuance of 52.94 million Northrop Grumman shares and pro forma basic earnings per share and diluted earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2001, of \$2.95 and \$2.93, respectively.

### DESCRIPTION OF NORTHROP GRUMMAN COMMON STOCK

The following description of the terms of the common stock of Northrop Grumman is not meant to be complete and is qualified by reference to Northrop Grumman's Certificate of Incorporation, which is incorporated by reference. See *Additional Information* beginning on page 61.

Northrop Grumman is authorized to issue 400,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share. As of March 21, 2002, 112,349,073 shares of Northrop Grumman common stock were outstanding and 19,098,587 shares were subject to outstanding options and other rights to purchase or acquire. Northrop Grumman's common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and on the Pacific Stock Exchange.

*Dividends.* Dividends may be paid on the common stock and on any class or series of stock entitled to participate with the common stock as to dividends, but only when and as declared by Northrop Grumman's board of directors.

*Voting Rights.* Each holder of Northrop Grumman's common stock is entitled to one vote per share on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders and does not have cumulative voting rights.

*Liquidation.* If Northrop Grumman liquidates, holders of common stock are entitled to receive all remaining assets available for distribution to stockholders after satisfaction of Northrop Grumman's liabilities and the preferential rights of any preferred stock that may be outstanding at that time. Northrop Grumman's outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and nonassessable. The holders of Northrop Grumman's common stock do not have any preemptive, conversion or redemption rights. The registrar and transfer agent for Northrop Grumman's common stock is EquiServe Trust Company.

*Preferred Stock Purchase Rights.* Northrop Grumman has adopted a rights plan pursuant to which a preferred share purchase right is attached to each share of Northrop Grumman common stock that is or becomes outstanding prior to October 31, 2008, including the shares to be issued to TRW shareholders pursuant to the offer to exchange and the TRW merger. The rights become exercisable 10 days after the public announcement that any person or group has (1) acquired 15% or more of the outstanding shares of Northrop Grumman common stock or (2) initiated a tender offer for shares of Northrop Grumman common stock which, if consummated, would result in any person or group acquiring 15% or more of the outstanding shares of Northrop Grumman common stock. Once exercisable, each right will entitle the holder to purchase one one-thousandth of a share of Northrop Grumman Series A junior participating preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, at a price of \$250.00 per one one-thousandth of a share, subject to adjustment. Alternatively, under certain circumstances involving an acquisition of 15% or more of the Northrop Grumman common stock outstanding, each right will entitle its holder to purchase, at a fifty percent discount, a number of shares of Northrop Grumman common stock having a market value of two times the exercise price of the right. Northrop Grumman may (i) exchange the rights at an exchange ratio of one share of Northrop Grumman common stock per right and (ii) redeem the rights, at a price of \$0.01 per right, at any time prior to an acquisition of 15% or more of the outstanding shares of Northrop Grumman common stock by any person or group.

These rights have certain anti-takeover effects and cause substantial dilution to a person or group that attempts to acquire control of the corporation on terms not approved by Northrop Grumman's board of directors.

*Equity Security Units.* In November 2001, Northrop Grumman issued 9,200,000 shares of common stock and 6,900,000 equity security units, generating cash proceeds of \$1.45 billion. The proceeds were used to reduce existing debt and for general corporate purposes. Each equity security unit, issued at \$100 per unit, initially consists of a contract to purchase shares of Northrop Grumman common stock on November 16, 2004, and a \$100 senior note due 2006. The senior notes due 2006 are reported as long-term debt. The senior notes initially bear interest at 5.25 percent per annum, and each equity security unit also pays a contract adjustment payment of 2.0 percent per annum, for a combined yield on the equity security unit of 7.25 percent per annum. Each purchase

contract which is part of the equity security units will obligate the holder thereof to purchase, for \$100, the following number of shares of the company's common stock based on the average closing price of the company's common stock over the 20 day trading period ending on the third trading day immediately preceding November 16, 2004: (i) 0.9262 shares if the average closing price equals or exceeds \$107.97, (ii) a number of shares having a value equal to \$100.00 if the average closing price is less than \$107.97 but greater than \$88.50 and (iii) 1.1299 shares if the average closing price is less than or equal to \$88.50. Prior to November 16, 2004, holders of equity security units have the opportunity to participate in a remarketing of the senior note component.

**COMPARISON OF RIGHTS OF HOLDERS  
OF NORTHROP GRUMMAN COMMON STOCK AND  
TRW CAPITAL STOCK**

Upon completion of the offer to exchange and the TRW merger, TRW shareholders will become stockholders of Northrop Grumman, rather than shareholders of TRW. Since Northrop Grumman is a Delaware corporation, the rights of the stockholders of Northrop Grumman are governed by the applicable laws of the State of Delaware, including the Delaware General Corporation Law, and by Northrop Grumman's charter and bylaws. Since TRW is an Ohio corporation, the rights of the shareholders of TRW are governed by the applicable laws of the State of Ohio, including the Ohio Revised Code, and by TRW's amended articles of incorporation and regulations.

The following is a summary comparison of:

the current rights of TRW shareholders under the Ohio Revised Code and the TRW amended articles of incorporation and regulations;  
and

the rights TRW shareholders will have as Northrop Grumman stockholders under the Delaware General Corporation Law and the Northrop Grumman charter and bylaws upon the completion of the offer to exchange and the TRW merger.

The following summary discusses some of the material differences between the current rights of Northrop Grumman stockholders and TRW shareholders under the Delaware General Corporation Law and Ohio Revised Code, and under the charter and bylaws of Northrop Grumman and the amended articles of incorporation and regulations of TRW. The statements in this section are qualified in their entirety by reference to, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law, the Ohio Revised Code, Northrop Grumman's charter, Northrop Grumman's bylaws, TRW's amended articles of incorporation and TRW's regulations. Copies of the Northrop Grumman charter and bylaws and the TRW amended articles of incorporation and regulations are incorporated by reference herein and will be sent to TRW shareholders, upon request. See *Additional Information* beginning on page 61.

**Corporate Governance**

*Northrop Grumman.* The rights of Northrop Grumman stockholders are governed by Delaware corporate law and the charter and bylaws of Northrop Grumman.

*TRW.* The rights of TRW shareholders are governed by Ohio corporate law and the amended articles of incorporation and regulations of TRW.

**Authorized Capital Stock**

*Northrop Grumman.* The authorized capital stock of Northrop Grumman currently consists of 410,000,000 shares of capital stock consisting of (i) 400,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share and (ii) 10 million shares of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share.

*TRW.* The authorized capital stock of TRW currently consists of 505,099,536 shares of capital stock consisting of (i) 500,000,000 shares of common stock, no par value per share, (ii) 99,536 shares of Serial Preference Stock, no par value per share and (iii) 5 million shares of Serial Preference Stock II, no par value per share.

**Number, Classification and Election Board of Directors**

*Northrop Grumman.* The Northrop Grumman charter provides that the board of directors is to be divided into three classes of directors, each as nearly equal in number as possible, with each director elected for a term

expiring at the third succeeding annual meeting of stockholders after his or her election. The bylaws of Northrop Grumman provide that the number of directors will be fixed by resolution of the board of directors, but will be no less than three members. As of March 27, 2002, the Northrop Grumman board consisted of 10 directors.

Neither the Northrop Grumman charter nor the Northrop Grumman bylaws permits cumulative voting for the election of directors.

*TRW.* The TRW regulations provide that the board of directors is to be divided into three classes of directors with each director elected for a term expiring at the third succeeding annual meeting of shareholders after his or her election. The number of directors will be fixed by action of the board of directors, but will be no less than 12 members and no more than 18 members. As of March 4, 2002, the TRW board consisted of 13 directors with five directors per class.

The Ohio Revised Code provides that any shareholder may give written notice requesting that cumulative voting be used for the election of directors. The notice must be given to the President, a Vice-President or the Secretary of a corporation, generally not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding a meeting of shareholders for the purpose of electing directors. Furthermore, an announcement of the giving of such notice must be made upon the convening of the meeting by the Chairman or Secretary or by or on behalf of such shareholder.

#### **Removal of Directors**

*Northrop Grumman.* The Northrop Grumman charter provides that directors may be removed only for cause and only by the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than 80% of all outstanding shares of capital stock of Northrop Grumman having general voting power entitled to vote in connection with the election of a director, regardless of class and voting together as a single voting class; provided, however, that where the removal is approved by a majority of Continuing Directors (as defined in the Northrop Grumman charter), the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of all outstanding shares of voting stock entitled to vote in connection with the election of that director, regardless of class and voting together as a single voting class, is required for approval of removal.

*TRW.* Under the TRW amended articles of incorporation and the Ohio Revised Code, directors may be removed only for cause and only by the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than two-thirds of all outstanding shares of capital stock of TRW.

#### **Newly Created Directorships and Vacancies**

*Northrop Grumman.* The charter and bylaws of Northrop Grumman provide that any vacancies on the board or newly created directorships may be filled solely by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors, although less than a quorum. However, the Delaware General Corporation Law also provides that if the directors then in office constitute less than a majority of the board of directors, then, upon application by stockholders representing at least 10% of the outstanding shares entitled to vote for those directors, the Court of Chancery may order a stockholder election of director to be held.

*TRW.* TRW's regulations and the Ohio Revised Code provide that any vacancies on the board and newly created directorships may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office.

#### **Quorum**

*Northrop Grumman.* Northrop Grumman's bylaws provide for a quorum of a majority of the board of directors, except that when the board of directors consists of one director, then the one director will constitute a quorum.

*TRW.* The regulations of TRW provide that a quorum of the board of directors is the lesser of a majority of the board of directors then in office or five directors.

#### **Annual Meetings of Stockholders/Shareholders**

*Northrop Grumman.* The bylaws of Northrop Grumman provide that the annual meeting of stockholders will be held between May 1 and July 1 of each year on such date and time fixed by the board of directors.

*TRW.* The regulations of TRW provide that the annual meeting of shareholders will be held on the last Wednesday in April of each year, unless such day is a legal holiday, in which case the annual meeting will be held on the next day that is not a legal holiday.

#### **Special Meetings of Stockholders/Shareholders**

*Northrop Grumman.* Under the charter and bylaws of Northrop Grumman, special meetings of the stockholders may be called at any time by a majority of the board of directors, the Chairman of the board of directors or by the President and Chief Executive Officer.

*TRW.* TRW's regulations provide that special meetings of the shareholders may be called at any time by (i) the Chairman of the board of directors, (ii) the President, (iii) a Vice President, (iv) the board of directors acting at a meeting, (v) a majority of the board of directors acting without a meeting, or (vi) holders of not less than 35% of all of the outstanding shares entitled to vote at such meeting.

#### **Quorum**

*Northrop Grumman.* Northrop Grumman's bylaws provide that the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of a majority of the shares entitled to vote at a meeting constitutes a quorum for that meeting, except as otherwise provided by the Delaware General Corporation Law.

*TRW.* TRW's regulations provide that the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of not less than 35% of the shares entitled to vote at the meeting with respect to a purpose stated in the notice of such meeting constitutes a quorum for that meeting.

#### **Certain Voting Requirements**

*Northrop Grumman.* Under the Northrop Grumman bylaws, except as otherwise provided by the Northrop Grumman charter or by applicable law, action by Northrop Grumman stockholders generally is taken by the affirmative vote, at a meeting at which a quorum is present, of a majority of the votes cast on that action, including certain extraordinary actions, such as mergers, consolidations and amendments to the Northrop Grumman charter. However, the Northrop Grumman charter requires the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than 80% of the outstanding shares of voting stock to approve an amendment of certain articles in the charter. The charter also requires the affirmative vote of at least 80% of all outstanding shares entitled to vote to approve a Business Combination (as defined in the Northrop Grumman charter) involving specific related persons.

Each share of Northrop Grumman common stock entitles the holder to one vote on each matter upon which stockholders have the right to vote.

*TRW.* Under the TRW regulations, except as otherwise provided by the TRW amended articles of incorporation or by applicable law, action by TRW shareholders generally is taken by the affirmative vote, at a meeting at which a quorum is present, of a majority of the votes cast on that action. However, the TRW amended articles of incorporation require the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares

of Serial Preference Stock II or at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of Serial Preference Stock II, as the case may be, voting separately as a class, to approve the amendment of certain articles in the amended articles of incorporation or the regulations.

Each share of TRW common stock and each share of Serial Preference Stock II entitles the holder to one vote on each matter upon which TRW shareholders have the right to vote. Each share of Serial Preference Stock II entitles the holder to two votes on each matter upon which TRW shareholders have the right to vote.

#### **Stockholder/Shareholder Action by Written Consent**

*Northrop Grumman.* Under the Northrop Grumman charter and bylaws, any action required or permitted to be taken by the stockholders must be effected at a duly called annual meeting or at special meeting of stockholders, unless such action requiring or permitting stockholder approval is approved by a majority of the continuing directors (as defined in the Northrop Grumman charter), in which case that action may be authorized or taken by the written consent of the holders of outstanding shares of voting stock having not less than the minimum voting power that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting of stockholders at which all shares entitled to vote thereon were present and voted provided all other requirements of applicable law and the charter have been satisfied.

*TRW.* The Ohio Revised Code provides that shareholder action may be taken without a meeting upon the written consent of the holders of all the outstanding shares entitled to vote. Shareholder action to amend the TRW regulations may be taken without a meeting upon the written consent of the holders of two-thirds of the outstanding shares entitled to vote.

#### **Business Conducted at Stockholders /Shareholders Meetings**

*Northrop Grumman.* The Northrop Grumman bylaws provide that with respect to any stockholder meeting, nominations of persons election to the board and the proposal of business to be considered by stockholders may be made only (a) by or at the direction of the board of directors, (b) by a stockholder of record who is entitled to vote and who has complied with the advance notice procedures set forth in the bylaws or (c) pursuant to Northrop Grumman's notice with respect to that meeting.

*TRW.* Under the Ohio Revised Code, shareholders must be given written notice of the time, place and purpose or purposes of every shareholder meeting, except as otherwise provided in the Ohio Revised Code.

#### **Amendments of Charter/Articles of Incorporation**

*Northrop Grumman.* Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote is required to amend the Northrop Grumman charter. In addition, amendments that make changes relating to the capital stock by increasing or decreasing the par value or the aggregate number of authorized shares of a class or otherwise adversely affecting the rights of that class, must be approved by the majority vote of each class of stock affected, unless, in the case of an increase in the number of shares, the certificate of incorporation takes away that right, and provided that, if the amendment affects some series, then only those series have such vote. The Northrop Grumman charter provides that specified articles may be adopted, repealed, rescinded, altered or amended only by the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than 80% of the voting power of all outstanding shares of voting stock, regardless of class and voting together as a single voting class, and where that action is proposed by an interested stockholder (as defined in the Northrop Grumman charter) or an associate or affiliate (each as defined in the Northrop Grumman charter) of an interested stockholder, by the majority of the voting power of all of the outstanding shares of voting stock, voting together as a single class, other than shares held by the interested person; provided, however, that where the action is approved by a majority of the continuing directors (as defined in the Northrop Grumman charter), the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of all outstanding shares of voting stock, regardless of class and voting together as a single voting class shall be required for approval of that action.

*TRW.* Under the Ohio Revised Code, TRW's amended articles of incorporation may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting power of the corporation, unless otherwise specified in the corporation's articles of incorporation. The TRW articles of incorporation provide that the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outs