



Reuters Begins Tender Offer to Acquire Multex

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London – Reuters Group PLC (LSE: RTR, NASDAQ: RTRSY), the global information company, today is commencing its previously-announced tender offer for all outstanding shares of Multex.com, Inc. (Nasdaq: MLTX), a premier provider of global financial information.

The offer will expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on Tuesday, 25 March 2003, unless the offer is extended.

The two companies last week announced an agreement for Reuters to acquire Multex for \$7.35 per share in cash. The tender offer, which is being conducted pursuant to the agreement, is subject to customary conditions, including standard regulatory approvals, and requires that sufficient shares be tendered for Reuters to obtain at least a majority of Multex's fully diluted shares when added to the 6% interest it already holds. The tender offer will be followed by a merger in which all remaining Multex shareholders will receive the same per share price.

MacKenzie Partners, Inc. has been retained by Reuters to act as information agent for its tender offer.

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