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The following is an e-mail sent by John W. Thompson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Symantec to employees of Symantec on March 29, 2005:

Dear Colleagues:

Yesterday we announced that the Board of Directors approved a \$3 billion post-merger expansion of the company's previously authorized share repurchase program to a total of \$4.24 billion. As we stated in our press release, we expect to repurchase shares for cash in open market transactions between the completion of the merger with VERITAS and March 31, 2006.

The Board's decision to authorize a repurchase of this size is a strong public statement of their commitment to continue to deliver value to shareholders and their belief in the long-term prospects for the combined company. That support is based on the very successful performance and execution track records of both the Symantec and VERITAS teams and on the progress we have made so far in the integration of both companies.

While I'm encouraged by our integration planning efforts so far, let's not fool ourselves, there is still much to do. Believe it or not, the planning is actually the easy part. Getting two successful teams to work side by side, to adjust to different ways of doing business, to learn how to read each other's unspoken signals and body language, to adopt a different process when the old one worked... those will all be far more trying for each of us than the planning process.

As we move toward the close of the merger, it's important for all of us to keep focused on what's really important and to minimize the distractions and little annoyances that come up from time to time. What's important is the success of the combined company in helping customers grow their business and solve their security and availability problems. Our Board of Directors is clearly focused on a promising future for the new Symantec, now it is up to us to deliver on that promise.

Regards,

John W. Thompson

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Symantec Corporation has filed a registration statement on Form S-4 containing a preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus in connection with the merger transaction involving Symantec and VERITAS Software Corporation. We urge investors and security holders to read this filing (as well as the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available) because it contains important information about the merger. Symantec, VERITAS and their directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from stockholders in connection with the merger. Information regarding the special interests of these directors and executive officers in the merger is included in the preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus described above. Additional information regarding the directors and executive officers of Symantec or VERITAS is also included in Symantec's proxy statement for its 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on July 30, 2004 or VERITAS' proxy statement for its 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on July 21, 2004. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents described above and other documents filed with the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or by contacting Symantec Investor Relations at 408-517-8239 or VERITAS Investor Relations at 650-527-4523.