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PRESS RELEASE

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April 10, 2003

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NATIONAL SERVICE INDUSTRIES ANNOUNCES FILING OF PRELIMINARY PROXY  
STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED MERGER

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ATLANTA - National Service Industries, Inc. (NYSE: NSI) today announced it has filed a preliminary proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for a special meeting of stockholders to be held to consider the previously announced definitive merger agreement that provides for the acquisition of NSI by an affiliate of California Investment Fund, LLC.

Pursuant to the agreement, each outstanding share of NSI common stock will be converted into the right to receive \$10.00 in cash. The closing of the transaction is subject to the approval of the NSI stockholders, the receipt of certain financing, and other customary conditions. The preliminary proxy statement contains important information regarding these conditions and the transaction in general.

Once the preliminary proxy statement is cleared by the SEC, NSI will mail a definitive proxy statement to its stockholders of record. The date of the special meeting of stockholders and the record date for the meeting will be specified in the definitive proxy statement. For stockholders' general information, the preliminary proxy statement is available from the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or NSI's website at [www.nationalservice.com](http://www.nationalservice.com).

National Service Industries, Inc., with fiscal year 2002 sales of \$530 million, has two business segments -- textile rental and envelopes.

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In connection with NSI's solicitation of proxies with respect to its special meeting of stockholders concerning the proposed merger, NSI will file a definitive proxy statement with the SEC and furnish NSI stockholders with a copy of the definitive proxy statement. NSI stockholders will be able to obtain a free copy of the definitive proxy statement (when available) and other relevant documents filed with the SEC from the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). NSI stockholders may also obtain a free copy of the definitive proxy statement and other documents (when available) by directing a request by mail or telephone to National Service Industries, Inc., 1420 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30309, Attention: Investor Relations, Telephone: (404) 853-1228.

AS IN ALL PROXY MATTERS, THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT SHOULD BE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING A DECISION CONCERNING THE MERGER. NSI STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED MERGER WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

NSI and its directors may be deemed to be "participants" in the solicitation of proxies from NSI stockholders in favor of the merger agreement. Information regarding the persons who may be considered "participants" in the solicitation of proxies is set forth in the preliminary proxy statement referenced above and will be set forth in the definitive proxy statement.