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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements made herein contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The words "expect," "will," "look forward to" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

The expectations set forth in this filing regarding accretion, returns on invested capital, achievement of annual savings and synergies, achievement of strong cash flow, sufficiency of cash flow to fund capital expenditures and achievement of debt reduction targets are only the parties' expectations regarding these matters. Actual results could differ materially from these expectations depending on factors such as the combined company's cost of capital, the ability of the combined company to identify and implement cost savings, synergies and efficiencies in the time frame needed to achieve these expectations, prior contractual commitments of the combined companies and their ability to terminate these commitments or amend, renegotiate or settle the same, the combined company's actual capital needs, the absence of any material incident of property damage or other hazard that could affect the need to effect capital expenditures, any unforeseen merger or acquisition opportunities that could affect capital needs, the costs incurred in implementing synergies and the factors that generally affect both Yellow's and Roadway's respective businesses as further outlined in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in each of the companies' respective Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002 and the Risk Factors outlined in Yellow's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 4, 2003 and its Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed on August 19, 2003. Yellow's plans regarding the maintenance of the separate Yellow and Roadway brands and networks, the continuation of the Roadway headquarters as a major operational center, the focus on administrative and back office synergies and workforce rationalizations are only its current plans and intentions regarding these matters. Actual actions that the combined company may take may differ from time to time as the combined company may deem necessary or advisable in the best interest of the combined company and its shareholders to attempt to achieve the successful integration of the companies, the synergies needed to make the transaction a financial success and to react to the economy and the combined company's market for its transportation services.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Yellow and Roadway will file a proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents concerning the proposed merger transaction with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ). Investors are urged to read the proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC because they will contain important information. You will be able to obtain the documents free of charge at the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, you may obtain documents filed with the SEC by Yellow free of charge by requesting them in writing from Yellow or by telephone at (913) 696-6100. You may obtain documents filed with the SEC by Roadway free of charge by requesting them in writing from Roadway or by telephone at (330) 384-1717. Yellow and Roadway, and their respective directors and executive officers, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Yellow and Roadway in connection with the merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of Yellow and their ownership of Yellow stock is set forth in the proxy statement for Yellow s 2003 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Information about the directors and executive officers of Roadway and their ownership of Roadway stock is set forth in the proxy statement for Roadway s 2003 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of such participants by reading the proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available.

The following document is filed herewith pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act of 1933:

Press Release of Yellow Corporation dated October 17, 2003.

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**NEWS RELEASE**

**YELLOW CORPORATION**

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**For Immediate Release**

**YELLOW ANNOUNCES DECEMBER 9, 2003 SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

OVERLAND PARK, KAN. Yellow Corporation (NASDAQ: YELL) (Yellow) today announced a special meeting of its stockholders. The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., CST on December 9, 2003 at Yellow corporate headquarters at 10990 Roe Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66211. The special meeting will be held for the purpose of approving the issuance of additional shares of Yellow common stock to stockholders of Roadway Corporation (NASDAQ: ROAD) (Roadway) in connection with the Yellow acquisition of Roadway. Additionally, stockholders will be asked to consider and vote upon a proposal to change the name of Yellow Corporation to Yellow Roadway Corporation effective with the closing of the transaction. Roadway will also have a special meeting of stockholders on December 9, 2003 to consider the approval of the transaction with Yellow.

Assuming stockholder approvals, receipt of all regulatory clearances and the successful completion of financing, the Roadway transaction could close as early as December 11, 2003.

*Yellow Corporation, a Fortune 500 company, is a holding company that through wholly-owned operating subsidiaries offers its customers a wide range of asset and non-asset-based transportation services integrated by technology. Its largest subsidiary, Yellow Transportation, offers a full range of regional, national and international services for the movement of industrial, commercial and retail goods. Meridian IQ is a non-asset global transportation management company that plans and coordinates the movement of goods worldwide. Yellow Technologies provides innovative technology solutions and services exclusively for Yellow Corporation companies. Headquartered in Overland Park, Kansas, Yellow Corporation employs approximately 23,000 people.*

*Roadway Corporation, a Fortune 500 company included in the Dow Jones Transportation Average, is a holding company that through its operating subsidiaries offers its customers a wide range of transportation services. Its principal subsidiaries include Roadway Express and Roadway Next Day Corporation. Roadway Express is a leading transporter of industrial, commercial and retail goods in the two to five day regional and long-haul markets. Roadway Next Day Corporation is focused on business opportunities in the shorter-haul regional and next day markets. Headquartered in Akron, Ohio, Roadway Corporation employs approximately 27,000 people.*

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