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Subject Company:

CF Industries Holdings, Inc.

**Agrium Offer to Acquire CF Industries in Cash and Stock Deal**

(ALL AMOUNTS ARE STATED IN U.S.\$)

**Companies**

**Ticker**

NYSE, TSX: AGU

NYSE: CF

**Description**

Agrium Inc. is a major retail supplier of agricultural products and services in both North and South America and a leading global producer and marketer of agricultural nutrients and industrial products. Agrium produces and markets three primary groups of nutrients: nitrogen, phosphate and potash as well as controlled release fertilizers and micronutrients. Agrium's strategy is to grow through incremental expansion of its existing operations and acquisitions as well as the development, commercialization and marketing of new products and international opportunities. Contact us at: [www.agrium.com](http://www.agrium.com).

CF Industries Holdings, Inc., headquartered in Deerfield, Illinois, is the holding company for the operations of CF Industries, Inc. CF Industries, Inc. is a major producer and distributor of nitrogen and phosphate fertilizer products. CF Industries operates world-scale nitrogen fertilizer plants in Donaldsonville, Louisiana and Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada; conducts phosphate mining and manufacturing operations in Central Florida; and distributes fertilizer products through a system of terminals, warehouses, and associated transportation equipment located primarily in the Midwestern United States. The company also owns a 50 percent interest in KEYTRADE AG, a global fertilizer trading organization headquartered near Zurich, Switzerland. Additional information on CF Industries is found on the company's website at [www.cfindustries.com](http://www.cfindustries.com).

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**Employees**

Approximately 11,000

Approximately 1,400

**Financial Highlights  
FYE08**

Net Sales: \$10.03-billion  
EBITDA: \$2.32-billion  
Net Earnings: \$1.32-billion

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Net Earnings: \$684.6-million

**Combined Company**

**Wholesale Capacity:**

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(before synergies)

Over 12 million tonnes nitrogen products

2.9 million tonnes of phosphate products

2.1 million tonnes potash

**Retail:** Agrium operates over 800 retail centers in the U.S. and South America

**Net Sales:** \$13.95-billion (As of FYE 08)

**EBITDA:** \$3.46-billion (As of FYE 08)

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**Strategic Rationale**

Creates a global leader in crop nutrient production and distribution

Complementary geographic and product fit in nitrogen production and distribution, triples phosphate and UAN capacity, and strengthens all other businesses

Compelling value for Agrium and CF stockholders:

Significant premium to CF stockholders

Anticipated annual operating synergies of approximately \$150-million, phased in over three years following closing

Expected to be accretive to both earnings per share and cash flow in 2010 and will continue to be accretive in subsequent years

A significant Agrium share component allows CF stockholders an opportunity to participate in further value creation in the new enterprise

**Terms**

Agrium proposing to acquire CF in cash and stock deal

Aggregate consideration of \$5.1-billion in cash and shares

CF stockholders to receive \$45.00 in cash and one Agrium common share

Pro forma ownership: 76% Agrium and 24% CF Industries

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<b>Conditions</b>	Highly confident letters from Royal Bank of Canada and The Bank of Nova Scotia
	Negotiation of definitive merger agreement
	Receipt of regulatory and other customary approvals, if any
	Absence of any material adverse changes to CF or its business and the continued operation of CF in the ordinary course of business
	Agrium's ability to conduct limited confirmatory due diligence
	Ability to obtain financing on reasonably satisfactory terms
<b>Benefits to Customers</b>	The combined assets of Agrium and CF would enhance distribution, allowing Agrium to more effectively meet customers' needs
	The coordination of production and distribution assets would provide more stable and timely delivery of nitrogen and phosphate nutrients to end users
	Customers would also benefit from efficient distribution of potash nutrients through the combined distribution networks
<b>Benefits to Agribusiness Industry</b>	Efficiencies in the combined entities' production and distribution assets will enhance the viability of North American nitrogen production in an increasingly competitive global marketplace
	The combined company would compete globally while keeping manufacturing jobs in North America

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**Combined Production and Distribution Assets**

**Additional Information:** For more information please visit [www.agrium.com/investor\\_information/index.jsp](http://www.agrium.com/investor_information/index.jsp)

**Important Information**

This document does not constitute an offer to exchange, or a solicitation of an offer to exchange, common stock of CF Industries Holdings, Inc. ( CF ), nor is it a substitute for the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO or the Prospectus/Offer to Exchange included in the Registration Statement on Form F-4 (including the Letter of Transmittal and related documents) (collectively, as amended from time to time, the Exchange Offer Documents ) filed by Agrium Inc. ( Agrium ) with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) on March 16, 2009. The Registration Statement on Form F-4 has not yet become effective. The offer to exchange is made only through the Exchange Offer Documents. **INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF AGRIMUM AND CF ARE URGED TO READ THE EXCHANGE OFFER DOCUMENTS AND OTHER RELEVANT MATERIALS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE OFFER TO EXCHANGE.** Such documents are available free of charge through the web site maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), by calling the SEC at telephone number 800-SEC-0330 or by directing a request to the Agrium Investor Relations/Media Department, Agrium Inc., 13131 Lake Fraser Drive S.E., Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2J 7E8.

Agrium intends to file a proxy statement and other relevant materials with the SEC in connection with the solicitation of proxies for the 2010 annual meeting of stockholders of CF. Agrium, Agrium U.S. Inc. ( Agrium U.S. ), North Acquisition Co. ( North ), their respective directors and executive officers and individuals nominated by Agrium for election to CF 's board of directors are deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from CF stockholders for CF 's 2010 annual meeting of stockholders. Information regarding such participants and a description of their direct and indirect interests in such solicitation, by securities holdings or otherwise, is contained in Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on January 14, 2010.

Agrium, Agrium U.S., North, their respective directors and executive officers and certain other persons are also deemed to be participants in any solicitation of proxies from CF 's stockholders in respect of the proposed transaction with CF. Information regarding Agrium 's directors and executive officers is available in its management proxy circular dated March 23, 2009 relating to the annual general meeting of its shareholders held on May 13, 2009. Other information regarding potential participants in such proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in any proxy statement filed in connection with the proposed transaction.

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All information in this document concerning CF, including its business, operations and financial results, was obtained from public sources. While Agrium has no knowledge that any such information is inaccurate or incomplete, Agrium has not had the opportunity to verify any of that information.

*Forward-Looking Statements*

*Certain statements and other information included in this document constitute forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation or constitute forward-looking statements (together, forward-looking statements). All statements in this document, other than those relating to historical information or current condition, are forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, estimates, forecasts and statements as to management's expectations with respect to, among other things, business and financial prospects, financial multiples and accretion estimates, future trends, plans, strategies, objectives and expectations, including with respect to future operations following the proposed acquisition of CF. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, which could cause actual results to differ materially from such forward-looking statements.*

*Events or circumstances that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements, include, but are not limited to, CF's failure to accept Agrium's proposal and enter into a definitive agreement to effect the transaction, the failure of CF stockholders to elect Agrium's nominees as directors of CF at its 2010 annual stockholder meeting, Agrium common shares issued in connection with the proposed acquisition may have a market value lower than expected, the businesses of Agrium and CF, or any other recent business acquisitions, may not be integrated successfully or such integration may be more difficult, time-consuming or costly than expected, the expected combination benefits and synergies and costs savings from the Agrium/CF transaction may not be fully realized or not realized within the expected time frame, the possible delay in the completion of the steps required to be taken for the eventual combination of the two companies, the possibility that a regulatory agency may challenge Agrium's proposed acquisition of CF pursuant to competition laws, including the possibility that approvals or clearances required to be obtained from regulatory and other agencies and bodies will not be obtained in a timely manner, disruption from the proposed transaction making it more difficult to maintain relationships with customers, employees and suppliers, general business and economic conditions, interest rates, exchange rates and tax rates, weather conditions, crop prices, the supply, demand and price level for our major products, gas prices and gas availability, operating rates and production costs, domestic fertilizer consumption and any changes in government policy in key agriculture markets, including the application of price controls and tariffs on fertilizers and the availability of subsidies or changes in their amounts, changes in development plans, construction progress, political risks, including civil unrest, actions by armed groups or conflict, governmental and regulatory requirements and actions by governmental authorities, including changes in government policy, changes in environmental, tax and other laws or regulations and the interpretation thereof and other risk factors detailed from time to time in Agrium and CF's reports filed with the SEC.*

*Agrium disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements in this document as a result of new information or future events, except as may be required under applicable U.S. federal securities laws or applicable Canadian securities legislation.*

*These forward-looking statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by us in light of our experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments as well as other factors we believe are appropriate in the circumstances. Expected future developments are based, in part, upon assumptions respecting our ability to successfully integrate the businesses of Agrium and CF, or any other recent acquisitions.*

*All of the forward-looking statements contained herein are qualified by these cautionary statements and by the assumptions that are stated or inherent in such forward-looking statements. Although we believe these assumptions are reasonable, undue reliance should not be placed on these assumptions and such forward-looking statements. The key assumptions that have been made in connection with the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, CF's acceptance of Agrium's proposal and the entering into of a definitive agreement to effect the proposed transaction, the market value of Agrium common shares issued in connection with the proposed acquisition, our ability to successfully integrate within expected time frames and costs, and realize the expected combination benefits and synergies and costs savings from, the combination of the businesses of Agrium and CF, or any other recent business acquisitions, and our ability to maintain relationships with customers, employees and suppliers during the course of the proposed transaction.*