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Dear Marathon Supplier,

As you are likely to have seen, the Board of Directors of Marathon Oil Corporation (Marathon) (NYSE: MRO) announced today that it has approved moving forward with plans to spin-off Marathon's downstream business, creating two independent, highly-focused energy companies. The spin-off is expected to be effective June 30, 2011.

Marathon Petroleum Corporation (MPC), to be headquartered in Findlay, Ohio, is expected to be the fifth largest U.S. refiner with a top-tier downstream portfolio of strategically aligned assets concentrated mainly in the Midwest, Gulf Coast and Southeast regions of the U.S. MPC is anticipated to trade on the NYSE under the ticker symbol "MPC".

Marathon Oil Corporation (MRO) will be a global upstream company with a strong portfolio of assets delivering defined growth leveraged to crude oil production and with exploration upside. MRO will continue to be based in Houston, Texas, and trade on the NYSE under its ticker symbol "MRO".

The attached news release and associated material provide further details on this decision; however, as one of Marathon's valued suppliers, we want to point out that this decision will not impact the vast majority of the agreements we have with our upstream and downstream suppliers. In those instances where we have contracts with suppliers that span both upstream and downstream operations, we will be contacting you directly to discuss how these contracts will be administered following the completion of the spin-off.

We value the working relationships we have with each of our suppliers and we look forward to working with you in the coming months as we complete the important work related to the separation of Marathon into these two strong companies. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact your Marathon Global Procurement representative if you have any immediate questions.

Sincerely,

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