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Explanatory Note: The following communication was issued to employees of McDermott International, Inc.

Colleagues,

Our combination planning effort with CB&I is well underway and we have already achieved several significant milestones.

Recently, senior leaders from both McDermott and CB&I came together for the first time at our Houston headquarters to discuss our transition to a premier, fully integrated EPCI company. The full-day planning meeting went well and we were happy to hear so many excellent and constructive ideas being discussed for our future together.

We also achieved two significant milestones critical to the approval of the combination.

On January 24, we were notified that the Federal Trade Commission granted early termination of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) Antitrust Improvements Act for the proposed combination. By waiving the waiting period, the government is essentially giving us a green light to proceed a good sign as we clear a major hurdle ahead of schedule.

Second, we filed a Form S-4 Registration Statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SEC requires publicly traded companies to file an S4 in connection with a transaction such as the proposed combination with CB&I. At 496 pages, the S-4 provides a wealth of information that shareholders of both companies will use to inform their decision about the combination. The SEC will review the S-4 and provide questions or requests for more information, which we will address as quickly as possible. We are tracking the progress closely and will share updates when appropriate.

We're excited about the progress we've made toward closing the transaction, but there is still a lot of work to do before our combination can be completed. This week, the integration planning teams from both companies will meet again for three days of detailed planning sessions. We will report back to you after those meetings with feedback.

Thank you for your continued hard work and support. Stay focused on our daily business. We'll keep you updated as we move forward.

If you have any questions about the combination of McDermott and CB&I or want to propose a future update topic, please contact [questions@mcdermott.com](mailto:questions@mcdermott.com).

**Integration Planning Team**

## **Additional Information and Where to Find It**

This communication is for information purposes only and does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any proxy, vote or approval with respect to the proposed transaction or otherwise, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. In connection with the proposed transactions, on January 24, 2018, McDermott International, Inc. ( McDermott ) filed a Registration Statement on Form S-4 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ), that included (1) a joint proxy statement of McDermott and Chicago Bridge & Iron Company N.V. ( CB&I ), which also constitutes a prospectus of McDermott and (2) an offering prospectus of McDermott Technology, B.V. to be used in connection with McDermott Technology, B.V. s offer to acquire CB&I shares. After the registration statement is declared effective by the SEC, McDermott and CB&I intend to mail a definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus to stockholders of McDermott and shareholders of CB&I. McDermott or McDermott Technology, B.V. intends to file a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO (the Schedule TO ) with the SEC and soon thereafter CB&I intends to file a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 (the Schedule 14D-9 ) with respect to the exchange offer. The exchange offer for the outstanding common stock of CB&I referred to in this document has not yet commenced. The solicitation and offer to purchase shares of CB&I s common stock will only be made pursuant to the Schedule TO and related offer to purchase. This material is not a substitute for the joint proxy statement/prospectus, the Schedule TO, the Schedule 14D-9 or the Registration Statement or for any other document that McDermott or CB&I may file with the SEC and send to McDermott s and/or CB&I s shareholders in connection with the proposed transactions. **BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR INVESTMENT DECISION OR DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE EXCHANGE OFFER, WE URGE INVESTORS OF CB&I AND MCDERMOTT TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS, SCHEDULE TO (INCLUDING AN OFFER TO PURCHASE, RELATED LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL AND OTHER OFFER DOCUMENTS) AND SCHEDULE 14D-9, AS EACH MAY BE AMENDED OR SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME, AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED BY MCDERMOTT AND CB&I WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MCDERMOTT, CB&I AND THE PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS.**

Investors will be able to obtain free copies of the Registration Statement, joint proxy statement/prospectus, Schedule TO and Schedule 14D-9, as each may be amended from time to time, and other relevant documents filed by McDermott and CB&I with the SEC (when they become available) at <http://www.sec.gov>, the SEC s website, or free of charge from McDermott s website (<http://www.mcdermott.com>) under the tab, Investors and under the heading Financial Information or by contacting McDermott s Investor Relations Department at (281) 870-5147. These documents are also available free of charge from CB&I s website (<http://www.cbi.com>) under the tab Investors and under the heading SEC Filings or by contacting CB&I s Investor Relations Department at (832) 513-1068.

## **Participants in Proxy Solicitation**

McDermott, CB&I and their respective directors and certain of their executive officers and employees may be deemed, under SEC rules, to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from McDermott s and CB&I s shareholders in connection with the proposed transactions. Information regarding the officers and directors of McDermott is included in its definitive proxy statement for its 2017 annual meeting filed with SEC on March 24, 2017. Information regarding the officers and directors of CB&I is included in its definitive proxy statement for its 2017 annual meeting filed with the SEC on March 24, 2017. Additional information regarding the persons who may be deemed participants and their interests will be set forth in the Registration Statement and joint proxy statement/prospectus and other materials when they are filed with SEC in connection with the proposed transactions. Free copies of these documents may be obtained as described in the paragraphs above.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

McDermott cautions that statements in this communication which are forward-looking, and provide other than historical information, involve risks, contingencies and uncertainties that may impact actual results of operations of McDermott, CB&I and the combined businesses. These forward-looking statements include, among other things, statements about anticipated cost and revenue synergies, accretion, risks related to CB&I projects, best-in-class operations, opportunities to capture additional value from market trends, maintenance of a consistent customer approach to pricing, safety and transition issues, free cash flow, plans to de-lever, targeted credit

ratings, expected completion date, and permanent debt financing. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in those forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that those expectations will prove to have been correct. Those statements are made by using various underlying assumptions and are subject to numerous risks, contingencies and uncertainties, including, among others: the ability of McDermott and CB&I to obtain the regulatory and shareholder approvals necessary to complete the proposed combination on the proposed timeline or at all; the risk that a condition to the closing of the proposed combination may not be satisfied or that the proposed combination may fail to close, including as the result of any inability to obtain the financing for the combination; the outcome of any legal proceedings, regulatory proceedings or enforcement matters that may be instituted relating to the proposed combination; the costs incurred to consummate the proposed combination; the possibility that the expected synergies from the proposed combination will not be realized, or will not be realized within the expected time period; difficulties related to the integration of the two companies, the credit ratings of the combined businesses following the proposed combination; disruption from the proposed combination making it more difficult to maintain relationships with customers, employees, regulators or suppliers; the diversion of management time and attention on the proposed combination; adverse changes in the markets in which McDermott and CB&I operate or credit markets, the inability of McDermott or CB&I to execute on contracts in backlog successfully, changes in project design or schedules, the availability of qualified personnel, changes in the terms, scope or timing of contracts, contract cancellations, change orders and other modifications and actions by customers and other business counterparties of McDermott and CB&I; or changes in industry norms and adverse outcomes in legal or other dispute resolution proceedings. If one or more of these risks materialize, or if underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those expected. You should not place undue reliance on forward looking statements. For a more complete discussion of these and other risk factors, please see each of McDermott's and CB&I's annual and quarterly filings with the SEC, including its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 and subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. This communication reflects the views of McDermott's management as of the date hereof. Except to the extent required by applicable law, McDermott undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement.