Ralston Receives FTC Second Request

Ralston Purina Company today announced that it received a second request for information from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission regarding its merger agreement with Nestle S.A.

A Ralston spokesman said the Company was notified on Friday, March 2, and added that second requests are typical for transactions of this nature. The spokesman said both parties still expect to close the transaction before December 31, 2001, and remain on schedule.

Nestle and Ralston Purina announced the merger agreement on January 16. The agreement is subject to regulatory clearance and Ralston Purina shareholders' approval.

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