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On November 16, 2015, Meredith Corporation issued the following statement to its employees:

TO: All Meredith Employees
FROM: Steve Lacy, Chairman & CEO
DATE: November 16, 2015
RE: Meredith-Media General Merger Update

We were informed this morning that Media General's Board of Directors has (1) Rejected Nexstar Broadcasting Group's unsolicited proposal to acquire Media General; and (2) Decided to engage in negotiations with Nexstar regarding its non-binding unsolicited proposal.

Earlier today, we issued this news release. Feel free to read the entire document, but here are the critical communication points:

Meredith understands Media General Board's fiduciary responsibility to respond to the Nexstar proposal consistent with our binding merger agreement announced on September 8, 2015. However, Meredith still remains confident that the combination of Meredith and Media General will generate superior shareholder value - over both the near- and long-term - as compared to a potential Nexstar transaction."

It is important to remember that our binding agreement to merge with Media General remains in place with fully-committed financing of \$2.8 billion; we are making significant progress on achieving key regulatory approvals needed to complete the transaction; our joint integration work has already identified additional synergies; and the Meredith and Media General Boards of Directors continue to recommend the Meredith-Media General transaction.

Under the terms of our binding merger agreement, Meredith will have the opportunity to review - and propose an alternative superior proposal - to a potential agreement Media General might reach with a third-party.

Enhancing Meredith shareholder value will remain our top priority as we move forward in this merger process. In Meredith Media General, we are creating a powerful and diversified media company designed to be a strong competitor in the media industry. That's important to our shareholders, customers and, importantly, all of us as employees.

I want to thank you again for your efforts during what can be a distracting and unsettling period. Now more than ever, it is critical we deliver on our strategic and financial goals and objectives. Keep up the good work and we will update you as the merger progresses.

NO OFFER OR SOLICITATION

This communication is for informational purposes only and is neither an offer to purchase, nor a solicitation of an offer to sell, any securities or the solicitation of any vote in any jurisdiction pursuant to the proposed transactions or otherwise, nor shall there be any sale, issuance or transfer of securities in any jurisdiction in contravention of applicable law. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WHERE TO FIND IT

This communication is not a solicitation of a proxy from any shareholder of Media General, Inc. ("Media General") or Meredith Corporation ("Meredith"). In connection with the Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among Media General, Montage New Holdco, Inc. (to be renamed Meredith Media General Corporation after closing) ("Meredith Media General"), Meredith and the other parties thereto (the "Merger"), Media General, Meredith Media General and Meredith intend to file relevant materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including a Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed by Meredith Media General that will contain a joint proxy statement/prospectus. **INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THESE MATERIALS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MEDIA GENERAL, MEREDITH, MEREDITH MEDIA GENERAL AND THE MERGER.** The Form S-4, including the joint proxy statement/prospectus, and other relevant materials (when they become available), and any other documents filed by Media General, Meredith and Meredith Media General with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. The documents filed by Media General and Meredith Media General may also be obtained for free from Media General's Investor Relations web site (<http://www.mediageneral.com/investor/index.htm>) or by directing a request to Media General's Investor Relations contact, Courtney Guertin, Director of Marketing & Communications, at 401-457-9501. The documents filed by Meredith may also be obtained for free from Meredith's Investor Relations web site (<http://ir.meredith.com>) or by directing a request to Meredith's Shareholder/Financial Analyst contact, Mike Lovell, Director of Investor Relations, at 515-284-3622.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOLICITATION

Media General and Meredith and their respective executive officers and directors may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the security holders of either Media General or Meredith in connection with the Merger. Information about Media General's directors and executive officers is available in Media General's definitive proxy statement, dated March 13, 2015, for its 2015 annual meeting of shareholders. Information about Meredith's directors and executive officers is available in Meredith's definitive proxy statement, dated September 25, 2015, for its 2015 annual meeting of shareholders. Other information regarding the participants and description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the Form S-4 and the joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the Merger that Meredith Media General will file with the SEC when it becomes available.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document contains forward-looking statements. You can generally identify forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "explore," "evaluate," "intend," "may," "might," "plan," "potential," "predict," "project," "seek," "should," or "will," or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements are only predictions and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond Media General, Meredith and Meredith Media General's control.

Statements in this document regarding Media General, Meredith and the combined company that are forward-looking, including projections as to the anticipated benefits of the proposed transaction, the methods that will be used to finance the transaction, the impact of the transaction on anticipated financial results, the synergies from the proposed transaction, and the closing date for the proposed transaction, are based on management's estimates, assumptions and projections, and are subject to significant uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond the control of Media General and Meredith. In particular, projected financial information for the combined company is based on management's estimates, assumptions and projections

and has not been prepared in conformance with the applicable accounting requirements of Regulation S-X relating to pro forma financial information, and the required pro forma adjustments have not been applied and are not reflected therein. None of this information should be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, the historical financial statements of Media General or Meredith. Important risk factors could cause actual future results and other future events to differ materially from those currently estimated by management, including, but not limited to: the timing to consummate the proposed transaction; the risk that a condition to closing of the proposed transaction may not be satisfied and the transaction may not close; the risk that a regulatory approval that may be required for the proposed transaction is delayed, is not obtained or is obtained subject to conditions that are not anticipated; the combined company's ability to achieve the synergies and value creation contemplated by the proposed transaction; management's ability to promptly and effectively integrate the businesses of the two companies; the diversion of management time on transaction-related issues; change in national and regional economic conditions, the competitiveness of political races and voter initiatives, pricing fluctuations in local and national advertising, future regulatory actions and conditions in the television stations' operating areas, competition from others in the broadcast television markets served by Media General and Meredith, volatility in programming costs, the effects of governmental regulation of broadcasting, industry consolidation, technological developments and major world news events.

For more discussion of important risk factors that may materially affect Media General, Meredith and Meredith Media General, please see the risk factors contained in Media General's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 and Meredith's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, both of which are on file with the SEC. You should also read Meredith's and Media General's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2015. Except as specifically noted, information on, or accessible from, any website to which this website contains a hyperlink is not incorporated by reference into this website and does not constitute a part of this website.

No assurances can be given that any of the events anticipated by the forward-looking statements will transpire or occur, or if any of them do occur, what impact they will have on the results of operations, financial condition or cash flows of Media General, Meredith or the combined company. None of Media General, Meredith nor Meredith Media General assumes any duty to update or revise forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, as of any future date.

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<u>Signature of Reporting Person</u>	Date
Evelyn H. Lauder, by Spencer G. Smul, Attorney-in-fact	05/30/2008
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- LAL Family Partners L.P. sold shares of Class A Common Stock pursuant to a plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1(c), previously entered into on September 5, 2007 and amended on November 12, 2007. LAL Family Partners L.P. also owns 42,705,540 shares of Class B Common Stock.
- (1) entered into on September 5, 2007 and amended on November 12, 2007. LAL Family Partners L.P. also owns 42,705,540 shares of Class B Common Stock.
 - (2) See Exhibit 99.1(a).
 - (3) Leonard A. Lauder ("LAL") exercised stock options and sold the underlying shares of Class A Common Stock pursuant to a plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1(c), previously entered into on September 5, 2007 and amended on November 12, 2007. LAL's direct and indirect holdings are set forth in Exhibit 99.1(c).
 - (4) See Exhibit 99.1(b).
 - (5) The options exercised by LAL were part of a grant of options that became exercisable in three tranches in respect of 333,334 on January 1, 2002, 333,334 on January 1, 2003, and 333,332 on January 1, 2004.
 - (6) Not applicable.
 - (7) See Exhibit 99.1(c).

Remarks:

See Exhibits 24.1, 24.2, 24.3, 24.4, 99.1 and 99.2 incorporated herein by reference.

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