

MERCK & CO INC  
Form DEFA14A  
March 13, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE Regarding the Availability of**

**Proxy Materials for the 2009 Annual Meeting of**

**Stockholders of**

**MERCK & CO., INC.**

**to be held on April 28, 2009**

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual

**For holders as of:** 02/27/09

**Date:** 04/28/09

**Time:** 2:00 P.M., EDT

**Location:** Edward Nash Theatre  
Raritan Valley Community College  
Route 28 & Lamington Road  
North Branch, NJ

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above.

*MERCK & CO., INC.*

*ONE MERCK DRIVE*

*P.O. BOX 100*

*WHITEHOUSE STATION, NJ 08889*

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**Before You Vote**

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**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Items 1 through 3.**

1. *Election of Directors* The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the Nominees listed below:

- 1a. Leslie A. Brun
- 1b. Thomas R. Cech, Ph. D.
- 1c. Richard T. Clark
- 1d. Thomas H. Glocer
- 1e. Steven F. Goldstone
- 1f. William B. Harrison, Jr.
- 1g. Harry R. Jacobson, M.D.
- 1h. William N. Kelley, M.D.
- 1i. Rochelle B. Lazarus
- 1j. Carlos E. Represas
- 1k. Thomas E. Shenk, Ph.D.
- 1l. Anne M. Tatlock
- 1m. Samuel O. Thier, M.D.

1n. Wendell P. Weeks

1o. Peter C. Wendell

- 2. Ratification of the appointment of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2009.
- 3. Proposal to Amend the Restated Certificate of Incorporation to Limit the Size of the Board to no more Than 18 Directors.

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote AGAINST Items 4 through 6.**

- 4. Stockholder Proposal Concerning Special Shareholder Meetings
- 5. Stockholder Proposal Concerning an Independent Lead Director
- 6. Stockholder Proposal Concerning an Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation

