

G&K SERVICES INC  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**G&K SERVICES, INC.**

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This filing relates to the proposed acquisition of G&K Services, Inc. ( G&K or G&K Services ) by Cintas Corporation ( Cintas ) pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 15, 2016, by and among G&K Services, Cintas and Bravo Merger Sub, Inc.

G&K Services sent a letter to certain of its customers on or after August 25, 2016 in respect of the proposed acquisition by Cintas. The following is a copy of that letter:

Douglas A. Milroy

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Dear Valued Customer,

On Tuesday, August 16, we issued a press release regarding the acquisition of G&K Services by Cintas. This announcement marked the signing of an agreement between the two companies. As is typical, this combination requires regulatory and shareholder approval. As such, this acquisition is not yet complete, and, until it is, G&K and Cintas remain two separate companies. We anticipate completing the transaction in the next four to six months, although it could take longer.

The combination of these two great companies makes sense. Both companies share a long legacy of strong operational and financial performance and maintain a similar set of core values grounded in 1) a strong commitment to customer satisfaction, 2) a focus on safety for both your employees and ours, and 3) a history of being good corporate citizens, with a focus on environmental stewardship.

While we recognize there may be some concerns with service levels you have experienced from other providers in the past, please be assured that in the near term, this process will not affect our day-to-day business operations with your existing service team. Additionally, in the longer term, Cintas has indicated that it will retain most of the current G&K employees. I can assure you that during this process, we will continue to serve you at the highest level, the elements of our service agreement will remain the same and we will continue to uphold our Customer Promise of service excellence. As always, we want you to focus on what you do best in your business while we focus on what we do best, which is providing industry leading service. This means we will continue to promise you that:

Deliveries are complete, on time, and in good repair

Billing is simple, accurate, and predictable

Your needs are met promptly

Going forward, we believe that our combined companies will be able to provide you with even greater product selection and customer service, and we look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve you for years to come.

Again, thank you for your business. If you have questions, please direct them to your local G&K location.

Regards,

*We re required to include the following legend in this communication.*

### **Important Information About the Transaction and Where to Find It**

In connection with the proposed transaction, G&K Services, Inc. (the Company ) plans to file a proxy statement (the Proxy Statement ) with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ), in connection with the solicitation of proxies for a meeting of the Company s shareholders to be called at a future date (the meeting ). Promptly after filing its Proxy Statement in definitive form with the SEC, the Company will mail the Proxy Statement to each shareholder entitled to vote at the meeting. **Shareholders are urged to read the Proxy Statement (including any amendments or supplements thereto) and any other relevant documents that the Company will file with the SEC when they become available because they will contain important information about the proposed transaction and related matters.** Shareholders may obtain, free of charge, copies of the Proxy Statement and any other documents filed by the Company with the SEC in connection with the transaction at the SEC s website (<http://www.sec.gov>) or by contacting the investor relations department of the Company at:

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### **Participants in the Solicitation**

The Company, its directors and certain executive officers are or may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the Company s shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction. Information regarding such participants, including their direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, can be found in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 27, 2015 and in any subsequent Statements of Change in Ownership on Form 4 filed by such individuals with the SEC, and will be included in the Proxy Statement and other relevant documents to be filed with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction when the Proxy Statement becomes available.

### **Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward Looking Statements**

This communication contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws, including Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a safe harbor from civil litigation for forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements by their nature address matters that are, to different degrees, uncertain, such as statements about the potential timing or consummation of the proposed transaction or the anticipated benefits thereof, including, without limitation, future financial and operating results. Forward-looking statements may be identified by words such as estimates, anticipates, projects, plans, expects, intends, believe, could, should, may and will or the negative versions thereof and similar expressions and by the context in which they are used. Such statements are based upon our current expectations and speak only as of the date made. These statements are subject to various risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ from those set forth in or implied by this letter. Factors that may cause such a difference include, but are not limited to, risks and uncertainties related to (i) the ability to obtain shareholder and regulatory approvals, or the possibility that they may delay the transaction or that such regulatory approval may result in the imposition of conditions that could cause

the parties to abandon the transaction, (ii) the risk that a condition to closing of the merger may not be satisfied, (iii) the ability of the Company and Cintas to integrate their businesses successfully and to achieve anticipated cost savings and

other synergies, (iv) the possibility that other anticipated benefits of the proposed transaction will not be realized, including, without limitation, anticipated revenues, expenses, earnings and other financial results, and growth and expansion of the new combined company's operations, and the anticipated tax treatment, (v) potential litigation relating to the proposed transaction that could be instituted against the Company or Cintas or their respective directors, (vi) possible disruptions from the proposed transaction that could harm the Company's or Cintas' business, including current plans and operations, (vii) the ability of the Company or Cintas to retain, attract and hire key personnel, (viii) potential adverse reactions or changes to relationships with clients, employees, suppliers or other parties resulting from the announcement or completion of the merger, (ix) potential business uncertainty, including changes to existing business relationships, during the pendency of the merger that could affect the Company's and/or Cintas' financial performance, (x) certain restrictions during the pendency of the merger that may impact the Company's and/or Cintas' ability to pursue certain business opportunities or strategic transactions, (xi) continued availability of capital and financing and rating agency actions, (xii) legislative, regulatory and economic developments and (xiii) unpredictability and severity of catastrophic events, including, but not limited to, acts of terrorism or outbreak of war or hostilities, as well as management's response to any of the aforementioned factors. These risks, as well as other risks associated with the proposed transaction, will be more fully discussed in the Proxy Statement that will be filed with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction. While the list of factors presented here is, and the list of factors to be presented in the Proxy Statement are, considered representative, no such list should be considered to be a complete statement of all potential risks and uncertainties. Unlisted factors may present significant additional obstacles to the realization of forward-looking statements. Consequences of material differences in results as compared with those anticipated in the forward-looking statements could include, among other things, business disruption, operational problems, financial loss, legal liability to third parties and similar risks, any of which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's or Cintas' consolidated financial condition, results of operations, credit rating or liquidity. Neither the Company nor Cintas undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances arising after the date on which they are made, except as required by law.