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Colleagues,

When we announced the plan to combine our two companies last December, I promised we would take the necessary time and care to determine the name of our new enterprise. I knew it would not be an easy decision – after all, both McDermott and CB&I have storied histories and iconic names in our industry. As you know, our name is our identity, and our identity is critically important to our future success.

I am proud to announce today that the combined company will retain the McDermott name when the transaction closes, which we expect to be in May. We made this choice after a great deal of careful consideration, research and debate. Our approach was simple: The name had to provide a distinct, recognizable identity and a solid foundation for the new company and its future. While the CB&I brand is a powerful name in our industry, the words “Chicago Bridge & Iron” no longer represent the business as it is today nor as we want it to be going forward.

We also thought that any combination of the names CB&I and McDermott – even on an interim basis – would prevent the kind of unity, collaboration and combined culture that we need to succeed as one company. A completely new name posed other clear challenges. Without a recognizable identity, it would be almost like starting an entirely new company.

As I’ve discussed before, technology is critical to our success going forward as a combined company. CB&I’s industry-leading technology portfolio will use the Lummus brand name. For branding purposes, we will house all of the combined company’s technology initiatives, including McDermott’s Digital Twin software platform, under the umbrella of McDermott Technology. CB&I’s world-renowned storage tank business will keep its current CB&I branding.

We are in the process of developing a new look and logo for the combined company and have partnered with one of the world’s leading branding firms to help us with this redesign. They’ve made great progress, and I am eager to share our new visual identity with you soon.

But a name and new look are only small parts of who we are and what we do. To be successful, we need to act as one organization with one common culture. I am determined to get this right and incorporate the best of both of our companies in a way that will distinguish us in our industry and set us up for success with our customers.

By building upon the rich legacies of both McDermott and CB&I, we are creating a new kind of company — one that is built for the future of the energy industry.

Together, we have exciting days ahead.

**David**

## 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, including after the proposed business combination with CB&I. These forward-looking statements include, among other things, statements about the business combination and its anticipated effects, our branding strategy, incorporating the best of both companies into our combined organization and ability to meet challenges. 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 shareholder approvals necessary to complete the proposed combination on the anticipated 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; 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 Securities and Exchange Commission, including their respective annual reports on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. 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.

## Additional Information and Where to Find It

This communication 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 transactions 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, McDermott International, Inc. (McDermott) has filed a Registration Statement on Form S-4 (the Registration Statement) with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) that includes (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. in connection with McDermott Technology, B.V.'s offer to acquire CB&I shares. The Registration Statement was declared effective by the SEC on March 29, 2018. McDermott and CB&I have mailed the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus to stockholders of McDermott and shareholders of CB&I. In addition, McDermott and McDermott Technology, B.V. have filed a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO-T (the Schedule TO) with the SEC and CB&I has filed a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 (the Schedule 14D-9) with respect to the exchange offer. The solicitation and offer to purchase shares of CB&I's common stock is only being 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 THE 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 BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MCDERMOTT, CB&I AND THE PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS. Investors are 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 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 annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, filed with the SEC on February 21, 2018, as amended by its annual report on Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC on March 8, 2018. Information regarding the officers and directors of CB&I is included in its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, filed with the SEC on February 21, 2018, as amended by its annual report on Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC on March 22, 2018. Additional information regarding the persons who may be deemed participants and their interests is set forth in the Registration Statement and joint proxy statement/prospectus and other materials filed with the SEC in connection with the proposed transactions. Free copies of these documents may be obtained as described in the paragraphs above.