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On July 31, 2010, The Wall Street Journal and online.wsj.com, an online publication, (collectively "WSJ") published an article concerning C. Robert Henrikson, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of MetLife, Inc. ("MetLife"), the full text of which is reproduced below. The article discusses, among other things, Mr. Henrikson's life and career, as well as his views on the pending MetLife acquisition of American Life Insurance Company ("Alico"). The article quotes Mr. Henrikson on these topics.

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Full Text of the WSJ article:

MetLife's Singing CEO Seeks the Right Note

By LESLIE SCISM

NEW YORK American International Group Inc. has stumbled trying to sell its biggest overseas life-insurance unit. But the deal for its second-biggest unit remains on track and the buyer, MetLife Inc., has been singing its praises. Literally.

In a late-spring visit to Beijing to discuss the pending purchase with 350 MetLife employees in Asia, Chief Executive C. Robert Henrikson ticked off a few reasons MetLife was in a good position to buy American Life Insurance Co., or Alico to the tune of the Broadway standard "My Favorite Things."

"Disciplined growth, margin improvement," he sang in something of a contortion to match the melody. First in English, then in Chinese.

Singing CEOs aren't exactly common, and in an interview weeks later, Mr. Henrikson says there is good reason for that. His goal was to relay that MetLife is on extremely solid ground as it makes the \$15.5 billion acquisition. He would deliver the message by song, he says, only if he was confident about MetLife's outlook.

If it wasn't based in fact and you did something like that, obviously you'd be considered a fool," says Mr. Henrikson, 63 years old. Years ago he was an officer of his high-school traveling glee club in Birmingham, Ala., and also sang in a rock 'n' roll band.

Mr. Henrikson says he was prompted to come up with his version of "My Favorite Things" when preparing for a presentation to analysts this past December held at the Hudson Theatre off Broadway in New York. Colleagues urged him to go with a tune given the setting, he says, and he then took the few lines on the road to China.

The acquisition of Alico, with operations in more than 50 countries world-wide, would be the biggest ever for MetLife, already the largest U.S. insurer as measured by assets.

The deal is widely referred to as "transformational" for the company best known for its Snoopy advertisements, in that it would vastly expand its overseas reach.

Today, MetLife gets 15% of its earnings internationally, with operations in 17 countries. After the deal, 40% will come from abroad, providing what analysts expect to be a growth engine at a time when growth is hard to come by for

some business lines in the more-mature U.S. market.

Investors seemingly share Mr. Henrikson's optimism. Friday, a flat day for the market, shares rose \$1.86 a share or 4.6% to \$42.06 on strong second-quarter results. Shares are up 19% year-to-date, outpacing many U.S. and foreign rivals.

MetLife for decades has been one of the top sellers of life insurance to individuals and employers in the U.S. It was one of the 19 financial giants that the Federal Reserve ran through stress testing during the global capital-markets meltdown. But it has trailed peers like Prudential Financial Inc. in international expansion, which for years has been a presence in Japan.

Mr. Henrikson, who earned \$9.7 million in 2009, sees a new kind of MetLife, one that is recognized for its innovation as it sells disability insurance in Omaha and annuities in Tokyo, group-dental plans in Atlanta and pension products in Warsaw. That diversity of products and locations should allow the company to weather various economic conditions, he notes.

In some regards, Mr. Henrikson is an unlikely sort to change MetLife so drastically: He is a MetLife lifer, working there since 1972.

Many people who spend a lifetime with a single employer would have trouble seeing their companies as anything but what they have known it, says Larry Zimpleman, chief executive at Principal Financial Group Inc. and a longtime friend.

Mr. Henrikson's father was an engineer who moved the family to Alabama from Philadelphia for a job in a foundry. After high school, Mr. Henrikson considered studying animal husbandry but majored in English literature.

To pay his tuition at the University of Pennsylvania, he worked summers as a night-shift machinist in a steel mill. He proceeded to Emory University's law school, working summers in a steel-pipe fabrication shop.

He started a MetLife management-trainee job in Decatur, Ga., pitching strangers via cold calls about MetLife services. Overcoming moments of doubt, he soon found the job exhilarating.

His next assignment was in a unit that sells pension-plan services to employers. He called on small and large companies around Atlanta, and soon earned a promotion to Chicago, where he was responsible for pension sales in several states.

His success serving sophisticated and demanding corporate clients helped fuel a series of promotions. He became president and chief operating officer in 2004, and CEO in 2006.

Mr. Henrikson says he likes to get the most-knowledgeable people at the table and encourage them to speak frankly, then make an informed decision. He says he used this approach in decisions including the \$5.4 billion sale of New York's Peter Cooper Village-Stuyvesant Town complex in 2006, a move that turned out to be at the near-peak of the real-estate market.

Harry Kamen, a past MetLife CEO, describes Mr. Henrikson as modest and unassuming. He says he considered Mr. Henrikson to succeed him, near a time when the company was going public. But there was also another candidate, Robert Benmosche, whose swagger contrasted with Mr. Henrikson's courtly style. Mr. Benmosche, who had Wall Street experience, got the job.

Mr. Henrikson's turn came next, when Mr. Benmosche retired in 2006. Mr. Henrikson still had a low profile—some directors didn't know him well, recalls Mr. Kamen. Now Mr. Benmosche leads AIG.

MetLife had its eye on Alico from almost the moment that the once-formidable AIG sought a government bailout in the financial crisis, Mr. Henrikson says. In one swoop MetLife would earn a spot on the world stage, rather than having to cobble the pieces together.

Among its appeals, Alico is a leader in direct marketing, and MetLife hopes to use that expertise in additional Asian countries, analysts say. The deal also broadens the product portfolio that MetLife can offer employers with international operations.

At the December presentation, when the Alico deal was rumored but not confirmed, he told analysts he would guarantee you one thing, that his team would fully vet anything it acquired. While he was opportunistic, he said, he also didn't want to be remembered as that Henrikson guy, he's the one that did this and MetLife was fine until then. The deal is expected to close by the end of the year.

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