

MCDERMOTT INTERNATIONAL INC
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SCHEDULE 14A

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the
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McDERMOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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- Fee computed on table below per Exchange Act Rules 14a-6(i)(1) and 0-11.
- (1) Title of each class of securities to which transaction applies: common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of McDermott International, Inc. (the MII Common Stock); guaranty by McDermott International, Inc. of the price of the shares of the MII Common Stock (the Guaranty); and 7.5% notes of McDermott Incorporated (the MI Notes).
 - (2) Aggregate number of securities to which transaction applies: 4.75 million shares of MII Common Stock; the Guaranty; and \$92 million principal amount of MI Notes.
 - (3) Per unit price or other underlying value of transaction computed pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 0-11 (set forth the amount on which the filing fee is calculated and state how it was determined): \$30,068,000, \$49,014,000 and \$85,571,000, representing the present value of the MII Common Stock, the Guaranty and the MII Notes, respectively, proposed to be issued to an asbestos personal injury trust as described in the attached Preliminary Proxy Statement.
 - (4) Proposed maximum aggregate value of transaction: \$164,653,000
 - (5) Total fee paid: \$32,931
- x Fee paid previously with preliminary materials.
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AN IMPORTANT REMINDER!

December 2, 2003

Dear Stockholder:

We have previously mailed you proxy materials in connection with the upcoming special meeting of McDermott International, Inc. (McDermott) stockholders, which has been called to vote upon a resolution relating to the proposed settlement of the Chapter 11 proceedings involving The Babcock & Wilcox Company, a significant subsidiary of McDermott. The meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. local time. According to our latest records, your proxy instructions for this meeting have not yet been received.

Our Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote FOR the adoption of the proposed resolution. Information regarding the proposed settlement, and the material details thereof, including the discussion of the risks associated with the proposed settlement, are included in the proxy materials previously sent to you, dated November 17, 2003. *Please promptly take action to ensure that your McDermott shares are represented at the special meeting.*

Your vote is very important, regardless of the number of McDermott shares you currently own. **Since the time until the special meeting is short, we urge you to vote your shares today, by following either the telephone or internet voting instructions that are enclosed with this letter.** Alternatively, you may vote by completing the enclosed Voting Instruction Form and returning it by mail in the enclosed prepaid return envelope. Acting now will help ensure that your proxy instructions are received in time for the meeting. Thank you for your prompt attention.

Please take note that your broker cannot vote your shares for you on this proposal without first receiving your specific voting instructions. Thank you for giving this important matter your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bruce W. Wilkinson

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Chairman of the Board and

Chief Executive Officer

