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#### BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY

#### \*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE \*\*

# Stockholder Meeting to be held on May 5, 2009 Proxy Materials Available on the Internet

#### Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials

Notice and Proxy Statement Annual Report

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above company, and the materials you should review before you cast your vote are now available.

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

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BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY

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#### **Meeting Information**

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Meeting Date: May 5, 2009

Meeting Time: 9:45 A.M., EDT

For holders as of: March 12, 2009

#### **Meeting Location:**

Bristol-Myers Squibb Company

777 Scudders Mill Rd. Plainsboro, NJ 08536

For directions to the meeting, please see the inside back cover of the Proxy Statement or call the company at (609) 897-2000.

#### **How To Vote**

#### **Vote In Person**

All stockholders of record and stockholders in street name who have obtained a legal proxy may vote in person at the meeting. If you plan on attending the meeting in person, please bring this Notice. This Notice serves as your admission ticket to the meeting. It will only admit the stockholder(s) listed in this Notice and is not transferable. Please bring photo identification if you plan to attend the meeting in person.

#### **Vote By Internet**

To vote *now* by Internet, go to <u>WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM</u>. Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time either on (i) April 30, 2009 for shares in employee benefit plans, or (ii) May 4, 2009 for all other shares. Have this Notice in hand when you access the website and follow the instructions.

# Voting items THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR EACH DIRECTOR UNDER ITEM 1.

1. Election of Directors

#### Nominees:

- 1A) L. Andreotti
- 1B) L. B. Campbell
- 1C) J. M. Cornelius
- 1D) L. J. Freeh
- 1E) L. H. Glimcher, M.D.
- 1F) M. Grobstein
- 1G) L. Johansson
- 1H) A. J. Lacy
- 1I) V. L. Sato, Ph.D.
- 1J) T. D. West, Jr.
- 1K) R. S. Williams, M.D.

# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR ITEM 2.

2. Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE AGAINST ITEMS 3, 4, 5 and 6.

- 3. Executive Compensation Disclosure.
- 4. Simple Majority Vote.
- 5. Special Shareowner Meetings.
- 6. Executive Compensation Advisory Vote.