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John D. Rice is a recognized leader in global agribusiness, with a track record of driving strong financial performance, innovation, operational excellence and executive development as former vice chairman and chief operations executive at Archer Daniels Midland Company (NYSE: ADM), a Fortune 30 company and one of the world's leading agricultural processors.

As ADM's Executive Vice President, Commercial and Production, Rice oversaw the operations of more than 240 worldwide processing plants; a transportation and logistics network spanning six continents; international global commodity-trading operations; and the company's construction, risk management, and research and development functions. He managed ADM's operating P&L and grew operating profit to record levels, enabling the company to achieve a 14 percent compound annual growth rate during the six years in which he led all global operations.

Rice also oversaw completion of the largest group of capital projects (total value: \$2.7 billion) in ADM's 110-year history while significantly expanding the company's global footprint and product portfolio through strategic acquisitions and organic growth. He was a member of ADM's senior executive Strategic Planning Committee, and also served as a director of Wilmar International, Asia's largest agricultural processor, and of Toepfer International, a leading international grain-trading and logistics company based in Hamburg. In addition, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Corn Refiners Association, Rice worked directly with members of Congress and White House staff to ensure the industry group's views on international trade agreements, including NAFTA, were well-represented at the negotiating table.

Rice joined ADM as a tax accountant in 1976. From 1978 to 1993, he held several merchandiser and merchandising-management positions. In 1993, he was elected a corporate vice president by ADM's board of directors before being appointed to various senior management positions within ADM's processing divisions. Those roles included serving as president, North America Oilseeds and Food Oils; senior vice president, Global Corn Processing, BioProducts and Food; and executive vice president, Global Marketing and Risk Management. He retired from the company in June 2012.

Rice continues to offer his extensive industry knowledge and experience in an advisory capacity as a member of the board of directors and the audit committee of both Alliance One International (NYSE: AOI) and Virent, a Madison, Wisconsin-based renewable chemicals and fuels company, where he also serves on the compensation committee. In addition, Rice is a member of the scientific/technical advisory board of Edeniq, a biomaterial and sustainable fuels innovation company, and serves on the scientific advisory board of the venture-capital firm Open Prairie Ventures III. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn.