April 30, 2009

NOTICE OF CRITICAL STATUS
FOR
CATTLE SHOCHTIM UNION LOCAL 491 PENSION PLAN

The purpose of this Notice is to inform you that, on March 31, 2009, the actuary of the Cattle Shochtim Union Local 491 Pension Plan ("Fund") certified to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and also to the Board of Trustees of the Fund, that the Fund is in critical status for the Plan Year beginning January 1, 2009. Federal law requires that you receive this Notice.

The Fund is considered to be in critical status because it has funding or liquidity problems, or both. More specifically, the plan's actuary has determined that there will be a funding deficiency in the current Plan Year or the next three years.

Rehabilitation Plan and Possibility of Reduction in Benefits

Federal law requires pension plans in critical status to adopt a rehabilitation plan aimed at restoring the financial health of the plan. The law permits pension plans to reduce, or even eliminate, benefits called "adjustable benefits" as part of a rehabilitation plan. If the Fund's Trustees determine that benefit reductions are necessary, you will receive a separate notice in the future identifying and explaining the effect of those reductions. Any reduction of adjustable benefits (other than a repeal of any recent benefit increase, as described below) will not reduce the level of a participant's basic benefit payable at normal retirement. In addition, the reductions apply only to those participants and beneficiaries whose benefit commencement date is on or after the date of the initial notice of the Plan's critical status. But, you should know that whether or not the Fund reduces adjustable benefits in the future, effective as of the date of the initial notice of the Plan's critical status, the Fund is not permitted to pay lump sum benefits of $1,000 or more (or any other payment in excess of the monthly amount paid under a single life annuity) while it is in critical status.

Adjustable Benefits

The Fund offers the following adjustable benefits which may be reduced or eliminated as part of any rehabilitation plan the Fund may adopt:

_X_ Post-retirement death benefits;
_X_ Disability benefits (not yet in pay status);
_X_ Early retirement benefit or retirement-type subsidy;
_X_ Benefit payment options other than a qualified joint and survivor annuity (QJSA);

_X___ Other similar benefits, rights or features under the Plan (i.e. a Social Security level income option)

Employer Surcharge

The law requires that all contributing employers pay to the Fund a surcharge to help correct the Fund's financial situation. The amount of the surcharge is equal to a percentage of the amount an employer is otherwise required to contribute to the Fund under the applicable collective bargaining agreement. With some exceptions, a 5% surcharge was applicable in the initial critical year (2008) and a 10% surcharge is applicable for each succeeding Plan Year thereafter in which the Fund is in critical status.

Where to Get More Information

For more information about this Notice, you may write to the Fund Office at Cattle Shochtim Union Local 491 Pension Plan,123 Hillside Road, Elizabeth, NJ 07208-1101 or call the Fund Office at (908) 355-0470. You have a right to receive a copy of the rehabilitation plan from the Fund.