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CHARTER INTERNATIONAL PLC ("CHARTER")

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In order to comply with its obligations under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Colfax is today filing with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission a "Form 8-K". The filing attaches, and contains summaries of, the following:

- 1. implementation agreement entered into by Colfax, Bidco and Charter on 12 September 2011
- securities purchase agreement between Colfax and BDT CF Acquisition Vehicle, LLC (as well as BDT Capital Partners Fund I, L.P. and BDT Capital Partners Fund I-A, L.P.), Mitchell P. Rales, Chairman of Colfax's board, and his brother, Steven M. Rales
- 3. securities purchase agreement between Colfax and Mitchell P. Rales
- 4. securities purchase agreement between Colfax and Steven M. Rales
- 5. securities purchase agreement between Colfax and Markel Corporation, a Virginia corporation
- Credit Agreement among Colfax, Bidco, certain subsidiaries of Colfax identified therein,
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