

# NEWS UPDATE



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## **LaBARGE AWARDED BOEING CONTRACT FOR AEGIS BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SM-3 KINETIC WARHEAD**

ST. LOUIS, June 21, 2011—LaBarge, Inc. (NYSE Amex: LB), a provider of electronics manufacturing services (EMS), has been awarded a contract from The Boeing Company to produce wiring harnesses for the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) System. Financial terms were not disclosed. LaBarge anticipates follow-on orders.

The SM-3 is part of the sea-based Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System for the Missile Defense Agency and will be deployed on Aegis cruisers and destroyers to provide allied forces and the United States protection against short- to medium-range ballistic missile threats in the midcourse phase of flight. The LaBarge-built cables are part of the SM-3 Kinetic Warhead. On Feb. 20, 2008, during a real-world mission, the U.S. Missile Defense Agency and the U.S. Navy intercepted and destroyed a non-functioning satellite with the Aegis SM-3 launched from the USS *Lake Erie*. Raytheon is the prime integrator of the SM-3. Boeing is a subcontractor to Raytheon.

Production on the contract has begun and is expected to continue through June 2011 at LaBarge's Joplin, Mo., operation.

### **About LaBarge, Inc.**

LaBarge, Inc. is a broad-based provider of electronics to technology-driven companies in diverse markets. The Company provides its customers with sophisticated electronic and electromechanical products through contract design and manufacturing services. Headquartered in St. Louis, LaBarge has operations in Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin. The Company's website may be accessed at <http://www.labarge.com>.

### **Additional Information and Where to Find It**

In connection with the proposed merger, the Company filed a Definitive Proxy Statement and a form of proxy on Schedule 14A on May 23, 2011, and other related materials with the Securities and

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Exchange Commission (“SEC”). BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING DECISION, STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT, ALL RELATED SUPPLEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS (IF ANY AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE) AND ALL OTHER RELATED MATERIALS CAREFULLY, BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN (AND WILL CONTAIN) IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED MERGER AND RELATED MATTERS. Investors and stockholders may obtain free copies of the Definitive Proxy Statement (and other related materials when they become available) and other documents filed with the SEC by the Company through the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>, at the Company’s website at <http://investors.labarge.com> by clicking on the link “Financial Library,” and from the Company by contacting the Company’s corporate secretary, Donald H. Nonnenkamp, by mail at 9900 Clayton Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63124 or by telephone at (314) 997-0800.

### **Participants in the Solicitation**

The Company and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of the Company in connection with the proposed merger. Information regarding the interests of these directors and executive officers in the transaction described herein is included in the Definitive Proxy Statement described above under “The LaBarge Special Meeting – Stock Ownership and Voting by LaBarge’s Directors and Executive Officers” and “The Merger – Interests of LaBarge Directors and Executive Officers in the Merger.” Additional information regarding these directors and executive officers is also included in the Company’s proxy statement for its 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on October 18, 2010. This document is available free of charge at the SEC’s website at <http://www.sec.gov> and from the Company by contacting the Company’s corporate secretary, Donald H. Nonnenkamp, by mail at 9900 Clayton Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63124 or by telephone at (314) 997-0800.

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