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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements made herein contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The words "expect," "will," "look forward to" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

The expectations set forth in this filing regarding accretion, returns on invested capital, achievement of annual savings and synergies, achievement of strong cash flow, sufficiency of cash flow to fund capital expenditures and achievement of debt reduction targets are only the parties' expectations regarding these matters. Actual results could differ materially from these expectations depending on factors such as the combined company's cost of capital, the ability of the combined company to identify and implement cost savings, synergies and efficiencies in the time frame needed to achieve these expectations, prior contractual commitments of the combined companies and their ability to terminate these commitments or amend, renegotiate or settle the same, the combined company's actual capital needs, the absence of any material incident of property damage or other hazard that could affect the need to effect capital expenditures, any unforeseen merger or acquisition opportunities that could affect capital needs, the costs incurred in implementing synergies and the factors that generally affect both Yellow's and Roadway's respective businesses as further outlined in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in each of the companies' respective Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002 and the Risk Factors outlined in Yellow's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 4, 2003 and its Registration Statement on Form S-4, as amended, filed on October 17, 2003. Yellow's plans regarding the maintenance of the separate Yellow and Roadway brands and networks, the continuation of the Roadway headquarters as a major operational center, the focus on administrative and back office synergies and workforce rationalizations are only its current plans and intentions regarding these matters. Actual actions that the combined company may take may differ from time to time as the combined company may deem necessary or advisable in the best interest of the combined company and its shareholders to attempt to achieve the successful integration of the companies, the synergies needed to make the transaction a financial success and to react to the economy and the combined company's market for its transportation services.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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On October 17, 2003, Yellow filed a joint proxy statement/prospectus and Yellow and Roadway will file other relevant documents concerning the proposed merger transaction with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Investors are urged to read the joint proxy statement/prospectus and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC when they become available because they will contain important information. You will be able to obtain the documents free of charge at the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. In addition, you may obtain documents filed with the SEC by Yellow free of charge by requesting them in writing from Yellow or by telephone at (913) 696-6100. You may obtain documents filed with the SEC by Roadway free of charge by requesting them in writing from Roadway or by telephone at (330) 384-1717. Yellow and Roadway, and their respective directors and executive officers, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Yellow and Roadway in connection with the merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of Yellow and their ownership of Yellow stock is set forth in the proxy statement for Yellow's 2003 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the joint proxy statement/prospectus related to the proposed merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of Roadway, their ownership of Roadway stock and their interests in the proposed merger transaction is set forth in the proxy statement for Roadway's 2003 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the joint proxy statement/prospectus related to the proposed merger.

The following document is filed herewith pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act of 1933:

Press release of Yellow Corporation dated November 19, 2003.

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NEWS RELEASE

YELLOW CORPORATION

November 19, 2003

For Immediate Release

YELLOW PRICES \$130 MILLION CONTINGENT CONVERTIBLE OFFERING

ØNotes have an annual interest rate of 3.375% and a conversion premium of 50.7%

ØConvertible to Yellow stock at \$46.00 per share upon the occurrence of certain events

OVERLAND PARK, KAN. Yellow Corporation (NASDAQ: YELL) (Yellow) announced today that its \$130 million private offering of contingent convertible senior notes due 2023 (the notes) have been priced at an annual interest rate of 3.375%. The notes are convertible into shares of Yellow common stock at a conversion price of \$46.00 per share upon the occurrence of certain events. In addition, an incremental \$20 million may be raised if the initial purchasers exercise their right to acquire additional notes in connection with the offering.

The notes may not be redeemed by Yellow for nine years, but are redeemable at any time thereafter at par. Holders of the notes will have the option to require Yellow to purchase their notes at par in years nine, twelve and seventeen. Yellow expects to use the net proceeds from the offering as part of the financing for the pending acquisition of Roadway Corporation (NASDAQ: ROAD) and, if such acquisition is not completed, for general corporate purposes. The offering is expected to close on November 25, 2003.

This notice does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities. The notes and our common stock issuable upon conversion of the notes have not been registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), or the securities laws of any other jurisdiction. Unless they are registered, the notes and our common stock issuable upon their conversion may be offered or sold only in transactions that are exempt from registration under the Securities Act and other applicable securities laws. Accordingly, Yellow is offering the notes only to qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act.

Yellow Corporation, a Fortune 500 company, is a holding company that through wholly-owned operating subsidiaries offers its customers a wide range of asset and non-asset-based transportation services integrated by technology. Its largest subsidiary, Yellow Transportation, offers a full range of regional, national and international services for the movement of industrial, commercial and retail goods. Meridian IQ is a non-asset global transportation management company that plans and coordinates the movement of goods worldwide. Yellow Technologies provides innovative technology solutions and services exclusively for Yellow Corporation companies. Headquartered in Overland Park, Kansas, Yellow Corporation employs approximately 23,000 people.

Roadway Corporation, a Fortune 500 company included in the Dow Jones Transportation Average, is a holding company that through wholly-owned operating subsidiaries offers its customers a wide range of asset and non-asset-based transportation services. Its principal subsidiaries include Roadway Express and Roadway Next Day Corporation. Roadway Express is a leading transporter of industrial, commercial and retail goods in the two to five day regional and long-haul markets. Roadway Next Day Corporation is focused on business opportunities in the shorter-haul regional and next day markets. Headquartered in Akron, Ohio, Roadway Corporation employs approximately 27,000 people.

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