



May 6, 2003

Dear Canada Life shareholder:

Canada Life shareholders have voted overwhelmingly in favour of the proposal by Great-West Lifeco Inc. (Great-West) to purchase Canada Life.

Under the transaction, still subject to regulatory approval, Great-West will acquire all of Canada Life's common shares for a combination of cash and Great-West securities valued (as at February 14, 2003) at CDN\$44.50 per Canada Life common share.

It is now time for you to choose how you want to be paid for your Canada Life common shares.

You can elect to receive cash, Great-West securities, or a combination of cash and Great-West securities, for your Canada Life common shares, subject to maximum limits and proration, when the transaction closes.

If you haven't already heard from your broker, please contact him or her for instructions as to how you can make your election. Please ensure you meet the time deadlines set out by your broker.

An information sheet with answers to questions you may have about the election process is attached, although not all of the information is relevant to shareholders who hold their Canada Life shares through a broker or other financial institution. The proxy circular dated March 22, 2003, previously mailed to you, can also be referred to during the election process. If you require another copy of the proxy circular, you can access it from our web site at www.canadalife.com under "Latest Shareholder News", from the Canadian securities regulators' web site at www.sedar.com or you can obtain a copy by calling Computershare, our transfer agent.

We strongly urge you to consult your financial and/or legal advisors for investment, tax and other guidance relevant to your particular personal circumstance.

The result of the shareholder vote is the creation of the largest life insurance company in Canada and a North American leader with a strong international platform. In today's consolidating financial services environment, bigger and stronger are important for effective competitiveness.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Da Nield".

DAVID A. NIELD
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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