



Nordson Corporation
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Dear Shareholder:

On March 1, 2011, Nordson Corporation declared a 2-for-1 stock split payable April 12, 2011 to common shareholders of record on March 25, 2011. This means that for every one share of Nordson stock you owned as of the close of business on March 25, 2011, you now own two shares of Nordson common stock.

The additional shares you are receiving as a result of the stock split are being distributed through the Direct Registration System (DRS), which means you have full ownership of your additional shares without the responsibility of holding the actual certificates. Enclosed is a DRS Transaction Statement, which is your confirmation of the number of additional shares you own as a result of the split. Keep it with your existing Nordson stock certificate(s). Please be advised that any stock certificates in your possession are valid and should not be destroyed.

If you hold any of your existing shares in the Nordson Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "DRP"), you will receive the additional shares of Nordson common stock credited to your DRP account based on your DRP holdings and a Statement of Holdings is enclosed indicating the number of additional full and fractional shares you own as a result of the Stock Split. Keep it with any existing stock certificates, if applicable and other important documents as a record of your ownership.

If you have shares of Nordson common stock in a brokerage account, the shares from the Stock Split will be transmitted to your broker automatically with no action required on your part. The number of shares sent to your broker will be equivalent to one share for every one share that was held in your brokerage account on the record date. You may want to contact your broker directly for an account statement reflecting the additional shares credited to your account as a result of the Stock Split.

Under current law, for United States federal income tax purposes, (1) the receipt of additional shares of Common Stock as a result of this stock split will not result in any taxable incomes, gain or loss to shareholders, (2) immediately after the stock split, the tax basis of the shares of Nordson Common Stock held by a shareholder prior to the stock split will be divided equally between such original shares and the new shares issued with respect to the original shares, and (3) the new shares will be deemed to have been acquired at the same time as the original shares. The laws of jurisdictions other than the United States may impose income taxes on the receipt of additional shares. The foregoing tax information is furnished merely for your assistance. We recommend that you consult your personal tax advisor.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Veillette
Vice President, General Counsel
and Secretary

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

What is a two-for-one stock split in the form of a 100% stock dividend?

A 100% stock dividend is a common way to implement a two-for-one stock split. A two-for-one stock split means that on April 12, 2011, a Nordson shareholder will be issued one additional share of Nordson Common Stock for every share of Nordson Common Stock held at the close of business on the record date. - March 25, 2011. The split doubles the number of shares outstanding but the corresponding market value per share decreases by half.

Why is the stock being split?

Nordson's Board of Directors made a decision to split the stock in order to make the shares more affordable to a broader range of potential investors and to increase liquidity in the trading of Nordson shares.

What was the record date?

The record date was March 25, 2011. If you were a shareholder as of the close of business on the record date, you are entitled to receive the additional shares.

What is the payment date?

The payment date for the additional shares is April 12, 2011. If shares are registered in your name as of the close of business on the record date, you are receiving the enclosed shares subject to the split.

Was there a "when-issued" market on the NASDAQ for the new split shares of Nordson?

Yes, the NASDAQ authorized a "when-issued" market for the new split shares under the NDSN trading symbol. This market existed only between the March 25 record date and the April 12, 2011 payment date. Trading in the "when-issued" market reflected the anticipated post-split value of Nordson shares. Settlement of "when-issued" trades is expected to occur on April 18, 2011, which is four business days after the payment date. Nordson had no involvement in "when-issued" trading. You should check with your broker if you have any questions regarding any trading you may have done in the "when-issued" market.

When will the stock begin trading at its split price on NASDAQ?

Although the stock split is legally effective on the record date (March 25), the trading price of the stock on the NASDAQ will not reflect the split until April 13, the day after the payment date.

What if I sold shares before the record date (March 25, 2011)?

If you sold your shares before the record date, you will not receive the additional split shares for those shares that were sold.

What if I buy or sell shares between the record date (March 25) and the payment date (April 12)?

If you purchase shares between the record date (March 25, 2011) and payment date (April 12, 2011), you are generally entitled to receive an amount of split shares equal to the shares you purchased. If you sell your shares between these dates, you are generally not entitled to the split shares on the shares you sold.

How have my additional shares of Nordson stock been issued?

No stock certificates have been issued. Instead, if you held certificates, the additional shares you have received as a result of the stock split have been distributed through the Direct Registration System (DRS). This means that you have full ownership of your additional shares without the responsibility of holding the actual certificates. A DRS Transaction Statement is enclosed along with a Q&A and Terms and Conditions Sheet providing information about DRS. The enclosed DRS Transaction Statement is your confirmation; it indicates the number of additional split shares you received based on your certificated share balance as of the record date. Keep it with your existing stock certificates and other important documents as a record of your ownership.

Where will my DRS Transaction Statement and/or my Statement of Holdings be mailed?

If you currently hold shares in your name, they will be mailed to the address on file at Computershare Investor Services, our stock transfer agent. To verify your address, you can call Computershare Investor Services directly at 1-800-622-6757.

What do I do with my existing Nordson stock certificate(s)?

Existing Nordson stock certificates are still valid. Do not destroy them. You may deposit your existing certificate(s) to a DRS account at Computershare Investor Services or in a brokerage account or you may continue to physically hold them and be responsible for their safekeeping. You can convert your shares held in certificate form into book-entry shares by mailing your certificates and a letter of instruction via registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, or some other form of traceable, insured mail to: Computershare Investor Services, P.O. Box 43010, Providence, RI 02940-3010. For security purposes, please do not sign your certificates. Once the certificate shares are converted to book-entry form, you will be sent a statement confirming your account balance.

How do I request a Nordson stock certificate?

We believe DRS is the safest and most convenient way to hold your Nordson shares of stock. If, however, you prefer to receive a certificate for your additional stock split shares, you may request it by calling Computershare Investor Services at 1-800-622-6757 or by accessing the web at www.computershare.com/investor and follow the instructions. Your certificate will be mailed to you at the address listed on the form. You can expect to receive your certificates within two weeks of your request.

If my shares are held in a brokerage account, how will I be notified?

If you hold shares in a brokerage account, the additional shares will automatically be deposited to your brokerage account. Please contact your broker with any questions you may have.

What if I have more questions?

For more information about DRS, the stock split or your Nordson shareholder account, please call Computershare Investor Services at 1-800-622-6757.