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To: Verne, B. Michael  
Subject: Tender Offer

Hi Mike - Can you confirm that the HSR Act permits a tender offer to be "solicited" but would require the waiting period to pass prior to actually acquiring the shares.

Thanks

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*Yes -  
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