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The Company issued a notification of earnings release date and distributed materials regarding its annual marketing conference.

DST SYSTEMS, INC. ANNOUNCES NOTIFICATION OF FOURTH QUARTER 2017 EARNINGS RELEASE DATE

KANSAS CITY, MO – January 24, 2018 DST Systems, Inc. (NYSE: DST) will release its financial results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2017 before markets open on Monday, January 29, 2018.

As previously announced, DST entered into an agreement to be acquired by SS&C Technologies Holdings, Inc. for \$84 per share in cash. The Company expects to complete the transaction by the third quarter 2018, subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions. Due to the pending transaction, the Company will not be hosting a conference call to discuss its results.

About DST Systems

DST Systems, Inc. is a leading provider of specialized technology, strategic advisory, and business operations outsourcing to the financial and healthcare industries. We assist clients in transforming complexity into strategic advantage by providing tools and services to help them stay ahead of and capitalize on ever-changing customer, business and regulatory requirements in the world's most demanding industries. For more information, visit the DST website at www.dstsystems.com.

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A Message from DST CEO Steve Hooley

On behalf of all associates at DST, I look forward to welcoming you to Phoenix and ADVANCE in a few weeks and hope you've had a chance to look at the exciting agenda, venue and surrounding events.

While DST recently announced an agreement to be acquired by SS&C Technologies, our plans for ADVANCE have not changed. SS&C CEO, Bill Stone, will be joining us and will provide some insight on why he believes the SS&C - DST combination will serve our client base so well.

The ADVANCE conference has always been a high-value forum where you can learn about pressing industry topics and trends, exchange ideas and network with peers. Our content for 2018 promises to deliver on all of those while providing you an opportunity to learn the latest about topics such as regulatory reform, digital transformation and operational best practices. And we're especially excited about the great line-up of speakers including Governor Jeb Bush, Governor Michael Leavitt and Megan Smith, former U.S. Chief Technology Officer.

Clients look to DST for help transforming business and technical complexities into strategic advantage and we believe that will be enhanced as DST joins SS&C. I'm excited about the opportunities this new future presents to our clients and look forward to sharing more details of the SS&C acquisition with you at ADVANCE.

See you soon!

STEVE HOOLEY
President and CEO

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DST Client FAQs Related to Steve Hooley ADVANCE EMAIL

1. Will Bill Stone attend the entire event?

Bill will be joining Steve Hooley on stage for just the opening remarks of the conference.

2. Can I arrange for my client to meet Bill?

As the deal has not yet closed, communication between our two organizations must be limited and topics of discussion restricted. As such, Bill will not be available for 1:1 client meetings and discussions. We anticipate that Bill will be available for client meetings at a later date.

3. Will the pending acquisition change our content or sessions? How do I answer when asked if what we discuss/present at ADVANCE will be relevant post-acquisition?

Content and sessions are not changing. ADVANCE content covers a wide range of topics. Many sessions are from business leaders, consultants, and external speakers who are presenting their views on overall industry challenges, trends, and developments. These topics are not expected to be impacted by the pending SS&C acquisition.

DST services, products, solutions and strategies are developed with a view to enhancing our existing capabilities and delivering on client needs. Client input and market requirements are critical inputs to defining our approach. SS&C shares our view on the value of client input and guidance as part of superior service delivery.

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