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X Definitive Additional Materials

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Caterpillar Inc.  
(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than  
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100 NE Adams Street  
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Dear Caterpillar Stockholder:

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According to our most recent records, we have not yet received your proxy for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Caterpillar Inc. to be held on June 9, 2010. Your Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR proposals 1-5 and AGAINST proposals 6-8.

Please help your company avoid the expense of further solicitation – vote your proxy TODAY by telephone, via the Internet, or by signing and returning the enclosed proxy card.

Even if you believe you have already voted, we encourage you to vote now to ensure your vote has been validly cast and is counted at the meeting. Your vote will only be counted once.

Thank you for your participation.

Very truly yours,

/s/ James B. Buda  
James B. Buda  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Remember, you can vote by telephone or via the Internet --  
Simply follow the easy instructions on the enclosed  
proxy or voting instruction card.

If you have any questions, or need assistance voting  
your shares, please call our proxy solicitor,

INNISFREE M&A INCORPORATED  
TOLL-FREE, at 1-877-687-1865.