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On February 7, 2005, Gartner, Inc. posted the following letter to clients on its website.

**Update on Acquisition of Meta Group**

Gene Hall, Chief Executive Officer, Gartner

On December 27<sup>th</sup> 2004, we announced that we had reached an agreement to acquire Meta Group. We strongly believe that the combined company's professional staff will be able to provide an even greater scope of independent, objective insight and counsel to help senior executives leverage information technology to meet their strategic objectives.

We expect the transaction to be completed early in the second quarter of 2005. Until the transaction is completed, standard regulatory and legal guidelines require Gartner and Meta Group to continue operating as two separate companies. However, those same guidelines allow senior executives from both companies to plan for a seamless integration once the transaction has been completed.

For that purpose, an integration team has been formed that contains senior Gartner and Meta Group executives. This team is developing a comprehensive plan to ensure that the integration of Meta Group is conducted in a timely manner.

Even though we are currently operating in 'business as usual' mode, I appreciate that our clients may have questions and require clarity on some aspects of this acquisition. Please share your questions with your Gartner account executive or alternatively e-mail us at [inquiry@gartner](mailto:inquiry@gartner) or call +1 203 316 1200. The work of our integration team began only a short period ago, so we may not have all answers to your questions, but we always appreciate your insights and feedback.

We look forward to providing greater value in the coming months as we build a stronger company dedicated to meeting your needs.

Sincerely,

Gene Hall  
Chief Executive Officer  
Gartner