

As announced in January, the company expects savings in the range of \$250-\$300 million (US) per year when the operations strategy is completed within the previously announced period of 18-36 months. The company is on target for achieving results in line with the guidance for 1999, and the actions announced will have no significant impact on 1999 financial performance from ongoing operations.**

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