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VISX, Incorporated

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

Carl C. Icahn, Barberry Corp. and High River Limited Partnership

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On May 1, 2001, Mr. Icahn issued a press release, which press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

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Exhibit 1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ICAHN DETERMINES TO PROCEED WITH VISX DUE DILIGENCE; DISCONTINUES PROXY CONTEST

New York, New York May 1, 2001. Carl C. Icahn today announced that he would proceed with due diligence efforts for VISX. Mr. Icahn stated, "As a result of my most recent conversations with the financial advisors for VISX, I am satisfied that the company has a sincere interest in a sale at \$32 per share and that a merger structure should be workable. As a result, although management has not taken all of the steps that I have requested, the posture of VISX is such that it makes sense to undertake due diligence efforts."

Mr. Icahn stated, "I believe that management's position regarding a potential sale of VISX has been significantly influenced by the actions I have taken in conducting the proxy contest." Mr. Icahn noted that "VISX has taken a number of steps to assure potential buyers that a \$32 per share all cash offer would be welcomed" and that following his conversations with several significant shareholders, he believes that there is no longer a reason for a proxy contest given management's significant shift toward his position. "In my view," Mr. Icahn said, "VISX is a company with significant potential and I am looking forward to proceeding with due diligence, alone or together with others."

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