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**WITH OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS**

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## STRATEGIC BENEFITS

Sole ownership drives strategic and financial benefits across entire business

Accretive to earnings per share at close of transaction

Access to all of wireless cash flows

Special distributions of \$8.3B in 2012 and \$3.15B YTD in 2013

Favorable capital market environment

U.S. wireless market in growth phase

No integration risk

Transaction is a natural

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KEY TRANSACTION TERMS

Aggregate value of \$130 billion, primarily in cash and stock

Consideration structure

\$58.9 billion of cash

\$60.2 billion of common stock issued directly to Vodafone  
shareholders

\$5.0 billion of notes with Vodafone

Sale  
of  
minority  
stake  
in  
Omnitel  
to  
Vodafone  
for  
\$3.5  
billion

Other net consideration of \$2.5 billion

Balanced mix of cash and stock

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## FINANCING STRATEGY

Strong balance sheet and financial flexibility today

Capacity to execute necessary debt financing

Incremental free cash flow more than covers funding costs

Maintaining solid investment grade credit ratings

Anticipate steadily de-levering and returning to pre-transaction ratings

Continue to invest in our networks and spectrum

Self-funding transaction

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FINANCING AND LIQUIDITY

Capacity to support debt financing needs

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Fully  
underwritten

Financing

Package

Significant  
liquidity  
post  
transaction

Fully executed Bridge Facility in place  
Target taking out majority of Bridge Facility before deal closes  
\$1.8B cash on hand as of June 30, 2013  
\$6.2B revolver -  
\$6.1B is available  
Additional \$2B revolver to be added for transaction  
100% ownership of wireless cash flows

ROADMAP TO COMPLETION

Expect transaction to close in 1Q 2014

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Access global capital markets

Reduce bridge financing as quickly as possible

Receive regulatory approvals

Receive shareholder approvals

Issue new shares and close transaction

KEY CREDIT HIGHLIGHTS

world s  
leading  
providers  
of  
communications,  
information

and  
entertainment  
products  
and  
services

LTM  
revenue  
of  
\$118B  
and  
adjusted  
EBITDA  
of  
\$39B  
ending  
June  
30,  
2013

Over 100M wireless retail connections

5.0M FiOS subscribers

4.8% growth in Enterprise strategic services revenue

Large and stable cash flow, including during recent recession

Controlling cash expense through process improvements

Revenue base anchored by contracted revenue

Wireless churn rate of approximately 1.0%

Multi-year Enterprise contracts

History of delivering on financial commitments

Track record of de-levering following significant transactions

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One of the

The largest 4G LTE network in the country  
TRANSACTION FOR THE BEST WIRELESS  
ASSET IN NORTH AMERICA

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500+

LTE Markets

POPs

95%

of the US Population  
300M

TRANSACTION SUPPORTS GROWTH STRATEGY

Positioned for innovation and growth

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ONE VERIZON

WIRELESS

Execute on fundamentals

Transform & scale

Invest in future

WIRELINE

Consumer & Mass Markets

Verizon Enterprise Solutions

FiOS penetration

Product differentiation

Operating efficiency

Strategic platforms

Vertical solutions

Operational transformation

## ONE VERIZON AND FUTURE GROWTH

Full ownership of wireless enables advancement of One Verizon

Unique asset portfolio drives continued growth and value

Powerful growth opportunities with mobile

Ability to develop more integrated and valuable services for customers

Value-creating transaction

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COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN STRONG  
INVESTMENT GRADE RATINGS

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Source: FactSet, company financials

Note:

Existing

equity

valued

at  
 Verizon  
 share  
 price  
 of  
 \$47.38  
 as  
 of  
 08/30/13;  
 cash  
 and  
 cash  
 equivalents  
 and  
 existing  
 debt  
 based  
 on  
 06/30/13  
 Status quo  
 Pro forma  
 Amount  
 LTM EBITDA multiple  
 Amount  
 LTM EBITDA multiple  
 Adjusted EBITDA (LTM ending June 30, 2013)  
 \$39.3  
 \$39.3  
 Cash and cash equivalents  
 \$1.8  
 \$1.8  
 Existing debt  
 \$49.8  
 1.3x  
 \$49.8  
 1.3x  
 New debt  
 0.0  
 0.0x  
 67.2  
 1.7x  
 Total Debt  
 \$49.8  
 1.3x  
 \$116.9  
 3.0x  
 Net debt  
 \$48.0  
 1.2x  
 \$115.1

2.9x  
New equity issued  
\$0.0  
0.0x  
\$60.2  
1.5x  
Existing equity  
137.7  
3.5x  
137.7  
3.5x  
Total equity  
\$137.7  
3.5x  
\$197.9  
5.0x  
Total capitalization  
\$187.5  
4.8x  
\$314.8  
8.0x  
Pro forma capitalization (\$B)

CURRENT MATURITY PROFILE  
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Existing maturity profile (\$M)

