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Introduction

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- Goldman Sachs would like to thank the Special Committee for the opportunity to share our preliminary observations on several key questions regarding Opal today:
- 1 What is the public market's perception of Opal and why does Opal trade the way that it does?
- 2 How do management's financial projections compare in the context of public market perceptions?
- What are some of the potential alternatives available to Opal today and how might they impact shareholder value?
 - In addition to the potential financial impacts, what are the key strategic, operational and transactional issues to also consider?
- 4 What would be the recommended next steps in order to further evaluate the potential alternatives?
- We have reviewed information provided by management to date, including:
 - Management's 9/21 Case financial projections and the July 2012 Board Strategy Plan
 - Initial documents provided by management in the data room
 - Other publicly available documents
- In reaching our preliminary observations, we have relied upon management's 9/21 Case
- Additional diligence and management discussions and input would be required in order to further develop and refine our preliminary observations and analyses



Public Market Perspectives on Opal

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Viewed over a range of historical time periods, Opal's share price has underperformed relative to that of its peer groups¹

Time Period	Opal	HP	WholeCo	EUC	Enterprise	Software	Services	S&P
Last 10 Years	(62)%	31 %	1296 %	99 %	271 %	329 %	382 %	43 %
Last 5 Years	(66)%	(70)%	54 %	(21)%	1 %	54 %	61 %	(6)%
Last 3 Years	(37)%	(67)%	61 %	26 %	14 %	51 %	61 %	1 %
Last 1 Year	(35)%	(35)%	25 %	25 %	16 %	17 %	34 %	(4)%

- Opal's current public trading multiples also lag those of its peers, likely owing to a range of potential factors, including but not limited to, EUC segment financials overwhelming the Enterprise segment financials, views on the PC market outlook, an expectation of lower growth, overhang of recent underperformance, and a "show me" investor viewpoint regarding the Company's strategy
 - Additionally, Opal's significant cash balances may not be attributed full value by investors as it consists primarily of
 offshore cash and also because some investors may have the view that the cash will be used for acquisitions that
 may have limited P&L impact in the near term

CY2013E Multiple	Opal	HP	WholeCo	EUC	Enterprise	Software	Services	S&P
Enterprise Value / Sales ²	0.2 / 0.3 x	0.4 x	2.3 x	0.1 x	1.3 x	2.6 x	1.1 x	0.1 x
Enterprise Value / EBITDA ²	2.6 / 3.4	3.2	7.0	5.7	5.4	7.3	8.2	3.3
P/E	5.3	3.6	12.3	12.6	12.6	11.7	11.8	7.3
Operating P / E ³	1.4	2.4	9.4	7.4	7.9	9.1	11.0	5.1

- 52% and 41% of Wall Street research analysts have a Buy or Hold recommendation on Opal, respectively, with a median price target of \$14.00 and a price target ranging from \$9.00 to \$18.50
 - EPS estimates for FY2014 and FY2015 have trended downward since the first and second quarter earnings announcements

Source: Bloomberg, company reports, public filings, Capital IQ and IBES

WholeCo peer composite consists of Accenture, Apple, Claco, EMC, HP, IBM, Microsoft, Cracle, SAP, EUC peer composite consists of Acer, AssuSTek and Lenovo. Enterprise peer composite consists of BMC Software, CA, Compuniare, Informatica, Microsoft, Cracle, SAP, Symantec and Tibco, S&P peer composite consists of Ingram Micro and TechData.

First figure regresents Opa's EV / EBITDA multiple. Second figure assumes the public market adjusts Opa's cash balance for the tax associated with repatriating Opa's offshore cash balances, assuming 100% of cash is offshore.

Operating P / E calculated by removing cash per share from each company's share price.



Management Financial Projections

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(US\$ in millions)

- Management's revisions to the July 2012 Board Strategy Plan to formulate the 9/21 Case financial projections reflect lower revenue growth rates and operating margins across most of the business
- The reduction in operating margins impact EUC, Enterprise and S&P most significantly

	July 2012 Board Strategy Plan						9/21 Case					% Difference						
	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
Revenue Dollars						10	MID -					5.0						1.0
EUC	\$ 32,784	\$ 34,252	\$ 36,013	\$ 38,141	\$ 39,206	\$ 40,382	\$ 28,655	\$ 28,915	\$ 30,096	\$ 31,299	\$ 31,612	\$ 31,929	(13)%	(16)%	(16)%	(18)%	(19)%	(21)%
Enterprise	\$ 11,897	\$ 12,920	\$ 14,033	\$ 15,203	\$ 15,992	\$ 16,855	\$ 10,559	\$ 11,392	\$ 12,298	\$ 13,278	\$ 13,832	\$ 14,425	(11)%	(12)%	(12)%	(13)%	(14)%	(14)%
Services	\$8,713	\$ 9,268	\$ 9,964	\$ 10,810	\$ 11,281	\$ 11,768	\$ 8,511	\$ 8,863	\$ 9,355	\$ 10,047	\$ 10,399	\$ 10,770	(2)%	(4)%	(6)%	(7)%	(8)%	(8)%
Software	\$ 430	\$ 1,566	\$ 2,063	\$ 2,379	\$ 2,576	\$ 2,803	\$ 557	\$ 1,371	\$ 1,809	\$ 1,979	\$ 2,162	\$ 2,375	29 %	(12)%	(12)%	(17)%	(16)%	(15)%
S&P	\$ 10,018	\$ 10,465	\$ 10,973	\$ 11,490	\$ 11,777	\$ 12,072	\$ 9,208	\$ 9,392	\$ 9,674	\$ 9,964	\$ 10,014	\$ 10,064	(8)%	(10)%	(12)%	(13)%	(15)%	(17)%
WholeCo	\$ 63,021	\$ 65,972	\$ 69,546	\$ 74,022	\$ 76,831	\$ 79,880	\$ 57,490	\$ 59,933	\$ 63,232	\$ 66,567	\$ 68,019	\$ 69,562	(9)%	(9)%	(9)%	(10)%	(11)%	(13)%
Revenue Growth																		
EUC	(1)%	5 %	5 %	6 %	3 %	3 %	(14)%	1 %	4 %		1 %	1 %	(12)%	(4)%	(1)%	(2)%	(2)%	(2)%
Enterprise	16 %	9 %	9 %	8 %	5 %	5 %	3 %	8 %	8 %	8 %	4 %	4 %	(13)%	(1)%	(1)%	(0)%	(1)%	(1)%
Services	5%	6 %	8 %	9 %	4 %	4 %	2 %	4 %	6 %	7 %	4 %	4 %	(2)%	(2)%	(2)%	(1)%	(1)%	(1)%
Software	NA	264 %	32 %	15 %	8 %	9 %	NA.	146 %	32 %	9 %	8 %	10 %	NM	(118)%	0 %	(6)%	0 %	1%
S&P	(2)%	5 %	5 %	5 %	3 %	3 %	(10)%	2 %	3.%	3 %	5 %	5%	(8)%	(3)%	(2)%	(2)%	3 %	3 %
WholeCo	2 %	5 %	5%	6 %	4 %	4 %	(7)%	4 %	6 %	5 %	2 %	2 %	(9)%	(1)%	0 %	(1)%	(2)%	(2)%
Operating Margins																		
EUC	5%	5 %	6 %	6 %	8 %	8 %	3 %	3 %	3 %	2%	2 %	2%	(30)%	(53)%	(55)%	(58)%	(75)%	(75)%
Enterprise	7 %	10 %	10 %	11 %	11 %	11.%	3 %	5 %	6 %	6 %	7 %	7 %	(56)%	(51)%	(46)%	(44)%	(35)%	(35)%
Services	27 %	29 %	29 %	30 %	32 %	32 %	28 %	29 %	29 %	30 %	30 %	30 %	5 %	- %	- %	(0)%	(7)%	(8)%
Softwere	(2)%	(2)%	12.94	17 %	21 %	23 %	(9)%	(2)%	16 %	18 %	19 %	18 %	NM	NM	34 %	2%	(12)%	(20)%
S&P	10 %	11 %	11 %	12 %	14 %	14 %	8 %	8 %	8 %	8 %	7 %	6%	(17)%	(25)%	(29)%	(35)%	(49)%	(55)%
WholeCo	8 %	9 %	9 %	9 %	12 %	12 %	7 %	7 %	8 %	8 %	8 %	8 %	(15)%	(18)%	(13)%	(16)%	(35)%	(36)%

Source: Management and IBES

¹ Highlighted figures represent operating margin declines of 25% of greater.



Management Financial Projections (Cont'd)

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- IBES estimates indicate that Wall Street research analysts have different expectations regarding Opal's financial outlook than are suggested by the 9/21 Case financial projections
 - Analysts expect little to no revenue growth in FY2014 and FY2015 and have lower EPS projections than the 9/21 Case financial projections

		9/21 Case		Opal	IBES Estim	ates	IBES less 9/21 Case			
	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	
Revenue	\$ 57,490	\$ 59,933	\$ 63,232	\$ 57,443	\$ 58,001	\$ 57,143	\$(47)	\$(1,932)	\$(6,089)	
Revenue Growth	(7.4)%	4.2 %	5.5 %	(7.5)%	1.0 %	(1.5)%	(0.1)%	(3.2)%	(7.0)%	
Operating Income	\$ 3,999	\$ 4,188	\$ 4,851	\$ 4,029	\$ 4,099	\$ 4,001	\$ 30	\$(88)	\$(850)	
% Margins	7.0 %	7.0 %	7.7 %	7.0 %	7.1 %	7.0 %	0.0 %	0.1 %	(0.7)%	
EPS	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.84	\$ 2.20	\$ 1.74	\$ 1.80	\$ 1.79	\$ 0.04	\$(0.04)	\$(0.41)	
% Difference	•	T	•				2.4 %	(2.2)%	(18.6)%	

Source: Management and IBES



2 Illustrative Status Quo Financial Analysis

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Based on 9/21 Case Financial Projections

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Illustrative Discounted Cash Flow Analysis

- High unlevered free cash flows during the projection period in the 9/21 Case financial projections drive illustrative DCF share price values that are greater than that of Opal's current share price
- The revenue growth rate and operating margin assumptions in the 9/21 Case financial projections would need to be meaningfully reduced in order to arrive at illustrative DCF values that are more in line with Opal's current share price

Revenue \$ 57,490 \$ 59,933 \$ 63,232 \$ 66,667 \$ 68,019 \$ 69,562 \$ 69,56 % Growth 4.2 % 5.5 % 5.3 % 2.2 % 2.3 % EBITDA (Pre-GAAP Adjustments) \$ 4,599 \$ 4,788 \$ 5,451 \$ 5,872 \$ 6,005 \$ 6,099 \$ 6,09 % Margin 8.0 % 8.6 % 8.8 % 8.8 % 8.8 % 8.8 % 8.8 %	Illustrative	- Samu	plied Share Price			The second second	minal Year EBITD	Company of the Compan
Revenue \$ 57,490 \$ 59,933 \$ 63,232 \$ 68,567 \$ 68,019 \$ 69,562 \$ 69,56 % Growth 4.2 % 5.5 % 5.3 % 2.2 % 2.3 % EBITDA (Pre-GAAP Adjustments) \$ 4,599 \$ 4,788 \$ 5,451 \$ 5,872 \$ 6,005 \$ 6,099 \$ 6,09	Unlevered Free Cash Flow	\$ 2,219	\$ 2,880	\$ 3,443	\$ 3,902	\$ 4,299	\$ 4,366	\$ 4,344
Revenue \$ 57,490 \$ 59,933 \$ 63,232 \$ 66,567 \$ 68,019 \$ 69,562 \$ 69,565 \$ 67 owth 4.2 % 5.5 % 5.3 % 2.2 % 2.3 %				200000000000000000000000000000000000000				\$ 6,096 8.8 9
FY2013 FY2014 FY2015 FY2016 FY2017 FY2018 Terminal Year	% Growth		4.2 %	5.5 %	5.3 %	22%	2.3 %	\$ 69,562
		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	Terminal Year

	Impli	ed Share Price		Implied Termina	il Year EBITDA Mu	Itiple			
Illustrative	Perpeti	uity Growth Rate		Perpetuity Growth Rate					
Discount Rate	- %	1.5 %	3.0 %	- %	1.5 %	3.0 %			
8.0 %	\$ 33.94	\$ 39.45	\$ 48.27	8.9 x	-11.1.x	14.7 x			
11.0 %	25.45	27.94	31.37	6.5	7.6	9.2			
14.0 %	20.61	21.96	23.69	5.1	5.8	6.7			

Sensitivity Analysis Assuming a 11% Illustrative Discount Rate and 1.5% Perpe

Δ in Annual EBIT	1 1000 100	ed Share Price		SEC. Charles Sectional Association	ol Year EBITDA Mul	
Margin vs.	Δ in Annual Rev.	Growth Rate vs. 9	/21 Case	Δ in Annual Rev. C	Growth Rate vs. 9/2	1 Case
9/21 Case	(5.0)%	(2.5)%	%	(5.0)%	(2.5)%	+ %
(5.0)%	\$ 9.86	\$ 10.70	\$ 11.62	6.1 x	6.3 x	6.5 x
(2.5)%	16.49	18.06	19.78	7.0	7.2	7.3
%	23.13	25.43	27.94	7.4	7.5	7.6

Sensitivity Analysis Assuming a 1.5% Perpetuity Growth Rate

	Impli	ed Share Price		Implied Terminal Year EBITDA Multiple					
Illustrative	Terminal Year ∆ in	WC as a % of A in	Revenue	Terminal Year △ in	erminal Year Δ in WC as a % of Δ in Revenue				
Discount Rate	- %	10.0 %	20.0 %	%	10.0 %	20.0 %			
8.0 %	\$ 39.45	\$ 38.47	\$ 37.49	11.1 x	10.7 x	10.3 x			
11.0 %	27.94	27.35	26.75	7.6	7.3	7.1			
14.0 %	21.96	21.56	21.16	5.8	5.6	5.4			

Source: Management and company reports

Note: The illustrative discounted each flow analysis discounts cash flows to 2013 fiscal year end and assumes management's non-GAAP tax rate estimate of 21.0%. Assuming excess offshore cash of \$7.0 billion is repatriated and subject to a 35% tax rate, the impact on implied share price is an approximate reduction of approximately \$1.40





2 Illustrative Status Quo Financial Analysis

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Based on 9/21 Case Financial Projections (US\$ in millions, except per share amounts)

Illustrative Present Value of Future Share Price Analysis

- Assuming Opal continues to trade at a forward P/E multiple consistent with today's multiple, an illustrative present value
 of future share price analysis would imply share price values in the high single-digits to low-teens
- Peer PEG multiples based on IBES estimates would suggest that the EPS growth profile suggested by the 9/21 Case financial projections would result in Opal forward P/E multiples significantly higher than current

		FY	2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
Opal FY 1 P/E		Diluted EPS (Non-GAAP)	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.84	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.56	\$ 2.64
Current (IBES FY 2013)	5.4 x	% Annual Growth		8.2 %	19.6 %	11.4 %	4.5 %	3.1 %
1Yr. Avg. 2Yr. Avg.	7.1 8.1	% CAGR from FY2013 EPS		8.2 %	13.7 %	12.9 %	10.8 %	9.2 %
CY 1 P/E/G	0.7	Illustrative PV of Future Share Price						
Opal ¹ HP ²	3.7 x	@ a 5.0x Forward P/E Multiple and Illustrative 10.0% Discount Ra	ate	\$ 9.19	\$ 9.99	\$ 10.11	\$ 9.61	\$ 9.03
WholeCo EUC Enterprise	1.4 0.7 1.4	@ a 5.0x Forward P/E Multiple and Illustrative 13.0% Discount Ra	ate	\$ 9.19	\$ 9.73	\$ 9.58	\$ 8.86	\$ 8.11
Services	1.5	@ a 7.0x Forward P/E Multiple and Illustrative 10.0% Discount Ra	ate	\$ 12.86	\$ 13.99	\$ 14.15	\$ 13.45	\$ 12.64
Software S&P	1.3 0.9	@ a 7.0x Forward P/E Multiple and Illustrative 13.0% Discount Ra	ate	12.86	13.62	13.41	12.40	11.35
		@ a 9.0x Forward P/E Multiple and Illustrative 10.0% Discount Ra	ate	\$ 16.53	\$ 17.98	\$ 18.19	\$ 17.29	\$ 16.26
		@ a 9.0x Forward P/E Multiple and Illustrative 13.0% Discount Ra	ate	16.53	17.51	17.24	15.95	14.60

Source: Management, company reports, Bloomberg and IBES

Note: The illustrative future share price analysis discounts future share prices to 2013 fiscal year end. CY1 P/E/G multiples calculated based on CY2012 – CY2014 IBES EPS CAGRS, unless otherwise noted.



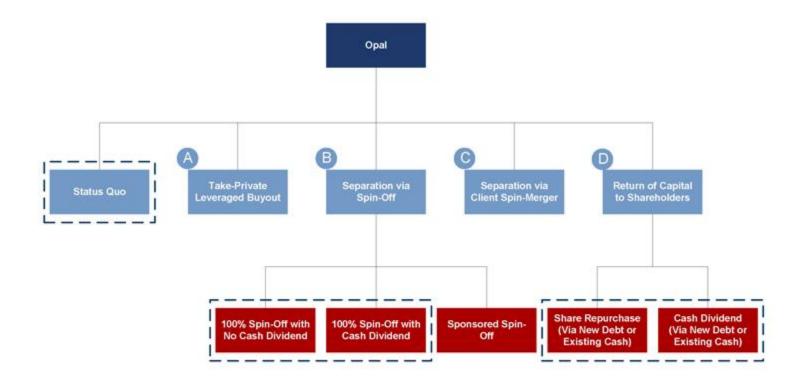
Opal EPS CAGR based on January fiscal year end IBES estimates.

² HP EPS CAGR based on October fiscal year end IBES estimates.



Summary Overview of Selected Potential **Alternatives**

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Note: Dotted blue lines denote alternatives that Opal could pursue on a standalone basis



Illustrative Leveraged Buyout Analysis

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Based on 9/21 Case Financial Projections

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Illustrative Sources and Uses

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Illustrative Sources		Total	Illustrative Uses				
Extant Cash	\$ 13,538	30.7 %	Equity Purchase Price at \$15.00 per share 1	\$ 26,080	59.2 %		
Rollover Notes	5,996	13.6	Assumed Existing Notes	5,996	13.6		
Rollover Structured Financing Debt	1,427	3.2	Assumed Existing Structured Financing Debt	1,427	3.2		
			Refi Commercial Paper	1,018	2.3		
New \$3 billion ABL	2,000	4.5	Total Purchase Price Excluding Cash	34,521	78.4		
New Term Loan A	1,500	3.4					
New Term Loan B	3,000	6.8					
New Secured Bond	2,500	5.7					
New Unsecured Guaranteed Notes	3,500	7.9	Minimum Cash	6,500	14.8		
Total New Debt*	\$ 12,500	28.4	Advisory Fees	75	0.2		
			Consulting / Legal	50	0.1		
MD Rollover at \$15.00 per share ^a	3,674	8.3	Financing Fees ²	403	0.9		
Southeastern AM Rollover at \$15.00 per share ^o	1,989	4.5	OIDs	30	0.1		
New Sponsor Equity	4,918	11.2	Tax on Cash Repatriation*	2,463	5.6		
Total Illustrative Sources	\$ 44,042	100.0 %	Total Illustrative Uses	\$ 44,042	100.0 %		

Illustrative Returns Analysis to New Sponsor

		Assume	es 21% Non	-GAAP Tax	Rate						Assume	s 30% Non	-GAAP Tax	Rate			
Purchase % Implied Share Price Premium		EBITDA Entry Multiple	eg.		Implied LT	M EBITDA	Exit Multip	ple	Purchase Share Price	% Implied	Implied LTM EBITDA Entry Multiple				M EBITDA	Exit Multi	ple
			3.8 x	4.2 x	4.6 x	4.9 x	5.3 x	5.7 x	12: 13			3.8 x	4.2 x	4.6 x	4.9 x	5.3 x	5.7
\$ 13.00	37%	3.8 x	28.1 %	30.4 %	326 %	34.6 %	36.6 %	38.5 %	\$ 13.00	37%	3.8 x	25.9 %	28.4 %	30.7 %	32.9 %	35.0 %	36.9 %
\$ 14.00	48%	4.2 x	22.6 %	24.8 %	26.9 %	28.9 %	30.7 %	32.5 %	\$ 14.00	48%	4.2 x	20.5 %	22.9 %	25.1 %	27.2 %	29.2 %	31.0 %
\$ 15.00	58%	4.6 x	18.2 %	20.4 %	22.4 %	24.3 %	26.1 %	27.8 %	\$ 15,00	58%	4.6 x	16.2 %	18.5 %	20.7 %	22.7 %	24.6 %	26.4 %
\$ 16.00	69%	4.9 x	146%	16.7 %	18.7 %	20.5 %	22.3 %	24.0 %	\$ 16.00	69%	4.9 x	12.7 %	14.9 %	17.0 %	19.0 %	20.8 %	22.6 %
\$ 17.00	80%	5.3 x	11.6 %	13.6 %	15.5 %	17.3 %	19.0 %	20.7 %	\$ 17.00	80%	5.3 x	9.7 %	11.9 %	13.9 %	15.8 %	17.6 %	19.3 %
\$ 18.00	90%	5.7 x	9.0 %	11.0 %	12.8 %	14.6 %	16.2 %	17.8 %	\$ 18.00	90%	5.7 x	7.1 %	9.2%	11.2%	13.1 %	14.8 %	16.5 %

Source: Management and company reports Note: Based on management's non-GAAP tax rate estimate of 21.0%.

¹ Assumes an illustrative purchase price of \$15.00 per share, based on a 58% premium to the current share price of \$9.47 ² Financing fees estimated based on fees of 2.5% for the new ABL and Term Loans A and B and fees of 4.0% on new high yield bonds and notes.

³ Based on an estimated OID of 99 for the new Term Loan B.

^{*} flustrative tax on offshore cash repatriation estimated by assuming that \$7.0 billion of offshore cash, representing extant cash of \$13.5 billion in excess of an estimated minimum cash balance requirement of \$6.5 billion, is repatriated and subject to a 35.0% tax rate.

⁵ Assumes that MD and Southeastern Asset Management roll 100% of their existing equity stakes in the transaction



Preliminary Separation Topics for Consideration

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- For the purposes of evaluating the potential benefits and consideration of a business separation, we consider, based on management guidance, an illustrative separation of Opal into:
 - <u>Client</u>: Consists of EUC, the consumer business of Services' Support & Deployment (~10% of Services revenue)
 and the consumer-related portion of S&P (~75% of S&P revenue)
 - Enterprise: Consists of Enterprise Solutions, Software, the corporate business of Services (~90% of Services revenue) and the corporate-related portion of S&P (~25 of S&P revenue)

Potential Benefits

- Potentially "unlock" embedded shareholder value through trading multiple re-rating and arbitrage
- Allows each entity to pursue potentially unique strategic, operation and financial objectives
 - Pursue and execute growth strategy
 - Strategic flexibility and optionality
 - Management focus
- In a public market context, may allow each entity to target potentially different shareholder bases
- Each entity could potentially become an acquisition/merger target

Potential Considerations

- The nature, magnitude and impact of potential operating dissynergies, including the loss of:
 - Revenue and cross-selling opportunities
 - Sales organization leverage
 - Entry into emerging markets via Client / PC pullthrough of Enterprise
 - COGS / materials sourcing scale and influence
 - Shared corporate overhead and public company costs
 - Scale / credit quality to provide financing services to customers
 - Client cash flows for investment in Enterprise
- Potential customer, supplier and employee reaction and impact
- The management pipeline to fill senior management positions at both entities
- Potential shareholder dislocation

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Illustrative Spin-Off Analysis

INVESTMENT BANKING DIVISION

Overview of Preliminary Assumptions (US\$ in millions)

Summary Overview of Assumptions and Methodology

- For the purposes of performing a preliminary and illustrative analysis to examine a separation of Opal into a "Client" business and an "Enterprise" business, as described on the prior page, we prepared illustrative financial projections for each entity based on the 9/21 Case financial projections and management guidance regarding high-level separation assumptions
 - Further diligence would be required to refine the analyses
- The illustrative financial projections below also incorporate operating dissynergies related to sourcing and corporate and public company costs. Additional transaction-related dissynergies are incorporated into the analyses in the subsequent pages, including tax on repatriation of offshore cash and other one-time separation transaction-related costs

Illustrative Client Financial Summary

	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
Revenue	200.00.00.00.00	rates a reasons	/ TOKO W 10 / Y 10	230-220-200-V		00000000
EUC	\$ 28,655	\$ 28,915	\$ 30,096	\$ 31,299	\$ 31,612	\$ 31,929
% Growth	(13.8)%	0.9 %	4.1 %	4.0 %	1.0 %	1.0 %
S&P	6,906	7,044	7,255	7,473	7,510	7,548
% Growth	(9.9)%	2.0 %	3.0 %	3.0 %	0.5 %	0.5 %
Services	739	724	742	785	803	823
% Growth	66.8 %	66.8 %	0.4%	5.7 %	24%	2.4 %
Revenue	\$ 36,301	\$ 36,683	\$ 38,093	\$ 39,557	\$ 39,926	\$ 40,299
% Growth	(12.2)%	1.1 %	3.8 %	3.8 %	0.9 %	0.9 %
EBIT						
EUC	\$ 924	\$ 725	\$ 743	\$ 705	\$ 638	\$ 638
% Margin	3.2 %	2.5 %	2.5 %	2.3 %	2.0 %	2.0 %
S&P	602	631	625	600	560	500
% Margin	8.7 %	9.0 %	8.6 %	8.0 %	7.5 %	6.6 %
Services	441	419	429	450	457	464
% Margin	59.6 %	57.9 %	57.8 %	57.3 %	56.9 %	56.4 %
EBIT (Non-GAAP) 1.2	\$ 1,632	\$ 1,441	\$ 1,466	\$ 1,427	\$ 1,330	\$ 1,280
% Margin	4.5 %	3.9 %	3.8 %	3.6 %	3.3 %	32%
EBITDA (Pre-GAAP Adj.)	\$ 2,011	\$ 1,809	\$ 1,828	\$ 1,784	\$ 1,682	\$ 1,628
% Margin	5.5 %	4.9 %	4.8 %	4.5 %	4.2 %	4.0 %

Illustrative Enterprise Financial Summary

	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
Revenue		-	-			
Enterprise Solutions	\$ 10,559	\$ 11,392	\$ 12,298	\$ 13,278	\$ 13,832	\$ 14,425
% Growth	28%	7.9%	80%	80%	42%	435
Services	7,771	8,139	8,613	9,263	9,596	9,947
% Growth	(1.4%)	4.7%	5.8%	7.5%	3.6%	3.7 %
SAP	2.302	2,348	2,418	2,491	2,503	2,516
% Growth	NM	20%	30%	30%	0.5%	0.5%
Software	557	1,371	1,809	1,979	2,162	2,375
% Growth	NM	146.3 %	31.9%	9.4 %	92%	9.9 %
Revenue	\$ 21,189	\$ 23,250	\$ 25,139	\$ 27,010	\$ 28,093	\$ 29,263
% Growth	23%	9.7%	8.7%	7.4%	4.0%	4.2 %
EBIT						
Enterprise Solutions	\$ 326	\$ 550	\$ 685	\$ 850	\$ 950	\$ 990
% Margin	3.1%	4.8%	5.6%	6.4 %	6.9%	6.9 %
Services	1,977	2,110	2,306	2,551	2,643	2,735
% Margin	25.4 %	25.9 %	26.8 %	27.5 %	27.5 %	27.5 %
S&P	151	158	156	150	140	125
% Margin	6.5 %	6.7%	6.5%	60%	5.6%	5.0 %
Software	(50)	(23)	290	350	400	430
% Margin	NM	NM	16.0 %	17.7 %	10.5%	18.1 %
EBIT (Non-GAAP)	\$ 1,587	\$ 1,996	\$ 2,605	\$ 3,065	\$ 3,295	\$ 3,439
% Margin	7.5%	8.5%	10.4 %	113%	11.7%	11.8%
EBITOA (Pre-GAAP Adj.)*	\$ 1,808	\$ 2,199	\$ 2,844	\$ 3,308	\$ 3,542	\$ 3,691
% Margin	8.5 %	9.5%	11.3 %	122%	12.6%	12.6 %

Source: Management and company reports

[!] Includes allocated Long-Term Incentive expenses and other cost adjustments and excludes non-GAAP adjustments.

² Includes an additional estimated \$100 million of annual pre-tax operating expenses related to assumed duplication of certain corporate and public company costs, based on management guidance.

³ Includes \$580 million of annual pre-tax sourcing dissynergies associated with an illustrative separation, per management estimates.



Illustrative Spin-Off Analysis

INVESTMENT BANKING DIVISION

(Cont'd)

(US\$ in millions, except per share amounts)

 Illustrative per share value outcomes to Opal shareholders in spin-off scenarios are driven by potentially achieving a public multiple re-rating to higher multiples that are more in-line with Client peers (~4.0x FY2014 EBITDA) and Enterprise peers (~7.0x FY2014 EBITDA) trading multiples today

100% Spin-Off w/ No Cash Dividend1

Assumes a spin-off of Enterprise to Opal shareholders, with no cash dividend to shareholders

	Illustrative Value		
	% Own.	Per Share	
Client Equity Stake	100.0 %	\$ 5.80	
Enterprise Equity Stake	100.0 %	9.33	
Illustrative Total Value		\$ 15.12	
Illustrative After-tax Separation	Costs*	(0.45)	
Illustrative Adjusted Total Va	lue	\$ 14.67	
Illustrative Adjusted Total Va	lue		

Illustrative Sensitivity Analysis

		Client EV / FY2014E EBITDA				
	3	2.0 x	4.0 x	6.0 x		
Enterprise	5.0 x	\$ 10.05	\$ 12.13	\$ 14.22		
EV/FY14	7.0 x	12.58	14.67	16.75		
EBITDA	9.0 x	15.12	17.20	19.28		

Illustrative Sensitivity Analysis

- Other spin-off variations include
 - 100% spin-off with a cash dividend to
 - equity investment for up to a 49.9% stake in Client, with those cash proceeds being used to
- Additional leverage at either entity could potentially
- Similarly, a sponsor's investment in Client can be at a negotiated value discount, thereby also affecting the value shareholders may receive

Summary Dissynergy Assumptions

- The illustrative spin-off analyses make a number of assumptions regarding potential operational, financial and transaction-related dissynergies, including:
 - \$580 million of annual dissynergies at Enterprise related to sourcing (~2.7% of Enterprise revenue and 5.5% of ESG revenue)
 - \$100 million each of additional annual corporate and public company costs at both separated entities that would need to be duplicated
 - \$1 billion of one-time transaction-related separation costs (taxed at
 - Does not assume any DFS related-financial impact
 - 35% tax rate on repatriation of offshore cash balances for deleveraging purposes
 - Lower leverage capacity as a result of lower pro forma EBITDA related to operational dissynergies

- shareholders that is funded by additional debt raised at Client and/or Enterprise Sponsored spin-off in which a sponsor makes an
- pay a cash dividend to shareholders
- impact the pro forma trading multiples, thus changing the value shareholders may receive

Impact on Value from Various Illustrative Dissynergies

Total Dissynergy / Share	\$ 4.27
1000mm of One-time Transaction Expenses (Taxed at 21%)	0.45
fax on Repatriation of Off-Shore Cash ³	0.85
100mm Annual Corporate and Public Company Costs @ Client at 4x	0.23
100mm Annual Corporate and Public Company Costs @ Enterprise at 7x	0.40
580mm Annual Sourcing @ Enterprise at 7x	\$ 2.34
Source of Dissynergy	Per Share Amount

Source: Management and company reports

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Illustrative analysis assumes Client trades at 4.0x FY2014 EBITDA and Enterprise trades at 7.0x FY 2014

² Assumos a 21% tax rate.

³ Assumes taxes of \$1.5 billion based on repatriating \$4.2 billion offshore cash, taxed at 35%, for Client deleveraging



Illustrative Spin-Merger Analysis

INVESTMENT BANKING DIVISION

Based on 9/21 Case Financial Projections | Strategic Party Based on IBES (In US\$)

- A spin-merger between Client and Strategic Party has the potential to result in Opal shareholder value enhancement assuming:
 - Multiple uplift of Client business if New Strategic Party (pro forma Client + Strategic Party) trades in-line with Strategic Party current standalone multiples
 - Potential revenue and cost synergies through a combination of Client and Strategic Party
 - Enterprise business multiple re-rating in line with Enterprise peer trading multiples
 - Other unquantified potential tax and structuring benefits related to New Strategic Party (e.g. foreign jurisdiction for new company)
- However, issues around execution, timing and post-transaction trading performance are some of the uncertainties in a spin-merger transaction, including those in a straight spin transaction Illustrative Summary¹

Current EV / **FY2014 EBITDA**

Strategic Party³: 4.9x Opal3: 2.6

	Illustrative Value		
	% Own.	Per Share	
New Strategic Party Equity Stake	50.1 %	\$ 6.65	
Enterprise Equity Stake	100.0 %	9.33	
Illustrative Total Value	\$ 15.98		
Illustrative After-tax Separation Cos	(0.45		
Illustrative Adjusted Total Value		\$ 15.52	

Summary Synergy and Dissynergy Assumptions

- The illustrative spin-merger analysis make a number of assumptions regarding potential operational. financial and transaction-related synergies and dissynergies, including:
 - No revenue synergies and 50 bps of combined EBITDA margin improvement at New Strategic Party
 - \$580 million of annual dissynergies at Enterprise related to sourcing (~2.7% of Enterprise revenue and 5.5% of ESG revenue)
 - \$100 million of additional annual corporate and public company costs at Enterprise
 - \$1 billion of one-time transaction-related separation costs
 - Does not assume any DFS related-financial impact
 - 35% tax rate on repatriation of offshore cash balances for deleveraging purposes
 - Lower leverage capacity as a result of lower pro forma EBITDA related to operational dissynergies

Illustrative Ownership Sensitivity Analysis

Illustrative Multiple Sensitivity Analysis

Illustrative Synergy Sensitivity Analysis ■ Assumes New Strategic Party trades at 4.9x FY2014 EBITDA

■ Value to Opal S/H of New Strategic Party equity stake

New Strategic Party

	_	EV / FY2014 EBITDA"				
		3.9 x	4.9 x	5.9 x		
Opal S/H	50.1 %	\$ 5.66	\$ 6.65	\$ 7.63		
% Own.	55.0 %	6.22	7.30	8.38		
in NQ	60.0 %	6.78	7.96	9.14		

New Strategic Party EV / EV2014 EBITDA

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	100	3.9 x	4.9 x	5.9 x
Enterprise	5.0 x	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.99	\$ 13.97
EV/FY14	7.0 x	14.53	15.52	16.51
EBITDA'	9.0 x	17.07	18.05	19.04

Assumes Enterprise trades at 7.0x FY2014 EBITDA New Strategic Party EBITDA

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V. Strategic	- 32	- %	0.5 %	1.0 %
Party	(2.5)%	\$ 14.62	\$ 15.16	\$ 15.69
Revenue	%	14.99	15.52	16.06
Synergies	2.5 %	15.35	15.88	16.42

Source: Management, company reports and Wall Street research

Note: Assumes a spin-merge transaction occurs at fiscal year end 2013 and Opal shareholders' ownership in New Strategic Party of 50.1% Strategic Party's current public market equity valuation



For illustrative purposes, assumes no combined revenue synergies and a 0.5% EBITDA margin improvement relative to the blended pro forma EBITDA margin

² Assumes a 21% tax rate

³ New Strategic Party and Strategic Party based on Strategic Party's March fiscal year end. Enterprise based on Opal's January fiscal year end.



Illustrative Return of Capital Analysis

INVESTMENT BANKING DIVISION

Based on 9/21 Base Case Financial Projections (US\$ in millions, except per share amounts)

 As a result of the difference between Opal's current P / E multiple and the cost of newly issued debt or the cost of holding cash on the balance sheet (even factoring for a potential 35% repatriation tax), Opal could potentially deliver value accretion to shareholders through a debt or cashfunded one-time share repurchase or cash dividend

One-Time Share Repurchase

Illustrative \$2 Billion Leverag	ged Share Repurchase	
Net Debt Proceeds for Repurchase		\$ 1,980
Repurchase Price (@ 10% Premium)		\$ 10.41
% of Current Basic Shares Repurchased		11.0 %
Pro Rata Value per Share		\$ 1.14
FY2014 Status Quo EPS		\$ 1.84
FY2014 Pro Forma EPS		2.04
% EPS Accretion / Dilution		11.0 %
	Illustrative FY2014	P/E Multiple
	5.0 x	6.0 >
Pro Forma Share Price	\$ 10.19	\$ 12.23
PF Value of Retained Shares	9.08	10.89
Pro Rata Value	\$ 10.22	\$ 12.03

Illustrative \$2 Billion Cash Finan	ced Share Repurchase	V.
Cash Post-Repatriation Tax for Repurchase		\$ 1,980
Repurchase Price (@ 10% Premium)		\$ 10.41
% of Current Basic Shares Repurchased		11.0 %
Pro Rata Value per Share		\$ 1.14
FY2014 Status Quo EPS		\$ 1.84
FY2014 Pro Forma EPS		2.06
% EPS Accretion / Dilution		12.1 %
	Illustrative FY2014	P/E Multiple
	5.0 x	6.0 >
Pro Forma Share Price	\$ 10.30	\$ 12.36
PF Value of Retained Shares	9.17	11.00
Pro Rata Value	\$ 10.31	\$ 12.14

One-Time Cash Dividend to Shareholders

Illustrative \$2 Billion Dividend Recapitalization					
Net Debt Proceeds for Dividend		\$ 1,980			
Basic Shares Outstanding		1,735			
Dividend per Share		\$ 1.14			
FY2014 Status Quo EPS		\$ 1.84			
FY2014 Pro Forma EPS		1.81			
% EPS Accretion / Dilution		(1.5)%			
	Illustrative FY2014	P/E Multiple			
	5.0 x	6.0 x			
Pro Forma Share Price	\$ 9.05	\$ 10.86			
Per Share Dividend	1.14	1.14			
Pro Rata Value	\$ 10.19	\$ 12.00			

Illustrative \$2 Billion Cash Financed Dividend					
Cash Post-Repatriation Tax for Dividend		\$ 1,980			
Basic Shares Outstanding		1,735			
Dividend per Share		\$ 1.14			
FY2014 Status Quo EPS		\$ 1.84			
FY2014 Pro Forma EPS		1.83			
% EPS Accretion / Dilution		(0.4)%			
	Illustrative FY2014 P/E				
	5.0 x	6.0 x			
Pro Forma Share Price	\$ 9.15	\$ 10.98			
Per Share Dividend	1.14	1.14			
Pro Rata Value	\$ 10.29	\$ 12.12			

Source: Management and company reports

Note: Illustrative analysis assumes a 21.0% non-GAAP tax rate, a pre-tax interest rate on cash balances of 0.5%, a 35.0% tax rate on repatriated offshore cash balances 1 Assumes \$2.0 billion of new debt issuance via \$500 million of T+125 new senior notes due February 2015, \$750 million of T+200 new senior notes due February 2017 and \$750 million of T+237.5 new senior notes due February 2022. Assumes fees of 1.0% on new issuances and a proforma credit rating of Baa1 / BBB.





Preliminary DFS Topics for Consideration

INVESTMENT BANKING DIVISION

Summary of Selected Key Topics and Preliminary Perspectives

- What is the impact of a sub-investment grade corporate credit rating on DFS?
- There are likely two primary impacts of a credit downgrade on DFS:
 - Inability to source funding via the commercial paper market
 - Opal could potentially increase the size of the securitization program and / or access other forms of funding (e.g., an ABL revolver) to replace the commercial paper funding sources
 - Higher funding costs across the range of funding sources
- The Company should however continue to have access to the conduit and securitization markets, as well as the unsecured market
- Could DFS be "ring-fenced" to mitigate the potential impacts of a corporate credit rating downgrade?
- While there are examples of similar situations whereby the rating agencies have delineated between opco / holdco structures when dealing with captive financing subsidiaries (e.g., Ford), it is likely that the ring-fenced entity would be rated within 1-2 notches of the parent
 - A range of other factors could influence the chances of benefitting from a ring-fence approach, including the nature of the protections / barriers put
 in place between the parent and subsidiary, the ownership structure of the subsidiary, the standalone credit quality of the subsidiary, perceptions
 around the parent's credit strength and the level of co-dependence between the parent and subsidiary, among others
- On balance, we do not believe the Company would materially benefit from a ring-fenced structure given the Company would still likely be able to
 access key funding markets, albeit at slightly higher funding costs
- Would a separation of Opal into Client and Enterprise businesses automatically require a divestiture of DFS?
- A separation, in and of itself, would not necessarily require a divestiture of DFS. There exists the potential to, in effect, separate the DFS portfolio and establish a DFS successor entity at each of Client and Enterprise
 - Key factors to consider would include the credit quality and ratings of the new companies, the portfolio diversity of the receivables within each DFS successor entity and the resulting ability to access the funding markets and cost of funding
- Are there potential third party alternatives available for DFS?
- There is likely to be interest from third parties in acquiring all or a portion of DFS
- There are examples of other companies that have outsourced their financing activities and established relationships with third party financing providers (e.g., Apple / Barclays, Kohl's / Capital One)
 - Key factors will likely center around what level of control Opal would like to maintain from a customer interfacing perspectives and determining a set of governance controls for the relationship (e.g., underwriting standards, financing terms, veto rights and final authority)



Preliminary Tax Considerations

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	Leveraged Buyout		Spin-off / Separation		Spin-Merger		Return of Capital
	Domicile of parent company		Ability to consummate tax-free		Tax-free status of overall transaction		Tax leakage if offshore cash is utilized?
=	Should parent reincorporate to foreign country (i.e., "inversion")?	-	spin-off Some potential tax leakage even if overall spin is tax-free	-	Opal shareholders need to own >50% of combined company	-	Limited capacity for additional tax- efficient repatriation
•	Existing offshore cash Tax leakage from using offshore cash to	-	Inversion not feasible in stand- alone spin-off Potential inversion of Client business as part of merger	Use of debt vs. offshore cash depends in part on views regarding future tax			
	fund buyout		Repatriation tax leakage if offshore cash used to fund debt reduction	-	Merger with foreign partner (e.g., Strategic Party) facilitates inversion		policy
-	Ability to minimize repatriation tax via inversion		or return of capital to shareholders	-	Need to consider structures for Opal	_	Repatriation holiday?
	Ongoing tax rate considerations	•	Effective tax rates of separate companies?		shareholders to defer gain (e.g., exchangeable shares)		Corporate tax reform?
_	Impact of additional leverage on tax rate given need to repatriate cash flow to fund debt service	_	Client likely to have significantly lower tax rate than Enterprise	•	Repatriation tax leakage if offshore cash used to fund debt reduction or return of capital to shareholders	•	Impact of additional leverage on ongoing tax rate
	Inversion: potential rationale						
_	Reduce repatriation tax leakage on offshore cash						
-	Intercompany debt, etc,						
	Inversion: considerations						
-	Impact on business and brand/reputation						
-	Technical issues (e.g., rollover shareholders, desire for tax-deferral)						
•	DFS: ability to use as home for offshore cash?						
	Impact of corporate tax reform?						

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Selected Recent Precedent M&A Transactions

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(US\$ in millions, except per share amounts)

Announcement Date	Acquirer	Target	Size	Premium.	
18-Aug-11	HP	Autonomy	\$ 10,295	79 %	
15-Aug-11	Google	Motorcia Mobility	9,401	63	
10-May-11	Moresoft	Skype	9,124	NA	
20-May-12	Albaba Group	Albaba Group/Yahoo!	7,100	NA	
4-Apr-11	Texas instruments	National Semiconductor	6,502	78	
15-Mar-12	Cisco	NDS	5,022	NA	
22-May-12	SAP	Arba	4.520	20	
17-Feb-12	Advent International/ Goldman Sachs	TransUnion	4,493	144	
4May-11	Applied Materials	Varian Semiconductor	4,293	55	
7-Mar-11	Western Digital	Hitachi GST	4,250	NA.	
12-Sep-11	Broadcom	NetLogic	3,464	57	
3-Dec-11	SAP	SuccessFactors	3,357	62	
14-Dec-11	LAM Research	Novellus	3,073	28	
4-Aug-11	Blackstone	Emdeon	3.027	17	
5-Jan-11	Qualcomm	Atheros Communications	2,041	22	
2-341-12	Moran	Elpida	2,671	164	
31-Aug-11	Sony/ToshibaHitachi	Japan Display	2,668	NA:	
2-Jul-12	Dell	Quest Software	2.372	20	
28-Mar-11	Ebey	GSI Commerce	2,329	51	
19-May-11	Toshiba	Landis+Gyr	2,300	NA	
an -			\$ 4,000	45 %	

Announcement Date	Acquirer	Target	Debt Financing	Equity Financing	Enterprise Value	Premium	
26-Feb-07	Morgan Stanley/Citigroup/Lehman Brothers/KKR/TPG/Goldman Sachs	TXU	\$ 31,660	\$ 8,000	\$ 43,800	22 1	
1-Apr-07	KKOR	First Data	22,000	7,000	29,000	28	
20-May-07	TPG/Goldman Sauths	Attel	24,000	4,600	28,600		
3-348-07	Blackstone	Hilton Hotels	20,600	4,572	24,972	40	
29-May-07	Lehman Brothers/Tishman Speyer Properties	Archetone-Smith Trust	15,640	5,100	20,740	18	
25-Jun-07	BC Plathers/Unison Capital/Silver Lake	Intelsel	15,000	1,800	16,600	NA.	
1-Mar-11	Blackstone	Centro Properties Group-US Assets	NA.	NA	9.400	NA	
14-May-07	Cerberus	Chrysler	NA	144	9,250	NA	
19-Jun-07	Cartyle Group/Clayton Dubilier & Rice/Bain Capital	Home Depot Supply	6,000	2,500	8.500	NA.	
11-May-07	Apan/OMERS Capital Partners	Thomson Learning	5.580	1,920	7,500	NA.	
4-Jun-07	Silver Lake/TPG	Aveya	5,250	2,015	7,265	- 31	
23-Nov-11	KXXVCnestview Partners/NGP Energy Capital/fochu Corporation	Sanson	3,600	3.600	7.200	NA.	
24-Feb-12	Apollo/Riverstone HoldingsiAccess Industries	EP Energy Corporation (El Paso)	3,500	3,600	7,100	NA.	
2-May-07	Clayton Dublier & Rice/IOCR	US Foodservice	NA.	NA.	7,100	198	
11-Mar-07	KK/KCligroup/Goldman Sachs	Dollar General	4,200	2,805	7,005	34	
29-May-07	Madison Dearborn Partners	CDW	4,449	2,403	6.852	14	
18-Jul-12	BC Partiers/CPP/B	Cequel Communications	4,615	1,985	6.600	NA.	
5-34-11	ApaxiCPPrPublic Sector Pension Investment Board of Canada	Kinetic Concepts	4,800	1,759	6,300	4	
19-Jun-07	Madison Dearborn/Disgroup/DLJ/BAMLWachovia Capital/Deutsche Bank	Novem Investments	3,600	2,700	6,300	22	
2-348-07	Cartyle Group	Manor Care	4,600	1,299	5,899		
san	VII ACCUMENTATION	The state of the s	\$ 10,534	\$ 3,368	\$ 13,299	.19.5	

Source: Capital IQ

Note: Technology M&A transactions reflect the top 20 deals since 2011 that are greater than \$2.0 billion in announced transaction value. Leveraged buyout transactions reflect the top 20 deals since 2007 that are greater than \$5.0 billion in announced transaction value





Preliminary Perspectives Regarding Potential Next Steps

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Evaluation of Potential M&A Interest

- After the in-person management meetings, allow each of Sponsor A and Salamander 1 – 2 additional follow up diligence calls within the next 7 – 10 days
- Request that initial indications of interest be submitted in writing in ~1 – 2 weeks
 - Initial indications containing price, financing / structuring / tax / accounting / legal assumptions, and other process and timing-related information
- Review indications and provide feedback with respect to any materially incorrect assumptions
- Request that the parties resubmit initial indications based on feedback
- Based on resubmitted indications, Special Committee to make a "go / no go" decision
- If decision is made to proceed, a single third-party financing source should be selected to provide parties market check on financing terms
- Request that Sponsor A and Salamander confirm revised indication and leverage following market check process
- In parallel with market check process, the Special Committee should decide in parallel whether to contact a short list of other potential sponsors/strategics to gauge interest

Evaluation of Spin-Off / Spin-Merger Alternatives

- If a decision is made to further evaluate potential separation alternatives, management should undertake a process to determine how Opal might be organized into two or more separate entities, including considering:
 - Which businesses each entity would contain
 - Determining how each entity would be operated and any potential agreements between the entities to minimize and / or mitigate any separation-related dissynergies
 - Review the potential dissynergies of a separation, including operational, financial, structural and transactionrelated dissynergies
 - Prepare financial projections for each entity as a standalone company, including quantifying the financial impact of any potential dissynergies
- Once the financial projections are prepared, they should be incorporated into a financial analysis to determine the potential value outcomes associated with a separation
- In parallel, further work should be done to evaluate the process and timetable required to effect a potential separation