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On February 5, 2018, Xerox Corporation distributed the following communication and may in the future send or use the same or substantially similar communications from time to time:

A Giant Is Born: Fujifilm Deal Allows Xerox To Make Inroads Into Asia-Pacific Print Market, Bolster Next-Gen R&D Efforts ^[1]

By Alec Shirkey ^[2] on January 31, 2018, 1:24 pm EST

Fujifilm's purchase of a 50.1 percent stake in Xerox will give the print giant and its channel partners access to a growing region and enhanced technical development capabilities, Xerox CEO Jeff Jacobson told Wall Street analysts Wednesday.

The \$6.1 billion agreement combines Xerox with joint venture subsidiary Fuji Xerox to create an \$18 billion industry powerhouse with at least \$1.7 billion in cost savings delivered by 2022. Roughly \$1.2 billion of those synergies are derived from the transaction, while another \$450 million will come from a cost reduction program that is reportedly slashing 10,000 jobs at the existing Fuji Xerox entity.

By tightening its relationship with Fujifilm, which has owned 75 percent of Fuji Xerox since its creation in 1962, Jacobson said Xerox can now tap into a \$36 billion Asia-Pacific market. Innovation will be another key element of the partnership, he added.

[Related: Fujifilm Buys Controlling Stake In Xerox, Creating An \$18 Billion Printer Industry Behemoth ^[3]

We tended to have duplicative R&D. Now we can divide and conquer, Jacobson said. We'll be able to take 6,500 engineers at this combined company, that have produced more than 1,500 patents a year, and accelerate innovation in the areas of industrial print, which is a \$100 billion market that is untapped by us today.

Jacobson mentioned the analog packaging market, printing on objects, virtual reality, the Internet of Things, artificial intelligence, machine learning and voice activation for multifunction devices as areas of potential advancement that could give Xerox and its partners access to growing revenue.

The legacy Fuji Xerox currently employs around 46,000 workers, meaning the upcoming restructuring would eliminate more than 20 percent of its current staff. The business restructured its Australian and New Zealand subsidiaries last year in the wake of accounting issues that resulted in overstated revenue of \$450 million over five years.

The Fuji Xerox accounting issue was previously raised by Darwin Deason, Xerox's third-largest individual shareholder. Deason and activist investor Carl Icahn, who together own more than 15 percent of Xerox, have publicly denounced the company's strategic direction under Jacobson in recent weeks and called for a change in leadership.

Jacobson said he has not spoken with top investors about the Fujifilm deal, but did address the matter on the fiscal fourth-quarter earnings call. This transaction has been in the works for many months. We have not spoken on this issue. We don't know. We only know what we read at this point, he said.

The Fujifilm deal is expected to close in the second half of 2018, pending regulatory and shareholder approval. Up until that time, Jacobson said the two sides can only do a lot of planning with regard to their go-to-market strategies. However, he downplayed the potential complexity of the integration, pointing to the many years both sides have spent collaborating via Fuji Xerox.

Hopefully, we'll hit the ground running upon the close, he said.

Xerox's stock was trading up more than 4 percent Wednesday morning, while Fujifilm's stock price tumbled roughly 8 percent on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

The print giant reported an equipment sales increase of 4.3 percent to \$682 million, which Jacobson said was Xerox's first instance of growth in that category since the second quarter of 2013. He cited strong customer reception to the vendor's new line of ConnectKey software-enabled devices and the addition of 65 dealers to the Xerox channel footprint.

CRN spoke with one partner who cheered the chance to sell more of the company's apps into the Asia-Pacific market.

Josh Justice, president of La Plata, Md.-based Just-Tech, said he was excited by the prospect of working with Fuji Xerox in Asia. Just-Tech is a two-time Xerox App Developer of the Year award winner with more than 26,000 apps installed on devices in the U.S, Canada and Europe.

[We're] now partnered with an \$18 billion company that has committed to future growth investments and the elimination of costs, which will make Xerox products even more competitive in this marketplace, Justice said. Xerox and Xerox channel partners had a great 2017, and it's clear that Fujifilm sees an opportunity to grow even more together with Xerox and their partners.

Jacobson said he expects Xerox's multi-brand reseller expansion strategy to continue as part of Fuji Xerox, which itself hasn't traditionally focused on the multi-brand dealer space.

That's an area they're going to explore, too. Which is part of the beauty of bringing these two companies together, comparing best practices, Jacobson said.

Xerox reported revenue of \$2.75 billion for the fourth fiscal quarter ended Dec. 31, 2017, up 0.5 percent from last year's fourth-quarter mark of \$2.73 billion. That beat Seeking Alpha's projections by \$100 million. North American revenue declined 1.6 percent to \$1.6 billion, while international revenue increased 4.8 percent to \$1 billion.

Xerox saw a loss of \$190 million for the quarter, or a diluted loss of 76 cents per share, compared with the year-ago quarter's \$843 million loss performance, or a diluted loss of \$3.30 per share. On a non-GAAP basis, Xerox reported net income of \$274 million, or \$1.04 per diluted share, which beat Seeking Alpha's projections by 8 cents.

For full-year fiscal 2017, Xerox saw revenue of \$10.3 billion, down 4.7 percent year over year but in line with the company's guidance. Announced adjusted earnings per share of \$3.48 beat Xerox's guidance range of \$3.28 to \$3.44.

Looking ahead to 2018, Xerox projects a revenue decline of 2 percent to 4 percent on a constant-currency basis, with anticipated margin expansion in the range of 13 percent to 14 percent.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

This document may be deemed to be solicitation material in respect of the transactions with FUJIFILM Holdings Corporation (Fujifilm) described herein (the Transactions) and/or the matters to be considered at the Company's 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. In connection with the Transactions and the 2018 Annual Meeting, Xerox plans to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and furnish to Xerox's shareholders one or more proxy statements and other relevant documents. BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING DECISION, XEROX'S SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT(S) IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSACTIONS AND/OR THE COMPANY'S 2018 ANNUAL MEETING OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE PROXY STATEMENTS BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRANSACTIONS AND/OR THE COMPANY'S 2018 ANNUAL MEETING AND THE PARTIES RELATED THERETO. Xerox's shareholders will be able to obtain a free copy of documents filed with the SEC at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. In addition, Xerox's shareholders may obtain a free copy of Xerox's filings with the SEC from Xerox's website at <http://www.xerox.com> under the heading Investor Relations and then under the heading SEC Filings.

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The directors, executive officers and certain other members of management and employees of Xerox may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies from shareholders of Xerox in favor of the Transactions or in connection with the matters to be considered at the Company's 2018 Annual Meeting. Information regarding the

persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be considered participants in the solicitation of the shareholders of Xerox in connection with the Transactions or the Company's 2018 Annual Meeting will be set forth in the applicable proxy statement and other relevant documents to be filed with the SEC. You can find information about Xerox's executive officers and directors in Xerox's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, Xerox's and such persons' other filings with the SEC and in Xerox's definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on Schedule 14A.

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This document, and other written or oral statements made from time to time by management contain forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The words anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, will, should and similar expressions, as they relate to us, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements reflect management's current beliefs, assumptions and expectations and are subject to a number of factors that may cause actual results to differ materially. Such factors include but are not limited to: our ability to address our business challenges in order to reverse revenue declines, reduce costs and increase productivity so that we can invest in and grow our business; changes in economic and political conditions, trade protection measures, licensing requirements and tax laws in the United States and in the foreign countries in which we do business; changes in foreign currency exchange rates; our ability to successfully develop new products, technologies and service offerings and to protect our intellectual property rights; the risk that multi-year contracts with governmental entities could be terminated prior to the end of the contract term and that civil or criminal penalties and administrative sanctions could be imposed on us if we fail to comply with the terms of such contracts and applicable law; the risk that partners, subcontractors and software vendors will not perform in a timely, quality manner; actions of competitors and our ability to promptly and effectively react to changing technologies and customer expectations; our ability to obtain adequate pricing for our products and services and to maintain and improve cost efficiency of operations, including savings from restructuring actions; the risk that individually identifiable information of customers, clients and employees could be inadvertently disclosed or disclosed as a result of a breach of our security systems; reliance on third parties, including subcontractors, for manufacturing of products and provision of services; our ability to manage changes in the printing environment and expand equipment placements; interest rates, cost of borrowing and access to credit markets; funding requirements associated with our employee pension and retiree health benefit plans; the risk that our operations and products may not comply with applicable worldwide regulatory requirements, particularly environmental regulations and directives and anti-corruption laws; the outcome of litigation and regulatory proceedings to which we may be a party; the risk that we do not realize all of the expected strategic and financial benefits from the separation and spin-off of our Business Process Outsourcing business; the effects on our business resulting from actions of activist shareholders; and other factors that are set forth in the Risk Factors section, the Legal Proceedings section, the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section and other sections of our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017

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Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd. (Fuji Xerox) is a joint venture between Xerox Corporation and Fujifilm in which Xerox holds a noncontrolling 25% equity interest and Fujifilm holds the remaining equity interest. In April 2017, Fujifilm formed an independent investigation committee (IIC) to primarily conduct a review of the appropriateness of the accounting practices at Fuji Xerox's New Zealand subsidiary and at other subsidiaries. The IIC completed its review during the second quarter 2017 and identified aggregate adjustments to Fuji Xerox's financial statements of approximately JPY 40 billion (approximately \$360 million) primarily related to misstatements at Fuji Xerox's New Zealand and Australian subsidiaries. We determined that our share of the total adjustments identified as part of the investigation was approximately \$90 million and impacted our fiscal years 2009 through 2017. We concluded that we should revise our previously issued annual and interim consolidated financial statements for 2014, 2015 and 2016 and the first quarter of 2017 the next time they are filed. Our review of this matter has been completed. However, Fujifilm and Fuji Xerox continue to review Fujifilm's oversight and governance of Fuji Xerox as well as Fuji Xerox's oversight and governance over its businesses in light of the findings of the IIC. At this time, we can provide no assurances relative to the outcome of any potential governmental investigations or any consequences thereof that may happen as a result of this matter.