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HUGES Overview

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| HUGHES | | |
| 2001E Revenues ~ \$8.3B | | |
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| DIRECTV | NETWORK SYSTEMS | PanAmSat |
| 2001E Revenues ~ \$6.3B | 2001E Revenues ~ \$1.3B | 2001E Revenues ~ \$0.9B |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o United States o Latin America o DIRECTV Broadband | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o DIRECWAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consumer - Enterprise o DIRECTV Receiver Equipment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Transponder Leasing |
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HUGHES 2002 Guidance

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| | Increase from 2001 |
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| HUGHES Revenue: \$9.0-9.2B | ~10% |
| HUGHES EBITDA: \$750-850M | 50-90% |

Business Unit Highlights

DIRECTV U.S. EBITDA Expected to More Than Double to \$525-575M While Adding Over 1M New Subscribers

DIRECTV Latin America Targeting EBITDA Break-even

HNS' Broadband Products and Services Division is Expected to Grow Revenues by 20-25% While Reaching EBITDA Break-even

PanAmSat is Targeting EBITDA Margin of 70% or Higher

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DIRECTV U.S. - A Profitable Growth Strategy

Increase Financial Returns While...Growing Our Subscriber Base

[Chart showing DIRECTV Value Drivers, which include Improve Margins, Increase Subscriber Retention and Reduce SAC.] [Chart showing 9.5M in 2000, 10.7M in 2001 and 11.7-11.9M in 2002E.]

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Taking SAC Down

SAC Reduction Initiatives

- o Eliminate Manufacturing Subsidies [Chart showing \$575 in Q2 '01, \$555 in Q3 '01, \$560 in Q4 '01E and \$525 in 2002E.]
- o Attacking Signal Piracy
 - "Out-of-Box" program
 - Activation-based retail model
- o Emphasize Less Expensive Distribution Channels

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DIRECTV U.S. - Key Operational Objectives

- | Increase Margins | Reduce Churn |
|---|---|
| o G&A Savings <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Staff reductions- \$50M annual cost savings | o Acquiring Committed Long Term Customers <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 12 month service commitment |
| o Programming Margin Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">- New program packages- New CRM (Customer | o New Incentive Plans with Retail Partners |
| | o More Stringent Credit Screening Practices |

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- Relationship Management) system
- o Significantly Improved Customer Service and Installations
- Leverage large subscriber base to negotiate favorable terms

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DIRECTV'S New Spot Beam Satellite

[Graphic of DIRECTV's new Spot Beam Satellite]

Highlights

- o Capacity for 300 New Channels
- o Meets Must-Carry Requirements
- o Added 220 New Local Channels as of 1/1/02

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DIRECTV U.S. - New Strategies Result In Improved Financial Returns

[Chart Showing Accelerating EBITDA: \$151M in 2000, \$200-250M(1) in 2001E, and \$525-575M in 2002E.]

[Chart showing Increasing Subscriber IRRs(2): 41% in 1H '01, 43% in 2H '01E and 47% in 2002E.]

(1) Excludes one-time severance charge of \$48M

(2) Assumptions for 1H'01/2H'01/2002E: SAC: \$555/\$560/\$525; Monthly Churn: 1.75%/1.70%/1.60%; ARPU: \$55.50/\$56.90/\$56.00

DIRECTV - Latin America

- o Over 1.5M Subscribers [LOGO]
2002
- o Exclusive Programming FIFA WORLD CUP
KOREA JAPAN
- o World Cup Rights
- o Launched Interactive [LOGO] [LOGO]
Services Disney Channel HBO Ole
- o Aggressive Cost and
Churn Reductions
- o Targeting EBITDA
Break-even in 2002

Hughes Network Systems

[DIRECWAY LOGO] - One Platform That Leverages Both
Enterprise and Consumer Markets

Enterprises

- o World Marketshare Leader
- 67% in 2000
- o >300,000 VSAT Terminals
Installed in 85 Countries

Consumers

- o ~100,000 Subscribers
- o Focused on "Powered by
DIRECWAY" Wholesale Model
- o Bundled with DIRECTV
- Leading provider of DIRECTV
set-top boxes

[ARCO LOGO]

[GM LOGO]

[CIRCUIT CITY LOGO]

[BLOCKBUSTER LOGO]

[KMART LOGO]

[BMW LOGO]

[JACK IN THE BOX LOGO]

[MOBIL LOGO]

[WENDY'S LOGO]

[CHEVRON LOGO]

[FORD LOGO]

[WALMART LOGO]

[AOL LOGO]

[PEGASUS COMMUNICATIONS LOGO]

[DIRECTV LOGO]

[EARTHLINK LOGO]

SPACEWAY: The Next Generation

- [Graphic of Satellite]
- o Service Launch in 2003
 - o Key Differentiators
 - Spot beam satellites
 - Peer-to-Peer architecture
 - Packet switching
 - Bandwidth-on-Demand
 - o HUGHES Broadband Alliance Formed
 - Sun Microsystems and Polycom are first to join
 - o Established Peer-to-Peer Application Center of Excellence

SPACEWAY Will Deliver High-Speed, Low-Cost Multimedia Services to Both Consumers and Enterprises Beginning in 2003

PanAmSat

- New Leadership: 3-phase Strategy
- (1) Refocus on core operations
 - (2) Increase profitability
 - (3) Grow revenues

[Graphic of Earth with satellites circling Earth and Ka-Band slots noted intermittently.]

Key Financial Targets

- Increase EBITDA margins to 70% or higher in 2002
- Decrease operating expenses by \$25-30M per year
- Reduce capital expenditures by ~\$700M over 5 years

VISION: To Be the Financially Strongest Premier Satellite Operator

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[ECHOSTAR LOGO]

[HUGHES LOGO]

A Powerful Combination

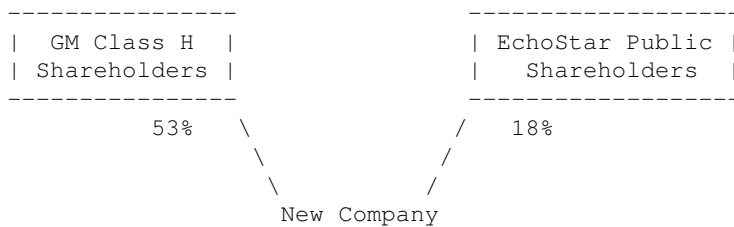
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Transaction Summary

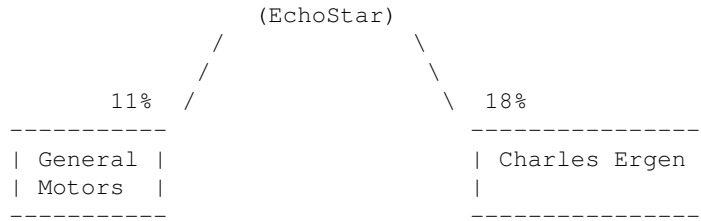
- o HUGHES and EchoStar to Merge
 - EchoStar shareholders to receive about 1.37 HUGHES shares for each EchoStar share
 - Equivalent to 0.73 EchoStar shares per HUGHES share
- o Before the Merger, HUGHES Pays a Cash Dividend of Up to \$4.2 Billion to GM Which Reduces GM's Retained Interest in HUGHES
- o Up to Six Months After the Closing, GM May Offer Up to 100 Million Shares of HUGHES Equity in Exchange for GM Debt Securities
- o Fully-Committed Financing Totaling \$5.5 Billion

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Pro Forma Economic Ownership



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Note: Assumes \$4.2 billion dividend paid to GM, and a corresponding reduction of GM's retained interest in HUGHES, at an illustrative price of \$18.44 based upon the implied deal value. Does not include the offer of up to 100 million shares of HUGHES equity in exchange for GM outstanding debt. Excludes Vivendi Universal's planned ownership in EchoStar.

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Key Merger Synergies

- o Efficient Utilization of Scarce Spectrum
- o Reallocation of Approximately 500 Duplicate Channels
- o New Content and Services
- o Significant Cost Savings

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DBS Satellites and CONUS(1)
Orbital Slot Locations

| 119(degrees)WL | | 110(degrees)WL | | 101(degrees)WL | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| DIRECTV-6 | 11 Frequencies | DIRECTV-1 | 3 Frequencies | DIRECTV 1-R | 8 Frequencies |
| EchoStar 2,4,6 | 21 Frequencies | EchoStar 5 | 29 Frequencies | DIRECTV-2 | 8 Frequencies |
| | | | | DIRECTV-3 | 8 Frequencies |
| | | | | DIRECTV 4-S | 8 Frequencies |

[Graphic of Earth and Satellites.]

(1) CONUS stands for Continental United States

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Channel Duplication

| | EchoStar Channels | DIRECTV Channels | Channels Duplicated |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Basic (1) | 122 | 116 | 99 |
| Premium | 34 | 31 | 28 |
| Local Channels Currently Carried(2) | ~400 | ~450 | ~300 |
| Other: | | | |
| PPV | 24 | 50 | 24 |
| Sports(3) | 23 | 23 | 22 |
| A la carte (4) | 64 | 49 | 30 |
| Total | ~667 | ~719 | ~503 |

(1) Total Choice, America's Top 100

(2) In addition, DIRECTV expects to broadcast local channels to ten new markets in 2002 from the 119(degree) WL orbital location

(3) Does not include professional and college sports packages

(4) Includes Spanish-language channels, Adult, Family Pack and additional content in America's Top 150

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Competitive Benefits of the Merger

o Increased Competition with Cable

- Cable still has ~80% of the U.S. multichannel subscribers

- Cable continues to increase prices each year (37% since 1996 vs. CPI of 10%)

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- On-going cable industry consolidation
- Digital cable and bundled broadband offering increasingly threatens DBS
- o More Services, More Choices and Competitive Prices
 - Local channels covering approximately 85% of TVHH population (versus 60% today)
 - More High Definition TV channels
 - Expanded services: interactive, ethnic, video-on-demand, sports and news
 - Nationwide broadband services at affordable prices

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Providing More Local and HDTV Channels

| Before Merger | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | Total Channels Used for Local(1) | % of Population | # of HDTV Channels |
| DIRECTV | ~450 | 61% | 2 |
| EchoStar | ~400 | 58% | 3 |
| After Merger | | | |
| New Co(2) | 850 | 85% | 12 |

The New Company Will Provide Local Channels to More Than 85% of TVHHs (Versus Around 60% for 2 Separate Companies) and Will Be Able to Offer Many New HD Channels to Meet Growing Consumer Demand

(1) In addition, DIRECTV expects to broadcast local channels to ten new markets in 2002 from the 119(degree) WL orbital location

(2) Assumes minimum post merger local channel offering and population coverage with reallocation of channels duplicated

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Benefits to Rural America

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- o Greater Availability of Digital Quality Local Channels
- o National Pricing Which will be Competitive Against Cable
- o More Services Offered at a Single National Price
 - New Content
 - High Definition TV
 - Interactive
 - Video-on-demand
 - Specialty
 - Foreign language
- o Improved Broadband Services
 - Affordable pricing
 - Expanded services

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Potential Synergies of The Merger

2005 EBITDA Estimates

Revenue Synergies

[Pie chart showing
Advertising \$900-1,000M,
Broadband \$250-300M,
HDTV \$50-100M,
VOD/PPV \$75-125M,
Local Services \$700-800M,
Subtotal: \$1.975-2.325B]

Cost Synergies

[Pie chart showing
SAC \$900-1,200M,
G&A \$400-450M,
Programming \$600-700M,
Churn \$750-850M,
Subtotal: \$2.65-\$3.2B]

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There Are Approximately 92 Million Multichannel Subscribers in the U.S.

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| Cable | | DBS | | Other* (YE Est.) |
|-------------|-------|--------------|-------|------------------|
| AT&T | 15.1 | DIRECTV | 8.5 | 3.3 |
| Time Warner | 13.2 | NRTC/Pegasus | 1.8 | |
| Comcast | 7.9 | EchoStar | 6.4 | |
| Charter | 7.0 | | | |
| Cox | 6.2 | | | |
| Adelphia | 5.7 | | | |
| Cablevision | 3.0 | | | |
| Other | 13.6 | | | |
| | 71.7M | | 16.7M | 3.3M |

Proposed Company Would Represent Approximately 18%
of the Total U.S. Multichannel Subscriber Marketplace

Source: Cablevision Magazine Website as of 10/01/01; SkyReport 9/30/01; Deutsch Bank Report 9/6/01

*Other includes C-band, MMDS, SMATV and over-builders

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Regulatory Overview

Market Definition - Relevant Points

- o FCC's Original Allocation of DBS Spectrum Designed to Provide Competition with Cable Monopoly
- o SHVIA Enacted to Help DBS Compete with Cable
- o In the 1998 Primestar/News Corp/MCI Cases, DOJ and FCC Defined Market to be Multichannel Video Programming Distribution (MVPD)
 - DOJ concluded that DBS and cable were in same market
 - FCC endorsed DBS mergers so that DBS could better compete against cable
- o DBS Focuses their Advertising/ Promotions on Cable; Much of Cable's Advertising Attacks DBS

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Regulatory Overview

Market Concentration - Relevant Points

- o The 2001 Heinz Case Held That Substantial Merger-Specific Efficiencies

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Could Outweigh an Increase in Concentration

- o Merger Spectrum Efficiencies Will Result in Extraordinary and Verifiable Increase in Output
 - The addition of local channels, HDTV, ethnic services, expanded broadband services, etc. will increase the options for MVPD viewers
 - The merger efficiencies cannot be achieved without combining EchoStar and HUGHES
- o No Likelihood of Collusion as DBS Competes Against Many Local Cable Monopolies

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GMH Shareholder Protections

- o HUGHES Will Absolutely Manage the Business in an Aggressive and Effective Fashion
 - HUGHES management to remain totally focused on running the business
- o Cash Available if Regulatory Approval is Not Received
 - \$600M fee paid to HUGHES by EchoStar
 - EchoStar to purchase PanAmSat for ~\$2.7B
 - Potential for GMH spin-off in the future
- o Continued Use of the DIRECTV Brand Name in Any Event

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A Powerful Combination

- o 100% Digital Nationwide Platform With More Than 16.7 Million Subscribers (Including 14.9 Million Owned-and-Operated)

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- o Creates Stronger Competitor to Large, U.S. Cable and Broadband Providers
- o 100 Million U.S. Households Offer Powerful Growth Opportunity
- o Leverages Already Compelling DBS Economics
- o Substantial Cost and Revenue Synergy Opportunities
- o Superior Management Team with Proven Success