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**Offer by**

**MONTANA MERGER SUB I, INC.,**

**a direct wholly owned subsidiary of**

**MACOM TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS HOLDINGS, INC.,**

**to exchange each outstanding share of common stock of**

**APPLIED MICRO CIRCUITS CORPORATION**

**for**

**\$3.25 in cash**

**and**

**0.1089 shares of common stock of MACOM Technology Solutions Holdings, Inc.**

**THE OFFER AND THE WITHDRAWAL RIGHTS WILL EXPIRE AT 12:00 A.M. MIDNIGHT, EASTERN TIME, AT THE END OF JANUARY 25, 2017, UNLESS EXTENDED OR TERMINATED.**

MACOM Technology Solutions Holdings, Inc. ( **MACOM** ), through its direct wholly owned subsidiary Montana Merger Sub I, Inc. (the **Purchaser** ), is offering, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this prospectus/offer and in the accompanying letter of transmittal, to exchange for each outstanding share of common stock of Applied Micro Circuits Corporation ( **AppliedMicro** ), par value \$0.01 per share, that is validly tendered in the offer and not properly withdrawn:

\$3.25 in cash, without interest and less any applicable withholding taxes (the **cash consideration** ); and

0.1089 shares of MACOM common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, together with cash in lieu of any fractional shares of MACOM common stock, without interest and less any applicable withholding taxes (the **stock consideration** ), which, together with the cash consideration, forms the **transaction consideration** ). The Purchaser's obligation to accept for exchange, and to exchange, shares of AppliedMicro common stock for cash and shares of MACOM common stock in the offer is subject to a number of conditions, including there having been validly tendered and not properly withdrawn a number of shares of AppliedMicro common stock that, together with any shares of AppliedMicro common stock directly or indirectly owned by MACOM and the Purchaser, represents at least a majority of the outstanding shares of AppliedMicro common stock. See **The Merger Agreement** **Conditions to the Transaction** **Conditions to the Offer** for a description of all such conditions.

The offer is being made pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization, dated November 21, 2016 (as such agreement may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance therewith, the merger agreement ), among MACOM, the Purchaser, MACOM Connectivity Solutions, LLC (f/k/a Montana Merger Sub II, LLC), a direct wholly owned subsidiary of MACOM ( Merger Sub ), and AppliedMicro. A copy of the merger agreement is attached to this document as Annex A.

The offer is the first step in MACOM s plan to acquire control of, and ultimately all of the outstanding equity in, AppliedMicro. Pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions of the merger agreement, as soon as practicable following the consummation of the offer, MACOM intends to consummate a merger of the Purchaser with and into AppliedMicro, with AppliedMicro surviving the merger (the first merger ). The purpose of the first merger is for MACOM to acquire all shares of AppliedMicro common stock that it did not acquire in the offer. In the first merger, each outstanding share of AppliedMicro common stock that was not acquired by the Purchaser in the offer (other than certain dissenting, converted and cancelled shares, as described further in this document) will be converted into the right to receive the transaction consideration. After the first merger, the

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AppliedMicro business will be a direct wholly owned subsidiary of MACOM, and the former stockholders of AppliedMicro will no longer have any direct ownership interest in the surviving entity (the first surviving company). The first merger will be governed by Section 251(h) of the General Corporation Law of the state of Delaware (the DGCL), and accordingly no stockholder vote will be required to complete the first merger.

Immediately following the first merger, the first surviving company will merge with and into Merger Sub (which we refer to as the second merger and together with the first merger, the mergers), with Merger Sub surviving the second merger. As a result of the second merger, the surviving entity (the surviving company) will be converted from a corporation into a limited liability company. The second merger is intended to cause the offer and the mergers, taken together, to qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). Please read the discussion under the caption Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences in this prospectus/offer. Immediately before the second merger, MACOM will be the sole owner of AppliedMicro, and none of the former AppliedMicro Stockholders will have any direct economic interest in, or approval or other rights with respect to, the second merger.

The AppliedMicro board of directors unanimously determined that the terms of the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement (the transactions), including the offer and the first merger, are fair to, and in the best interests of, AppliedMicro and its stockholders. The AppliedMicro board of directors has also resolved to recommend that the stockholders of AppliedMicro accept the offer and tender their shares of AppliedMicro common stock to the Purchaser pursuant to the offer.

The MACOM board of directors also unanimously determined that the terms of the merger agreement and the transactions, including the offer and the first merger, are fair to, and in the best interests of, MACOM and its stockholders.

MACOM common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market ( Nasdaq ) under the symbol MTSI, and AppliedMicro common stock is listed on Nasdaq under the symbol AMCC. You are encouraged to obtain current market quotations for MACOM common stock and AppliedMicro common stock in connection with your decision whether to tender your shares.

The first merger will entitle AppliedMicro stockholders to appraisal rights under the DGCL. To exercise appraisal rights, an AppliedMicro stockholder must strictly comply with all of the procedures under the DGCL. These procedures are described more fully in the section entitled The Transactions Dissenters Rights.

***For a discussion of certain factors that AppliedMicro stockholders should consider in connection with the offer, please read the section of this document entitled Risk Factors beginning on page 23.***

You are encouraged to read this entire document and the related letter of transmittal carefully, including the annexes and information referred to or incorporated by reference in this document.

Neither MACOM nor the Purchaser has authorized any person to provide any information or to make any representation in connection with the offer other than the information contained or incorporated by reference in this document, and if any person provides any information or makes any representation of this kind, that information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorized by MACOM or the Purchaser.

Neither the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this document. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

**The date of this prospectus/offer is January 24, 2017.**

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

As permitted by the SEC, this document incorporates by reference important business and financial information about MACOM, AppliedMicro and their respective subsidiaries from documents filed with the SEC that have not been included in or delivered with this document.

This information is available without charge at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), as well as from other sources.

You can obtain the documents incorporated by reference in this document, without charge, by requesting them in writing or by telephone at the following address and telephone number.

Investor Relations MACOM Technology Solutions Holdings, Inc. 100 Chelmsford Street

Lowell, Massachusetts 01851

(978) 656-2500 <http://ir.macom.com/>

If you would like to request documents, in order to receive timely delivery prior to the expiration of the offer, please make your request at least five (5) business days prior to the expiration date of the offer. **Unless the offer is extended, this means that the latest you should request documents is January 18, 2017.**

See also Where To Obtain Additional Information.

AppliedMicro has supplied all information contained or incorporated by reference in this document relating to AppliedMicro, and MACOM has supplied all information contained or incorporated by reference in this document relating to MACOM. Both AppliedMicro and MACOM have contributed information relating to the transactions.

Certain information relating to AppliedMicro appears in the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9, which has been filed by AppliedMicro with the SEC (as amended and supplemented, the Schedule 14D-9 ). The initial Schedule 14D-9 was mailed to AppliedMicro stockholders on or about December 23, 2016.

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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE OFFER**

*Below are some of the questions that you as a holder of shares of AppliedMicro common stock may have regarding the offer and answers to those questions. You are urged to carefully read the remainder of this document, the related letter of transmittal, the annexes to this document and the other information referred to or incorporated by reference in this document because the information contained in this section and in the Summary section is not complete. See Where To Obtain Additional Information.*

*As used in this document, unless otherwise indicated or the context requires: MACOM (or we, us and our ) refers to MACOM Technology Solutions Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries; the Purchaser refers to Montana Merger Sub I, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of MACOM; Merger Sub refers to MACOM Connectivity Solutions, LLC (f/k/a Montana Merger Sub II, LLC), a Delaware limited liability company and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of MACOM; and AppliedMicro refers to Applied Micro Circuits Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries.*

**Who is offering to buy my AppliedMicro shares?**

MACOM, through its direct wholly owned subsidiary the Purchaser, is making this offer to exchange \$3.25 in cash and 0.1089 shares of common stock of MACOM for each share of common stock of AppliedMicro that is validly tendered in the offer and not properly withdrawn.

MACOM is a leading provider of high-performance analog semiconductor solutions that enable next-generation Internet applications, the cloud connected apps economy and the modern, networked battlefield across the radio frequency, microwave, millimeter-wave and photonic spectrum. Our technology enables next generation radars for air traffic control and weather forecasting, as well as mission success on the modern networked battlefield. We help our customers, including some of the world's leading communications infrastructure, aerospace and defense companies, solve complex challenges in areas including network capacity, signal coverage, energy efficiency and field reliability, utilizing our best-in-class team and broad portfolio of analog radio frequency, microwave, millimeter-wave and photonic semiconductor solutions.

**What is MACOM proposing?**

Pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization, entered into by MACOM, the Purchaser, Merger Sub and AppliedMicro on November 21, 2016 (as such agreement may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance therewith, the merger agreement ), MACOM proposes to acquire control of, and ultimately all of the outstanding equity in, AppliedMicro.

The offer is the first step in MACOM's plan to acquire all of the outstanding shares of AppliedMicro, and the first merger is the second step in such plan.

If a sufficient number of shares of AppliedMicro common stock are tendered into the offer such that MACOM will own at least a majority of the outstanding shares of AppliedMicro common stock, subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the other conditions to the offer, MACOM will accept for exchange, the shares tendered in the offer. Then, as soon as practicable thereafter, MACOM will consummate a merger of the Purchaser with and into AppliedMicro, with AppliedMicro surviving the merger (the first merger ). The purpose of the first merger is for MACOM to acquire all remaining shares of AppliedMicro common stock that it did not acquire in the offer. After the first merger, the AppliedMicro business will be a direct wholly owned subsidiary of MACOM, and the former stockholders of AppliedMicro will no longer have any direct ownership interest in the first surviving company. The first merger will

be governed by Section 251(h) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL"), and accordingly no stockholder vote will be required to consummate the first merger.

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Immediately following the first merger, the first surviving company will merge with and into Merger Sub (which we refer to as the second merger and together with the first merger, the mergers), with Merger Sub surviving the second merger. As a result of the second merger, the surviving company will be converted from a corporation into a limited liability company.

### **Why is MACOM proposing the offer and the mergers?**

The board of directors of MACOM unanimously determined that the terms of the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement (the transactions), including the offer and the first merger, are fair to, and in the best interests of, MACOM and its stockholders. See The Transactions MACOM's Reasons for the Transactions for more information.

### **Does the AppliedMicro board of directors support the transactions?**

Yes. The AppliedMicro board of directors unanimously resolved to recommend that AppliedMicro stockholders accept the offer and tender their AppliedMicro shares to the Purchaser pursuant to the offer. The AppliedMicro board of directors also unanimously determined that the terms of the merger agreement and the transactions, including the offer and the first merger, are fair to, and in the best interests of AppliedMicro's stockholders.

See The Transactions AppliedMicro's Reasons for the Transactions; Recommendation of AppliedMicro's Board of Directors for more information. A description of the reasons for this recommendation is also set forth in AppliedMicro's Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9, which has been filed by AppliedMicro with the SEC (as amended and supplemented, the Schedule 14D-9). The initial Schedule 14D-9 was mailed to AppliedMicro stockholders together with the preliminary prospectus/offer on or about December 23, 2016.

### **Do any of AppliedMicro's significant stockholders support the transactions?**

Yes. Concurrently with the execution of the merger agreement on November 21, 2016, MACOM and the Purchaser entered into separate support agreements (each, a support agreement and collectively, the support agreements) with each of L. William Caraccio, Cesar Cesaratto, Paramesh Gopi, Paul Gray, Michael Major, Martin S. McDermut, Theodore A. Shlapak, Robert Sproull, Duston Williams, Christopher Zepf, and Kingdom Ridge Capital LLC (collectively, the supporting stockholders), who beneficially own, in the aggregate, approximately eleven percent (11%) of AppliedMicro common stock, as of December 15, 2016, to commit to tender their shares of AppliedMicro common stock in the offer. See Support Agreements.

### **What are the classes and amounts of AppliedMicro securities that the Purchaser is offering to acquire?**

MACOM, through the Purchaser, is seeking to acquire all issued and outstanding shares of AppliedMicro common stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

### **What will I receive for my shares of AppliedMicro common stock?**

MACOM, through the Purchaser, is offering, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this document and in the accompanying letter of transmittal, to exchange for each outstanding share of AppliedMicro common stock that is validly tendered in the offer and not properly withdrawn:



\$3.25 in cash, without interest and less any applicable withholding taxes (the cash consideration ); and

0.1089 shares of MACOM common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, together with cash in lieu of any fractional shares of MACOM common stock, without interest and less any applicable withholding

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taxes (the stock consideration, which, together with the cash consideration, forms the transaction consideration ).

If you do not tender your shares into the offer, but the first merger is completed, you will also receive the transaction consideration in exchange for your shares of AppliedMicro common stock (other than for certain dissenting, converted and cancelled shares, as described further in this document).

**Will I have to pay any fee or commission to exchange my shares of AppliedMicro common stock?**

If you are the record owner of your shares of AppliedMicro common stock and you tender those shares in the offer, you will not have to pay any brokerage fees, commissions or similar expenses. If you own your shares of AppliedMicro common stock through a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee and your broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee tenders your shares on your behalf, your broker or such other nominee may charge a fee for doing so. You should consult your broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee to determine whether any charges will apply.

**What are the conditions of the offer?**

The offer is conditioned upon, among other things, the following:

*Regulatory Approval* any waiting period (and extensions thereof) applicable to the offer and the mergers under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (the HSR Act ), having expired or been terminated, which required waiting period with respect to the offer and the mergers was terminated by the FTC and the Antitrust Division on December 12, 2016;

*Minimum Condition* The Purchaser receiving at least a majority of the outstanding shares of AppliedMicro common stock, when added to shares of AppliedMicro common stock already owned by the Purchaser, having been validly tendered into (and not withdrawn from) the offer prior to the expiration date of the offer (the minimum condition );

*Effectiveness of Form S-4* the registration statement on Form S-4 of which this document is a part having been declared effective by the SEC under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), and no stop order having been issued or proceeding seeking a stop order having been initiated or threatened by the SEC;

*Listing of MACOM Common Stock* the shares of MACOM common stock to be issued in the offer and the mergers having been approved for listing on Nasdaq, subject to official notice of issuance;

*Accuracy of AppliedMicro's Representations* the representations and warranties of AppliedMicro contained in the merger agreement being true and correct as of November 21, 2016 and the expiration date of the offer, subject to specified de minimis and materiality standards, as applicable;

*AppliedMicro's Compliance with Covenants* AppliedMicro having complied in all material respects with its covenants under the merger agreement to be performed by AppliedMicro at or prior to the expiration date;

*No Legal Prohibition* there being no injunction by any court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction or law that has been adopted and is effective that, in each case, prohibits or makes illegal the consummation of the offer or the mergers; and

*Tax Opinions* the receipt of written opinions by MACOM and AppliedMicro from their respective legal counsel, dated as of the expiration date of the offer, to the effect that the offer and the mergers, taken together, will qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code).

The offer is subject to certain other conditions set forth in the section entitled The Merger Agreement Conditions to the Transactions Conditions to the Offer. MACOM's obligation to consummate the offer is not conditioned upon any financing arrangements or contingencies.

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### **How long will it take to complete the proposed transactions?**

The transactions are currently expected to be completed during the first calendar quarter of 2017, subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions described in The Merger Agreement Conditions to the Transactions.

### **Until what time can I tender my shares of AppliedMicro common stock in the offer?**

The offer is scheduled to expire at 12:00 midnight, Eastern time, at the end of January 25, 2017, unless extended or terminated. Any extension, delay, termination, waiver or amendment of the offer will be followed as promptly as practicable by public announcement thereof to be made no later than 9:00 a.m., Eastern time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled expiration date. During any such extension, all shares previously tendered and not properly withdrawn will remain subject to the offer, subject to the rights of a tendering stockholder to withdraw such stockholder's shares. Expiration date means January 25, 2017, unless and until the Purchaser has extended the period during which the offer is open, subject to the terms and conditions of the merger agreement, in which event the term expiration date means the latest time and date at which the offer, as so extended by the Purchaser, will expire.

Subject to the provisions of the merger agreement, and unless AppliedMicro consents otherwise or the offer or the merger agreement is terminated, (1) the Purchaser must extend the offer for any period required by the U.S. federal securities laws and rules and regulations of the SEC and its staff or of Nasdaq, and, except for in certain circumstances specified by the merger agreement, the Purchaser will not be required to extend past 11:59 PM Eastern time on May 31, 2017 (the end date), and (2) if the offer conditions are not satisfied or earlier waived at any scheduled expiration date, the Purchaser may (and must, if requested by AppliedMicro) extend the offer for not more than ten (10) business days from the previously scheduled expiration date. However, in no event will the Purchaser be required to extend the offer on more than two (2) ten (10) business day occasions if all conditions to the offer other than the minimum condition are satisfied on the date on which the offer is scheduled to expire, but the Purchaser may, in its sole and absolute discretion, elect to do so. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (1) in no event shall the Purchaser be required to extend the offer beyond the end date, if Purchaser is then entitled to terminate the merger agreement pursuant to Section 8.1(b) of the merger agreement and (2) in no event shall Purchaser be permitted to extend the offer beyond the end date without the consent of AppliedMicro.

If the merger agreement is terminated, the Purchaser must promptly terminate the offer.

Other than as described above, the Purchaser may not extend, terminate or withdraw the offer without the prior written consent of AppliedMicro.

Any decision to extend, terminate or withdraw the offer will be made public by an announcement.

See Exchange Offer Procedures Extension, Termination and Amendment of Offer.

### **How do I tender my shares of AppliedMicro common stock?**

To validly tender shares of AppliedMicro common stock held of record, AppliedMicro stockholders must:

if such shares are in certificated form or Direct Registration Form, deliver a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, along with any required signature guarantees and any other required documents, and certificates, if applicable, for tendered AppliedMicro shares to American Stock Transfer &

Trust Company, LLC, the depositary and exchange agent (the exchange agent ) for the offer, at its address set forth elsewhere in this document, all of which must be received by the exchange agent prior to the expiration date; or

if such shares are in electronic book-entry form, deliver an agent s message in connection with a book-entry transfer, and any other required documents, to the exchange agent at its address set forth

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elsewhere in this document and follow the other procedures for book-entry tender set forth herein, all of which must be received by the exchange agent prior to the expiration date.

If your shares of AppliedMicro common stock are held in street name (i.e., through a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee), those shares may be tendered by your nominee by book-entry transfer through The Depository Trust Company ( DTC ). To validly tender such shares held in street name, you should instruct such nominee to do so prior to the expiration date.

### **We are not providing for guaranteed delivery procedures. Accordingly you must allow sufficient time for the necessary tender procedures to be completed during normal business hours prior to the expiration date.**

Tenders received by the exchange agent after the expiration date will be disregarded and of no effect. In all cases, you will receive your consideration for your tendered shares only after timely receipt by the exchange agent of certificates for such shares, if any, or of a confirmation of a book-entry transfer of such shares, and a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal and any other required documents.

For a more complete discussion of the procedures for tendering your shares of AppliedMicro common stock, see Exchange Offer Procedures Procedures for Tendering.

### **Until what time can I withdraw tendered shares of AppliedMicro common stock?**

You may withdraw your previously tendered shares of AppliedMicro common stock at any time until the offer has expired and, if the Purchaser has not accepted your AppliedMicro shares for exchange prior to expiration of the offer, you may withdraw them at any time on or after that date until the Purchaser accepts shares for exchange. Once the Purchaser accepts your tendered shares for exchange, however, you will no longer be able to withdraw them. For a more complete discussion of the procedures for withdrawing your AppliedMicro shares, see Exchange Offer Procedures Withdrawal Rights.

### **How do I withdraw previously tendered shares of AppliedMicro common stock?**

To withdraw previously tendered shares of AppliedMicro common stock that are held of record, you must deliver a written notice of withdrawal with the required information to the exchange agent at any time at which you have the right to withdraw shares.

To withdraw previously tendered shares of AppliedMicro common stock that are held in street name, you must instruct your broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee to arrange for the withdrawal of your shares and such broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee must effectively withdraw such shares at any time at which you have the right to withdraw shares.

For a more complete discussion of the procedures for withdrawing your AppliedMicro shares, including the applicable deadlines for effecting withdrawals, see Exchange Offer Procedures Withdrawal Rights.

### **When and how will I receive the transaction consideration in exchange for my tendered shares of AppliedMicro common stock?**

Upon the terms and subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions of the offer (including, if the offer is extended or amended, the terms and conditions of any extension or amendment), promptly following the expiration date, the Purchaser will accept for exchange, and will thereafter promptly exchange, all shares of AppliedMicro common stock validly tendered and not properly withdrawn prior to the expiration date.

The Purchaser will deliver the transaction consideration for your validly tendered and not properly withdrawn shares through the exchange agent, which will act as your agent for the purpose of receiving the transaction consideration from the Purchaser and transmitting such transaction consideration to you. In all cases,

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you will receive your consideration for your tendered shares only after timely receipt by the exchange agent of certificates for such AppliedMicro shares, if any, or a confirmation of a book-entry transfer of such shares, and a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal and any other required documents for such shares.

### **What happens if I do not tender my shares of AppliedMicro common stock?**

If MACOM completes the offer, it intends to complete the first merger as soon as practicable following such completion of the offer. Upon consummation of the first merger, each share of AppliedMicro common stock that has not been tendered and accepted for exchange in the offer, unless appraisal rights under Delaware law for such shares are properly exercised and other than shares held in treasury by AppliedMicro or shares held by MACOM, any subsidiary of MACOM or any subsidiary of AppliedMicro, will be converted in the first merger into the right to receive the transaction consideration.

### **If the offer is completed, will AppliedMicro continue as a public company?**

No. MACOM is required, on the terms and subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in the merger agreement, to consummate the mergers as soon as practicable following its acceptance for purchase of shares of AppliedMicro common stock in the offer. If the offer is consummated, the first merger will be consummated pursuant to DGCL Section 251(h) without a stockholder vote and shares that were not tendered into the offer will be converted into the right to receive the transaction consideration (other than dissenting, converted and cancelled shares), and the common stock of AppliedMicro will be delisted from trading. As such, MACOM does not expect there to be a significant period of time between the consummation of the offer and the consummation of the mergers, and MACOM and Merger Sub will take the actions, including filing required forms with the SEC to deregister AppliedMicro as a public company.

If the first merger takes place, AppliedMicro will no longer be publicly traded, and the AppliedMicro business will be a wholly owned subsidiary of MACOM.

### **Will I have the right to have my shares of AppliedMicro common stock appraised?**

Appraisal rights are not available in connection with the offer, and AppliedMicro stockholders who tender their shares in the offer will not have appraisal rights in connection with the first merger. However, if the Purchaser accepts shares in the offer and the first merger is completed, holders of shares of AppliedMicro common stock will be entitled to exercise appraisal rights in connection with the first merger if they did not tender their shares in the offer and satisfy the other requirements prescribed by Delaware law.

AppliedMicro stockholders who comply with the applicable statutory procedures under the DGCL will be entitled to receive a judicial determination of the fair value of their shares of AppliedMicro common stock (exclusive of any element of value arising from the accomplishment or expectation of the first merger) and to receive payment of such fair value in cash. Any such judicial determination of the fair value of shares of AppliedMicro common stock could be based upon considerations other than, or in addition to, the price paid in the offer and the first merger and the market value of shares of AppliedMicro common stock. The value so determined could be higher or lower than the price per AppliedMicro share paid by MACOM or the Purchaser pursuant to the offer and the first merger. You should be aware that opinions of investment banking firms as to the fairness from a financial point of view of the consideration payable in a sale transaction, such as the offer and the first merger, are not opinions as to fair value under applicable Delaware law.



Under Section 262 of the DGCL, where a merger is approved under Section 251(h), either a constituent corporation before the effective date of the merger, or the first surviving company within ten (10) days thereafter, will notify each of the holders of any class or series of stock of such constituent corporation who are entitled to appraisal rights of the approval of the merger or consolidation and that appraisal rights are available for any or all shares of such class or series of stock of such constituent corporation, and shall include in such notice a copy of Section 262 of the DGCL. **The Schedule 14D-9 will constitute the formal notice of appraisal rights under Section 262 of the DGCL.**

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The foregoing summary of the rights of dissenting stockholders under the DGCL does not purport to be a complete statement of the procedures to be followed by AppliedMicro stockholders desiring to exercise any available appraisal rights under Section 262 of the DGCL, and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of Section 262 of the DGCL. See The Transactions Dissenters Rights.

**Who should I contact if I have questions about the offer?**

You may contact D.F. King & Co., Inc., the information agent, by phone toll-free at (866) 530-8635 or by email at [infoagent@dfking.com](mailto:infoagent@dfking.com).

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**SUMMARY**

*This section summarizes material information presented in greater detail elsewhere in this document. However, this summary does not contain all of the information that may be important to AppliedMicro stockholders. You are urged to read carefully the remainder of this document, the related letter of transmittal, the annexes to this document and the other information referred to or incorporated by reference in this document because the information contained in this section and in the *Questions and Answers About the Offer* section is not complete. See *Where To Obtain Additional Information*.*

**The Transactions (Page 33)**

The purpose of the transactions that have been agreed to between MACOM and AppliedMicro is for MACOM to acquire control of, and ultimately the entire equity interest in, AppliedMicro. The offer is the first step in MACOM's plan to acquire all of the outstanding shares of AppliedMicro common stock, and the first merger is the second step in such plan. If the offer is completed, tendered shares of AppliedMicro common stock will be exchanged for the transaction consideration, and upon completion of the first merger, any remaining shares of AppliedMicro common stock that were not tendered into the offer (other than certain dissenting, converted or cancelled shares, as described further in this document) will be converted into the right to receive the transaction consideration.

Immediately following the first merger, and as the final step in MACOM's plan to acquire all of the outstanding shares of AppliedMicro common stock, the first surviving company will merge with and into Merger Sub in the second merger.

**Transaction Consideration (Page 104)**

The transaction consideration consists of:

\$3.25 in cash, without interest and less any applicable withholding taxes; and

0.1089 shares of MACOM common stock, par value \$0.001, together with cash in lieu of any fractional shares of MACOM common stock, without interest and less any applicable withholding taxes.

AppliedMicro stockholders will not receive any fractional shares of MACOM common stock in the offer or the first merger, and each AppliedMicro stockholder who otherwise would be entitled to receive a fraction of a share of MACOM common stock pursuant to the offer or the first merger will be paid an amount in cash (without interest) in lieu thereof, based on the volume weighted average closing sale price per share (calculated to the nearest one-hundredth of one cent) of MACOM common stock as reported on Nasdaq for the period of ten (10) consecutive trading days beginning on the thirteenth (13th) trading day immediately preceding the date on which the mergers (as defined below) are consummated (the closing date) and concluding at the close of trading on the third (3rd) trading day immediately preceding the closing date, as calculated by Bloomberg Financial LP under the function VWAP (the MACOM trading price).

**The Offer (Page 102)**

MACOM, through the Purchaser, is offering, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this document and in the accompanying letter of transmittal, to exchange the transaction consideration for each outstanding share of

AppliedMicro common stock that is validly tendered in the offer and not properly withdrawn.

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**The Mergers (Page 103)**

The first merger and the second merger will be completed as soon as practicable following the Purchaser's acceptance of tendered shares, assuming the satisfaction or waiver of the other conditions of the offer at such time. The first merger will be subject to Section 251(h) of the DGCL, which means that no vote of AppliedMicro stockholders will be required to complete the first merger. Accordingly, MACOM anticipates that the first merger will be completed on or about the same day as the completion of the offer.

In the first merger, the Purchaser will merge with and into AppliedMicro, with AppliedMicro surviving the merger (the effective time). At the effective time, each outstanding share of AppliedMicro common stock that was not acquired by the Purchaser in the offer (other than shares held by stockholders validly exercising appraisal rights under Delaware law, shares held in treasury by AppliedMicro or shares held by MACOM, any subsidiary of MACOM or any subsidiary of AppliedMicro) will be converted into the right to receive the transaction consideration. After the first merger, AppliedMicro will be a direct wholly owned subsidiary of MACOM, and the former stockholders of AppliedMicro will no longer have any direct ownership interest in the first surviving company.

Immediately following the first merger, the first surviving company will merge with and into Merger Sub, with Merger Sub surviving the second merger (the second effective time). From and after the second effective time, the surviving company holding the AppliedMicro business will be a limited liability company rather than a corporation.

**The Companies (Page 31)**

***MACOM***

MACOM Technology Solutions Holdings, Inc.

100 Chelmsford Street

Lowell, Massachusetts 01851

(978) 656-2500

MACOM is a leading provider of high-performance analog semiconductor solutions that enable next-generation Internet applications, the cloud connected apps economy and the modern, networked battlefield across the radio frequency, microwave, millimeterwave and photonic spectrum. MACOM designs and manufactures differentiated, high-value products for customers who demand high performance, quality and reliability. MACOM offers a broad portfolio of over 4,500 standard and custom devices, which include integrated circuits, multi-chip modules, power pallets and transistors, diodes, amplifiers, switches and switch limiters, passive and active components and complete subsystems, across approximately 40 product lines serving over 6,500 end customers in three primary markets. MACOM's semiconductor products are electronic components that our customers incorporate into their larger electronic systems, such as, point-to-point wireless backhaul radios, high density networks, active antenna arrays, radar, magnetic resonance imaging systems and unmanned aerial vehicles. MACOM's primary markets are: Networks, which includes carrier and enterprise infrastructure, wired broadband and cellular backhaul, cellular infrastructure, photonic solutions, data centers and fiber optic applications; Aerospace and Defense, which includes military and commercial radar, radio frequency jammer, electronic countermeasure, and communication data link applications; and, Multi-market, which includes industrial, medical, test and measurement and scientific applications.

MACOM was incorporated in Delaware in March 2009 and became a public company in 2012. Its shares are traded on Nasdaq under the ticker symbol MTSI.

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***The Purchaser***

Montana Merger Sub I, Inc.

c/o MACOM Technology Solutions Holdings, Inc.

100 Chelmsford Street

Lowell, Massachusetts 01851

(978) 656-2500

The Purchaser is a Delaware corporation and a direct and wholly owned subsidiary of MACOM. The Purchaser was incorporated on November 17, 2016 for the purpose of making the offer and consummating the first merger. The Purchaser has engaged in no business activities to date and it has no material assets or liabilities of any kind, other than those incident to its formation and those incurred in connection with the merger agreement, the offer and the mergers.

***Merger Sub***

MACOM Connectivity Solutions, LLC

c/o MACOM Technology Solutions Holdings, Inc.

100 Chelmsford Street

Lowell, Massachusetts 01851

(978) 656-2500

Merger Sub is a Delaware limited liability company and a direct and wholly owned subsidiary of MACOM. Merger Sub was formed on November 17, 2016 for the purpose of consummating the second merger and on December 28, 2016 underwent a name change from Montana Merger Sub II, LLC to MACOM Connectivity Solutions, LLC. Merger Sub has engaged in no business activities to date and it has no material assets or liabilities of any kind, other than those incident to its formation and those incurred in connection with the merger agreement and the mergers.

***AppliedMicro***

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AppliedMicro is a global leader in silicon solutions for next-generation cloud infrastructure and data centers, as well as connectivity products for edge, metro and long-haul communications equipment. AppliedMicro's Computing

products include the X-Gene family of server processors, each based on the ARMv8 64-bit Instruction Set Architecture (ISA), which target mainstream cloud and data center infrastructure including hyperscale, telco, enterprise and high performance computing. As part of AppliedMicro's current Computing business, AppliedMicro also offers embedded computing products which include the HeliX family of processors, based on the ARM 64-bit ISA, and PowerPC products, based on Power Architecture. AppliedMicro's embedded Computing products are deployed in a variety of applications including networking and telecom, enterprise storage, data center and industrial applications. The Connectivity portion of AppliedMicro's business provides high-speed, high-bandwidth, high-reliability communications products to network equipment manufacturers. They include the X-Weave family of products, designed to meet the needs of service providers and public cloud, private cloud, and enterprise data centers.

AppliedMicro was incorporated in California in 1979 and was reincorporated in Delaware in 1987. AppliedMicro became a publicly traded company in 1997. Its shares trade on the Nasdaq under the ticker symbol AMCC.



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### **Support Agreements (Page 127)**

Concurrently with the execution of the merger agreement on November 21, 2016, MACOM and the Purchaser entered into the support agreements with the supporting stockholders, who beneficially own, in the aggregate, approximately eleven percent (11%) of AppliedMicro common stock, as of December 15, 2016, to commit to tender their outstanding shares of AppliedMicro common stock in the offer.

Pursuant to the support agreements, each of the supporting stockholders agreed during the term of his, her or its respective support agreement, among other things, (i) to promptly (and, in any event, not later than ten (10) business days following commencement of the offer) validly tender or cause to be tendered all outstanding shares of AppliedMicro common stock owned by the supporting stockholder, (ii) with respect to any additional shares of AppliedMicro common stock acquired after commencement of the offer, but before the acceptance time, to promptly (and, in any event, not later than two (2) business days following the acquisition of such additional shares) validly tender or cause to be tendered such additional shares, (iii) not to withdraw shares of AppliedMicro common stock from the offer unless the offer is terminated and (iv) to certain restrictions on transferring or encumbering any such shares of AppliedMicro common stock prior to termination of the support agreement.

The support agreements may terminate early in certain circumstances. For more information regarding the support agreements, see Support Agreements.

### **Conditions to the Transactions (Page 107)**

Completion of the transactions is subject to certain conditions, including, among others:

*Regulatory Approval* any waiting period (and extensions thereof) applicable to the offer and the mergers under the HSR Act having expired or been terminated, which required waiting period with respect to the offer and the mergers was terminated by the FTC and the Antitrust Division on December 12, 2016;

*Minimum Condition* the Purchaser receiving at least a majority of the outstanding shares of AppliedMicro common stock, when added to shares of AppliedMicro common stock already owned by the Purchaser, having been validly tendered into (and not withdrawn from) the offer prior to the expiration date of the offer;

*Effectiveness of Form S-4* the registration statement on Form S-4 of which this document is a part having been declared effective by the SEC under the Securities Act, and no stop order having been issued or proceeding seeking a stop order having been initiated or threatened by the SEC;

*Listing of MACOM Common Stock* the shares of MACOM common stock to be issued in the offer and the mergers having been approved for listing on Nasdaq, subject to official notice of issuance;

*Accuracy of AppliedMicro's Representations* the representations and warranties of AppliedMicro contained in the merger agreement being true and correct as of November 21, 2016 and the expiration date of the offer, subject to specified de minimis and materiality standards, as applicable;

*AppliedMicro's Compliance with Covenants* AppliedMicro having complied in all material respects with its covenants under the merger agreement to be performed by AppliedMicro at or prior to the expiration date;

*No Legal Prohibition* there being no injunction by any court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction or law that has been adopted and is effective that, in each case, prohibits or makes illegal the consummation of the offer or the mergers; and

*Tax Opinions* the receipt of written opinions by MACOM and AppliedMicro from their respective legal counsel, dated as of the expiration date of the offer, to the effect that the offer and the mergers, taken together, will qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code.

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**Treatment of AppliedMicro Equity Awards (Page 106)**

Under the terms of the merger agreement,

*Vested in-the-Money AppliedMicro Stock Options.* Each outstanding vested in-the-money option to acquire shares of AppliedMicro common stock will be cancelled as of the effective time and thereafter will only entitle the holder of such option to receive (without interest) an amount in cash and a number of shares of MACOM common stock equal to the product of the (i) transaction consideration (with the stock consideration value based on the closing price of the MACOM common stock on Nasdaq on the last trading day immediately before the effective time), multiplied by (ii) that number of whole and partial (computed to the nearest four decimal places) shares of AppliedMicro common stock equal to the excess of (A) the total number of shares of AppliedMicro common stock then subject to such vested in-the-money AppliedMicro option over (B) the number of whole and partial (computed to the nearest four decimal places) shares of AppliedMicro common stock that, when multiplied by the closing price of the AppliedMicro common stock on Nasdaq on the last trading day immediately prior to the effective time, is equal to the aggregate exercise price of such vested in-the-money AppliedMicro option.

*Other AppliedMicro Stock Options.* Each outstanding option to acquire shares of AppliedMicro common stock other than a vested in-the-money AppliedMicro option will be cancelled and converted into, as of the effective time, and thereafter evidence an award of stock options exercisable for shares of MACOM common stock having the same terms and conditions, subject to certain modifications.

*Vested AppliedMicro Restricted Stock Units.* Each outstanding vested AppliedMicro restricted stock unit will be settled in that number of shares of AppliedMicro common stock underlying the vested AppliedMicro restricted stock unit and thereafter will entitle the holder thereof to receive (without interest) an amount in cash and a number of shares of MACOM common stock equal to the transaction consideration (with the stock consideration valued based on the closing price of MACOM common stock on Nasdaq on the last trading day immediately before the effective time), in respect of each share of AppliedMicro common stock that was subject to such holder's vested AppliedMicro restricted stock unit.

*Unvested AppliedMicro Restricted Stock Units.* Each outstanding unvested AppliedMicro restricted stock unit will be cancelled and converted into, as of the effective time, and thereafter evidence an award of restricted stock units with respect to shares of MACOM common stock having the same terms and conditions, subject to certain modifications.

**AppliedMicro 2012 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (Page 107)**

AppliedMicro will cause any outstanding offering period under the 2012 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended ( ESPP ) to terminate as of the effective time, with the ESPP and all outstanding rights under such plan being terminated as of such time. Any shares of AppliedMicro common stock purchased under the ESPP will be canceled and converted into the right to receive the transaction consideration. Any funds that remain in the account of an ESPP participant will be promptly returned to the participant.

**Regulatory Approvals (Page 83)**

Completion of the transactions is subject to the expiration or termination of the waiting period applicable to the transactions under the HSR Act. On December 12, 2016, early termination of the waiting period under the HSR Act was granted, and accordingly this condition has been satisfied. The parties to the merger agreement are required to use their respective reasonable best efforts to consummate the transactions, including by taking all reasonable actions necessary to obtain any antitrust or other regulatory approvals, as described in the merger agreement.

**Table of Contents****Source and Amount of Funds (Page 93)**

MACOM estimates that the aggregate amount of cash consideration required to purchase the maximum amount of shares of AppliedMicro common stock sought in the offer is approximately \$288 million, which is equal to \$3.25 multiplied by 88,581,000 shares of AppliedMicro common stock (see Note 2 to the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements for the calculation of the estimated shares of AppliedMicro common stock entitled to the cash consideration), plus related costs and expenses. MACOM intends to use cash on hand to finance the cash portion of the transactions and the related costs and expenses.

**Listing of MACOM Common Stock (Page 123)**

MACOM will submit the necessary notification to Nasdaq with respect to the listing of the shares of MACOM common stock to be issued in connection with the transactions. Approval of this listing is a condition to completion of the offer and the first merger.

**Dissenters' Rights (Page 81)**

Appraisal rights are not available in connection with the offer, and AppliedMicro stockholders who tender their shares in the offer will not have appraisal rights in connection with the first merger. However, if the Purchaser accepts shares in the offer and the first merger is completed, holders of shares of AppliedMicro common stock will be entitled to exercise appraisal rights in connection with the first merger if they did not tender their shares in the offer and satisfy the other requirements prescribed by Section 262 of the DGCL. The fair value of AppliedMicro common stock may be greater than, less than or the same as the transaction consideration. For more information, see The Transactions Dissenters' Rights.

You will find a detailed discussion of appraisal rights in the Schedule 14D-9, which has been filed with the SEC and was mailed to AppliedMicro stockholders together with the preliminary prospectus/offer on or about December 23, 2016. The Schedule 14D-9 will constitute the formal notice of appraisal rights under Section 262 of the DGCL.

**Comparative Market Price and Dividend Matters (Page 129)**

MACOM common stock is listed on Nasdaq under the symbol MTSI, and AppliedMicro common stock is listed on Nasdaq under the symbol AMCC. The following table sets forth the closing prices of MACOM common stock and AppliedMicro common stock on Nasdaq as reported on November 18, 2016, the trading day prior to public announcement of execution of the merger agreement, and on January 20, 2017, the most recent practicable trading date prior to the filing of this document. The table also shows the implied value of one share of AppliedMicro common stock on such dates, which was calculated by adding (1) the per-share cash consideration of \$3.25 and (2) the product of the exchange ratio of 0.1089 multiplied by the closing price of MACOM common stock on such date.

	<b>Per-Share AppliedMicro Closing Price</b>	<b>Per-Share MACOM Closing Price</b>	<b>Implied Transaction Value of AppliedMicro Share</b>
November 18, 2016	\$ 7.25	\$ 46.95	\$ 8.36
January 20, 2017	\$ 8.35	\$ 46.90	\$ 8.36

The market value of the stock portion of the transaction consideration will change as the market value of MACOM common stock fluctuates during the offer period and thereafter. AppliedMicro stockholders should obtain current

market quotations for shares of AppliedMicro common stock and MACOM common stock before deciding whether to tender their AppliedMicro shares in the offer.

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### **Ownership of MACOM After the Transactions (Page 81)**

MACOM estimates that former stockholders of AppliedMicro will own, in the aggregate, approximately 16.1% of the shares of MACOM common stock outstanding immediately following completion of the transactions.

### **Comparison of Stockholders Rights (Page 150)**

The rights of MACOM stockholders are different in some respects from the rights of AppliedMicro stockholders. Therefore, AppliedMicro stockholders will have different rights as stockholders once they become MACOM stockholders.

### **Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences (Page 142)**

It is intended that the offer and the mergers, taken together, qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. It is a condition to MACOM's obligation to complete the offer that MACOM and AppliedMicro each receive a written opinion from their respective legal counsel, Ropes & Gray LLP and Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, respectively, to the effect that the offer and the mergers, taken together, will qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. Accordingly, assuming the receipt and accuracy of such opinions, U.S. holders (as defined under Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences ) of shares of AppliedMicro common stock that receive a combination of shares of MACOM common stock and cash (other than cash received in lieu of fractional shares of MACOM common stock) in exchange for shares of AppliedMicro common stock pursuant to the offer and/or the first merger generally will recognize gain (but not loss) in an amount equal to the lesser of (i) the amount by which the sum of the fair market value of MACOM common stock and cash received by the U.S. holder exceeds such U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in its shares of AppliedMicro common stock surrendered and (ii) the amount of cash received by such U.S. holder. Non-U.S. holders (as defined under Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences ) of shares of AppliedMicro common stock that receive the transaction consideration pursuant to the offer or the first merger may be subject to U.S. withholding tax with respect to cash received.

Holders of AppliedMicro common stock should read the section entitled Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences for a more complete discussion of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the transactions. Tax matters can be complicated, and the tax consequences of the transactions to a particular holder will depend on such holder's particular facts and circumstances. AppliedMicro stockholders should consult their own tax advisors to determine the specific consequences to them of exchanging their shares of AppliedMicro common stock for the transaction consideration pursuant to the offer or the first merger.

### **Accounting Treatment (Page 94)**

In accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ), MACOM will account for the acquisition of shares in the transactions under the acquisition method of accounting for business combinations.

### **Questions About the Offer and the Mergers**

Questions or requests for assistance or additional copies of this document may be directed to the information agent at the telephone number and addresses set forth below. Stockholders may also contact their broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee for assistance concerning the offer and the mergers.





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**D.F. King & Co., Inc.**

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**Table of Contents****SELECTED HISTORICAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA OF MACOM**

The following table sets forth certain selected financial information for MACOM as of and for the periods indicated. The selected consolidated statements of operations data for fiscal years 2016, 2015 and 2014 and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of September 30, 2016 and October 2, 2015 are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of MACOM included in MACOM's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, which is incorporated by reference into this document. The selected consolidated statements of operations data for fiscal years 2013 and 2012 and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of October 3, 2014, September 27, 2013 and September 28, 2012 are derived from MACOM's audited consolidated financial statements, adjusted for discontinued operations, which are not incorporated by reference into this document. You should read this summary selected financial data together with MACOM's Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and MACOM's historical consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in MACOM's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, which is incorporated by reference into this document. See Where To Obtain Additional Information. The historical results are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected in the future.

**Selected Consolidated Statements of Operations Data**

	<b>Fiscal Years</b>				
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	(in thousands, except per share data)				
<b>Statements of Operations Data (1):</b>					
Revenue	\$ 544,338	\$ 420,609	\$ 339,189	\$ 242,703	\$ 255,544
Cost of revenue	262,729	217,019	198,249	133,505	134,826
Gross profit	281,609	203,590	140,940	109,198	120,718
Operating expenses:					
Research and development	107,698	82,188	71,351	42,505	34,903
Selling, general and administrative	145,433	110,030	82,593	57,930	41,235
Impairment charges	11,765				
Restructuring charges	3,465	1,280	14,823	1,060	1,862
Total operating expenses	268,361	193,498	168,767	101,495	78,000
Income (loss) from operations	13,248	10,092	(27,827)	7,703	42,718
Other income (expense):					
Warrant liability (expense) gain (2)	(16,431)	(6,020)	(3,928)	(4,312)	3,175
Class B conversion liability expense (2)					(44,119)
Interest (expense), net	(18,427)	(18,376)	(12,362)	(817)	(695)
Other income (expense), net	39	(1,096)	3,217	372	185
Other (expense), net	(34,819)	(25,492)	(13,073)	(4,757)	(41,454)
(Loss) income before income taxes	(21,571)	(15,400)	(40,900)	2,946	1,264

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Income tax (benefit) provision	(17,983)	(9,858)	(16,086)	283	11,830
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(3,588)	(5,542)	(24,814)	2,663	(10,566)
Income from discontinued operations	5,022	54,131	9,491	15,533	6,902
Net income (loss)	1,434	48,589	(15,323)	18,196	(3,664)
Accretion value of redeemable preferred stock					(2,616)
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 1,434	\$ 48,589	\$ (15,323)	\$ 18,196	\$ (6,280)

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	Fiscal Years				
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
(in thousands, except per share data)					
Basic income (loss) per common share:					
(Loss) income from continuing operations	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.11)	\$ (0.53)	\$ 0.06	\$ (0.53)
Income from discontinued operations	0.09	1.06	0.20	0.34	0.28
Net income (loss) basic	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.95	\$ (0.33)	\$ 0.40	\$ (0.25)
Diluted income (loss) per common share:					
(Loss) income from continuing operations	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.11)	\$ (0.53)	\$ 0.06	\$ (0.53)
Income from discontinued operations	0.09	1.06	0.20	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.28
Net income (loss) diluted	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.95	\$ (0.33)	\$ 0.39	\$ (0.25)
Shares used to compute net income (loss) per common share:					
Basic	53,364	51,146	47,009	45,916	24,758
Diluted	53,364	51,146	47,009	47,137	24,758

**Selected Consolidated Balance Sheet Data**

	As of				
	September 30, 2016	October 2, 2015	October 3, 2014	September 27, 2013	September 28, 2012
<b>Consolidated Balance Sheet Data</b>					
<i>(in thousands):</i>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 332,977	\$ 122,312	\$ 173,895	\$ 110,488	\$ 84,600
Working capital	520,794	312,743	287,703	194,289	157,451
Total assets	1,188,551	860,834	675,852	316,635	268,217
Long-term debt, less current portion	576,345	335,087	336,796		
Stockholders' equity	\$ 462,784	\$ 424,533	\$ 228,567	\$ 247,141	\$ 199,458

- (1) See Results of Operations in Item 7 of and Consolidated Statements of Operations and MACOM's Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in MACOM's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 for additional information for fiscal years 2016, 2015 and 2014.
- (2) Represents changes in the fair value of certain features of MACOM's warrant and Class B convertible preferred stock that were recorded as liabilities and adjusted each reporting period to fair value. The convertible preferred stock liability was settled in connection with MACOM's initial public offering in March 2012.



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The following table sets forth certain selected consolidated financial information for AppliedMicro as of the end of and for the periods indicated. The selected consolidated statements of operations data for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of March 31, 2016 and 2015 are derived from, and qualified by reference to, the audited consolidated financial statements included in AppliedMicro's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016, which is incorporated by reference into this document. The selected consolidated statements of operations data for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of March 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 are derived from AppliedMicro's audited consolidated financial statements which are not incorporated by reference into this document. The selected consolidated statements of operations data for the six months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of September 30, 2016 and 2015 are derived from, and qualified by reference to, the unaudited consolidated financial statements included in AppliedMicro's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2016, which is incorporated by reference into this document. You should read this summary selected consolidated financial data together with AppliedMicro's Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and AppliedMicro's historical consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto. The historical results are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected in the future. See [Where to Obtain Additional Information](#).

in thousands	Six Months Ended		Fiscal Years Ended March 31,				
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Net revenues	\$ 83,277	\$ 77,556	\$ 159,287	\$ 165,011	\$ 216,150	\$ 195,642	\$ 230,887
Cost of revenues	30,148	34,564	69,739	69,297	85,189	83,048	98,804
Gross profit	53,129	42,992	89,548	95,714	130,961	112,594	132,083
Operating expenses:							
Research and development	51,522	44,028	91,518	107,220	146,579	187,419	175,656
Selling, general and administrative	17,041	17,137	33,507	33,643	38,927	51,684	45,794
Gain on sale of TPack					(19,699)		
Gain on sale of building					(25,815)		
Amortization of purchased intangible assets				104	316	1,926	3,202
Restructuring		111	25	5,421	1,134	6,435	875
Total operating expenses	68,563	61,276	125,050	146,388	141,442	247,464	225,527
Operating loss	(15,434)	(18,284)	(35,502)	(50,674)	(10,481)	(134,870)	(93,444)
Realized gain on short-term investments and interest income, net	472	1,876	2,238	2,764	5,052	2,595	4,247
	32	33	69	(3,056)	354	(2,394)	7,437

Other income (expense),  
net

Loss before income taxes	(14,930)	(16,375)	(33,195)	(50,966)	(5,075)	(134,669)	(81,760)
Income tax expense (benefit)	249	(910)	(624)	1,092	619	(554)	928
Net loss	\$ (15,179)	\$ (15,465)	\$ (32,571)	\$ (52,058)	\$ (5,694)	\$ (134,115)	\$ (82,688)
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.18)	\$ (0.19)	\$ (0.39)	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.08)	\$ (2.06)	\$ (1.33)
Shares used in calculating basic and diluted net loss per share	85,486	81,680	82,668	78,814	72,897	65,258	62,245

**Table of Contents****Consolidated Balance Sheet Data**

	September 30,		Fiscal Years Ended March 31,				
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	\$ 81,728	\$ 75,500	\$ 83,845	\$ 75,358	\$ 106,583	\$ 85,476	\$ 113,846
Working capital	\$ 88,670	\$ 96,015	\$ 90,572	\$ 96,652	\$ 112,351	\$ 26,860	\$ 118,575
Total assets	\$ 143,745	\$ 151,340	\$ 146,292	\$ 158,863	\$ 207,536	\$ 211,380	\$ 269,052
Total current liabilities	\$ 29,720	\$ 28,036	\$ 29,461	\$ 31,467	\$ 55,155	\$ 114,089	\$ 72,286
Total stockholders equity	\$ 112,958	\$ 118,948	\$ 115,038	\$ 123,105	\$ 149,236	\$ 81,504	\$ 169,236



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**SELECTED UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL DATA**

The following selected unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial data as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016 give effect to the transactions, which will be accounted for as a business combination under the acquisition method of accounting, with MACOM as the acquirer. The selected unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial data presented below is based on, and should be read in conjunction with, the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements that appear elsewhere in this document, including the footnotes thereto, and the historical financial statements of MACOM and AppliedMicro that appear elsewhere in this document. See the sections entitled, *Where To Obtain Additional Information* and *Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements*, for additional information.

MACOM operates on a 52-or 53-week fiscal year ending on the Friday closest to September 30. All date references contained herein relate to MACOM's fiscal year unless otherwise stated. AppliedMicro's fiscal year ends on March 31. As a result of the different fiscal years of MACOM and AppliedMicro:

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined balance sheet as of September 30, 2016 combines MACOM's historical consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2016, which was the end of MACOM's 2016 fiscal year, and AppliedMicro's historical unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2016, which was the end of its second fiscal quarter, giving pro forma effect to the transactions as if they had been completed on September 30, 2016; and

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the year ended September 30, 2016 combines MACOM's historical results of operations for the year ended September 30, 2016, which was the end of MACOM's 2016 fiscal year, and AppliedMicro's historical unaudited results of operations for the 12 months ended September 30, 2016, which have been derived from AppliedMicro's consolidated statement of operations for the year ended March 31, 2016, and from AppliedMicro's condensed consolidated statement of operations for the six months ended September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015, giving pro forma effect to the transactions as if they had been completed on October 3, 2015.

The transactions will be accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting. The pro forma adjustments reflect adjustments required under GAAP for business combinations and are based upon, among other things, preliminary estimates of fair market values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed and certain assumptions that we believe are reasonable. Revisions to the preliminary estimates of fair market value may have a significant impact on the pro forma amounts of total assets, total liabilities and stockholders' equity, amortization expense, interest expense and income tax expense. The actual adjustments to MACOM's consolidated financial statements upon the closing of the transactions will depend on a number of factors, including additional information available and AppliedMicro's net assets on the closing date of the merger. Therefore, the actual adjustments will differ from the pro forma adjustments, and the differences may be material. The selected unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations does not reflect any non-recurring charges or gains that MACOM may record in connection with the merger. However, these estimated non-recurring items will be reflected in MACOM's statement of operations for the period during which the merger will take place.

The selected unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial data is presented for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the actual or future financial position or results of operations that would have been realized if the transactions had been completed as of the dates indicated in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements or that will be realized upon the consummation of the transactions. The following

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information has been derived from, and should be read in conjunction with, the unaudited pro forma

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combined financial statements and the related notes included in this document. See Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements.

	<b>Year Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30, 2016</b>	
	(in thousands, except per share data)	
<b><i>Statements of Operations Data</i></b>		
Loss from operations	\$	(34,970)
Loss from continuing operations	\$	(42,888)
Net loss per common share from continuing operations	\$	(0.67)
	<b>As of</b>	
	<b>September 30, 2016</b>	
	(in thousands)	
<b><i>Balance Sheet Data</i></b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	67,577
Working capital (1)	\$	315,494
Total assets	\$	1,726,707
Total liabilities	\$	788,454
Accumulated deficit	\$	(108,138)
Total stockholders' equity	\$	938,253

(1) We define working capital as current assets less current liabilities.

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The following unaudited pro forma per share information as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016 reflects the transactions as if they had occurred on October 3, 2015. The information in the table is based on, and should be read together with, the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements that appear elsewhere in this document, including the notes thereto, and the historical financial statements of MACOM and AppliedMicro that are incorporated by reference into this document. See [Where To Obtain Additional Information](#) and [Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements](#).

The following unaudited pro forma per share data for the year ended September 30, 2016 was derived from MACOM's historical results of operations for the year ended September 30, 2016, which was the end of MACOM's 2016 fiscal year, and AppliedMicro's historical unaudited results of operations for the 12 months ended September 30, 2016, which have been derived from AppliedMicro's condensed consolidated statement of operations for the six months ended September 30, 2016 and from AppliedMicro's condensed consolidated statement of operations for the six months ended March 31, 2016, giving pro forma effect to the transactions as if they had been completed on October 3, 2015.

The unaudited pro forma per share data is presented for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of actual or future financial position or results of operations that would have been realized if the transactions had been completed as of the dates indicated or will be realized upon the completion of the transactions. MACOM and AppliedMicro have not declared or paid any dividends during the periods presented.

	<b>As of and for the year ended September 30, 2016</b>
<b>MACOM</b>	
Book value per share - historical (1)	\$ 8.62
Net loss per common share from continuing operations - basic and diluted	\$ (0.07)
<b>AppliedMicro</b>	
Book value per share - historical (1)	\$ 1.31
Net loss per share - basic and diluted	\$ (0.38)
<b>Combined</b>	
Book value per share - pro forma (2)	\$ 14.65
Net loss per common share from continuing operations - basic and diluted	\$ (0.67)
AppliedMicro Unaudited Pro Forma Equivalent Data per Share (3)	
Book value per share - historical	\$ 1.59
Net loss per common share from continuing operations - basic and diluted	\$ (0.07)

(1) Historical book value per share is calculated by taking total stockholders' equity divided by total outstanding common shares

- (2) Combined pro forma book value per share is calculated by taking pro forma combined total stockholders' equity divided by pro forma combined outstanding common shares
- (3) AppliedMicro Unaudited Pro Forma Equivalent Data per share is calculated by applying the share exchange ratio of 0.1089 to the combined unaudited pro forma data per share

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**RISK FACTORS**

*AppliedMicro stockholders should carefully read this document and the other documents referred to or incorporated by reference into this document, including in particular the following risk factors, in deciding whether to tender AppliedMicro shares pursuant to the offer.*

**Risks Relating to the Offer and Mergers and Combined Company**

***The stock portion of the transaction consideration is fixed and will not be adjusted. Because the market price of MACOM common stock may fluctuate, AppliedMicro stockholders cannot be sure of the market value of the transaction consideration they will receive in exchange for their AppliedMicro shares in connection with the transactions.***

In connection with the offer and the first merger, AppliedMicro stockholders will receive cash and a fixed number of MACOM shares of common stock for each of their shares of AppliedMicro common stock (i.e., 0.1089 MACOM shares for each AppliedMicro share). Because the number of shares of MACOM common stock being offered as part of the transaction consideration will not vary based on the market value of MACOM common stock, the portion of the market value of the transaction consideration that AppliedMicro stockholders will receive in the offer or first merger that is based on the value of MACOM common stock will vary based on the price of such stock at the time the transaction consideration is received. The market price of MACOM common stock may decline after the date of this document, after you tender your shares and/or after the offer and the first merger are completed.

A decline in the market price of MACOM common stock could result from a variety of factors beyond MACOM's control, including, among other things, the possibility that: MACOM may not achieve the expected benefits of the acquisition of AppliedMicro as rapidly or to the extent anticipated, including expectations relating to the sale by MACOM of a portion of AppliedMicro's compute business; AppliedMicro's business may not perform as anticipated following the transactions, including if key AppliedMicro customers discontinue purchasing from the combined firm; AppliedMicro's connectivity products or MACOM's products do not continue to gain market share; (see Risk Factors Risks Related to AppliedMicro's Business ); the effect of MACOM's acquisition of AppliedMicro on MACOM's financial results may not meet the expectations of MACOM, financial analysts or investors; the addition and integration of AppliedMicro's business may be unsuccessful, take longer or be more disruptive than anticipated; or MACOM's creditworthiness may be adversely affected as a result of MACOM's reduced cash reserves incurred to finance the offer and the mergers.

Because the offer will not be completed until certain conditions have been satisfied or waived, a significant period of time may pass between the commencement of the offer, the time you tender your shares and the time that the Purchaser accepts your shares for payment. Therefore, at the time you tender your shares of AppliedMicro common stock pursuant to the offer, you will not know the exact market value of the stock portion of the transaction consideration that will be issued if the Purchaser accepts such shares for payment.

See Comparative Market Price and Dividend Matters. You are urged to obtain current market quotations for shares of AppliedMicro common stock and for shares of MACOM common stock.

***The offer remains subject to conditions that MACOM cannot control.***

The offer is subject to a number of conditions, including the minimum condition, lack of legal prohibitions, the listing on Nasdaq of the shares of MACOM common stock to be issued in the transactions, the receipt of opinions of AppliedMicro's and MACOM's respective legal counsel regarding the tax treatment of the transactions, the

effectiveness of the registration statement on Form S-4 of which this document is a part, the truth and accuracy of AppliedMicro's representations and warranties made in the merger agreement, subject to specified materiality standards, and AppliedMicro's material compliance with its covenants under the merger agreement. There are no assurances that all of the conditions to the offer will be satisfied or that the conditions

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will be satisfied in the time frame expected. If the conditions to the offer are not met, then MACOM may, subject to the terms and conditions of the merger agreement, allow the offer to expire, or amend or extend the offer. See Merger Agreement Conditions to the Transaction.

***If the transactions are completed, AppliedMicro stockholders will receive MACOM common stock as part of the transaction consideration and will accordingly become MACOM stockholders. MACOM common stock may be affected by different factors than AppliedMicro common stock, and MACOM stockholders will have different rights than they had as AppliedMicro stockholders.***

Upon consummation of the transactions, AppliedMicro stockholders will receive shares of MACOM common stock as part of the transaction consideration and will accordingly become MACOM stockholders. MACOM's business differs from that of AppliedMicro, and MACOM's results of operations and the trading price of MACOM common stock may be adversely affected by factors different than those that would affect AppliedMicro's results of operations and stock price.

In addition, holders of shares of MACOM common stock will have rights as MACOM stockholders that differ from the rights they had as AppliedMicro stockholders before the transactions. For a comparison of the rights of MACOM stockholders to the rights of AppliedMicro stockholders, see Comparison of Stockholders Rights.

***AppliedMicro stockholders will have a reduced ownership and voting interest in the combined company.***

Immediately following consummation of the offer and the first merger, AppliedMicro stockholders will collectively own approximately 16.1% of the outstanding shares of MACOM common stock. Consequently, AppliedMicro stockholders will not be able to exercise as much influence over the management and policies of the combined company as they currently exercise over AppliedMicro.

***MACOM may fail to realize all of the anticipated benefits of the transactions or those benefits may take longer to realize than expected.***

The full benefits of the transactions may not be realized as expected or may not be achieved within the anticipated time frame, or at all. Failure to achieve the anticipated benefits of the transactions could adversely affect MACOM's results of operations or cash flows, cause dilution to the earnings per share of MACOM, decrease or delay the expected benefits of the transactions and negatively affect the price of MACOM common stock.

In addition, MACOM and AppliedMicro will be required to devote significant attention and resources prior to closing to prepare for the post-closing operation of the combined company, and MACOM will be required post-closing to devote significant attention and resources to successfully align the business practices and integrate the operations of MACOM and AppliedMicro. This process may disrupt the businesses and, if ineffective, would limit the anticipated benefits of the transactions.

***MACOM and AppliedMicro will incur direct and indirect costs as a result of the transactions.***

MACOM and AppliedMicro will incur substantial expenses in connection with and as a result of completing the transactions. Following the completion of the mergers, MACOM expects to incur additional expenses in connection with combining the businesses, operations, policies and procedures of MACOM and AppliedMicro. Factors beyond MACOM's control could affect the total amount or timing of those expenses, many of which, by their nature, are difficult to estimate accurately. Moreover, diversion of management focus and resources from the day-to-day operation of the business to matters relating to the transactions could adversely affect each company's business,



regardless of whether the offer and the mergers are completed.

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### ***The receipt of shares of MACOM common stock in the offer and/or the first merger may be taxable to AppliedMicro stockholders.***

The offer is contingent upon the receipt of an opinion by each of MACOM and AppliedMicro from their respective legal counsel to the effect that the offer and the mergers, taken together, will qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. However, if the offer and the mergers are not treated as component parts of an integrated transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes, if the mergers are not completed in the manner described herein and in the merger agreement or if the transactions otherwise fail to qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code, the exchange of shares of AppliedMicro common stock for cash and shares of MACOM common stock in the offer and/or the first merger will be taxable to AppliedMicro stockholders for U.S. federal income tax purposes. See Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences.

### ***MACOM's and AppliedMicro's actual financial positions and results of operations may differ materially from the unaudited pro forma combined financial data included in this document.***

The unaudited pro forma combined financial information contained in this document is presented for illustrative purposes only and may differ materially from what MACOM's actual financial position or results of operations would have been had the transactions been completed on the dates indicated. The unaudited pro forma combined financial information has been derived from the audited and unaudited historical financial statements of MACOM and certain adjustments and assumptions have been made regarding the combined company after giving effect to the offer and mergers. The assets and liabilities of AppliedMicro have been measured at fair value based on various preliminary estimates using assumptions that MACOM's management believes are reasonable utilizing information currently available. The process for estimating the fair value of acquired assets and assumed liabilities requires the use of judgment in determining the appropriate assumptions and estimates. These estimates may vary significantly as additional information becomes available and as additional analyses are performed. Differences between preliminary estimates in the unaudited pro forma combined financial information and the final acquisition accounting may occur and are not necessarily indicative of MACOM's financial position or results of operations in future periods or that would have been realized in historical periods presented.

In addition, the assumptions used in preparing the unaudited pro forma combined financial information may not prove to be accurate, and other factors may affect MACOM's financial condition or results of operations following the closing. Any potential decline in MACOM's financial condition or results of operations may cause significant variations in MACOM's share price. See Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements.

### ***The merger agreement limits AppliedMicro's ability to pursue alternative transactions, and in certain instances requires payment of a termination fee, which could deter a third party from proposing an alternative transaction.***

The merger agreement contains provisions that, subject to certain exceptions, limit AppliedMicro's ability to solicit, initiate or knowingly encourage or knowingly facilitate any inquiries regarding or the making or submission of any proposal or offer that constitutes or could reasonably be expected to lead to an AppliedMicro takeover proposal (as defined below). See Merger Agreement No Solicitation of Other Offers by AppliedMicro. In addition, under specified circumstances, AppliedMicro is required to pay a termination fee of \$30 million if the merger agreement is terminated. See Merger Agreement Effect of Termination. It is possible that these or other provisions might discourage a potential competing acquiror that might have an interest in acquiring all or a significant part of AppliedMicro from considering or proposing an acquisition, or might result in a potential competing acquiror proposing to pay a lower per share price to acquire AppliedMicro than it might otherwise have proposed to pay.



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***If the value of MACOM's business, together with any synergies to be achieved from MACOM's acquisition of AppliedMicro, is less than the value of the transaction consideration, the trading price of shares of MACOM common stock could decrease.***

If investors believe that the value of the cash consideration and stock consideration to be exchanged for AppliedMicro shares in connection with the offer and the first merger, together with transaction costs, is greater than the value of AppliedMicro's business, together with any synergies expected to be achieved from MACOM's acquisition of AppliedMicro, the trading price of MACOM common stock could decrease and the transactions could have a dilutive effect on the value of common shares held by MACOM stockholders (including former AppliedMicro stockholders).

***Uncertainty during pendency of the transactions may cause suppliers, customers or other business partners to delay or defer decisions concerning MACOM and/or AppliedMicro or re-negotiate agreements with MACOM and/or AppliedMicro, and completion of the transactions could cause suppliers, customers and other business partners to terminate or re-negotiate their relationships with the combined company.***

The offer and mergers will be completed only if specified conditions are met, many of which are outside the control of MACOM and AppliedMicro. In addition, both parties have rights to terminate the merger agreement under specified circumstances. Accordingly, there may be uncertainty regarding the consummation of the offer and mergers, both as to whether they will be consummated and when. This uncertainty may cause suppliers, customers or other business partners of MACOM and/or AppliedMicro to delay or defer decisions concerning such company's products or businesses, or to seek to change existing agreements with MACOM and/or AppliedMicro, which could negatively affect their respective businesses, results of operations and financial conditions.

Additionally, if the offer and mergers are completed, certain suppliers, customers or other business partners may attempt to terminate or change their relationships with the combined company, for example if such counterparties had prior experiences with either MACOM or AppliedMicro that caused them to be dissatisfied with MACOM or AppliedMicro. These decisions could have an adverse effect on the business of the combined company.

***MACOM's acquisition of AppliedMicro could trigger certain change-of-control or similar provisions contained in AppliedMicro's agreements with third parties that could permit such parties to terminate or re-negotiate those agreements.***

AppliedMicro and its subsidiaries may be a party to agreements that permit a counterparty to terminate an agreement or receive payments because the offer and mergers would cause a default or violate an anti-assignment, change-of-control or similar clause in such agreement. If this happens, MACOM may have to seek to replace that agreement with a new agreement or make additional payments under such agreement. However, MACOM may be unable to replace a terminated agreement on comparable terms or at all. Depending on the importance of such agreement to AppliedMicro's business, the failure to replace a terminated agreement on similar terms or at all, and requirements to pay additional amounts, may increase the costs to MACOM of operating AppliedMicro's business or decrease the expected benefits of the offer and mergers to the combined company.

***The stock prices of MACOM and AppliedMicro common stock may be adversely affected if the offer and mergers are not completed.***

If the offer and the mergers are not completed, the prices of MACOM common stock and AppliedMicro common stock may decline to the extent that the current market prices of such common stock reflect a market assumption that the offer and the mergers will be completed and have value.



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### ***Failure to effectively retain, attract and motivate key employees could diminish the anticipated benefits of the transactions.***

The success of the acquisition of AppliedMicro will depend in part on the attraction, retention and motivation of personnel critical to the business and operations of the combined company due to, for example, their technical skills or industry and management expertise. Employees and consultants may experience uncertainty about their future roles with MACOM and AppliedMicro during the pendency of the offer and mergers or after their completion. MACOM and AppliedMicro, while similar and sharing a number of core values, do not have identical corporate cultures, and some employees or consultants may not want to work for the combined company. In addition, competitors may recruit employees during MACOM's integration of AppliedMicro. If the companies are unable to attract, retain and motivate personnel that are critical to the successful integration and future operation of the companies, the combined company could face disruptions in its operations, loss of existing customers, key information, expertise or know-how and unanticipated additional recruiting and training costs. In addition, the loss of key personnel could diminish the anticipated benefits of the acquisition of AppliedMicro to MACOM.

### ***The financial analyses and forecasts considered by AppliedMicro and its financial advisors may not be realized.***

While the financial projections utilized by AppliedMicro and its advisors in connection with the offer and the mergers and summarized in this registration statement were prepared in good faith based on information available at the time of preparation, no assurances can be made regarding future events or that the assumptions made in preparing such projections will accurately reflect future conditions. In preparing such projections, the management of AppliedMicro made assumptions regarding, among other things, future economic, competitive, regulatory and financial market conditions and future business decisions that may not be realized and that are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies, including, among others, risks and uncertainties described or incorporated by reference in this section and the section entitled "Forward-Looking Statements," all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond the control of AppliedMicro and MACOM and will be beyond the control of the combined company. There can be no assurance that the underlying assumptions or projected results will be realized, and actual results will likely differ, and may differ materially, from those reflected in the unaudited financial projections, whether or not the offer and mergers are completed. The financial projections do not necessarily reflect the manner in which the acquired business will be operated by MACOM or the results of operations of such underlying business after the completion of the acquisition. The costs and expenses shown in such AppliedMicro projections do not necessarily represent the costs and expenses to be incurred by MACOM. As a result, the unaudited financial projections cannot be considered predictive of actual future operating results, and this information should not be relied on as such. In addition, since such projections cover multiple years, the information by its nature becomes less predictive with each successive year.

### **Risks Related to MACOM's Business**

You should read and consider the risk factors specific to MACOM's business that will also affect the combined company after the merger. These risks are described in (i) Part I, Item 1A of MACOM's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, as filed with the SEC on November 17, 2016 and (ii) in other documents that are incorporated by reference into this document. See "Where To Obtain Additional Information" for the location of information incorporated by reference in this document.

### **Risks Related to AppliedMicro's Business**

***The announcement and pendency of AppliedMicro's agreement to be acquired by MACOM may have an adverse effect on AppliedMicro's business, operating results and stock price.***

AppliedMicro's announcement of having entered into the merger agreement and MACOM's and the Purchaser's commencement of the offer could cause a material disruption to AppliedMicro's business.

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AppliedMicro is subject to additional risks in connection with the announcement and pendency of the offer and the mergers, including, but not limited to, the following:

market reaction to the announcement of the offer and the mergers;

changes in the respective business, operations, financial position and prospects of either company or the combined company following consummation of the mergers;

market assessments of the likelihood that the offer and the mergers will be consummated;

the amount of cash and the number of shares of MACOM common stock comprising the transaction consideration will not be adjusted for changes in AppliedMicro's business, assets, liabilities, prospects, outlook, financial condition or results of operations during the pendency of the merger agreement, including any successful execution of AppliedMicro's current strategy as an independent company or in the event of any change in the market price of, analyst estimates of, or projections relating to, AppliedMicro common stock;

potential adverse effects on AppliedMicro's relationships with AppliedMicro's current customers, suppliers and other business partners, or those with which AppliedMicro is seeking to establish business relationships, due to uncertainties about the offer and the mergers;

pursuant to the merger agreement, AppliedMicro is subject to certain restrictions on the conduct of AppliedMicro's business prior to consummation of the mergers, which restrictions could adversely affect AppliedMicro's ability to realize certain of AppliedMicro's business strategies or take advantage of certain business opportunities;

potential adverse effects on AppliedMicro's ability to attract, recruit, retain and motivate current and prospective employees who may be uncertain about their future roles and relationships with us following the completion of the mergers, and the possibility that AppliedMicro's employees could lose productivity as a result of uncertainty regarding their employment following the mergers;

AppliedMicro has incurred, and will continue to incur, significant costs, expenses and fees for professional services and other transaction costs in connection with the offer and the mergers, and many of these fees and costs are payable by AppliedMicro regardless of whether the mergers are consummated;

the possibility of disruption to AppliedMicro's business, including increased costs and diversion of management time and resources that could otherwise have been devoted to other opportunities that may have been beneficial to us; and



interest rates, general market and economic conditions and other factors generally affecting the market prices of MACOM common stock and AppliedMicro common stock.

Since a portion of the offer consideration consists of MACOM common stock, AppliedMicro's stock price will be adversely affected by a decline in MACOM's stock price and any adverse developments in MACOM's business. Changes in MACOM's stock price and business may result from a variety of factors, including changes in its business operations and changes in general market and economic conditions. These factors are beyond AppliedMicro's control.

***The failure of the offer and the mergers to be completed may adversely affect AppliedMicro's business and AppliedMicro's stock price.***

MACOM's and the Purchaser's obligation to accept for exchange, and to exchange, shares of AppliedMicro common stock for the transaction consideration in the offer is subject to a number of conditions, including (i) at least a majority of the outstanding shares of AppliedMicro common stock, when added to shares of AppliedMicro common stock already owned by the Purchaser, having been validly tendered into (and not withdrawn from) the offer prior to the expiration date of the Offer, (ii) the exchange of shares of MACOM

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common stock pursuant to the offer and the mergers having been registered pursuant to a registration statement filed by MACOM with the SEC and declared effective by the SEC, (iii) shares of MACOM common stock issuable pursuant to the offer and the mergers having been authorized for listing on Nasdaq, (iv) the absence of any order or ruling prohibiting the consummation of the mergers and (v) subject to certain exceptions, the accuracy of the other party's representations and warranties and compliance with covenants.

There can be no assurance that these conditions to the completion of the offer will be satisfied, or that the mergers will be completed on the proposed terms, within the expected timeframe or at all. If the offer and the mergers are not completed, AppliedMicro's stock price could fall. Furthermore, if the offer and the mergers are not completed, AppliedMicro may suffer other consequences that could adversely affect AppliedMicro's business, results of operations and stock price, including the following:

AppliedMicro could be required to pay a termination fee of \$30 million to MACOM under certain circumstances as described in the merger agreement;

AppliedMicro would have incurred significant costs in connection with the offer and the mergers that AppliedMicro would be unable to recover;

AppliedMicro may be subject to negative publicity or be negatively perceived by the investment or business communities;

AppliedMicro may be subject to legal proceedings related to the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement;

any disruptions to AppliedMicro's business resulting from the announcement and pendency of the offer and the mergers, including any adverse changes in its relationships with customers, suppliers, other business partners and employees, may continue or intensify in the event the mergers are not consummated; and

AppliedMicro may not be able to take advantage of alternative business opportunities or effectively respond to competitive pressures.

***Other Risks Related to AppliedMicro's Business***

You should also read and consider the risk factors specific to AppliedMicro's business that will also affect the combined company after the mergers. These risks are described in (i) Part II, Item 1A of AppliedMicro's 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016, as filed with the SEC on November 2, 2016, and (ii) in other documents that are incorporated by reference into this document. See "Where to Obtain Additional Information" for the location of information incorporated by reference in this document.

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**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Information both included and incorporated by reference in this document may contain forward-looking statements, which may be identified by their use of terms such as intend, plan, may, should, will, anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, forecast, continue, potential, opportunity, project and similar terms and their negative expressions. These statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses that MACOM's management or AppliedMicro's management believe are appropriate under the circumstances. However, these statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should the assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may differ materially from those expected, estimated or projected. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and neither MACOM nor AppliedMicro undertakes any obligation to publicly update or revise any of them in light of new information, future events or otherwise.

All subsequent forward-looking statements attributable to MACOM, AppliedMicro or any person acting on MACOM's or AppliedMicro's behalf are qualified by the cautionary statements in this section.

Factors that could have a material adverse effect on MACOM's or AppliedMicro's operations and future prospects or the consummation of the offer and the mergers, many of which are difficult to predict and beyond the control of MACOM or AppliedMicro, include, but are not limited to:

failure to satisfy the conditions to consummate the offer and the mergers;

uncertainties as to how many AppliedMicro stockholders will tender their shares in the offer;

the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement;

the failure of the offer and the mergers to close in a timely manner or at all;

difficulties encountered in integrating or inability of MACOM to integrate AppliedMicro following completion of the acquisition;

failure to realize the expected benefits, costs savings, revenues, profits, synergies or growth from the acquisition of AppliedMicro, in a timely manner or at all;

failure to meet expectations concerning future business combinations or dispositions, including the potential sale of a portion of AppliedMicro's compute business following the closing of the offer and the mergers, at all or within a specific time period;

significant transaction costs related to the offer and the mergers and any future divestment of a portion of AppliedMicro's compute business;

effects of the pendency of the acquisition or any future divestment of a portion of AppliedMicro's compute business on relationships with employees, suppliers, customers and other business partners;

MACOM acquiring, managing and integrating new operations, businesses or assets, and the associated diversion of management attention or other related costs or difficulties;

the loss of the services of any of key employees, the inability to attract or retain qualified employees in the future, or delays in hiring required employees;

the inherent uncertainty associated with financial or other projections;

changes in tax laws or other rules or regulations, including laws relating to net operating loss carry-forwards and credits;

potential non-realization of expected orders or non-realization of backlog;

variations in product development costs, especially related to advanced technologies;

risks related to litigation and/or regulatory actions related to the offer and the mergers;

fluctuations in the market price of AppliedMicro's or MACOM's common stock, for any reason; and

negative effects of this registration statement or the consummation of the offer and mergers on the market price of MACOM's common stock and on MACOM's operating results.

These risks and uncertainties, along with the risk factors discussed under "Risk Factors" in this document, should be considered in evaluating any forward-looking statements contained in this document.

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**THE COMPANIES**

**MACOM**

MACOM is a leading provider of high-performance analog semiconductor solutions that enable next-generation Internet applications, the cloud connected apps economy and the modern, networked battlefield across the radio frequency, microwave, millimeterwave and photonic spectrum. MACOM designs and manufactures differentiated, high-value products for customers who demand high performance, quality and reliability. MACOM offers a broad portfolio of over 4,500 standard and custom devices, which include integrated circuits, multi-chip modules, power pallets and transistors, diodes, amplifiers, switches and switch limiters, passive and active components and complete subsystems, across approximately 40 product lines serving over 6,500 end customers in three primary markets. MACOM's semiconductor products are electronic components that our customers incorporate into their larger electronic systems, such as, point-to-point wireless backhaul radios, high density networks, active antenna arrays, radar, magnetic resonance imaging systems and unmanned aerial vehicles. MACOM's primary markets are: Networks, which includes carrier and enterprise infrastructure, wired broadband and cellular backhaul, cellular infrastructure, photonic solutions, data centers and fiber optic applications; Aerospace and Defense, which includes military and commercial radar, radio frequency jammer, electronic countermeasure, and communication data link applications; and, Multi-market, which includes industrial, medical, test and measurement and scientific applications.

MACOM was incorporated in Delaware in March 2009 and became a public company in 2012. Its shares are traded on Nasdaq under the ticker symbol MTSI.

The address and telephone number of MACOM's principal executive offices is 100 Chelmsford Street, Lowell, Massachusetts 01851, (978) 656-2500.

MACOM also maintains a website at <https://www.macom.com/>. MACOM's website and the information contained therein or connected thereto shall not be deemed to be incorporated herein, and you should not rely on any such information in making an investment decision.

**The Purchaser**

The Purchaser is a Delaware corporation and a direct and wholly owned subsidiary of MACOM. The Purchaser was incorporated on November 17, 2016 for the purpose of making the offer and consummating the first merger. The Purchaser has engaged in no business activities to date and it has no material assets or liabilities of any kind, other than those incident to its formation and those incurred in connection with the merger agreement, the offer and the mergers.

The address and telephone number of the Purchaser's principal executive offices is 100 Chelmsford Street, Lowell, Massachusetts 01851, (978) 656-2500.

**Merger Sub**

Merger Sub is a Delaware limited liability company and a direct and wholly owned subsidiary of MACOM. Merger Sub was formed on November 17, 2016 for the purpose of consummating the second merger and on December 28, 2016 underwent a name change from Montana Merger Sub II, LLC to MACOM Connectivity Solutions, LLC. Merger Sub has engaged in no business activities to date and it has no material assets or liabilities of any kind, other than those incident to its formation and those incurred in connection with the merger agreement and the mergers.

The address and telephone number of Merger Subs principal executive offices is 100 Chelmsford Street, Lowell, Massachusetts 01851, (978) 656-2500.

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**AppliedMicro**

AppliedMicro is a global leader in silicon solutions for next-generation cloud infrastructure and data centers, as well as connectivity products for edge, metro and long-haul communications equipment. AppliedMicro's Computing products include the X-Gene family of server processors, each based on the ARMv8 64-bit ISA, which target mainstream cloud and data center infrastructure including hyperscale, telco, enterprise and high performance computing. As part of AppliedMicro's current Computing business, AppliedMicro also offers embedded computing products which include the HeliX family of processors, based on the ARM 64-bit ISA, and PowerPC products, based on Power Architecture. AppliedMicro's embedded Computing products are deployed in a variety of applications including networking and telecom, enterprise storage, data center and industrial applications. The Connectivity portion of AppliedMicro's business provides high-speed, high-bandwidth, high-reliability communications products to network equipment manufacturers. They include the X-Weave family of products, designed to meet the needs of service providers and public cloud, private cloud, and enterprise data centers.

AppliedMicro was incorporated in California in 1979 and was reincorporated in Delaware in 1987. AppliedMicro became a publicly traded company in 1997. Its shares trade on the Nasdaq under the ticker symbol AMCC.

The address and telephone number of AppliedMicro's principal executive offices is 4555 Great America Parkway, 6th Floor, Santa Clara, California 95054, (408) 542-8632.

AppliedMicro also maintains a website at <https://www.apm.com/>. AppliedMicro's website and the information contained therein or connected thereto shall not be deemed to be incorporated herein, and you should not rely on any such information in making an investment decision.

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**THE TRANSACTIONS**

**General**

MACOM, through the Purchaser, which is a direct wholly owned subsidiary of MACOM, is offering to exchange the transaction consideration for each outstanding share of AppliedMicro common stock validly tendered in the offer and not properly withdrawn.

The transaction consideration consists of:

\$3.25 in cash, without interest and less any applicable withholding taxes; and

0.1089 shares of MACOM common stock, par value \$0.001, together with cash in lieu of any fractional shares of MACOM common stock, without interest and less any applicable withholding taxes.

AppliedMicro stockholders will not receive any fractional shares of MACOM common stock in the offer or the first merger, and each AppliedMicro stockholder who otherwise would be entitled to receive a fraction of a share of MACOM common stock pursuant to the offer or the first merger will be paid an amount in cash (without interest) in lieu thereof, based on the MACOM trading price. See Merger Agreement Transaction Consideration.

The purpose of the transactions is for MACOM to acquire control of, and ultimately the entire equity interest in, AppliedMicro. The offer is the first step in MACOM's plan to acquire all of the outstanding shares of AppliedMicro common stock, and the first merger is the second step in such plan. Tendered shares of AppliedMicro common stock will be exchanged for the transaction consideration, and if the first merger is completed, any remaining shares of AppliedMicro common stock that were not tendered into the offer (other than certain dissenting, converted or cancelled shares, as described further in this document) will be converted into the right to receive the transaction consideration.

Immediately following the first merger and as the final step in MACOM's plan to acquire all of the outstanding shares of AppliedMicro common stock, the first surviving company will merge with and into Merger Sub in the second merger.

**Background of the Transactions**

The AppliedMicro board of directors regularly and on an ongoing basis evaluates the strategic direction of AppliedMicro and its short-term and long-term business plans and objectives. In late 2014, in recognition of significant changes to AppliedMicro's competitive landscape, including without limitation increased levels of consolidation among semiconductor and communications companies, as well as the need for AppliedMicro to make significant additional investments in new products and design process technologies, the AppliedMicro board of directors determined that AppliedMicro should explore its strategic alternatives.

In February 2015, AppliedMicro engaged Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC ( Morgan Stanley ) to provide financial advisory and placement agent services in connection with AppliedMicro's efforts to conduct a private placement financing of AppliedMicro equity securities to one or more strategic investors in AppliedMicro or its ARM-based compute business, for the intended purpose of adding to AppliedMicro's balance sheet and enabling increased product and market development activities.



In May 2015, the AppliedMicro board of directors, in accordance with AppliedMicro's bylaws, established the strategy committee of the board (the strategy committee), consisting of directors Cesaratto, Shlapak, Williams and Zepf, to investigate, review, consider and, if deemed advisable, to make recommendations to the AppliedMicro board of directors with respect to one or more strategic alternatives intended to enhance stockholder value. All four members of the strategy committee are independent members of the AppliedMicro board of directors. Mr. Zepf is the managing principal of Kingdom Ridge Capital, which has been one of

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AppliedMicro's largest stockholders since 2011. Strategic alternatives would include, but would not be limited to, a sale or purchase by AppliedMicro of one or more product lines, business units or engineering teams, an acquisition of AppliedMicro, an equity financing by AppliedMicro either by way of public or private offering, a debt financing of AppliedMicro, and/or one or more strategic partnerships. Over the course of the next several months, the strategy committee held meetings and investigated and evaluated various possible strategic alternatives, including, among others, the proposed private placement equity investment described above and other potential equity and debt financing alternatives, prior to the commencement of the activities leading up to the current transaction.

On January 21, 2016, at a telephonic meeting of the strategy committee, also attended by AppliedMicro management representatives, the strategy committee discussed expanding the focus of its evaluation of strategic alternatives to include the investigation of a potential merger or acquisition of AppliedMicro or of its ARM-based compute business, including what considerations should accompany such an analysis and what such a process would entail. The strategy committee members and management representatives discussed the value to AppliedMicro of engaging an experienced investment bank as financial advisor in connection with such investigation, and determined that at least three investment banks be interviewed in connection with making such engagement. Thereafter, representatives of Morgan Stanley joined the meeting and made a presentation to the strategy committee and management representatives on AppliedMicro's strategic alternatives, as well as an overview of sales process considerations, the strategic landscape of the semiconductor industry, M&A timing and process considerations, Company financial analyses, and recommendations for next steps. Following their departure, the strategy committee members and management representatives discussed the Morgan Stanley presentation and identified two other qualified investment banks that would be requested to present to the management and, subject to clearing conflicts, the strategy committee.

In late January 2016, Dr. Gopi and director Zepf interviewed the second qualified investment banking firm candidate with respect to advising AppliedMicro on the proposed transaction, during which it was determined that such bank had material conflicts of interest as a result of its relationship with a key competitor of AppliedMicro and therefore could not be further considered for the engagement.

On February 2, 2016, the strategy committee held a meeting at which the representatives of the third investment banking firm candidate made a presentation to the strategy committee and management, which included an overview of the firm's credentials, a semiconductor market update, including recent consolidation activity, an evaluation of AppliedMicro including financial analyses, an analysis of potential mergers and acquisitions partners, and related timing and process considerations.

Following the departure of the representatives of the third independent banking firm candidate, the strategy committee members reviewed and evaluated the presentations made by Morgan Stanley and the other banking firm, discussing the pros and cons of each in assisting AppliedMicro in connection with the proposed strategic transaction process. As part of this discussion, the strategy committee members considered various criteria and factors, including Morgan Stanley's leadership position and experience in the semiconductor industry, its understanding of AppliedMicro's business and previous advisory services provided to AppliedMicro, its relationships with potential business combination partners including the fact that Morgan Stanley's representatives had informed AppliedMicro that it was not representing any of the potential business combination partners under discussion in connection with strategic transactions involving AppliedMicro or that would otherwise pose a conflict of interest, and its overall capabilities and strengths. After discussion, the strategy committee members determined that Morgan Stanley would be best qualified and able to serve as investment advisor to AppliedMicro and approved recommending the engagement of that firm to the full AppliedMicro board of directors.

On February 3, 2016, at a regular meeting of the AppliedMicro board of directors, Mr. Cesaratto updated the directors with respect to the matters discussed and decisions made at the recent meetings held by the strategy committee

including, among other things, the basis of its decision to recommend that AppliedMicro commence a non-public process aimed at finding an acquirer of its ARM-based compute business or product line or of

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AppliedMicro as a whole; its deliberations whether to engage Morgan Stanley as outside financial advisor in connection with such process; and its directive to Company management to initiate all appropriate steps consistent with implementing such process on a confidential basis, while continuing to fully execute on AppliedMicro's existing annual operating plan.

Thereafter, following additional discussion and evaluation, the AppliedMicro board of directors approved each of the strategy committee's recommendations and directives and agreed to vote upon engaging Morgan Stanley later in the meeting after hearing a presentation by the firm. The directors then discussed with AppliedMicro management and representatives of Morgan Stanley the strategic alternatives explored to date, an overview of sales process considerations, the strategic landscape, potential timing and process, Morgan Stanley's preliminary views on valuation, and potential next steps. Following the departure of the Morgan Stanley representatives, the AppliedMicro board of directors discussed whether to engage Morgan Stanley as financial advisor to AppliedMicro in connection with the strategic transaction process. After discussion, the board of directors agreed to engage Morgan Stanley as financial advisor to AppliedMicro, and authorized and directed AppliedMicro management to negotiate an appropriate engagement letter with the firm.

On February 12, 2016, the strategy committee held a telephonic meeting to review and evaluate the proposed Morgan Stanley engagement letter and related indemnity agreement. After discussion of the material terms and conditions proposed, the strategy committee directed the AppliedMicro management representatives attending the meeting to finalize negotiation of the remaining terms and thereupon execute and deliver the agreements.

On February 24, 2016, AppliedMicro signed Morgan Stanley's engagement letter and indemnity agreement to retain Morgan Stanley as AppliedMicro's financial advisor in connection with the strategic transaction process.

Between March 9 and March 16, 2016, at the direction of the strategy committee, representatives of Morgan Stanley contacted representatives of six entities regarding their potential interest in a strategic transaction.

Between March 22 and April 26, 2016, at the direction of the strategy committee, representatives of AppliedMicro management and of Morgan Stanley contacted an additional nine entities to discuss their potential interest in a strategic transaction.

On April 26, 2016, the strategy committee met and received updates on the strategic process from representatives of AppliedMicro management and of Morgan Stanley, including that management presentations had been made to four entities, and that there was an upcoming meeting scheduled with one entity. The strategy committee was also informed that six of the 17 entities contacted to date had said they were not interested in pursuing discussions. The other entities contacted had expressed interest in meeting or a presentation, had not replied, or said they might have interest at a later date. The strategy committee asked AppliedMicro management and the Morgan Stanley representatives to follow up with those entities, and to re-engage with potential consolidation partners in China that previously had been contacted by or on behalf of AppliedMicro with respect to a potential investment transaction. Ultimately, in connection with the process of exploring its strategic alternatives, representatives of AppliedMicro and/or Morgan Stanley contacted 30 entities, met with 15 entities, and received indications of interest from five entities.

On May 3, 2016, the strategy committee met to discuss and evaluate the status of these outreach efforts. The strategy committee noted the results of the outreach efforts to date, and directed the AppliedMicro management attendees to take steps to expand AppliedMicro's outreach to include seeking a consolidation partner for its connectivity business.

On May 4, 2016, the AppliedMicro board of directors held a meeting at which representatives of AppliedMicro management and of Morgan Stanley reported on activities undertaken to date in the current strategic process, and discussed next steps and additional considerations regarding strategic alternatives. The Morgan Stanley representatives also provided an update on their preliminary views on valuation.

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On May 19, 2016, the strategy committee met to discuss management's efforts to market the compute and connectivity businesses separately, and to address and resolve customer and timing concerns that could be expected to arise if the two businesses were separated.

On May 26, 2016, director Cesaratto, representatives of AppliedMicro management and Company A met in Palo Alto, California to discuss Company A's potential interest in a strategic transaction.

On June 3, 2016, the strategy committee again met to review with AppliedMicro management, the strategic process, discuss AppliedMicro's operating progress and establish execution goals and directives for AppliedMicro management. The strategy committee also discussed additional outreach efforts to potential acquirers based in China, including the meeting with Company A. The strategy committee also discussed the interest in the connectivity business recently expressed by Company C.

On June 6, 2016, representatives of Company B met with AppliedMicro management at AppliedMicro's Santa Clara offices to discuss Company B's interest in a potential strategic investment.

On June 15, 2016, representatives of Morgan Stanley and the financial advisor to Company C met in Menlo Park to discuss Company C's interest in a potential strategic transaction.

On June 20, 2016, the strategy committee met and received an update from representatives of AppliedMicro management and of Morgan Stanley on the strategic process. The strategy committee discussed potential Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States concerns related to China-based transactions. The strategy committee then discussed Company C's interest in the connectivity business, and directed AppliedMicro management and the Morgan Stanley representatives to pursue further discussions with Company C. The Morgan Stanley representatives also discussed reaching out to seven additional entities, including MACOM and Company D, each of whom could potentially be interested in a transaction involving either the acquisition of AppliedMicro as a whole or just the connectivity business. The Morgan Stanley representatives noted that, consistent with the directions from the strategy committee, they were now also approaching potential financial sponsors in the U.S. and China. In this regard, they also discussed the interest from Company B, a U.S. private equity firm, in sponsoring a potential PIPE transaction. The strategy committee directed management and the Morgan Stanley representatives to pursue further discussions with the entities discussed at the meeting.

On June 27, 2016, representatives of Morgan Stanley met with Company C and the financial advisor to Company C, at Morgan Stanley's Menlo Park offices to discuss Company C's possible interest in a strategic transaction.

On June 28, 2016, representatives of AppliedMicro and Morgan Stanley held a call to discuss Company B's interest in a potential PIPE transaction and conducting due diligence. On July 7, 2016, representatives of AppliedMicro, Morgan Stanley and Company B held a telephonic discussion regarding financial due diligence.

On July 7, 2016, the strategy committee met and received an update regarding a potential sale of the connectivity business, including due diligence meetings held with Company C (which had also expressed some interest in acquiring AppliedMicro as a whole and subsequently disposing of the compute business), and Company B's continuing interest in a potential PIPE transaction. The strategy committee directed AppliedMicro management to continue to engage with Company C and Company B, pursue due diligence discussions with China-based potential investors and acquirers, and commence a broader outreach to additional entities.

Between July 13, 2016 and July 22, 2016, consistent with the directions from the strategy committee, representatives of Morgan Stanley contacted five more entities, including Company D, to discuss each party's possible interest in a

strategic transaction. On or about July 18, 2016, a representative from Morgan Stanley contacted John Croteau, MACOM's president and chief executive officer, to ask whether MACOM had any interest in pursuing a potential acquisition of AppliedMicro.

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On July 25, 2016, representatives of AppliedMicro, Morgan Stanley and Company B held follow-up discussions by telephone regarding the connectivity business.

On July 27, 2016, MACOM and AppliedMicro executed a non-disclosure agreement following negotiations with their respective attorneys.

On July 29, 2016, representatives of AppliedMicro, Morgan Stanley and Company A met by video conference, at which time AppliedMicro made a management presentation to Company A.

On August 2, 2016, the strategy committee held a regular meeting, also attended by the other members of the AppliedMicro board of directors, during which the strategy committee and representatives of AppliedMicro management and Morgan Stanley discussed various possible alternatives, including a sale of AppliedMicro as a whole to potentially interested parties (including Company A, Company C and MACOM), a sale of the connectivity business to potentially interested parties (including Company C, Company D and MACOM), and a PIPE transaction to be led by Company B.

On August 5, 2016, representatives of AppliedMicro, accompanied by representatives of Morgan Stanley, provided management presentations to two entities, including Company D, at AppliedMicro's Santa Clara offices.

On August 11, 2016, representatives of AppliedMicro, Morgan Stanley, Company C and the financial advisor to Company C held a follow-up meeting at AppliedMicro's Santa Clara offices to further discuss the possibility of a strategic transaction.

On August 15, 2016, representatives of Morgan Stanley, Company D and the financial advisor to Company D met at AppliedMicro's Santa Clara offices to discuss Company D's interest in a strategic transaction.

On August 18, 2016, representatives of AppliedMicro, Morgan Stanley and MACOM, including Dr. Gopi and Preetinder Virk, MACOM's Senior Vice President and General Manager, Carrier Networks, met at AppliedMicro's Santa Clara offices, at which time AppliedMicro made a management presentation to MACOM.

On August 22, 2016, the strategy committee held a telephonic meeting during which the strategy committee and representatives of AppliedMicro management and of Morgan Stanley discussed the status of discussions with potential acquirers of AppliedMicro as a whole (including Company A and MACOM) and potential acquirers of the connectivity business (including Company D, MACOM and Company C), and discussed Company B as a potential lead investor for a PIPE transaction. The AppliedMicro management and Morgan Stanley representatives also reported on the other entities that had been recently contacted at the direction of the strategy committee and that had informed them that they did not have any interest in pursuing strategic or financing discussions with AppliedMicro.

On August 30, 2016, at the direction of the strategy committee, Morgan Stanley sent letters describing a proposed process for submitting indications of interest in a strategic transaction with AppliedMicro to five entities, including Company A, Company D, and MACOM, which letters provided for a September 13, 2016 deadline for submitting written indications of interest.

On August 30, 2016, Company B provided AppliedMicro, by email to representatives of Morgan Stanley, a draft term sheet for a proposed PIPE transaction involving the issuance of up to \$300 million of senior secured, fully participating, redeemable, convertible preferred stock (the PIPE proposal). AppliedMicro and representatives of Morgan Stanley held a telephonic discussion of the draft term sheet on September 1, 2016.





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On September 1, 2016, representatives of AppliedMicro, Morgan Stanley and Company A held a due diligence call regarding the compute business.

On September 2, 2016, Company C submitted a written indication of interest for the purchase of the connectivity business for \$300 million on a cash-free, debt-free basis (the Company C Proposal ).

On September 6, 2016, the AppliedMicro board of directors met with management. Initially, the board of directors reviewed Company B's PIPE proposal. The board of directors received advice that the proposal included material terms that would not typically be considered market standard for a transaction of this nature or that were otherwise onerous to AppliedMicro and its stockholders. The AppliedMicro board of directors considered the potentially negative impact of those terms on AppliedMicro and its stockholders. The AppliedMicro board of directors decided not to pursue further discussions of the PIPE proposal.

The AppliedMicro board of directors also discussed and evaluated the Company C Proposal, with input from AppliedMicro management. The AppliedMicro board of directors concluded that the purchase price set forth in the Company C Proposal was significantly below the minimum enterprise value attributable to the connectivity business, and decided not to accept its proposal.

AppliedMicro's management then updated the AppliedMicro board of directors on the responses received from each entity that the board of directors had authorized them to contact, the likely further response expected from each, and which of AppliedMicro's strategic alternatives were expected to be addressed by each such entity. The AppliedMicro directors discussed whether to invite additional companies to participate in the process.

The AppliedMicro board of directors then discussed with management and counsel the need to obtain from Morgan Stanley, as AppliedMicro's outside independent financial advisor, further disclosure of Morgan Stanley's relationships with the process participants who had submitted or were expected to submit indications of interest or proposals. The AppliedMicro board of directors directed management to request the additional disclosure, which it did by means of a letter to Morgan Stanley dated September 6, 2016.

On September 7, 2016, representatives of AppliedMicro (including Dr. Gopi), Morgan Stanley, MACOM (including Mr. Croteau) and Evercore, financial advisor to MACOM, met in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts for a management presentation by AppliedMicro.

On September 12, 2016, Company A sent AppliedMicro, by email to representatives of Morgan Stanley, a written indication of interest regarding a proposed purchase of AppliedMicro as a whole.

On September 13, 2016, MACOM and Company D each submitted to AppliedMicro a written indication of interest, with MACOM submitting a written indication of interest for AppliedMicro as a whole, and Company D submitting a written indication of interest to purchase the connectivity business only.

On September 14, 2016, the strategy committee of the AppliedMicro board of directors met by telephone and received an update from representatives of AppliedMicro management and Morgan Stanley on the initial indications of interest received. The Morgan Stanley representatives summarized the five proposals received to date, and noted they were waiting for responses from two other potentially interested parties. Of the five proposals: two proposals were for acquisitions of AppliedMicro as a whole, one at a proposed purchase price of \$645 million (MACOM) and one at a proposed purchase price of \$670 million (Company A); two were for the connectivity business, one at a proposed purchase price of \$300 million (Company C), and one at a proposed purchase price of between \$475 to \$525 million (Company D); and one was for the \$300 million PIPE proposal (Company B). The MACOM proposal was to buy

AppliedMicro as a whole for a mixture of cash and stock, consisting of \$2.67 per share in cash and approximately \$4.43 per share in MACOM common stock, for a total price of \$7.10 per share of AppliedMicro common stock, with the exchange ratio to be fixed at signing, and the Morgan Stanley representatives noted that this constituted essentially an at-market offer (no premium) and was

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not subject to a financing contingency. The MACOM proposal also requested a 45-day exclusive negotiating period. The proposal by Company D was to acquire the connectivity business in a debt-free asset purchase transaction for an all cash payment of between \$475 million to \$525 million, with the ultimate price to be determined after conducting due diligence. The Company D proposal was not subject to a financing contingency and would allow AppliedMicro to retain all of its cash and all assets other than the connectivity business. The proposal by Company A was an all-cash offer for AppliedMicro as a whole at \$7.38 per share of AppliedMicro common stock for a total price of \$670 million. However, the Company A proposal was subject to a financing contingency, the funding source had not been identified, Company A had not conducted significant due diligence, and the Company A proposal included unusual and unacceptable terms such as a requirement for indemnity of the buyer by AppliedMicro stockholders. The strategy committee and representatives of AppliedMicro management and of Morgan Stanley discussed the relative value and structure of the proposals, including the relative merits and advantages and disadvantages of a sale of AppliedMicro as a whole, a sale of the connectivity business only, and the PIPE proposal.

After extensive discussion, the strategy committee directed the AppliedMicro management and Morgan Stanley representatives to ask Company A to submit a separate indication of interest to acquire the compute business only, which might enable AppliedMicro to combine such an offer with a separate sale of the connectivity business to Company D or another bidder. In addition, the strategy committee believed that Company A might have an easier time obtaining financing for a smaller offer. The strategy committee directed the AppliedMicro management and Morgan Stanley representatives to ask Company A to otherwise improve the price and certainty of its proposal substantially. The strategy committee also directed the AppliedMicro management and Morgan Stanley representatives to ask MACOM and Company D to submit improved purchase price offers. The strategy committee reiterated the conclusion of the AppliedMicro board of directors that Company B's Pipe proposal was not attractive, nor was Company C's proposal to purchase the connectivity business for \$300 million cash.

Between September 20 and 26, 2016, representatives of Morgan Stanley had a number of conversations with representatives of Evercore and MACOM concerning the MACOM indication of interest. The Morgan Stanley representatives communicated AppliedMicro's view that the price offered by MACOM was inadequate. The Evercore representatives informed the Morgan Stanley representatives that MACOM would be willing to increase the price to at least a 10% premium over the AppliedMicro common stock current closing price, if AppliedMicro would permit MACOM to commence limited due diligence and the results of the diligence were satisfactory to MACOM. The Morgan Stanley representatives communicated this proposal to AppliedMicro's management, which agreed to schedule preliminary due diligence meetings with MACOM.

On September 20, 2016, the AppliedMicro board of directors met to review and evaluate the potential feasibility of AppliedMicro selling the connectivity business and continuing to operate the compute business as a standalone public company (RemainCo) until such time as AppliedMicro was able to consolidate the compute business with another company or otherwise unlock additional value for the benefit of AppliedMicro's stockholders. Management then reviewed in detail the potential viability of pursuing a RemainCo option, including an analysis of the context and objectives for unlocking additional value in the compute business. Management also presented preliminary pro forma financial information relating to a RemainCo enterprise.

On September 28, 2016, the AppliedMicro board of directors met to receive an update on indications of interest received and additional outreach conducted, and to review and evaluate additional financial and other information relating to the RemainCo option. The AppliedMicro board of directors instructed management to continue (either directly or in conjunction with or through Morgan Stanley) reaching out to potential purchasers of the compute business on a stand-alone basis, as well as any other likely participants in the strategic process and to encourage Company D and Company A to continue to engage in the process. Management also provided additional information regarding the RemainCo option. The AppliedMicro board of directors discussed the potential risks and benefits to

AppliedMicro and its stockholders of pursuing a RemainCo option, required operating capital and cash reserves needed for the enterprise, and, in the event a consolidation partner or other

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growth or monetization strategy could not be found for the compute business, the costs associated with ceasing business operations. After discussion, the AppliedMicro board of directors decided that it was not supportive of proceeding with the RemainCo option at that time in light of the risks and uncertainties discussed.

On September 28, 2016, representatives of Morgan Stanley contacted two additional entities that had not submitted indications of interest; both declined to engage further in the process. Also on September 28, 2016, Company D informed representatives of Morgan Stanley via telephone that it was only willing to explore a possible acquisition of AppliedMicro's connectivity business if AppliedMicro could address Company D's reservations about AppliedMicro's ability and willingness to complete a sale of its connectivity business without first finding a buyer for its compute business. Company D reiterated its lack of interest in making a bid for AppliedMicro as a whole, and its unwillingness to further engage with AppliedMicro, unless and until AppliedMicro could assure Company D that it had a buyer for its compute business.

On September 30, 2016, AppliedMicro granted MACOM and its advisors access to its electronic data room containing legal, contractual and other information regarding AppliedMicro. From September 30 through November 21, 2016, MACOM and its advisors engaged in due diligence review of AppliedMicro.

From October 4 to October 6, 2016, representatives of AppliedMicro, Morgan Stanley, MACOM, Evercore, financial advisor to MACOM, and AppliedMicro and MACOM legal counsel conducted due diligence and reverse due diligence review sessions at Pillsbury's Palo Alto offices.

On October 7, 2016, the AppliedMicro board of directors met and initially reviewed and evaluated the current status of the indications of interest received from MACOM, Company D and Company A. A representative of Pillsbury attended the meeting. Members of AppliedMicro management updated the AppliedMicro board of directors with respect to discussions with each of MACOM, Company D and Company A. The AppliedMicro board of directors and management also discussed the scope of AppliedMicro's reverse due diligence review of MACOM, given that MACOM's proposed purchase price consideration included significant MACOM equity. The AppliedMicro board of directors then discussed the status of Company D's indication of interest to acquire the connectivity business, including Company D's reservations about AppliedMicro's ability and willingness to complete a sale of its connectivity business without first finding a buyer for its compute business, its lack of interest in making a bid for AppliedMicro as a whole, and its unwillingness to further engage with AppliedMicro unless and until AppliedMicro could assure Company D that it had a buyer for its compute business. Consequently, the AppliedMicro board of directors asked management to instruct Morgan Stanley to keep Company D informed of AppliedMicro's efforts to find a buyer for the compute business and to encourage Company D to further engage in due diligence. The AppliedMicro directors discussed with management the likely value of a RemainCo entity to determine whether such value, when added to the amount being offered for the connectivity business by Company D, would likely be higher than the other strategic alternatives potentially available to AppliedMicro, including the MACOM proposal and Company A proposals to purchase AppliedMicro as a whole, or the alternative of AppliedMicro remaining as an independent company with both the compute and connectivity businesses.

Management then reviewed with the AppliedMicro board of directors further information provided by Morgan Stanley in response to AppliedMicro's September 6, 2016 letter related to its relationships with the companies participating in the process, including that the amount of fees received by Morgan Stanley for financial services to MACOM during the last two years was between \$2 million to \$3 million, that Morgan Stanley was a lender to MACOM, and that one of the senior Morgan Stanley AppliedMicro transaction team members who had served as a member of the MACOM board of directors starting in March 2013 and ending in September 2014 still held 2,533 shares of MACOM common stock received for such service and, along with another senior member of the Morgan Stanley AppliedMicro transaction team, is on Morgan Stanley's coverage team for MACOM. The board of directors

evaluated and was advised by counsel with respect to the disclosures. The AppliedMicro board of directors decided to further discuss these matters with Morgan Stanley's representatives. It also considered the potential costs and benefits of retaining a second independent financial advisor to provide a valuation opinion and its view as to the conduct of the strategic transaction process as a whole but took no action at that time.

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On October 14, 2016, MACOM submitted a revised non-binding proposal and proposed exclusivity agreement to AppliedMicro via email to representatives of Morgan Stanley. The revised non-binding proposal proposed that MACOM would acquire all of AppliedMicro's equity for a premium of 10% over the closing price the day before signing a definitive agreement.

On October 17, 2016, Company A submitted a revised proposal to acquire the compute business for \$100 million in cash paid at closing, plus up to \$140 million payable over three years subject to attainment of annual performance milestones, which was subject to a number of conditions.

On October 17, 2016, the AppliedMicro board of directors met and discussed the current status of outreach activities and an updated management presentation on the feasibility and viability of the RemainCo option. The directors then reviewed the revised MACOM indication of interest. Had a definitive agreement been signed on October 14, 2016, on the basis of such proposal the purchase price would have been \$6.81 per share, of which \$3.29 per share would be paid in cash and approximately \$3.52 in MACOM common stock. The AppliedMicro board of directors noted that this price was lower than the \$7.10 per share price set forth in MACOM's previous indication of interest and on that basis instructed management and the Morgan Stanley representatives to convey to MACOM that its offer was unlikely to be acceptable unless it was increased. The AppliedMicro board of directors further noted that even though the \$6.81 price per share was unacceptable, the actual price to be paid for AppliedMicro was unpredictable since it was not fixed but rather was based on the closing price of AppliedMicro stock on a trading date at least 30 calendar days in the future. The AppliedMicro board of directors then discussed other methods for calculating per share acquisition price other than setting it based on the closing price on a future date (a spot price). Among the approaches considered was calculating such price using a formula based on an average of the trading prices of AppliedMicro's stock on a daily basis over an extended period of time prior to the signing of a definitive agreement. It was noted that such an approach would reduce the impact of one day or short term fluctuation in AppliedMicro's stock price, more accurately reflect the market's perception of the value of AppliedMicro when compared to the use of a spot price and would be less susceptible to manipulation. The AppliedMicro board of directors, and its advisors, then discussed various formulas used for calculating premiums in acquisition transactions including the use of a 10, 30 and 90 trading day volume weighted average price (VWAP), and the pros and cons of each, before settling on the latter as a basis for its counteroffer. Morgan Stanley was authorized to indicate to MACOM that AppliedMicro was willing to proceed with negotiations on the basis of a per share acquisition price equal to a 10% premium to AppliedMicro's 90-day VWAP calculated as of the last trading day immediately prior to the signing of a definitive agreement.

The AppliedMicro directors then reviewed Company A's revised indication of interest to acquire the compute business, noting that it was unclear from the written offer whether AppliedMicro would need to provide additional capital to fund the working capital requirements of the compute business, which would in effect substantially reduce the proposed purchase price, and further noting that Company A had conducted limited due diligence to date and had conditioned its offer on the results of further diligence. The AppliedMicro board of directors discussed the merits of the Company A proposal with the AppliedMicro management, Morgan Stanley and Pillsbury representatives, relative to the other proposals received, in light of its potential likelihood of completion, noting, among other matters: Company A's financing condition, which raised uncertainty as to ability to complete the transaction; the relatively longer timeframe required to complete M&A transactions with Chinese acquirers due to regulatory and other issues; Company A's relative lack of due diligence performed to date, the probability that the revenue goals set out in the earn-out portion of the proposal could be achieved, and the possible need to fund working capital requirements. The AppliedMicro board of directors directed management to continue to engage with Company A to discuss and potentially address the issues described above.

On October 19, 2016, management representatives had a telephonic meeting with Company A, during which Company A informed AppliedMicro that, notwithstanding the terms of Company A's October 17 indication of interest,



Company A would reduce the total cash purchase price for the compute business dollar-for-dollar by the amount of cash the business would need to operate until profitability; Company A expected the full management

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team for the compute business to come from AppliedMicro, with Company A serving primarily as an outside investor; Company A did not intend to engage a financial advisor and would engage legal counsel only later in the process; Company A would require additional strategic investors, as yet not identified, to provide financing for the acquisition; Company A would require detailed pro forma financial statements of the compute business as a standalone company; and Company A anticipated the time frame required to negotiate a definitive agreement would remain 60 days.

On October 19, 2016, representatives of Evercore and Morgan Stanley discussed MACOM's indication of interest. On behalf of AppliedMicro, Morgan Stanley discussed AppliedMicro's willingness to accept a per share acquisition price equal to a 10% premium if calculated based on a 90-day VWAP formula.

On October 21, 2016, Evercore, on behalf of MACOM, communicated MACOM's counterproposal of \$7.20 per share (comprised of both cash and shares of MACOM common stock) to Morgan Stanley.

On October 21, 2016, the strategy committee held a telephonic meeting, also attended by representatives of Morgan Stanley and AppliedMicro management, to discuss MACOM's revised proposal to acquire AppliedMicro. The Morgan Stanley representatives presented the strategy committee with a summary of the key economic terms of MACOM's prior indication of interest, as well as its new proposal, and its preliminary views regarding the valuation of the MACOM common stock. The Morgan Stanley representatives were requested to prepare for consideration by the AppliedMicro board of directors an additional analysis regarding the potential use of a price collar with respect to MACOM's purchase price proposal. The strategy committee members also reviewed the status of the other indications of interest previously received by AppliedMicro and, with respect to a potential sale of the connectivity business, a RemainCo valuation analysis.

On October 22, 2016, the AppliedMicro board of directors met and received an update on the strategy committee meeting held on October 21, 2016, including the current revised non-binding Letter of Intent (LOI) and exclusivity agreement from MACOM. A representative of management and a representative of Pillsbury then provided a summary of the material terms in the proposed LOI and exclusivity agreement from MACOM, including suggested modifications. The Morgan Stanley representatives then discussed the use and advisability of requesting a price collar in light of the fact that under the MACOM proposal MACOM common stock would represent a significant portion of the total proposed purchase price, noting that whether a collar would benefit or be detrimental to AppliedMicro stockholders would depend on the type of collar and the movement of MACOM's stock price between announcement of the transaction and closing. The AppliedMicro board of directors also considered the results of reverse due diligence performed to date and publicly available information (including the historical MACOM price performance information presented), Morgan Stanley's preliminary views regarding the valuation of the MACOM common stock, the likelihood of success and cost in negotiating a collar, and that stock price performance is inherently unpredictable.

The AppliedMicro directors and management then discussed with Morgan Stanley its responses regarding its relationships with MACOM and the other participants in the process.

The AppliedMicro directors and management and the Morgan Stanley representatives then discussed the current MACOM proposal, including the value offered by MACOM relative to the other strategic alternatives available to AppliedMicro, including proceeding as a standalone company. The AppliedMicro board of directors decided that the MACOM proposal under consideration did not adequately value AppliedMicro and was not in the best interests of AppliedMicro stockholders. The AppliedMicro board of directors approved proposing a purchase price counter offer based on its earlier offer of a 10% premium valuing AppliedMicro stock for purposes of such valuation using a 90-day VWAP formula. Applying such formula generated a price per share, assuming no change in the results of the application of such formulas due to future stock price changes, of approximately \$7.50 per share of AppliedMicro common stock (comprised of both cash and shares of MACOM common stock). The counteroffer did not include a

price collar. Morgan Stanley was directed to deliver such counter offer to the Evercore representatives on AppliedMicro's behalf.

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On October 22, 2016, Morgan Stanley, on behalf of AppliedMicro, counter-proposed a transaction in which MACOM would acquire all of the outstanding shares of AppliedMicro for approximately \$7.50 per share (comprised of both cash and new shares of MACOM common stock), based on a 10% premium to the current 90-day VWAP of AppliedMicro stock.

On October 23, 2016, Evercore, on behalf of MACOM, orally made a counteroffer on the terms described below. On the same day, the AppliedMicro board of directors held a telephonic meeting to review and evaluate MACOM's counterproposal and to discuss financial advisor independence matters. In its revised proposal, MACOM proposed a strategic combination that would involve a payment of \$300 million in cash and the remainder in stock. The aggregate purchase price would reflect a 10% premium over AppliedMicro's valuation as calculated using the VWAP of AppliedMicro's outstanding stock for the 90 days preceding the date of the signing of a definitive agreement with respect to the strategic combination, with the exchange ratio of MACOM common stock to be issued in the transaction calculated in the same manner using the 90-day VWAP for MACOM's stock. Applying the exchange ratio to MACOM's stock price on October 21 (the last trading day preceding the Board meeting) would have generated an implied price per share of AppliedMicro common stock of approximately \$7.43 per AppliedMicro share, with \$3.25 paid in cash and approximately \$4.18 in shares of MACOM common stock. The terms of the exclusivity agreement and the LOI as proposed by MACOM were otherwise unchanged, with the exception that MACOM (i) requested the ability to contact certain customers prior to executing the definitive agreement and (ii) had asked for access to all proposals regarding the sale of AppliedMicro's compute business received by AppliedMicro.

The Morgan Stanley representatives informed the AppliedMicro board of directors that, absent a change in circumstance, they believed that the revised proposal represented MACOM's last and best offer on price. It was noted that a potential change of circumstances might result from movements in the stock price of MACOM or AppliedMicro prior to signing a definitive agreement. The AppliedMicro board of directors discussed the revised MACOM proposal, including the potential impact on the return to AppliedMicro's stockholders of changes in AppliedMicro and MACOM's stock value prior to the signing of the definitive agreement and from the signing of the definitive agreement to the closing.

During the meeting, in a closed session of the AppliedMicro board of directors, a representative of Pillsbury discussed with the board of directors Morgan Stanley's response to AppliedMicro's request for additional details regarding the financial services that Morgan Stanley had provided to MACOM, including the fact that Morgan Stanley had served as an arranger and bookrunner in connection with a \$250 million incremental term loan to MACOM in August 2016. A discussion followed, after which the AppliedMicro board of directors again discussed whether to retain a second independent financial advisor to review and evaluate the strategic process overall and deliver a second fairness opinion. Upon the conclusion of this discussion, taking into account the information received and considered at this and its prior meeting, the AppliedMicro board of directors concluded that it did not need the services of a second independent advisor at that time.

The Morgan Stanley representatives then returned to the meeting and responded to further questions regarding their previous work for MACOM. Morgan Stanley then presented a written analysis of the impact on the purchase price of stock price volatility and stock price changes over time in light of the 90-day VWAP formula.

The AppliedMicro board of directors again discussed the other strategic alternatives available to AppliedMicro, including the proposal received from Company A to acquire AppliedMicro as a whole, proposals received from Company D and Company A (individually or in combination), continuing the process in order to try to attract additional interest in AppliedMicro or its compute and connectivity businesses from other parties and remaining as a standalone company (either in conjunction with a sale of its connectivity or compute businesses or without having completed either transaction). The AppliedMicro directors also discussed in detail the merits of the MACOM revised

proposal. The AppliedMicro board of directors concluded that, relative to the Company D indication of interest in acquiring the connectivity business (whether in combination with the Company A transaction with respect to the compute business or otherwise) and the Company A indications

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of interest to acquire AppliedMicro as a whole or the compute business, the MACOM proposal appeared to offer the best strategic alternative available to AppliedMicro and offered its stockholders, on a risk adjusted basis, the highest return. It was noted that AppliedMicro had engaged in a thorough marketing process and that it seemed unlikely that extending that process and either reaching out to additional parties or re-contacting parties who had been previously contacted would result in AppliedMicro's receipt of proposals that offered a higher value than those received to date. It was also noted that a definitive agreement would provide for a fiduciary out that would allow other parties in the future, subject to certain conditions, to make an offer to acquire AppliedMicro and the AppliedMicro board of directors to consider such offer. The relative benefits of the MACOM offer as compared to proceeding on a standalone basis, on a risk-adjusted basis were also discussed. A representative of Pillsbury discussed with the AppliedMicro board of directors its fiduciary duties.

After discussion, the AppliedMicro board of directors approved proceeding with negotiations on the LOI and exclusivity agreement based on the price formula proposed by MACOM. AppliedMicro management, in conjunction with representatives of Morgan Stanley, was instructed to pursue the various suggestions considered by the AppliedMicro board of directors with respect to modifications of the LOI and authorized to negotiate an exclusivity agreement with MACOM, subject to the prior approval of the strategy committee or the AppliedMicro board of directors.

On October 25, 2016, Evercore submitted to AppliedMicro by email to representatives of Morgan Stanley, a revised LOI and exclusivity agreement from MACOM, requesting a 30-day exclusive negotiating period, and indicated that this constituted its final proposal to acquire AppliedMicro.

Between October 25 and October 28, 2016, representatives of AppliedMicro and MACOM continued to negotiate the terms of the LOI and an exclusivity agreement.

On October 28, 2016, the AppliedMicro board of directors met to review the status of negotiations with MACOM and to consider whether to approve the revised LOI and exclusivity agreement. The exclusivity agreement provided MACOM with the exclusive right to negotiate a potential transaction with AppliedMicro until November 15, 2016. The exclusivity agreement also contained an automatic 14-day extension of the exclusivity period provided that AppliedMicro had not provided written notice of termination of negotiations with MACOM. Representatives of AppliedMicro management, Pillsbury and Morgan Stanley discussed the status of the parties' negotiation of the remaining open issues in the LOI, including: MACOM's preliminary indication of a tax-free structure, concessions regarding due diligence customer calls and MACOM's intention to provide at closing equity arrangements to AppliedMicro's employees that were substantially comparable to existing arrangements, including those providing for acceleration. The AppliedMicro board of directors discussed the need to retain employees in the event the proposed transaction with MACOM failed to close; the importance of negotiating reasonable employee retention and compensation arrangements in the definitive agreement and the need for AppliedMicro to conduct further reverse due diligence in light of the equity portion of the proposed transaction. The AppliedMicro board of directors then discussed the remaining open issues in the exclusivity agreement. The AppliedMicro board of directors also discussed the anticipated timeframe and process by which additional due diligence would be conducted by both MACOM and AppliedMicro, and by which a proposed definitive agreement between the parties would be negotiated, drafted and signed. The AppliedMicro board of directors again reviewed with representatives of Morgan Stanley and Pillsbury the strategic alternatives available to the AppliedMicro board of directors and the status of each alternative. After the conclusion of this discussion, the AppliedMicro board of directors unanimously approved the terms and conditions of the proposed LOI and exclusivity agreement and directed Dr. Gopi to finalize and execute them.

On October 28, 2016, AppliedMicro and MACOM executed the LOI and exclusivity agreement.

On November 1, 2016, the AppliedMicro board of directors held a meeting at AppliedMicro's Santa Clara, California headquarters offices, also attended by representatives of AppliedMicro management, Morgan Stanley and Pillsbury, to further discuss the LOI's purchase price dynamics relating to potential changes in the share

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trading prices of AppliedMicro and the MACOM common stock prior to signing a definitive agreement. Among other things, Morgan Stanley reviewed with the directors the last 12 months stock price performance of AppliedMicro and MACOM, the parties' historical exchange ratio, an economic summary of the LOI proposal at current share prices and as projected assuming a November 15, 2016 definitive agreement signing date, and illustrative value sensitivity and deal parameter sensitivity analyses, as well as a review of selected precedent lower-than-average premium M&A transactions. The AppliedMicro board of directors also discussed the status of the indications of interest previously submitted by other potential bidders and evaluated potential backup strategies in the event the LOI transaction did not reach completion. The AppliedMicro board of directors also discussed the anticipated timing of receipt from MACOM's counsel of the first draft merger agreement, as well as certain open issues likely to be present in that document and requiring further negotiation.

On November 2, 2016, MACOM's legal counsel, Ropes & Gray LLP ( "Ropes" ) sent the initial draft of the merger agreement for the transaction to representatives of Pillsbury.

On November 3, 2016, tax, environmental, export controls and compliance, and technology and engineering due diligence meetings took place between representatives of MACOM and AppliedMicro management.

On November 4, 2016, the AppliedMicro board of directors held a meeting to discuss the proposed transaction with MACOM. The AppliedMicro board of directors discussed the initial draft of the merger agreement, noting, among other things, that the draft did not reflect a tax-free structure, and was silent with respect to employee equity assumption. The AppliedMicro board of directors stressed to AppliedMicro management that a tax-free structure would be an important consideration for many of the AppliedMicro stockholders. It was noted that since the LOI with MACOM had been executed, AppliedMicro's market capitalization had increased, while the price of MACOM's common stock had declined. Dr. Gopi said that the increase in the AppliedMicro common stock price had substantially reduced the valuation premium represented by the offer described in the LOI, and the AppliedMicro board of directors directed AppliedMicro management to continue to monitor developments in this regard and work with the Morgan Stanley representatives to seek to negotiate a price increase with MACOM.

The AppliedMicro board of directors also discussed the retention of a second independent financial advisor in order to get its advice regarding AppliedMicro's process for exploring its strategic alternatives and a second fairness opinion. The AppliedMicro board of directors concluded that such advice and opinion would be helpful to its decision-making and in the best interest of AppliedMicro's stockholders, and authorized AppliedMicro management to continue its efforts in this regard. The AppliedMicro board of directors then selected three possible candidates, including Needham & Company, LLC ( "Needham & Company" ) for this role and authorized AppliedMicro's management to select the firm within the group that could best serve AppliedMicro stockholders' interests, taking into account actual or potential conflicts, expertise, ability to engage quickly and cost.

On November 4, 2016, AppliedMicro management held a telephonic discussion with Needham & Company regarding the retention of Needham & Company as a second independent financial advisor to provide its view as to the conduct of AppliedMicro's strategic process overall and to render a second fairness opinion. AppliedMicro management also engaged in discussions with the two other firms on November 4 and 5, 2016.

On November 6, 2016, Pillsbury sent Ropes and MACOM a revised draft of the merger agreement reflecting AppliedMicro's revisions to the initial draft provided by MACOM.

Between November 7 and November 18, 2016, representatives of AppliedMicro, Morgan Stanley, Pillsbury and, at times, AppliedMicro's independent audit firm, KPMG LLP, participated in several reverse due diligence conference calls with representatives of MACOM, Evercore, and Ropes, and received information and documents from and on



behalf of MACOM responding to written requests from AppliedMicro and its representatives for due diligence information.

On November 9, 2016, AppliedMicro entered into an engagement letter with Needham & Company. On that day representatives of Pillsbury and Ropes also discussed the draft merger agreement by telephone.

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On November 9, 2016, an AppliedMicro management representative, on behalf of AppliedMicro, requested that Morgan Stanley provide more detail with respect to the financial services provided to MACOM in its October 7, 2016 letter.

On November 10, 2016, Ropes sent MACOM's revised draft of the merger agreement responding to the previous draft sent by Pillsbury and AppliedMicro. That draft did not provide for tax-free reorganization treatment with respect to the exchange of shares of MACOM common stock for AppliedMicro common stock in the proposed transaction.

On November 10, 2016, the AppliedMicro board of directors held a telephonic meeting, also attended by representatives of AppliedMicro management and Morgan Stanley, to discuss valuation of the consideration to be paid by MACOM per share of AppliedMicro common stock in the transaction, in light of current market prices and 90-day VWAP prices for the stock of both companies, and MACOM's insistence on a taxable transaction for the share exchange portion of the consideration. The Morgan Stanley representatives noted that given that the value of the transaction to AppliedMicro's stockholders was fluctuating daily, it might make sense to have a final discussion on this subject closer in time to the execution of the merger agreement, and that MACOM was due to release its financial results for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2016 on November 15, 2016. The AppliedMicro board of directors expressed the view that, absent a significant change in relative value, a price increase was appropriate. A representative of Morgan Stanley later called a representative of MACOM and communicated the request for a price increase in light of the recent increases in the AppliedMicro stock price. Such request was not accepted.

On November 11, 2016, representatives of Pillsbury and Ropes discussed open issues and negotiated terms of the merger agreement by telephone.

On November 11, 2016, the AppliedMicro board of directors held a meeting at which AppliedMicro management provided and the board approved updated projections for the future operation of the compute business. The AppliedMicro directors also received an update regarding the transaction and merger agreement discussions with MACOM from AppliedMicro management.

On November 11, 2016, intellectual property and software diligence meetings took place between representatives of Ropes and the MACOM and AppliedMicro management teams. In addition, technology diligence meetings also took place between MACOM's technical team and AppliedMicro management.

On November 14, 2016, human relations diligence meetings took place between representatives of MACOM and AppliedMicro management.

On November 14, 2016, the AppliedMicro board of directors held a telephonic meeting, also attended by AppliedMicro management representatives and Pillsbury, to review and discuss the terms and conditions of the proposed support agreements to be entered into by AppliedMicro's directors and officers and certain stockholders as a condition to MACOM's execution and delivery of the proposed merger agreement, as well as the status of the merger agreement negotiations and estimated timetable to completion.

On November 16, 2016, representatives of Pillsbury sent AppliedMicro's revised draft of the merger agreement to representatives of Ropes. Ropes and MACOM sent a further revised draft of the merger agreement to Pillsbury and AppliedMicro on November 17, 2016. The revised draft of the merger agreement provided for tax-free reorganization treatment of the share exchange portion of the proposed consideration.

On November 17, 2016, representatives of AppliedMicro management, Morgan Stanley and Pillsbury had a conference call with representatives of MACOM, Evercore and Ropes to discuss and negotiate open issues in the

merger agreement.

On November 17, 2016, the AppliedMicro board of directors held a meeting at which representatives of Morgan Stanley reviewed with the AppliedMicro board of directors the implicit premium of the proposed

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transaction, noting that depending on the signing date and the performance of the stock price of the two companies in the interim, the 90-day VWAP might change. The AppliedMicro board of directors then discussed perceived trends in the stock price of the two companies and their potential impact on the transaction. Representatives of AppliedMicro management, Morgan Stanley and Pillsbury updated the AppliedMicro board of directors on the progress of various aspects of the transaction, including merger agreement negotiations, reverse due diligence, including the presentation of Mr. Croteau, to the AppliedMicro board of directors set for November 19, 2016, and customer diligence calls with MACOM's top customers. They discussed MACOM's financial position and its recent quarterly results and expected future prospects, based on publicly available information and research analyst reports. The AppliedMicro directors asked a number of questions regarding MACOM's business model and its different lines of business. The Morgan Stanley representatives responded that MACOM appeared to be performing strongly and that they did not expect MACOM to make any divestitures in the near term apart from the possible sale, post-transaction, of the compute business. Morgan Stanley then left the meeting.

Representatives of Needham & Company then joined the meeting and shared their views with the AppliedMicro board of directors regarding the strategic process, including with respect to the approach taken by AppliedMicro generally in identifying and contacting interested bidders, as well as their thoughts as to the relative merits of the indications of interest received. A representative of Pillsbury asked the Needham & Company representatives if they had any business relationships with MACOM. The representatives responded that Needham & Company had been involved as a co-manager in MACOM's initial public offering several years ago.

A member of AppliedMicro management and representatives of Pillsbury then summarized the open issues remaining in the merger agreement negotiations. The AppliedMicro board of directors provided management with specific instructions regarding AppliedMicro's position with respect to certain of the specific issues identified. The AppliedMicro board of directors asked management for additional information regarding break-up fee precedents in transactions of this size. AppliedMicro management made a presentation with respect to the state of negotiations regarding retention arrangements with certain executives. He noted that the negotiation included a request for the modification of certain rights to severance that the executives might otherwise be entitled to receive on completion of the MACOM transaction.

On November 18, 2016, representatives of Pillsbury and Ropes again met by telephone to negotiate open issues under the merger agreement.

On November 18, 2016, the AppliedMicro board of directors held a telephonic meeting, also attended by AppliedMicro management representatives and Pillsbury, to review and discuss proposed amendments to AppliedMicro's Executive Severance Benefit Plan that would take effect upon the merger agreement closing, ratify officer appointments and financial assumptions, and coordinate the remaining board meeting schedule to facilitate completion of the merger agreement.

On November 19, 2016, Pillsbury sent a revised draft of the merger agreement to Ropes and MACOM.

On November 19, 2016, the AppliedMicro board of directors held a meeting at 8:00 a.m. California time at which Mr. Croteau provided the AppliedMicro board of directors with an overview of MACOM's business and his view of how the proposed acquisition of AppliedMicro would synergistically fit with MACOM's business lines and business model. Mr. Croteau also provided a financial overview of MACOM and MACOM's expectations regarding earnings and MACOM's history of exceeding analyst forecasts. Mr. Croteau responded to diligence questions from the AppliedMicro board of directors.

Thereafter, Mr. Croteau left the meeting and the Morgan Stanley representatives reported to the AppliedMicro board of directors that as of the close of trading on November 18, 2016, assuming the execution of the merger agreement prior to the market opening on November 21, 2016, the consideration payable by MACOM in the proposed transaction would consist of \$3.25 cash (39%) and 0.1089 shares of MACOM common stock (61%) per share of AppliedMicro common stock with an implied value (for such cash and stock) of \$8.36 per

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share based on the MACOM common stock closing price. They noted that this represented approximately a 15% premium to the AppliedMicro common stock closing price on November 18, 2016. The Morgan Stanley representatives discussed the sales process and Morgan Stanley's financial analysis of the transaction. The Morgan Stanley representatives then responded to questions from the AppliedMicro directors.

Next, AppliedMicro management discussed with the AppliedMicro board of directors Morgan Stanley's responses to AppliedMicro's requests for details with respect to the financial services provided to MACOM in the last two years, including that Morgan Stanley's role as a lender to MACOM arose from Morgan Stanley's participation in \$30 million of a \$130 million revolving credit facility in February 2015, and the involvement of a senior member of the Morgan Stanley AppliedMicro transaction team in the services provided for the August 2016 MACOM loan. Thereafter, Morgan Stanley representatives answered further questions regarding Morgan Stanley's prior financial services for MACOM. A member of AppliedMicro management and a Pillsbury representative provided the AppliedMicro board of directors an update on the status of the Merger Agreement negotiations. The Morgan Stanley representatives then left the meeting. AppliedMicro management then shared with the AppliedMicro board of directors further information derived from the reverse due diligence.

On November 19, 2016, representatives of Morgan Stanley and Evercore had a number of discussions regarding open issues in the merger agreement and attempted to negotiate resolutions on behalf of their clients.

At the end of the day on November 19, 2016, representatives of Ropes sent MACOM's latest revised merger agreement draft to Pillsbury and AppliedMicro. Representatives of Pillsbury and Ropes discussed the open issues.

On November 20, 2016, the AppliedMicro board of directors held a morning meeting at which representatives of Pillsbury, Morgan Stanley and AppliedMicro management were present. The Pillsbury representatives summarized the terms of the merger agreement as currently proposed by MACOM for signature by AppliedMicro and provided advice to the AppliedMicro board of directors on matters relating to the merger agreement and the proposed transaction. The Pillsbury representatives summarized the open issues in the merger agreement and received instruction from the AppliedMicro board of directors regarding AppliedMicro's responses. The Pillsbury representatives recommended that the AppliedMicro board of directors reconvene later in the day to vote on MACOM's proposed acquisition of AppliedMicro assuming the parties were able to resolve the open merger agreement issues. It was anticipated that at such later meeting, the AppliedMicro board of directors would vote on the proposed transaction and that Morgan Stanley and Needham & Company each would deliver its fairness opinion to the AppliedMicro board of directors, after which the AppliedMicro board of directors would vote on the proposed acquisition. The AppliedMicro board of directors then invited Needham & Company representatives to the meeting and the Needham & Company representatives presented their valuation analysis and assumptions, as well as an analysis with respect to the transaction consideration. The Needham & Company representatives stated that they were ready to deliver a fairness opinion if requested to do so.

Representatives of Pillsbury, Morgan Stanley, Ropes and Evercore negotiated the open issues in the merger agreement on November 20, 2016 and exchanged additional drafts of the merger agreement and the Support Agreements.

In the evening on November 20, 2016, the AppliedMicro board of directors met again. Pillsbury reviewed and discussed the proposed resolutions regarding the transaction and advised the AppliedMicro board of directors regarding their fiduciary duties. Representatives of Morgan Stanley reviewed with the AppliedMicro board of directors its financial analysis of the proposed transaction. Morgan Stanley rendered to the AppliedMicro board of directors its oral opinion, subsequently confirmed in writing, that as of November 20, 2016, and based upon and subject to the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and qualifications and limitations upon the scope of the review undertaken by Morgan Stanley as set forth in its written opinion, the transaction consideration to

be received by the holders of shares pursuant to the merger agreement was fair from a financial point of view to the holders of AppliedMicro shares. The opinion of Morgan Stanley is more fully described in the section entitled "The Transactions - Opinions of AppliedMicro's Financial Advisors - Opinion of Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC."

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The AppliedMicro board of directors then invited Needham & Company to the meeting and the Needham & Company representatives reviewed with the AppliedMicro board of directors its financial analysis of the proposed transaction and formally delivered the Needham & Company fairness opinion (orally, subsequently confirmed in writing), as more fully described below under the heading *The Transactions Opinions of AppliedMicro's Financial Advisors Opinion of Needham & Company, LLC*. Following discussion, the AppliedMicro board of directors unanimously agreed and determined, for the reasons more fully described in *The Transactions AppliedMicro's Reasons for the Transactions; Recommendation of AppliedMicro's Board of Directors*, that the offer and the transactions were advisable and in the best interests of AppliedMicro and its stockholders, and the AppliedMicro board of directors voted unanimously to approve the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder.

On the morning of November 21, 2016, before the opening of trading on Nasdaq, MACOM, Purchaser, Merger Sub and AppliedMicro executed the merger agreement and issued press releases announcing its execution.

### **MACOM's Reasons for the Transactions**

MACOM's board of directors unanimously approved, adopted and declared advisable the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, including the offer, the mergers and that the mergers are fair to, and in the best interests of, MACOM and its stockholders.

In reaching its determination, MACOM's board of directors consulted with MACOM's management, as well as with MACOM's legal and financial advisors, and considered a variety of factors weighing favorably towards the transactions, including the factors described below.

*Expected Benefits of the Transaction.* MACOM's board of directors believes that the transactions will allow MACOM to realize a number of significant benefits, including the following:

The addition of AppliedMicro's connectivity business is expected to be highly complementary to MACOM's product portfolio, through the addition of market-leading OTN framers, MACsec Ethernet networking components and a leading single-lambda PAM4 platform.

The transactions are expected to accelerate MACOM's significant growth in optical technologies for cloud service providers and enterprise network customers serving the high-growth, high-margin data center market.

The transactions are expected to expand MACOM's addressable market and complete MACOM's protocol-agnostic switch to fiber data center product portfolio.

AppliedMicro's leadership in PAM4 solutions based on FinFET technology and custom engagements with top-tier data center and service provider customers is expected to strengthen MACOM's competitive position with those customers.



MACOM plans to improve the profitability of AppliedMicro by divesting a portion of its compute business and by realizing potential revenue and cost synergies.

MACOM expects to benefit from over \$500 million of AppliedMicro U.S. federal income tax net operating loss carry-forwards, subject to applicable limitations.

Excluding the impact of a portion of AppliedMicro's compute business, the transactions are anticipated to be accretive to MACOM's non-GAAP revenue growth, non-GAAP gross margin, non-GAAP operating margin and non-GAAP earnings per share beginning in MACOM's fiscal year 2017.

*Market Conditions and Diligence.* MACOM's board also took into account current financial market conditions and the current and historical market prices and volatility of, and trading information with

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respect to, shares of AppliedMicro and MACOM common stock. MACOM's board of directors further considered its familiarity with the business operations, strategy, earnings and prospects of each of MACOM and AppliedMicro and the scope and results of the due diligence investigation conducted by MACOM's management and advisors with respect to AppliedMicro.

*Financial Terms of the Transaction.* MACOM's board of directors reviewed the amount and form of consideration to be paid in the transactions, the fact that the exchange ratio is fixed, the expected pro forma ownership of the combined company and other financial terms of the transactions.

*Recommendation of Management.* MACOM's board of directors took into account the recommendation of MACOM's management in favor of the transactions.

*Provisions of the Merger Agreement.* MACOM's board of directors considered the structure of the transactions and terms and conditions of the merger agreement, including the financial terms, the anticipated short time period from announcement to completion achievable through the exchange offer structure, the limited restrictions placed on AppliedMicro's ability to seek an AppliedMicro takeover proposal (as defined below) from any person other than MACOM and its subsidiaries, the conditions to completion, the termination rights of the parties and the obligation of AppliedMicro to pay a \$30 million termination fee to MACOM in certain circumstances.

*Likelihood of Completion.* MACOM's board of directors took into account the expectation that the conditions to consummation of the offer and the mergers will be satisfied on a timely basis.

*Support Agreements.* MACOM's board of directors viewed favorably the willingness of AppliedMicro's directors and executive officers, along with Kingdom Ridge Capital LLC, who together beneficially own approximately eleven percent (11%) of AppliedMicro's outstanding common stock, to commit to tender their outstanding AppliedMicro shares in the offer (see *Support Agreements* ).

MACOM's board of directors also identified and considered certain potentially negative factors in its deliberations to be balanced against the positive factors, including:

the risk that the anticipated benefits of the transactions will not be realized in full or in part, including the risks that only limited interest or no buyer at all may emerge for a portion of AppliedMicro's compute business, or that expected revenue and/or cost synergies will not be achieved or not achieved on the expected timeframe;

the risk that the transaction may not be consummated despite the parties' efforts or that the closing of the transaction may be unduly delayed;

costs associated with the transactions, and with any disruption to MACOM's or AppliedMicro's business resulting from the transactions;

the risk that the trading price of MACOM common stock could decrease and the offer and the merger could have a dilutive effect on the value of common shares held by MACOM stockholders for any number of reasons, some of which are outside MACOM's control, including for example if investors in MACOM believe that the value of the cash and stock consideration to be exchanged for AppliedMicro shares in connection with the offer and the merger, together with transaction costs, is greater than the value of AppliedMicro's business, together with any synergies expected to be achieved or actually realized from MACOM's acquisition of AppliedMicro;

potential challenges in integrating the two companies;

the provisions of the merger agreement that place restrictions on the interim operations of MACOM and its subsidiaries pending the closing (see Merger Agreement - Conduct of Business During Pendency of the Transactions );

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the risks associated with the occurrence of events which may materially adversely affect the operations or financial condition of AppliedMicro and its subsidiaries, which may not entitle MACOM to terminate the merger agreement;

the risk of diverting MACOM management's focus and resources from other strategic opportunities and from operational matters while working to implement the transaction with AppliedMicro, and other potential disruption associated with combining the companies, and the potential effects of such diversion and disruption on the businesses and customer relationships of MACOM and AppliedMicro; and

the risks associated with the transactions, the combined company following the transactions, MACOM's business and AppliedMicro's business described under the sections entitled "Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors."

After consideration of these factors, MACOM's board of directors determined that, overall, the potential benefits of the transactions outweighed the potential risks.

This discussion of the information and factors considered by MACOM's board of directors includes the material positive and negative factors considered by MACOM's board of directors, but it is not intended to be exhaustive and may not include all the factors considered by MACOM's board of directors. MACOM's board of directors did not quantify or assign any relative or specific weights to the various factors that it considered in reaching its determination to approve the merger agreement and the transactions. Rather, MACOM's board of directors viewed its position and recommendation as being based on the totality of the information presented to and factors considered by it. In addition, individual members of MACOM's board of directors may have given differing weights to different factors. It should be noted that this explanation of the reasoning of MACOM's board of directors and certain information presented in this section is forward-looking in nature and, therefore, should be read in light of the factors discussed in the section entitled "Forward-Looking Statements."

## **AppliedMicro's Reasons for the Transactions; Recommendation of AppliedMicro's Board of Directors**

### ***Expected Benefits of the Transactions***

The transactions are expected to result in benefits to all AppliedMicro stockholders. In evaluating the transactions and the merger agreement, the AppliedMicro board of directors consulted with AppliedMicro management and legal and financial advisors. In reaching its decision that the transactions are advisable, and in reaching its recommendation that AppliedMicro stockholders tender their shares in the offer, the AppliedMicro board of directors considered a number of factors, including the following material factors, which the AppliedMicro board of directors viewed as supporting its recommendation.

### ***Considered Factors***

*AppliedMicro's Operating and Financial Condition; Prospects of AppliedMicro as an Independent Company and of Compute Business as a Standalone Company.* The AppliedMicro board of directors considered its knowledge and familiarity with AppliedMicro's business, its current and historical financial condition and results of operations, as well as AppliedMicro's financial plan and prospects, if it were to remain an independent company with both the Compute and Connectivity businesses. The AppliedMicro board of directors evaluated AppliedMicro's long-term strategic plan, including the execution risks and uncertainties, and the potential impact on the trading price of AppliedMicro shares (which is not feasible to quantify numerically) if AppliedMicro were to execute or fail to execute upon its strategic

plan. The AppliedMicro board of directors reviewed the projections described in the section entitled "Certain Financial Forecasts of AppliedMicro," and weighed the prospects of AppliedMicro's ability as a stand-alone entity to achieve long-term value for AppliedMicro stockholders through execution on AppliedMicro's strategic business plan against the near-term value to AppliedMicro stockholders which could be realized through the transaction at a premium to the then-current market price of the AppliedMicro shares.

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The AppliedMicro board of directors also considered the feasibility, financial viability and prospects of operating the Compute business as a standalone public company, after a sale of the Connectivity business, until such time as AppliedMicro were able to sell the Compute business or otherwise unlock additional value for the benefit of AppliedMicro stockholders. The AppliedMicro board of directors evaluated the potential impact to the stock price of AppliedMicro after a sale of the Connectivity business, as well as the lack of scale, negative cash flow, projected losses and the lack of predictability around product development and future revenue and market and customer perception of the long-term viability of the Compute business as a standalone company, as well as the disproportionate expense and management burden of remaining a public company given the scale of the Compute business. The AppliedMicro board of directors also evaluated the divestiture alternatives that might be available in the event an acquiror or other growth or monetization strategy could not be found for the Compute business.

*Risks of Execution in a Competitive Marketplace.* In evaluating AppliedMicro's long-term prospects as an independent company against the value to AppliedMicro stockholders which could be realized by AppliedMicro stockholders through the transaction, the AppliedMicro board of directors considered the impact of general economic market trends on AppliedMicro's sales, as well as general market risks that could reduce the price of AppliedMicro shares. The AppliedMicro board of directors also considered the highly competitive marketplace for AppliedMicro's products and the fact that many of AppliedMicro's competitors are significantly larger and have greater financial and other resources than AppliedMicro, and the impact of this competitive environment on AppliedMicro's ability to execute its strategic plan without substantial risk to the value of AppliedMicro.

*Premium to Market Share Price.* The AppliedMicro board of directors considered that the transaction consideration represented:

a premium of 15.4% to the \$ 7.25 closing price per share on November 18, 2016;

a premium of 20.7% based on the 30-day VWAP of \$6.93 per share;

a premium of 20.1% based on the 60-day VWAP of \$6.96 per share; and

a premium of 20.3% based on the 90-day VWAP of \$6.95 per share.

*Absence of Financing Condition and Other Limited Conditions.* The AppliedMicro board of directors considered that the offer is likely to be completed and the merger is likely to be consummated, based on, among other things, the absence of a financing condition and the limited number of other conditions to the transactions.

*Timing of Completion.* The AppliedMicro board of directors considered the anticipated timing of the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement and the fact that the transaction is structured as a tender offer and a subsequent merger, which can often be completed more promptly than would have been the case with a merger alone, meaning that all AppliedMicro stockholders are likely to receive the transaction consideration for their shares more promptly.

*Opinions of AppliedMicro's Financial Advisors.*

The AppliedMicro board of directors considered the oral opinion of Morgan Stanley, which was confirmed in writing by delivery of Morgan Stanley's written opinion, dated November 20, 2016, that as of such date, and based upon and subject to the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and qualifications and limitations upon the scope of the review undertaken by Morgan Stanley as set forth in its written opinion, the transaction consideration to be received by the holders of shares of AppliedMicro common stock pursuant to the merger agreement was fair from a financial point of view to such holders. The full text of Morgan Stanley's written opinion to the AppliedMicro board of directors, dated as of November 20, 2016, is attached hereto as Annex C. The summary of the opinion of Morgan Stanley herein is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the opinion. We encourage you to read Morgan Stanley's opinion and the summary of Morgan Stanley's opinion below under the heading "Opinions of AppliedMicro's Financial Advisors - Opinion of Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC," carefully and in their entirety.

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The AppliedMicro board of directors also considered the oral opinion of Needham & Company, which was confirmed in writing by delivery of Needham & Company's written opinion, dated November 20, 2016, to the effect that, as of such date and based upon and subject to the various qualifications, limitations, assumptions and conditions set forth therein, the transaction consideration per share to be paid to AppliedMicro stockholders (other than MACOM or any of its affiliates and other than holders of dissenting shares) pursuant to the merger agreement was fair from a financial point of view to such stockholders, as more fully described below under the heading "Opinions of AppliedMicro's Financial Advisors' Opinion of Needham & Company, LLC." The full text of Needham & Company's written opinion, dated November 20, 2016, is attached hereto as Annex D.

*Inclusion of Cash and Stock Consideration.* The AppliedMicro board of directors considered the form of transaction consideration to be paid to the AppliedMicro stockholders in the transactions and the certainty of the value of the cash consideration component in addition to the current and potential value of the stock consideration, as well as the fact that MACOM's proposal was not subject to obtaining any outside financing. The AppliedMicro board of directors considered the performance of the MACOM common stock, the reverse due diligence conducted on MACOM, the business reputation of MACOM and its management and the substantial financial resources of MACOM and, by extension, Purchaser, which the AppliedMicro board of directors believed supported the conclusion that a transaction with MACOM and Purchaser could be completed relatively quickly and in an orderly manner, and, furthermore, that the stock consideration would enable stockholders to participate in any future growth in MACOM's value.

*Available Alternatives; Results of Discussions with Third Parties.* The AppliedMicro board of directors considered the possible alternatives to the acquisition by MACOM (including the possibility of being acquired in whole or in part by another company or financial sponsor, continuing to operate as an independent entity, and operating the Compute business as a standalone company subsequent to a sale of the Connectivity business as discussed above, and the desirability and perceived risks of those alternatives), the range of potential benefits to AppliedMicro stockholders of these alternatives and the timing and the likelihood of accomplishing the goals of such alternatives, as well as the AppliedMicro board of directors' assessment that none of these alternatives were reasonably likely to present superior opportunities for AppliedMicro to create greater value for AppliedMicro stockholders, taking into account risks of execution as well as business, competitive, industry and market risks. The AppliedMicro board of directors also considered the results of the process that the AppliedMicro board of directors had conducted, with the assistance of the AppliedMicro management and its financial and legal advisors, to evaluate strategic alternatives and the results of discussions with third parties regarding business combination and change of control transactions. The AppliedMicro board of directors also considered the ability of other bidders to make, and the likelihood that other bidders would make, a proposal to acquire AppliedMicro at a higher price.

*Availability of Appraisal Rights.* The AppliedMicro board of directors considered the availability of statutory appraisal rights under the DGCL for AppliedMicro stockholders in connection with the first merger who do not tender their shares in the offer and who otherwise comply with the statutory requirements of the DGCL, and who believe that exercising their appraisal rights would yield them a greater per share amount than the first merger would.

*Regulatory Approvals.* The AppliedMicro board of directors considered that the substantive regulatory approvals that may be required to consummate the transactions would likely be limited to complying with the requirements under the HSR Act.

## ***Terms of the Merger Agreement***

*Termination Right to Accept Superior Proposals.* The AppliedMicro board of directors also considered the fact that the merger agreement provides that at any time prior to such time as the purchaser accepts the shares tendered and not properly withdrawn, if the AppliedMicro board of directors receives a bona fide unsolicited written company takeover



proposal (as defined in the merger agreement) that did not result from a breach of

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AppliedMicro's covenant not to solicit and if the AppliedMicro board of directors determines in good faith, after consultation with its independent financial advisor and legal counsel, that such company takeover proposal constitutes or would reasonably be expected to lead to a company superior proposal (as defined merger agreement) and that failure to take such action would or would be reasonably be expected to, be inconsistent with the AppliedMicro directors' fiduciary duties under applicable law, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the merger agreement, the AppliedMicro board of directors can terminate the merger agreement to concurrently enter into an agreement with respect to that company superior proposal. The AppliedMicro board of directors also considered the fact that there is no additional expense reimbursement payable except to the extent of the fixed termination fee.

*Change in Recommendation.* The AppliedMicro board of directors considered the fact that, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the merger agreement, the AppliedMicro board of directors may withdraw or modify its recommendation (a) in response to a company superior proposal or (b) in other circumstances not in response to a company superior proposal, if it determines in good faith, after consultation with its financial and legal advisors, that in the case of (a), such action would, or would reasonably be expected to, be required to comply with the directors' fiduciary duties under applicable law and in the case of (b), such action is required to comply with the directors' fiduciary duties under applicable law.

*Termination Fee.* The AppliedMicro board of directors considered that the merger agreement requires AppliedMicro to pay a termination fee of \$30.0 million if AppliedMicro terminates the merger agreement to enter into an agreement with respect to a company superior proposal or if MACOM terminates the merger agreement because a company adverse recommendation change (as defined in the merger agreement) has occurred. The AppliedMicro board of directors believes that the termination fee amount is customary and reasonable and will not deter any interested third party from making a company superior proposal or inhibit the AppliedMicro board of directors from approving a company superior proposal if such were available.

*Extension of Offer Period.* The AppliedMicro board of directors considered the fact that the merger agreement provides that, under certain circumstances, the Purchaser would be required to extend the offer beyond the initial expiration of the offer if certain conditions to the consummation of the offer are not satisfied as of the initial expiration of the offer or, if applicable, certain subsequent expirations, which would increase the likelihood that the offer could be consummated.

*Arm's-Length Negotiation.* The merger agreement has customary terms and was the product of arm's-length negotiations.

### ***Potentially Negative Factors***

The AppliedMicro board of directors also considered potential risks associated with the transactions in connection with its evaluation of the fairness of the proposed transaction, including:

*Termination by MACOM.* The AppliedMicro board of directors considered the risk that MACOM may terminate the merger agreement and not complete the offer in certain limited circumstances, including, subject to certain conditions, if there is a company material adverse effect (as defined in the merger agreement), or if AppliedMicro does not perform its obligations under the merger agreement in all material respects.

*Termination Fee.* The AppliedMicro board of directors reviewed and discussed the termination fee that could become payable by AppliedMicro pursuant to the merger agreement under certain circumstances. The AppliedMicro board of directors believes that the termination fee is customary and reasonable and will not deter any interested third party from making a company superior proposal or inhibit the AppliedMicro board of directors from approving a company

superior proposal if such were available.

*Pre-Closing Covenants.* The AppliedMicro board of directors considered that, under the terms of the merger agreement, AppliedMicro has agreed that it will carry on its business in the ordinary course of business

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consistent with past practice and, subject to specified exceptions, that AppliedMicro will not take a number of actions related to the conduct of its business without the prior written consent of MACOM (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed). The AppliedMicro board of directors further considered that these terms may limit the ability of AppliedMicro to pursue or undertake business opportunities that could arise prior to the consummation of the transactions.

*Loss of Ability to Participate in the Future Growth of AppliedMicro.* The AppliedMicro board of directors considered the fact that stockholders who tender their shares (or whose shares are converted to transaction consideration in the merger, if it occurs) will not participate in any future earnings or growth of AppliedMicro and will not benefit from any future appreciation in the value of AppliedMicro. Likewise, if the first merger is completed, AppliedMicro stockholders will not bear the risks associated with a decrease in the value of AppliedMicro.

*Tax Treatment.* The AppliedMicro board of directors considered that the receipt of cash by AppliedMicro stockholders will be fully taxable to AppliedMicro stockholders.

*Failure to Close.* The AppliedMicro board of directors considered the risk that the proposed transaction might not be completed and the effect of the resulting public announcement of termination of the merger agreement on:

the market price of the AppliedMicro shares, which could be affected by many factors, including (i) the reason for which the merger agreement was terminated and whether such termination results from factors adversely affecting AppliedMicro, (ii) the possibility that the marketplace would consider AppliedMicro to be an unattractive acquisition candidate, and (iii) the possible sale of AppliedMicro shares by short-term investors following the announcement of termination of the merger agreement;

AppliedMicro's operating results, particularly in light of the costs incurred in connection with the transaction, including the potential requirement to make a termination payment;

the ability to attract and retain key personnel; and

relationships with customers, suppliers, vendors, purchasing agents and other business partners of AppliedMicro.

*Regulatory Approvals.* The AppliedMicro board of directors considered the regulatory approvals that may be required to consummate the transactions (including, in particular, the requirements under the HSR Act).

### ***Other Factors***

In addition to the above, the AppliedMicro board of directors also considered the following factors:

*Conflicts of Interest.* The AppliedMicro board of directors considered the fact that AppliedMicro's executive officers and directors have financial interests in the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, including the offer and the mergers, that may be different from or in addition to those of other stockholders, as more fully described under *Interests of Certain Persons in the Transactions*.

*Liquidation Valuation; Net Book Value; Other Factors Not Considered.* The AppliedMicro board of directors did not consider the liquidation value of AppliedMicro, because the AppliedMicro board of directors considered AppliedMicro to be a viable, going concern with its value derived from cash flows from its continuing operations rather than from its assets. Moreover, the AppliedMicro board of directors did not consider net book value, which is an accounting concept, because it believes that net book value does not present a meaningful valuation for AppliedMicro and its business since AppliedMicro's value is derived from cash flows generated by continuing operations.

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The AppliedMicro board of directors based its ultimate decision on its business judgment that the benefits of the transactions to unaffiliated AppliedMicro stockholders outweigh the negative considerations. The AppliedMicro board of directors determined that the transactions represent the best reasonably available alternative to maximize AppliedMicro stockholder value with the least risk of non-completion.

This discussion of the information and factors considered by the AppliedMicro board of directors includes the material positive and negative factors considered by the AppliedMicro board of directors, but is not intended to be exhaustive and may not include all of the factors considered by the AppliedMicro board of directors. The AppliedMicro board of directors did not undertake to make any specific determination as to whether any particular factor, or any aspect of any particular factor, was favorable or unfavorable to its ultimate determination, and did not quantify or assign any relative or specific weights to the various factors that it considered in reaching its determination that the transactions, the merger agreement and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement are fair and advisable to and in the interests of AppliedMicro stockholders (including the unaffiliated AppliedMicro stockholders). Rather, the AppliedMicro board of directors conducted an overall analysis of the factors described above, including thorough discussions with, and questioning of, AppliedMicro management and AppliedMicro's outside advisors, and considered the factors overall to be favorable to, and to support, its determination. In addition, individual members of the AppliedMicro board of directors may have given different weight to different factors.

For the reasons described above, the AppliedMicro board of directors has unanimously recommended that the AppliedMicro stockholders accept the offer and tender their shares in the offer.

## **Opinions of AppliedMicro's Financial Advisors**

### *Opinion of Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC*

AppliedMicro retained Morgan Stanley to provide it with financial advisory services and the AppliedMicro board of directors with a financial opinion in connection with the sale of AppliedMicro. AppliedMicro selected Morgan Stanley to act as its financial advisor based on Morgan Stanley's qualifications, expertise and reputation, its knowledge of and involvement in recent transactions in AppliedMicro's industry, and its knowledge of AppliedMicro's business and affairs. In connection with the transactions, at the meeting of the AppliedMicro

board of directors on November 20, 2016, Morgan Stanley rendered to the AppliedMicro board of directors its oral opinion, subsequently confirmed in writing, that as of November 20, 2016, and based upon and subject to the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and qualifications and limitations upon the scope of the review undertaken by Morgan Stanley as set forth in the written opinion, the transaction consideration to be received by the holders of shares of AppliedMicro common stock, pursuant to the merger agreement was fair from a financial point of view to such holders.

**The full text of the written opinion of Morgan Stanley, dated as of November 20, 2016, is attached as Annex C to this prospectus/offer and is incorporated by reference in this prospectus/offer in its entirety. You are encouraged to read the opinion in its entirety for a discussion of the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and qualifications and limitations upon the scope of the review undertaken by Morgan Stanley in rendering its opinion. The summary of the opinion of Morgan Stanley in prospectus/offer is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the opinion. Morgan Stanley's opinion was addressed to the AppliedMicro board of directors, in its capacity as such, and addresses only the fairness from a financial point of view of the transaction consideration to be received by the holders of shares of AppliedMicro common stock pursuant to the merger agreement as of the date of the opinion. Morgan Stanley's opinion did not address any other aspects or implications of the transactions and does not constitute an opinion or a recommendation as to**

**how the stockholders of AppliedMicro should act or vote in connection with any of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, including, without limitation, as to whether the stockholders of AppliedMicro should tender their shares into the offer.**

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In connection with rendering its opinion, Morgan Stanley, among other things:

reviewed certain publicly available financial statements and other business and financial information of AppliedMicro and MACOM, respectively;

reviewed certain internal financial statements and other financial and operating data concerning AppliedMicro and MACOM, respectively;

reviewed certain financial projections prepared by the management of AppliedMicro;

reviewed information relating to certain strategic, financial and operational benefits anticipated from the transactions, prepared by the management of AppliedMicro;

discussed the past and current operations and financial condition and the prospects of AppliedMicro, including information relating to certain strategic, financial and operational benefits anticipated from the transactions, with senior executives of AppliedMicro;

discussed the past and current operations and financial condition and the prospects of MACOM, including information relating to certain strategic, financial and operational benefits anticipated from the transactions, with senior executives of MACOM;

reviewed the reported prices and trading activity for AppliedMicro common stock and the MACOM common stock;

compared the financial performance of AppliedMicro and MACOM and the prices and trading activity of AppliedMicro common stock and the MACOM common stock with that of certain other publicly-traded companies comparable with AppliedMicro and MACOM, respectively, and their securities;

reviewed the financial terms, to the extent publicly available, of certain comparable acquisition transactions;

participated in certain discussions and negotiations among representatives of AppliedMicro and MACOM and their financial and legal advisors;

reviewed the merger agreement and certain related documents; and



performed such other analyses and reviewed such other information and considered such other factors as Morgan Stanley deemed appropriate.

In arriving at its opinion, Morgan Stanley assumed and relied upon, without independent verification, the accuracy and completeness of the information that was publicly available or supplied or otherwise made available to Morgan Stanley by AppliedMicro and MACOM, and formed a substantial basis for its opinion. With respect to the financial projections, including information relating to certain strategic, financial and operational benefits anticipated from the transactions, Morgan Stanley assumed that they had been reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best currently available estimates and judgments of AppliedMicro's management of the future financial performance of AppliedMicro and MACOM. At AppliedMicro's direction, Morgan Stanley's analysis relating to the business and financial prospects of MACOM for purposes of the opinion were made on the basis of Thompson consensus forecasts as of November 18, 2016 (the "MACOM Street Forecasts") only. Morgan Stanley was advised by AppliedMicro, and assumed, with AppliedMicro's consent, that the MACOM Street Forecasts are a reasonable basis upon which to evaluate the business and financial prospects of MACOM. Morgan Stanley expressed no view as to the MACOM Street Forecasts or the assumptions on which they were based, including the selection of the analyst forecasts from which the MACOM Street Forecasts were derived. In addition, Morgan Stanley assumed that the transactions will be consummated in accordance with the terms set forth in the merger agreement without any waiver, amendment or delay of any terms or conditions, and that transactions will be treated as a tax-free reorganization, pursuant to the Code, and that the definitive merger agreement would not differ in any material respect from the draft thereof furnished to Morgan Stanley. Morgan Stanley also assumed that in connection with the receipt of all the necessary governmental, regulatory or other approvals and consents required for the proposed merger, no delays, limitations, conditions or restrictions will be

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imposed that would have a material adverse effect on the contemplated benefits expected to be derived in the proposed transactions. Morgan Stanley is not a legal, tax, or regulatory advisor. Morgan Stanley is a financial advisor only and relied upon, without independent verification, the assessment of MACOM and AppliedMicro and their legal, tax, or regulatory advisors with respect to legal, tax, or regulatory matters. Morgan Stanley relied upon, without independent verification, the assessment by the managements of AppliedMicro and MACOM of: (1) the strategic, financial and other benefits expected to result from the transactions, (2) the timing and risks associated with the integration of AppliedMicro and MACOM, (3) their ability to retain key employees of AppliedMicro and MACOM, respectively, and (4) the validity of, and risks associated with, AppliedMicro's and MACOM's existing and future technologies, intellectual property, products, services and business models. Morgan Stanley expressed no opinion with respect to the fairness of the amount or nature of the compensation to any of AppliedMicro's officers, directors or employees, or any class of such persons, relative to the transaction consideration to be received by the holders of shares of AppliedMicro common stock in the transaction. Morgan Stanley did not make any independent valuation or appraisal of the assets or liabilities of AppliedMicro or MACOM, nor was Morgan Stanley furnished with any such valuations or appraisals. Morgan Stanley's opinion was necessarily based on financial, economic, market and other conditions as in effect on, and the information made available to Morgan Stanley as of November 20, 2016. Events occurring after November 20, 2016 may affect Morgan Stanley's opinion and the assumptions used in preparing it, and Morgan Stanley did not assume any obligation to update, revise or reaffirm its opinion.

*Summary of Financial Analyses.*

The following is a brief summary of the material analyses performed by Morgan Stanley in connection with its oral opinion and the preparation of its written opinion letter to the AppliedMicro board of directors dated November 20, 2016. The following summary is not a complete description of Morgan Stanley's opinion or the financial analyses performed and factors considered by Morgan Stanley in connection with its opinion, nor does the order of analyses described represent the relative importance or weight given to those analyses. Except as otherwise noted, to the extent that it is based on market data, the following quantitative information is based on market data as it existed on or before November 18, 2016, the last full trading day prior to the meeting of the AppliedMicro board of directors to approve and adopt the merger agreement, declare the advisability of the merger agreement and approve the transactions. The various analyses summarized below were based on the closing prices of \$7.25 per share, and \$46.95 per share of the MACOM common stock, respectively, as of November 18, 2016, and are not necessarily indicative of current market conditions. Based on the closing price per share of the MACOM common stock of \$46.95, and the per share transaction consideration comprised of \$3.25 in cash and 0.1089 of a share of MACOM common stock for each share, the implied value of the transaction consideration per share was \$8.36.

Some of these summaries of financial analyses include information presented in tabular format. In order to fully understand the financial analyses used by Morgan Stanley, the tables must be read together with the text of each summary. The tables alone do not constitute a complete description of the financial analyses. The analyses listed in the tables and described below must be considered as a whole; considering any portion of such analyses and of the factors considered, without considering all analyses and factors, could create a misleading or incomplete view of the process underlying Morgan Stanley's opinion.

In performing the financial analyses summarized below and arriving at its opinion, Morgan Stanley used and relied upon certain forecasts approved for its use by the AppliedMicro board of directors, including (1) a Management Case, which was based on AppliedMicro management's projections (as defined below under the heading Certain Financial Forecasts of AppliedMicro) for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2017 and the fiscal years 2017 through 2020 and AppliedMicro's management's guidance in extrapolating these forecasts for fiscal years 2021 through 2026, and (2) a Company Street Case based on Thompson consensus forecasts as of November 18, 2016 for fiscal years 2017 and 2018 and AppliedMicro management's guidance in extrapolating these forecasts for fiscal years 2019 through 2026.



**Table of Contents***Public Trading Comparables Analysis.*

Morgan Stanley performed a public trading comparables analysis, which attempts to provide an implied value of a company by comparing it to similar companies that are publicly traded. Morgan Stanley reviewed and compared certain financial estimates for AppliedMicro, under each of the Company Street Case and the Management Case, with comparable publicly available consensus equity analyst research estimates for selected companies that share similar business characteristics and have certain comparable operating characteristics including, among other things, similarly sized revenue and/or revenue growth rates, market capitalizations, profitability, scale and/or other similar operating characteristics (we refer to these companies as the comparable companies). These companies were the following:

Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.

Acacia Communications, Inc.

Cavium, Inc.

Inphi Corporation

Mellanox Technologies, Ltd.

Morgan Stanley analyzed the ratio of aggregate value (defined as fully diluted market capitalization plus total debt, plus non-controlling interest, less cash and cash equivalents) to projected revenue for calendar year 2017. For purposes of this analysis, Morgan Stanley utilized market data as of November 18, 2016 and Thompson consensus forecasts as of November 18, 2016 for aggregate value and revenue for each of the comparable companies. Morgan Stanley also analyzed the ratio of aggregate value to projected EBITDA (defined as net income excluding net interest expense, income tax expense and certain other non-cash and non-recurring items, principally depreciation, amortization and stock-based compensation) for calendar year 2017, and the ratio of price per share to projected earnings per share for calendar year 2017, but as the projected EBITDA and earnings for AppliedMicro for calendar year 2017 under the Management Case are negative, these ratios were not material.

Based on its analysis of the relevant metrics for each of the comparable companies and upon the application of its professional judgment and experience, Morgan Stanley selected a representative range of ratios of aggregate value to projected revenue, and applied this range to the projected revenue for AppliedMicro for calendar year 2017, under each of the Company Street Case and the Management Case. Based on this analysis, and the outstanding shares of AppliedMicro common stock on a fully diluted basis (including outstanding options, restricted stock units and performance-based restricted stock units) as of November 18, 2016, Morgan Stanley calculated the estimated implied value per share as of November 18, 2016 as follows:

<b>Selected Comparable Company Multiple Ranges</b>	<b>Implied Value Per Share of Company</b>
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			<b>Common Stock (\$)</b>	
<b>Company Street Case</b>				
Aggregate Value to Projected 2017				
Revenue of \$193MM	2.5x	4.0x	6.17	9.32
<b>Management Case</b>				
Aggregate Value to Projected 2017				
Revenue of \$158MM	2.5x	4.0x	5.22	7.80

Morgan Stanley also performed a public trading comparables analysis of MACOM, consistent with the method used to perform a public trading comparables analysis of AppliedMicro, as described above. Morgan Stanley utilized the MACOM Street Forecasts to compare MACOM with the following companies:

Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.

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Acacia Communications, Inc.

Cavium, Inc,

Integrated Device Technology, Inc.

Inphi Corporation

MaxLinear, Inc.

Mellanox Technologies, Ltd.

Microsemi Corporation

Monolithic Power Systems, Inc.

Power Integrations, Inc.

Semtech Corporation

Based on its analysis of the relevant metrics for each of the comparable companies and upon the application of its professional judgment and experience, Morgan Stanley selected representative ranges of aggregate value to revenue and aggregate value to EBITDA and price to earnings multiples, and applied these ranges to the estimated relevant metric for MACOM under the MACOM Street Forecasts. Based on this analysis, and the outstanding shares of MACOM common stock on a fully diluted basis (including outstanding options, restricted stock units and warrants) as of November 18, 2016, Morgan Stanley calculated the estimated implied value per share of MACOM common stock as of November 18, 2016 as follows:

	Selected Comparable Company Multiple Ranges		Implied Value Per Share of MACOM Common Stock (\$)	
Aggregate Value to Projected 2017 Revenue of \$665MM	3.5x	5.0x	37.12	54.39
Aggregate Value to Projected 2017 EBITDA of \$222MM	11.0x	16.0x	39.07	58.28

Price to Estimated 2017 Earnings of \$2.73 per share	15.0x	21.0x	40.89	57.25
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No company utilized in the public trading comparables analysis is identical to AppliedMicro or MACOM. In evaluating the comparable companies, Morgan Stanley made numerous assumptions with respect to industry performance, general business, regulatory, economic, market and financial conditions and other matters, many of which are beyond AppliedMicro's, MACOM's and Morgan Stanley's control. These include, among other things, the impact of competition on AppliedMicro's and MACOM's respective businesses and the industry generally, industry growth, and the absence of any adverse material change in the financial condition and prospects of AppliedMicro and MACOM, in the industry, and in the financial markets in general. Mathematical analysis (such as determining the average or median) is not in and of itself a meaningful method of using comparable company data.

**Table of Contents***Precedent Transactions Analysis.*

Morgan Stanley performed a precedent transactions analysis, which is designed to imply a value of a company based on publicly available financial terms and premia of selected transactions. Morgan Stanley compared publicly available statistics for select semiconductor transactions occurring between 2012 and November 2016, and involving U.S.-based target companies. Morgan Stanley selected such comparable transactions because they shared certain characteristics with the transactions, most notably because they were similar semiconductor transactions. The following is a list of the semiconductor transactions reviewed:

<b>Date Announced</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Acquiror</b>
11/3/2016	Lattice Semiconductor	Canyon Bridge Capital
09/12/2016	Intersil	Renesas
07/26/2016	Linear Technology	Analog Devices
06/15/2016	QLogic	Cavium
02/23/2016	Newport	MKS Instruments
02/4/2016	Cascade Microtech	FormFactor
01/12/2016	Atmel	Microchip
12/2/2015	Mattson Technology	Beijing E-Town Dragon
11/24/2015	PMC-Sierra	Microsemi
11/18/2015	Fairchild Semiconductor	ON Semiconductor
10/21/2015	SanDisk	Western Digital
09/20/2015	Atmel	Dialog (2)
09/3/2015	Pericom	Diodes
06/1/2015	Altera	Intel
05/28/2015	Broadcom	Avago
05/7/2015	Micrel	Microchip
03/18/2015	Vitesse Semiconductor	Microsemi
03/1/2015	Freescale	NXP Semiconductors
01/27/2015	Silicon Image	Lattice Semiconductor
12/1/2014	Spansion	Cypress Semiconductor
08/20/2014	International Rectifier	Infineon
06/9/2014	Hittite Microwave	Analog Devices
02/24/2014	TriQuint Semiconductors	RF Micro Devices
02/10/2014	Supertex	Microchip Technology
12/16/2013	LSI	Avago
11/5/2013	Mindspeed Technologies	MACOM
08/15/2013	Volterra Semiconductor	Maxim Integrated Products
06/12/2012	Ramtron International	Cypress Semiconductor
05/2/2012	Standard Microsystems	Microchip Technology
04/30/2012	PLX	Integrated Device Technology



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For the transactions listed above, Morgan Stanley noted (1) the multiple of aggregate value of the transaction to the last twelve months ( LTM ) revenue, and (2) the multiple of aggregate value of the transaction to the next twelve months ( NTM ) revenue, in each case based on publicly available information compiled in Morgan Stanley's technology transactions database. Based on its analysis of the relevant metrics and time frame for each of the transactions listed above and upon the application of its professional judgment and experience, Morgan Stanley selected representative ranges of financial multiples for the transactions listed above and applied these ranges of financial multiples to the relevant financial statistic for AppliedMicro, under each of the Company Street Case and the Management Case. The following table summarizes Morgan Stanley's analysis:

	Representative Ranges		Implied Value Per Share of Company Common Stock(\$)	
<b>Company Street Case</b>				
Aggregate Value to LTM Revenue of \$165MM	2.0x	4.0x	4.51	8.11
Aggregate Value to NTM Revenue of \$183MM	2.0x	3.5x	4.89	7.89
<b>Management Case</b>				
Aggregate Value to LTM Revenue of \$165MM	2.0x	4.0x	4.51	8.11
Aggregate Value to NTM Revenue of \$159MM	2.0x	3.5x	4.37	6.98

For the transactions listed above, Morgan Stanley also noted the distributions of (1) the implied premium to the acquired company's closing share price on the last trading day prior to announcement (or the last trading day prior to the share price being affected by acquisition rumors or similar merger-related news), and (2) the implied premium to the acquired company's 30-trading-day average closing share price prior to announcement (or the last 30-trading-day average closing share price prior to the share price being affected by acquisition rumors or similar merger-related news).

Based on its analysis of the relevant metrics and time frame for each of the transactions listed above and upon the application of its professional judgment and experience, Morgan Stanley selected representative ranges of implied premiums of the transactions listed above and applied these ranges of premiums to the relevant financial statistic for AppliedMicro. The following table summarizes Morgan Stanley's analysis:

	Representative Ranges		Implied Value Per Share of Company Common Stock(\$)	
Premium to 1-Day Closing Share Price of \$7.25	23%	48%	8.91	10.72
Premium to 30-Day Average Closing Share Price of \$6.78	22%	50%	8.29	10.17

No company or transaction utilized in the precedent transactions analysis is identical to AppliedMicro or to the transactions. In evaluating the precedent transactions, Morgan Stanley made judgments and assumptions with respect to industry performance, general business, regulatory, economic, market and financial conditions and other matters,

many of which are beyond AppliedMicro's and Morgan Stanley's control. These include, among other things, the impact of competition on AppliedMicro's business and the industry generally, industry growth, and the absence of any adverse material change in the financial condition and prospects of AppliedMicro and the industry, and in the financial markets in general, which could affect the public trading value of the companies and the aggregate value of the transactions to which they are being compared. The fact that points in the range of implied value per share derived from the valuation of precedent transactions were less than or greater than the transaction consideration to be received by the holders of shares of AppliedMicro common stock is not necessarily dispositive in connection with Morgan Stanley's analysis of such consideration, but one of many factors Morgan Stanley considered.

**Table of Contents***Discounted Cash Flow Analysis.*

Morgan Stanley performed a discounted cash flow analysis of AppliedMicro, which is an analysis designed to provide an implied value of a company by calculating the present value of the projected future cash flows and terminal value of such company. Morgan Stanley calculated a range of equity values per share based on a discounted cash flow analysis to value AppliedMicro as a standalone entity, under each of the Company Street Case and the Management Case.

Morgan Stanley first calculated AppliedMicro's projected free cash flows (defined as net income excluding net interest expense, income tax expense and certain other non-cash and non-recurring items, principally depreciation, amortization and stock-based compensation). Morgan Stanley then calculated the present value of AppliedMicro's projected free cash flows for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2017 and fiscal years 2018 through 2026, and based on the variable year-to-year growth rate present in the Company Street Case and the Management Case, calculated terminal values based on a range of perpetual growth rates from 1% to 3%, which range was selected in Morgan Stanley's professional judgment and experience. The free cash flows and terminal values were discounted to present values as of December 31, 2016, at a range of discount rates from 11.7% to 13.7%, which range of discount rates was selected, in Morgan Stanley's professional judgment and experience, to reflect AppliedMicro's weighted average cost of capital. Morgan Stanley also calculated an estimated value for AppliedMicro's net operating loss balance as of June 30, 2016 using the same range of discount rates, which resulted in a range of estimated present values for AppliedMicro's net operating loss balance of \$111 million to \$126 million under the Company Street Case, and \$165 million to \$186 million under the Management Case. Based on this analysis, and the outstanding shares of AppliedMicro common stock on a fully diluted basis (including outstanding options, restricted stock units and performance-based restricted stock units) as of November 18, 2016, Morgan Stanley calculated the estimated implied present value per Share as of December 31, 2016 under the Company Street Case and the Management Case as follows:

	<b>Implied Value Per Share of Company Common Stock (\$)</b>	
<b>Company Street Case</b>	5.59	7.47
<b>Management Case</b>	6.60	9.37

Morgan Stanley also performed a discounted cash flow analysis of MACOM utilizing the MACOM Street Forecasts. The MACOM Street Forecasts were based on Thomson consensus forecasts as of November 18, 2016, and the projections for calendar years 2017 through 2026 represented extrapolations of the MACOM Street Forecasts. Morgan Stanley's calculation of MACOM's projected free cash flows used the same methodology as described for AppliedMicro's projected free cash flows above. Morgan Stanley then calculated the present value of MACOM's projected free cash flows for calendar years 2017 through 2026, and calculated a terminal value based on a range of perpetual growth rates from 1% to 3%, which range was selected in Morgan Stanley's professional judgment and experience. The projected free cash flows and terminal values were discounted to present values as of December 31, 2016 at a range of discount rates from 9.3% to 11.0%, which range of discount rates was selected, in Morgan Stanley's professional judgment and experience, to reflect MACOM's weighted average cost of capital. Based on this analysis, and the outstanding shares of MACOM common stock on a fully diluted basis (including outstanding options, restricted stock units and warrants) as of November 18, 2016, Morgan Stanley calculated the estimated implied present value per share of MACOM common stock as of December 31, 2016 under the MACOM Street Forecasts as follows:

	<b>Implied Value Per Share of MACOM Common Stock (\$)</b>	
<b>MACOM Street Forecasts</b>	37.44	52.51

**Table of Contents***Sum-of-the-Parts Discounted Cash Flow Analysis.*

Morgan Stanley performed a sum-of-the-parts discounted cash flow analysis, which is designed to imply a value of a company based on the separate valuation of the Company's three lines of business: (1) Connectivity, (2) ARM-based Compute ( ARM ), and (3) Power PC, in each case based upon the Management Case.

Morgan Stanley's discounted cash flow analysis of the Connectivity, ARM and Power PC lines of business used the same projections and methodology as described above under the heading Discounted Cash Flow Analysis, except that for purposes of the sum-of-the-parts analysis, the free cash flows and terminal values were discounted to present values as of December 31, 2016 at a range of discount rates from 10.5% to 12.5% for the Connectivity and Power PC businesses, and 16.3% to 18.3% for the ARM business, which ranges of discount rates were selected, in Morgan Stanley's professional judgment and experience, to reflect the weighted average cost of capital applicable to each business.

To estimate the aggregate value of AppliedMicro as a whole, Morgan Stanley added the estimated present value as of December 31, 2016 of AppliedMicro's net operating loss balance as of June 30, 2016, calculated using the method described above under the heading Opinion of Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC Discounted Cash Flow Analysis. Morgan Stanley then added AppliedMicro's cash balance as of September 30, 2016 of \$82 million to reach an estimated implied equity value range of \$520 million to \$729 million, and divided those equity values by the number of fully diluted shares of AppliedMicro common stock outstanding. Based on this analysis, Morgan Stanley calculated a range of estimated implied present values per share as of December 31, 2016 of \$5.69 to \$7.97.

The sum-of-the-parts analysis was prepared for illustrative purposes only, is not necessarily reflective of the prices that would actually be obtained if AppliedMicro's businesses were sold separately, and does not address the feasibility of selling such businesses separately and certain factors and costs, such as tax inefficiencies, separation and transaction costs, and change-of-control restrictions, that would be implicated by a sale of the component parts of AppliedMicro and that were not considered in Morgan Stanley's sum-of-the-parts analysis.

*Trading Range Analysis.*

Morgan Stanley performed a trading range analysis with respect to the historical trading price of the shares of AppliedMicro common stock, reviewing the range of closing trading prices of the shares of AppliedMicro common stock for various periods ending on November 18, 2016. Morgan Stanley observed the following:

<b>Period Ending November 18, 2016</b>	<b>Range of Trading Prices of Shares of AppliedMicro common stock (\$)</b>	
Last 1 Month	5.87	7.60
Last 3 Months	5.87	7.60
Last 6 Months	5.87	7.60
Last 12 Months	5.08	7.60

Morgan Stanley observed that the shares of AppliedMicro common stock closed at \$7.25 on November 18, 2016. Morgan Stanley noted that the implied value of the transaction consideration per share of \$8.36 reflected (1) a 15.4% premium to the closing trading price per share on November 18, 2016, (2) a 20.7% premium to the volume-weighted average closing price per share for the 30 trading days prior to and including November 18, 2016, (3) a 20.3%

premium to the volume-weighted average closing trading price per share for the 90 trading days prior to and including November 18, 2016, and (4) a 10.1% premium to the highest closing trading price per share for the twelve months prior to and including November 18, 2016.

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Morgan Stanley also performed a trading range analysis with respect to the historical trading price of the MACOM common stock, reviewing the range of closing trading prices of the shares of the MACOM common stock for various periods ending on November 18, 2016. Morgan Stanley observed the following:

<b>Period Ending November 18, 2016</b>	<b>Range of Trading Prices of MACOM Common Stock Shares (\$)</b>	
Last 1 Month	35.74	46.95
Last 3 Months	35.74	46.95
Last 6 Months	29.81	46.95
Last 12 Months	29.81	46.95

*Equity Research Analysts' Future Price Targets.*

Morgan Stanley reviewed and analyzed public market trading price targets for the shares of AppliedMicro common stock prepared and published by equity research analysts as of November 18, 2016. These targets reflected the analysts' estimates of the future public market trading price of the shares. The range of undiscounted analyst price targets for the shares was \$7.00 to \$11.00 per share as of November 18, 2016. Morgan Stanley discounted the range of analyst price targets per share by one year at a rate of 12.7%, which discount rate was selected by Morgan Stanley, upon the application of its professional judgment and experience, to reflect AppliedMicro's cost of equity. This analysis indicated an estimated implied range of equity values of \$6.21 to \$9.76 per share.

Morgan Stanley also reviewed and analyzed public market trading price targets for the MACOM common stock prepared and published by equity research analysts as of November 18, 2016. These targets reflected the analysts' estimates of the future public market trading price of the MACOM common stock. The range of undiscounted analyst price targets for the shares of MACOM common stock was \$41.00 to \$50.00 per share as of November 18, 2016. Morgan Stanley discounted the range of analyst price targets per share of MACOM common stock by one year at a rate of 11.4%, which discount rate was selected by Morgan Stanley, upon the application of its professional judgment and experience, to reflect MACOM's cost of equity. This analysis indicated an estimated implied range of equity values of \$36.80 to \$46.67 per share of MACOM common stock.

The public market trading price targets published by equity research analysts do not necessarily reflect current or future market trading prices for the shares of AppliedMicro common stock, and these estimates are subject to uncertainties, including the future financial performance of AppliedMicro and future financial market conditions.

*General.*

In connection with the review of the transactions by AppliedMicro's board of directors, Morgan Stanley performed a variety of financial and comparative analyses for purposes of rendering its opinion. The preparation of a financial opinion is a complex process and is not necessarily susceptible to a partial analysis or summary description. In arriving at its opinion, Morgan Stanley considered the results of all of its analyses as a whole and did not attribute any particular weight to any analysis or factor it considered. Morgan Stanley believes that selecting any portion of its analyses, without considering all analyses as a whole, would create an incomplete view of the process underlying its analyses and opinion. In addition, Morgan Stanley may have given various analyses and factors more or less weight than other analyses and factors, and may have deemed various assumptions more or less probable than other assumptions. As a result, the ranges of valuations resulting from any particular analysis described above should not be

taken to be Morgan Stanley's view of the actual value of AppliedMicro or MACOM. In performing its analyses, Morgan Stanley made numerous assumptions with respect to industry performance, general business, regulatory, economic, market and financial conditions and other matters, many of which are beyond AppliedMicro's, MACOM's and Morgan Stanley's control. These



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include, among other things, the impact of competition on AppliedMicro's and MACOM's respective business and the industry generally, industry growth, and the absence of any adverse material change in the financial condition and prospects of AppliedMicro, MACOM, and the industry, or in the financial markets in general. Any estimates contained in Morgan Stanley's analyses are not necessarily indicative of future results or actual values, which may be significantly more or less favorable than those suggested by such estimates.

Morgan Stanley conducted the analyses described above solely as part of its analysis of the fairness from a financial point of view of the transaction consideration to be received by the holders of shares of AppliedMicro common stock pursuant to the merger agreement and in connection with the delivery of its opinion, dated November 20, 2016, to the AppliedMicro board of directors. These analyses do not purport to be appraisals or to reflect the prices at which shares of AppliedMicro common stock or shares of Parent's common stock might actually trade.

The consideration to be received by the holders of shares of AppliedMicro common stock pursuant to the merger agreement was determined through arm's-length negotiations between AppliedMicro and MACOM, and was approved by the AppliedMicro board of directors. Morgan Stanley provided advice to the AppliedMicro board of directors during these negotiations, but did not, however, recommend any specific consideration to AppliedMicro or the AppliedMicro board of directors, nor did Morgan Stanley opine that any specific consideration constituted the only appropriate consideration for the transactions. Morgan Stanley's opinion did not address the relative merits of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement as compared to other business or financial strategies that might be available to AppliedMicro, nor did the opinion address the underlying business decision of AppliedMicro to enter into the merger agreement or proceed with any other transaction contemplated by the merger agreement. Morgan Stanley expressed no opinion or recommendation as to how the stockholders of AppliedMicro should act or vote in connection with any of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, including, without limitation, as to whether such holders of AppliedMicro common stock should tender their common stock into the offer.

Morgan Stanley's opinion and its presentation to the AppliedMicro board of directors was one of many factors taken into consideration by the AppliedMicro board of directors in deciding to approve and adopt the merger agreement, declare the advisability of the merger agreement and approve the transactions. Consequently, the analyses as described above should not be viewed as determinative of the opinion of the AppliedMicro board of directors with respect to the transaction consideration or of whether the AppliedMicro board of directors would have been willing to agree to different consideration. Morgan Stanley's opinion was approved by a committee of Morgan Stanley investment banking and other professionals in accordance with Morgan Stanley's customary practice.

Morgan Stanley is a global financial services firm engaged in the securities, investment management and individual wealth management businesses. Its securities business is engaged in securities underwriting, trading and brokerage activities, foreign exchange, commodities and derivatives trading, prime brokerage, as well as providing investment banking, financing and financial advisory services. Morgan Stanley, its affiliates, directors and officers may at any time invest on a principal basis or manage funds that invest, hold long or short positions, finance positions, or may trade or otherwise structure and effect transactions, for their own account or the accounts of their customers, in debt or equity securities or loans of MACOM, AppliedMicro, or any other company, or any currency or commodity, that may be involved in the transactions, or any related derivative instrument.

Under the terms of its engagement letter, Morgan Stanley provided AppliedMicro and AppliedMicro's board of directors with financial advice and assistance, and the AppliedMicro board of directors with a financial opinion, described in this section and attached to this prospectus/offer as Annex C, in connection with the transactions, and AppliedMicro has agreed to pay Morgan Stanley a fee of approximately \$11 million for its services, approximately \$10 million of which is contingent upon the closing of the transactions and \$900,000 of which has already been paid following Morgan Stanley's delivery of the financial opinion. AppliedMicro has also agreed to reimburse Morgan

Stanley for certain of its expenses, including the reasonable fees of outside

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counsel and other professional advisors, incurred in connection with Morgan Stanley's engagement. In addition, AppliedMicro has agreed to indemnify Morgan Stanley and its affiliates, its and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents, and each other person, if any, controlling Morgan Stanley or any of its affiliates against certain liabilities and expenses relating to, arising out of or in connection with Morgan Stanley's engagement.

In the two years prior to the date of the opinion, Morgan Stanley and its affiliates have provided financing services to MACOM and have received approximately \$2.8 million in aggregate fees in connection with such services. In addition, Morgan Stanley or an affiliate thereof is currently a lender to MACOM. Morgan Stanley may also seek to provide financial advisory and financing services to MACOM and AppliedMicro and their respective affiliates in the future and would expect to receive fees for the rendering of these services. In addition, one of the senior members of the Morgan Stanley team on this engagement was a member of the MACOM board of directors starting in March 2013 until his resignation in September 2014.

### *Opinion of Needham & Company, LLC*

AppliedMicro retained Needham & Company to render an opinion as to the fairness, from a financial point of view, to the holders of the shares of AppliedMicro common stock (other than MACOM or any of its affiliates and other than holders who have properly demanded appraisal rights) of the consideration to be paid to such holders pursuant to the merger agreement.

On November 20, 2016, Needham & Company delivered its oral opinion, which it subsequently confirmed in writing, to the AppliedMicro board of directors that, as of that date and based upon and subject to the assumptions and other matters described in the written opinion, the transaction consideration to be paid to the holders of AppliedMicro common stock (other than MACOM or any of its affiliates and other than holders who have properly demanded appraisal rights) pursuant to the merger agreement was fair, from a financial point of view, to those holders.

**Needham & Company provided its opinion for the information and assistance of the AppliedMicro board of directors in connection with and for the purpose of the AppliedMicro board of directors' evaluation of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. Needham & Company's opinion relates only to the fairness, from a financial point of view, to the holders of the shares of AppliedMicro common stock (other than MACOM or any of its affiliates and other than holders who have properly demanded appraisal rights) of the transaction consideration, which was determined through arm's length negotiations between AppliedMicro and MACOM and not by Needham & Company. Needham & Company's opinion does not address any other aspect of the transactions or any related transaction and does not constitute a recommendation as to whether or not any holder of shares of AppliedMicro common stock should tender such shares of AppliedMicro common stock in connection with the offer or vote or act on any matter relating to the transactions.**

**The full text of Needham & Company's opinion, dated November 20, 2016, which sets forth the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered, and qualifications and limitations on and scope of the review undertaken by Needham & Company, is attached to this prospectus/offer as Annex D and is incorporated by reference herein. The summary of Needham & Company's opinion set forth below is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the opinion. You should read this opinion carefully and in its entirety.**

In arriving at its opinion, Needham & Company, among other things:

reviewed a draft of the merger agreement dated November 20, 2016;

reviewed certain publicly available information concerning AppliedMicro and MACOM and certain other relevant financial and operating data of AppliedMicro and MACOM furnished to Needham & Company by AppliedMicro;

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reviewed the historical stock prices and trading volumes of the shares of AppliedMicro common stock and MACOM common stock;

held discussions with members of management of AppliedMicro concerning current operations of and future business prospects for AppliedMicro and joint prospects for the combined companies, including the potential cost savings and other synergies that may be achieved by the combined companies;

reviewed certain financial forecasts with respect to AppliedMicro prepared by management of AppliedMicro and held discussions with members of management of AppliedMicro concerning those forecasts;

reviewed certain research analyst projections with respect to AppliedMicro and MACOM and held discussions with members of management of AppliedMicro concerning those projections;

compared certain publicly available financial data of companies whose securities are traded in the public markets and that Needham & Company deemed generally relevant to similar data for AppliedMicro and MACOM;

reviewed the financial terms of certain business combinations that Needham & Company deemed generally relevant; and

reviewed such other financial studies and analyses and considered such other matters as Needham & Company deemed appropriate.

In connection with its review and in arriving at its opinion, Needham & Company assumed and relied on the accuracy and completeness of all of the financial, accounting, legal, tax and other information discussed with or reviewed by it for purposes of its opinion and did not independently verify, nor did Needham & Company assume responsibility for independent verification of, any of that information. Needham & Company assumed the accuracy of the representations and warranties contained in the merger agreement and all related agreements. In addition, Needham & Company assumed that the transactions will be consummated on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the draft merger agreement furnished to Needham & Company without waiver, modification or amendment of any material term, condition or agreement of that agreement and that, in the course of obtaining the necessary regulatory or third party approvals, consents and releases for the transactions, no delay, limitation, restriction or condition will be imposed that would have an adverse effect on AppliedMicro, MACOM or the contemplated benefits of the transactions. Needham & Company assumed that financial forecasts for AppliedMicro provided to Needham & Company by management of AppliedMicro, including the financial projections by AppliedMicro's management described under the heading "Certain Financial Forecasts of AppliedMicro" were reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best currently available estimates and judgments of management of AppliedMicro, at the time of preparation, of the future operating and financial performance of AppliedMicro and the combined companies. Needham & Company relied, without independent verification, on the estimates of management of AppliedMicro of the potential cost savings and other synergies, including the amount and timing thereof, that may be achieved as a result of the transactions. Needham & Company also assumed, based on discussions with the management of AppliedMicro, that the research analyst projections for AppliedMicro and MACOM represent reasonable estimates of the future financial performance of AppliedMicro and MACOM. Needham & Company expressed no opinion with

respect to any of those forecasts (including cost savings and other synergies), estimates or projections or the assumptions on which they were based.

Needham & Company did not assume any responsibility for or make or obtain any independent evaluation, appraisal or physical inspection of the assets or liabilities of AppliedMicro, MACOM or any of their respective subsidiaries nor did Needham & Company evaluate the solvency or fair value of AppliedMicro, MACOM or any of their respective subsidiaries under any state or federal laws relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or similar matters. Needham & Company's opinion states that it was based on economic, monetary and market conditions as they existed and could be evaluated as of its date, and Needham & Company assumed no responsibility to update or revise its opinion based upon circumstances and events occurring after its date. Needham & Company's opinion is limited to the fairness, from a financial point of view, to the holders of the shares of

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AppliedMicro common stock (other than MACOM or any of its affiliates and other than holders who have properly demanded appraisal rights) of the transaction consideration to be paid to those holders pursuant to the merger agreement and Needham & Company expressed no opinion as to the fairness of the transactions to, or any consideration paid in connection with the transactions to, the holders of any other class of securities, creditors or other constituencies of AppliedMicro, or as to AppliedMicro's underlying business decision to engage in the transactions or the relative merits of the transactions as compared to other business strategies that might be available to AppliedMicro. In addition, Needham & Company expressed no opinion with respect to the amount or nature or any other aspect of any compensation payable to or to be received by any officers, directors or employees of any party to the transactions, or any class of those persons, relative to the transaction consideration to be paid to the holders of the shares of AppliedMicro common stock pursuant to the merger agreement or with respect to the fairness of any such compensation. Needham & Company expressed no opinion as to the value of MACOM common stock if and when issued pursuant to the transactions or the prices at which MACOM common stock or the shares of AppliedMicro common stock will actually trade at any time.

AppliedMicro imposed no limitations on Needham & Company with respect to the investigations made or procedures followed by Needham & Company in rendering its opinion.

In preparing its opinion, Needham & Company performed a variety of financial and comparative analyses. The following paragraphs summarize the material financial analyses performed by Needham & Company in arriving at its opinion. The order of analyses described does not represent relative importance or weight given to those analyses by Needham & Company. Some of the summaries of the financial analyses include information presented in tabular format. The tables are not intended to stand alone, and in order to more fully understand the financial analyses used by Needham & Company, the tables must be read together with the full text of each summary. The following quantitative information, to the extent it is based on market data, is, except as otherwise indicated, based on market data as they existed on or prior to November 20, 2016, and is not necessarily indicative of current or future market conditions.

### ***AppliedMicro Selected Companies Analysis***

Using publicly available information, Needham & Company compared selected historical and projected financial and market data ratios for AppliedMicro to the corresponding data and ratios of publicly traded companies that Needham & Company deemed generally relevant because they have lines of business that may be considered similar to AppliedMicro's Connectivity or Compute lines of business. These companies, referred to as the Selected Connectivity Companies and Selected Compute Companies, and collectively as the Selected Companies, consisted of the following:

Selected Connectivity Companies:

Broadcom Corporation

Exar Corporation

Inphi Corporation

Integrated Device Technology, Inc.

MACOM Technology Solutions Holdings, Inc.

Marvell Technology Group Ltd.

Microsemi Corporation

Selected Compute Companies:

Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.

Cavium, Inc.

Intel Corporation

QUALCOMM Incorporated



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The following tables set forth information concerning the following multiples for the Selected Companies and for AppliedMicro implied by the offer:

enterprise value as a multiple of last 12 months, or LTM, revenue;

enterprise value as a multiple of projected calendar year, or CY, 2016, 2017 and 2018 revenue;

enterprise value as a multiple of LTM earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA;

enterprise value as a multiple of projected CY 2016, 2017 and 2018 EBITDA;

price as a multiple of LTM earnings per share, or EPS; and

price as a multiple of projected CY 2016, 2017 and 2018 EPS.

Needham & Company calculated multiples for the Selected Companies using consensus research analyst projections and the closing stock prices for the Selected Companies on November 18, 2016. Needham & Company calculated multiples for AppliedMicro based on the transaction consideration for two cases, one using AppliedMicro's management's projections, referred to in the tables below as target case, and the other using consensus research analyst projections, referred to in the tables below as street case. Needham & Company calculated multiples for AppliedMicro using a transaction consideration value of \$8.36 per share, reflecting \$3.25 in cash and 0.1089 of a share of MACOM common stock at the November 18, 2016 closing price of MACOM common stock of \$46.95 per share.

All financial information used in the AppliedMicro Selected Companies Analysis, as well as in the Selected Transactions Analysis, Discounted Cash Flow Analysis and MACOM Selected Companies Analysis described below, excluded the impact of non-recurring items. EBITDA and EPS amounts used in those analyses as well as in the Pro Forma Transaction Analysis described below also excluded the impact of stock-based compensation expense.

	Selected Companies				Applied Micro Circuits Implied by Offer	
	High	Low	Mean	Median Street Case	Target Case	Target Case
Enterprise value to LTM revenues	9.0x	1.7x	4.5x	4.4x	4.1x	4.1x
Enterprise value to projected CY 2016 revenues	7.2x	2.0x	4.2x	4.4x	4.1x	4.1x
Enterprise value to projected CY 2017 revenues	5.0x	1.9x	3.6x	4.2x	3.5x	4.3x
Enterprise value to projected CY 2018 revenues	4.7x	1.7x	3.3x	3.5x	3.5x	3.3x
Enterprise value to LTM EBITDA	36.8x	7.2x	16.6x	16.8x	NM	NM

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Enterprise value to projected CY 2016 EBITDA	43.3x	7.6x	17.0x	15.2x	NM	NM
Enterprise value to projected CY 2017 EBITDA	29.2x	6.8x	13.5x	12.0x	22.0x	NM
Enterprise value to projected CY 2018 EBITDA	21.5x	6.6x	11.1x	9.8x	NA	NM
Price to LTM EPS	44.4x	13.8x	23.3x	19.5x	NM	NM
Price to projected CY 2016 EPS	36.2x	13.4x	22.6x	20.4x	NM	NM
Price to projected CY 2017 EPS	25.1x	12.3x	17.4x	16.9x	NM	NM
Price to projected CY 2018 EPS	20.5x	11.4x	14.5x	14.5x	NM	NM

For purposes of the above chart, NM reflects multiples that were not deemed relevant because they were less than zero or exceeded 50, and NA means that the information was not available.

***Selected Transactions Analysis***

Needham & Company reviewed publicly available financial information for the following selected merger and acquisition transactions, which represent transactions completed since January 1, 2012 that involved target

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companies that were publicly traded U.S. semiconductor companies and had transaction equity values of between \$250 million and \$1 billion:

<b>Close Date</b>	<b>Acquirer</b>	<b>Target</b>
February 23, 2016	Mellanox Technologies, Ltd.	EZchip Semiconductor Ltb.
December 7, 2015	Investor Consortium	Integrated Silicon Solution, Inc.
November 24, 2015	Diodes Incorporated	Pericom Semiconductor Corporation
August 3, 2015	Microchip Technology Incorporated	Micrel, Incorporated
May 5, 2015	Avago Technologies Limited	Emulex Corporation
April 30, 2015	MaxLinear, Inc.	Entropic Communications, Inc.
April 28, 2015	Microsemi Corporation	Vitesse Semiconductor Corporation
March 10, 2015	Lattice Semiconductor Corporation	Silicon Image, Inc.
December 12, 2014	Murata Electronics North America, Inc.	Peregrine Semiconductor Corporation
August 12, 2014	Avago Technologies Limited	PLX Technology, Inc.
April 1, 2014	Microchip Technology Incorporated	Supertex, Inc.
October 1, 2013	Maxim Integrated Products, Inc.	Volterra Semiconductor Corporation
August 2, 2012	Microchip Technology Incorporated	Standard Microsystems Corporation

In reviewing the selected transactions, Needham & Company calculated, for the selected transactions and for the offer:

enterprise value as a multiple of LTM revenues; and

enterprise value as a multiple of LTM EBITDA.

Needham & Company calculated multiples for AppliedMicro based on the transaction consideration, using a transaction consideration value of \$8.36 per share.

The following table sets forth information concerning the multiples described above for the selected transactions and the same multiples implied by the offer.

	<b>Selected Transactions</b>				<b>Implied by Offer</b>
	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Median</b>	
Enterprise value to LTM revenues	5.8x	1.0x	2.6x	2.3x	4.1x
Enterprise value to LTM EBITDA	26.2x	9.1x	16.4x	15.9x	NM

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Needham & Company reviewed publicly available financial information for the following selected merger and acquisition transactions, which represent transactions completed since January 1, 2012 that involved publicly traded technology companies which had transaction equity values of between \$250 million and \$5 billion and involved mixed cash/stock consideration:

**Acquirer**

Cavium, Inc.  
FormFactor, Inc.  
Brocade Communications Systems, Inc.  
Microchip Technology Incorporated  
Microsemi Corporation  
Envestnet, Inc.  
Microchip Technology Incorporated  
TTM Technologies, Inc.  
Harris Corporation  
MaxLinear, Inc.  
Mitel Networks Corporation  
Alliance Data Systems Corporation  
R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company  
Trulia, Inc.  
DigitalGlobe, Inc.  
Riverbed Technology, Inc.  
Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.

**Target**

QLogic Corporation  
Cascade Microtech, Inc.  
Ruckus Wireless, Inc.  
Atmel Corporation  
PMC-Sierra, Inc.  
Yodlee, Inc.  
Micrel, Incorporated  
Viasystems Group, Inc.  
Exelis Inc.  
Entropic Communications, Inc.  
Mavenir Systems, Inc.  
Conversant, Inc.  
Consolidated Graphics, Inc.  
Market Leader, Inc.  
GeoEye, Inc.  
OPNET Technologies, Inc.  
SureWest Communications

In examining these transactions, Needham & Company analyzed the premium of consideration offered to the acquired company's stock price one trading day, five trading days, 30 trading days and 90 trading days prior to the announcement of the transaction.

Needham & Company calculated premiums for AppliedMicro based on the transaction consideration, using a transaction consideration value of \$8.36 per share, and the closing prices per share one trading day, five trading days, 30 trading days and 90 trading days prior to November 18, 2016, the last trading day prior to announcement of the merger agreement. The following table sets forth information concerning the stock price premiums in the selected transactions and the stock price premiums implied by the offer.

	Selected Transactions				Implied by Offer
	High	Low	Mean	Median	
One trading day stock price premium	49.8%	(2.5)%	25.2%	31.0%	15.4%
Five trading day stock price premium	58.2%	(4.9)%	25.8%	28.5%	12.3%
30 trading day stock price premium	83.9%	(5.8)%	31.4%	31.4%	23.4%
90 trading day stock price premium	106.3%	(12.1)%	40.7%	44.6%	23.6%

**Discounted Cash Flow Analysis**

Needham & Company performed illustrative discounted cash flow analyses to determine indicators of illustrative implied equity values for AppliedMicro and illustrative implied equity values per share based on AppliedMicro management's projections. Needham & Company calculated a range of indications of the present value of unlevered free cash flows for AppliedMicro for the projected fourth quarter of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017 (referred to as fiscal year 2017), and for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2018, March 31, 2019, and March 31, 2020 (referred to as fiscal years 2018, 2019 and 2020, respectively). In calculating the ranges of present values of unlevered cash flows, Needham & Company used discount rates ranging from 14.3% to 22.3%.

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The range of discount rates, reflecting an estimated range of weighted average costs of capital of AppliedMicro, was selected by Needham & Company utilizing its professional judgment and experience, and was calculated using an assumed equity market risk premium based upon data from Duff & Phelps, a levered beta estimate based upon Bloomberg financial databases, an assumed size-related risk premium based upon data from Duff & Phelps, and an assumed risk-free rate based on the U.S. Government 10-year Treasury note yield, and took account of risks associated with AppliedMicro's stage of development. Needham & Company then calculated a range of illustrative terminal enterprise values at the end of fiscal year 2020, by applying multiples ranging from 2.25x to 3.75x to AppliedMicro management's estimate of its fiscal year 2020 revenue. The range of multiples was selected by Needham & Company utilizing its professional judgment and experience by reference to the longer term revenue multiples for AppliedMicro. These illustrative terminal enterprise values were then discounted to calculate ranges of implied indications of present values using discount rates ranging from 14.3% to 22.3%. Needham & Company then added the ranges of the implied present values of AppliedMicro's unlevered free cash flows for the projected periods to the ranges of implied present values of AppliedMicro's terminal enterprise values to derive ranges of implied present enterprise values of AppliedMicro. Needham & Company then added AppliedMicro's net cash, based on cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments at September 30, 2016, to arrive at the ranges of implied present equity values. Needham & Company calculated AppliedMicro's estimated fully-diluted shares outstanding at the end of fiscal year 2020 based on AppliedMicro management's estimates of 3.5% annual future share dilution to current stockholders resulting from issuances of equity compensation awards, and divided the implied present equity values by these estimated outstanding share numbers. This analysis indicated an implied per share equity reference range for AppliedMicro of \$4.47 to \$8.89.

Needham & Company also performed an illustrative discounted cash flow analysis to determine indicators of illustrative implied value of future tax savings based on AppliedMicro's net operating loss carryforwards and research and development credit carryforwards. In calculating the ranges of present values of future tax savings, Needham & Company used Company management's projections for earnings before taxes (referred to as EBT) through fiscal year 2020 and a 3% annual long-term EBT growth rate through the expiration of all applicable tax credits in the fiscal year 2036. Needham & Company then calculated the applicable tax savings for each fiscal year from AppliedMicro's net operating loss carryforwards and research and development credit carryforwards using a Company management's estimated tax rate of 35% to imply the future values of tax savings. These illustrative future values of tax savings were then discounted to calculate ranges of implied indications of present values using discount rates ranging from 14.3% to 22.3%. Needham & Company then divided these indicated present values by AppliedMicro's estimated fully-diluted shares of AppliedMicro common stock outstanding at the end of fiscal year 2020, calculated as described above. This analysis indicated an implied per share value reference range of \$0.54 to \$0.90. The value of future tax savings is dependent on numerous factors, including the operating or financial results achieved by AppliedMicro, expiration or limitation of the various tax credits, changes in regulations that inhibit AppliedMicro from realizing the tax benefits in the future, the tax rates of jurisdictions to which AppliedMicro owes a tax liability. The values may vary from estimated results, and these variations may be material.

***Present Value of Future Share Price Analysis***

Needham & Company performed an illustrative analysis of the implied present value of the future price per share using AppliedMicro management's estimates, which is designed to provide an indication of the present value of a theoretical value of AppliedMicro's equity as a function of AppliedMicro's estimated future revenue and its assumed price to a revenue multiple. For this analysis, Needham & Company used certain financial information from AppliedMicro management's estimates for each of AppliedMicro's 2017 to 2020 fiscal years.

Needham & Company calculated the implied values per share as of March 31 for each of the fiscal years 2017 through 2020 by applying illustrative revenue multiples of 2.25x to 3.75x to Company management's revenue estimates,

adding the net cash balance as of September 30, 2016, dividing by an assumed diluted share count, and then discounting these theoretical future values of AppliedMicro's equity on a per share basis to present values at November 20, 2016, using discount rates ranging from 14.3% to 22.3%, reflecting estimates of

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AppliedMicro's cost of equity. The assumed diluted shares count was based on AppliedMicro management's estimates of 3.5% annual future share dilution to current stockholders resulting from issuances of equity compensation awards.

The following table presents the results of these analyses:

FY 2017		FY 2018		FY 2019		FY 2020	
\$4.91	\$7.79	\$3.70	\$6.25	\$4.00	\$7.40	\$4.49	\$9.05

***MACOM Selected Companies Analysis***

Using publicly available information, Needham & Company compared selected historical and projected financial and market data ratios for MACOM to the corresponding data and ratios of publicly traded companies that Needham & Company deemed generally relevant because they have lines of business that may be considered similar to MACOM's lines of business because they produce similar products. These companies, referred to as the MACOM Selected Companies, consisted of the following:

Broadcom Corporation

Cobham plc

Microsemi Corporation

Qorvo, Inc.

Skyworks Solutions, Inc.

The following tables set forth information concerning the following multiples for the MACOM Selected Companies and for MACOM:

enterprise value as a multiple of LTM revenues;

enterprise value as a multiple of projected CY 2016, 2016 and 2017 revenues;

enterprise value as a multiple of LTM EBITDA;

enterprise value as a multiple of projected CY 2016, 2017 and 2018 EBITDA;

price as a multiple of LTM EPS; and

price as a multiple of projected CY 2016, 2017 and 2018 EPS.



Needham & Company calculated multiples for the MACOM Selected Companies using consensus research analyst projections and the closing stock prices for the MACOM Selected Companies on November 18, 2016. Needham & Company calculated multiples for MACOM using consensus research analyst projections and the closing stock price for MACOM common stock on November 18, 2016.

	Selected Companies				MACOM
	High	Low	Mean	Median	
Enterprise value to LTM revenues	7.5x	1.6x	4.2x	4.2x	5.2x
Enterprise value to projected CY 2016 revenues	5.6x	1.8x	3.8x	4.2x	4.8x
Enterprise value to projected CY 2017 revenues	5.0x	1.7x	3.5x	3.7x	4.2x
Enterprise value to projected CY 2018 revenues	4.7x	1.7x	3.3x	3.4x	3.8x
Enterprise value to LTM EBITDA	17.4x	8.5x	12.1x	9.4x	17.6x
Enterprise value to projected CY 2016 EBITDA	15.5x	7.9x	10.8x	10.5x	16.2x
Enterprise value to projected CY 2017 EBITDA	12.8x	7.1x	9.4x	9.4x	12.5x
Enterprise value to projected CY 2018 EBITDA	11.6x	5.8x	8.6x	8.6x	11.0x
Price to LTM EPS	17.8x	10.2x	14.1x	14.0x	24.6x
Price to projected CY 2016 EPS	17.2x	11.9x	14.3x	14.2x	22.8x
Price to projected CY 2017 EPS	13.9x	10.2x	12.3x	12.3x	17.3x
Price to projected CY 2018 EPS	12.7x	8.4x	11.0x	11.4x	14.9x

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Needham & Company prepared illustrative pro forma analyses of the financial impact of the first merger based on the transaction consideration, estimated financial results of AppliedMicro and MACOM for fiscal years ending September 30, 2017 and 2018 (referred to as MACOM FY 2017 and MACOM FY 2018, respectively), and estimated transaction expenses, and assuming cost savings and other synergies resulting from the transactions. The estimated financial results of AppliedMicro and transaction expenses and synergies were based upon AppliedMicro management's estimates, and assumed that MACOM would dispose of or exit AppliedMicro's ARM business after completion of the transaction. These estimates excluded \$2 million and \$21 million in revenues and \$71 million and \$95 million in total costs associated with the ARM business in MACOM FY 2017 and MACOM FY 2018, respectively which were based on Company management's estimates. The estimated financial results of MACOM were based on certain research analyst projections. The estimated cost savings and other synergies, aggregating \$29.2 million and \$35.5 million in MACOM FY 2017 and MACOM FY 2018, respectively, were based on AppliedMicro management's estimates. Based upon these estimates and assumptions, Needham & Company noted that the transactions would result in accretion to the estimated EPS of MACOM for MACOM FY 2017 and MACOM FY 2018. The actual operating or financial results achieved by the combined entity may vary from estimated results, and these variations may be material.

***Present Value of Future MACOM Pro Forma Share Price Analysis***

Needham & Company performed an illustrative analysis of the implied present value of the future pro forma price per share of MACOM common stock, using estimated financial results for MACOM and AppliedMicro for MACOM FY 2017 and MACOM FY 2018, and estimated transaction expenses and synergies resulting from the transactions, in each case based on the information sources described under *Pro Forma Transaction Analysis* above. The analysis is designed to provide an indication of the offer value, by adding the cash consideration of \$3.25 per share to the theoretical value of 0.1089 of a share of MACOM common stock, based on the projected pro forma earnings per share of MACOM for MACOM FY 2017 and MACOM 2018 and the assumed price to earnings multiple.

Needham & Company calculated a range of implied present values of the future pro forma prices per share of MACOM common stock for MACOM FY 2017 and MACOM FY 2018 by applying a range of price to LTM earnings multiples from 18.0x to 24.0x, and a range of synergies to be realized from \$0 to \$29.2 million and \$0 to \$35.5 million for MACOM FY 2017 and MACOM FY 2018, respectively, and then discounting to present value using a discount rate of 14.5% reflecting an estimate of MACOM's cost of equity. The range of multiples was selected by Needham & Company utilizing its professional judgment and experience by reference to current trading multiples of the MACOM. The range of synergies was selected by Needham & Company utilizing its professional judgment and experience by reference to AppliedMicro management's estimates. The following table presents the results of these analyses:

	<b>MACOM FY 2017</b>		<b>MACOM FY 2018</b>	
Implied Offer Value	\$ 8.07	\$10.58	\$ 8.41	\$11.09

***Miscellaneous***

No company, transaction or business used in the *AppliedMicro Selected Companies Analysis*, *Selected Transactions Analysis*, *Premiums Paid Analysis* or *MACOM Selected Companies Analysis* as a comparison is identical to AppliedMicro or MACOM or to the transactions. Accordingly, an evaluation of the results of these analyses is not entirely mathematical; rather, it involves complex considerations and judgments concerning differences in the financial and operating characteristics and other factors that could affect the acquisition, public trading or other values

of the selected companies or selected transactions or the business segment, company or transaction to which they are being compared.

The summary set forth above does not purport to be a complete description of the analyses performed by Needham & Company in connection with the rendering of its opinion. The preparation of a fairness opinion is a

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complex analytical process involving various determinations as to the most appropriate and relevant quantitative and qualitative methods of financial analyses and the application of those methods to the particular circumstances and, therefore, such an opinion is not readily susceptible to summary description. Accordingly, Needham & Company believes that its analyses must be considered as a whole and that selecting portions of its analyses or the factors it considered, without considering all analyses and factors, could create a misleading or incomplete view of the process underlying its analyses and opinion. Needham & Company did not attribute any specific weight to any factor or analysis considered by it. The fact that any specific analysis has been referred to in the summary above is not meant to indicate that such analysis was given greater weight than any other analysis.

In performing its analyses, Needham & Company made numerous assumptions with respect to industry performance, general business and economic conditions and other matters, many of which are beyond AppliedMicro's or MACOM's control. Any estimates contained in or underlying these analyses, including estimates of AppliedMicro's and MACOM's future performance, are not necessarily indicative of actual values or predictive of future results or values, which may be significantly more or less favorable than those estimates. Additionally, analyses relating to the values of businesses or assets do not purport to be appraisals or necessarily reflect the prices at which businesses or assets may actually be sold or the prices at which any securities have traded or may trade at any time in the future. Accordingly, these analyses and estimates are inherently subject to substantial uncertainty. Needham & Company's opinion and its related analyses were only one of many factors considered by the AppliedMicro board of directors in their evaluation of the transactions and should not be viewed as determinative of the views of the AppliedMicro board of directors or management with respect to the transaction consideration.

Under the terms of the Company's engagement letter with Needham & Company, the Company has paid or agreed to pay a nonrefundable fee of \$600,000 that became payable upon Needham & Company's delivery of its opinion with respect to the Merger Agreement and no portion of Needham & Company's fee is contingent on the successful completion of the Offer or the Merger. In addition, the Company has agreed to reimburse Needham & Company for certain of its out-of-pocket expenses and to indemnify Needham & Company and related persons against various liabilities, including certain liabilities under the federal securities laws.

Needham & Company is a nationally recognized investment banking firm. As part of its investment banking services, Needham & Company is regularly engaged in the valuation of businesses and their securities in connection with merger and acquisitions, negotiated underwritings, secondary distributions of securities, private placements and other purposes. Needham & Company believes that it was retained by the AppliedMicro board of directors as a financial advisor to provide its opinion based on Needham & Company's experience as a financial advisor in mergers and acquisitions as well as Needham & Company's familiarity with AppliedMicro and its industry generally. Needham & Company has not in the past two years provided investment banking or financial advisory services to AppliedMicro unrelated to its current engagement for which it has received compensation. Needham & Company has not in the past two years provided investment banking or financial advisory services to MACOM or the Purchaser for which it has received compensation. Needham & Company may in the future provide investment banking and financial advisory services to AppliedMicro, MACOM, or their respective affiliates unrelated to the transactions, for which services Needham & Company would expect to receive compensation. In the normal course of its business, Needham & Company may actively trade equity securities of AppliedMicro and MACOM for its own account or for the account of its customers or affiliates and, therefore, may at any time hold a long or short position in those securities.

## **Certain Financial Forecasts of AppliedMicro**

AppliedMicro does not, as a matter of course, make detailed or long-term public forecasts or projections as to its future financial performance due to the unpredictability of the underlying assumptions and estimates. However, AppliedMicro's management regularly prepared internal forecasts and projections for use by the board of directors and

management for planning and decision-making purposes. In addition, in connection with the strategic process, including, without limitation, the due diligence process and evaluation of the offer, the merger

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agreement and the transactions, AppliedMicro's senior management prepared financial projections for fiscal years 2017 through 2020, including certain projections of AppliedMicro's operations presented by line of business (the "projections"). These projections were provided to the AppliedMicro board of directors, Morgan Stanley, Needham & Company, and MACOM, in preparation for their analysis and evaluation of AppliedMicro and its businesses. To give AppliedMicro stockholders access to certain nonpublic information that was available to MACOM and the AppliedMicro board of directors at the time of the evaluation of the merger agreement and the transactions AppliedMicro's senior management has included these projections below.

These projections were developed from historical financial statements and a series of assumptions and estimates of management related to future trends and did not give effect to any changes or expenses as a result of the offer, the merger agreement or the transactions or any other effects of such terms. AppliedMicro has one operating segment and therefore one reportable segment, and its management evaluates AppliedMicro's performance and makes decisions regarding allocation of resources based on overall AppliedMicro results. AppliedMicro does not provide line of business operating results on a standalone business, and the separate line of business projections set forth below were prepared and provided only for diligence and valuation purposes with respect to the proposed transactions. The projections were prepared by AppliedMicro's management for internal use and were not prepared with a view toward public disclosure, except to the parties identified above, nor were they prepared with a view toward compliance with published guidelines of the SEC, the guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for preparation and presentation of financial forecasts or generally accepted accounting principles. The projections do not comply with generally accepted accounting principles. No independent registered public accounting firm, has examined, compiled, nor performed any procedures with respect to the accompanying projected financial information, nor have they expressed any opinion or any other form of assurance on such information or its achievability, and assume no responsibility for, and disclaim any association with, the prospective financial information. The projections were prepared by employees of AppliedMicro without the assistance of MACOM, Purchaser or any of their affiliates.

Before entering into the merger agreement, representatives of MACOM and the Purchaser conducted a due diligence review of AppliedMicro, and in connection with their review MACOM and the Purchaser received certain non-public information concerning AppliedMicro, including the projections that were also furnished to Morgan Stanley and Needham & Company. AppliedMicro management and the AppliedMicro board of directors instructed Morgan Stanley and Needham & Company to rely on these projections for the purposes of rendering their fairness opinions described in more detail above. AppliedMicro's management also advised MACOM and Purchaser that the financial projections provided to them on November 14, 2016 and set forth below for fiscal years 2017 through 2020 represented AppliedMicro's management's best estimate as to AppliedMicro's future performance on a stand-alone basis.

These projections were based on numerous variables and assumptions that are inherently uncertain and may be beyond the control of AppliedMicro and exclude, among other things, transaction-related expenses. The projections show condensed operating results, EBIT and EBITDA for WholeCo and AppliedMicro's three separate lines of business, Connectivity, ARM and PowerPC. Important factors that may affect actual results and results of AppliedMicro's operations, or could lead to the projections not being achieved include, but are not limited to: customer demand for AppliedMicro's products, successful and timely development of products, an evolving competitive landscape, rapid technological change, increased supplier lead times and other supply chain constraints, the businesses and budgeting decisions of AppliedMicro's major customers, which may cause delays, reductions, rescheduling or cancellation of customer orders, successful management and retention of key personnel and service providers, market acceptance of new products and technologies, legal and regulatory developments, unexpected expenses and general economic conditions, and do not take into account any restructuring or related activities that AppliedMicro may undertake, and other factors that are more fully described in the "Risk Factors" section of AppliedMicro's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016, Quarterly Report on Form 10Q for the fiscal quarter ended

June 30, 2016, and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2016, as filed with the SEC. The assumptions upon

which the projections were based necessarily involve judgments with respect to, among other things, future

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economic, competitive and regulatory conditions, financial market conditions and conditions in the industries in which AppliedMicro operates, all of which are difficult or impossible to predict accurately and many of which are beyond the control of AppliedMicro and its management. The projections also reflect assumptions as to certain business decisions that are subject to change.

Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the projections will be realized, and actual results may vary materially from those shown. The inclusion of the projections in this prospectus/offer should not be regarded as an indication that any member of AppliedMicro or any of their respective affiliates, advisors, officers, directors, partners, members or representatives considered or consider the projections to be predictive of actual future events, and the internal financial forecasts should not be relied upon as such. Neither AppliedMicro nor any of its respective affiliates, advisors, officers, directors, partners, members or representatives can give you any assurance that actual results will not differ from the projections, and none of them undertakes any obligation to update or otherwise revise or reconcile the projections to reflect circumstances existing after the date such projections were generated or to reflect the occurrence of future events even in the event that any or all of the assumptions underlying the projections are shown to be in error. Neither AppliedMicro nor any of their respective affiliates intends to make publicly available an update or other revisions to the projections. Neither AppliedMicro nor any of their respective affiliates, advisors, officers, directors, partners, members or representatives has made or makes any representation to any stockholder or other person regarding the ultimate performance of AppliedMicro compared to the information contained in the projections or that the projections will be achieved. AppliedMicro has made no representation to MACOM or Purchaser or any of their respective affiliates concerning the projections.

The summary of the projections is not being included in this prospectus/offer to influence any stockholder's decision whether to tender their shares in the offer, but because this information was made available by AppliedMicro to MACOM, the Purchaser, Morgan Stanley and Needham & Company. The information from the projections should be evaluated, if at all, in conjunction with the historical financial statements and other information regarding AppliedMicro contained in AppliedMicro's public filings with the SEC.

All projections are forward-looking statements. These and other forward-looking statements are expressly qualified in their entirety by the risks and uncertainties identified above and the cautionary statements contained in AppliedMicro's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016 and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2016. Any provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that may be referenced in these, or AppliedMicro's other, periodic reports are not applicable to any forward looking statements made in connection with the offer.

**Stockholders are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the projections included in this prospectus/offer.**



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The tables below present selected projected financial information for the fiscal years ending March 31, 2017 through 2020.

(Whole Co. \$ in millions)	For Fiscal Year Ending March 31			
	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Revenue	\$ 169	\$ 160	\$ 232	\$ 345
Operating Income (1)	\$ (1)	\$ (38)	\$ (6)	\$ 68
Adjusted EBITDA (2)	\$ 6	\$ (27)	\$ 10	\$ 85
Net Income (Loss) (3)	\$ (0)	\$ (38)	\$ (6)	\$ 68
EPS (4)	\$	\$ (0.42)	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.74

(Connectivity \$ in millions) (5)	For Fiscal Year Ending March 31			
	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Revenue	\$ 102	\$ 138	\$ 170	\$ 207
Operating Income	\$ 25	\$ 35	\$ 52	\$ 75
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 28	\$ 41	\$ 61	\$ 86
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 25	\$ 35	\$ 52	\$ 75

(PowerPC \$ in millions) (5)	For Fiscal Year Ending March 31			
	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Revenue	\$ 66	\$ 15	\$ 11	
Operating Income	\$ 34	\$ 3	\$ 2	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 34	\$ 3	\$ 2	
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 34	\$ 3	\$ 2	

(ARM \$ in millions) (5)	For Fiscal Year Ending March 31			
	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Revenue	\$ 2	\$ 7	\$ 51	\$ 138
Operating Income	\$ (59)	\$ (76)	\$ (60)	\$ (7)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ (56)	\$ (71)	\$ (54)	\$ (1)
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (59)	\$ (76)	\$ (60)	\$ (7)

**Notes:**

1. Operating Income (Loss), as used in these projections, is a non-GAAP financial measure and represents GAAP operating income (loss) adjusted to exclude stock-based compensation and transaction related expenses.
2. Adjusted EBITDA, as used in these projections, represents earnings before interest income, taxes, depreciation and amortization presented on a non-GAAP basis excluding stock-based compensation and transaction related

expenses.

3. Net Income (Loss), as used in these projections, is a non-GAAP financial measure and represents GAAP net income (loss) adjusted to exclude stock-based compensation and transaction related expenses.
4. Earnings per share, as used in these projections, is a non-GAAP financial measure.
5. The Whole Co. projections are the arithmetic sum of the amounts in the Connectivity, PowerPC and ARM tables, rounded.

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The following Management Case for prospective unlevered free cash flows was used by Morgan Stanley in its financial analysis and was derived from forecasts provided by AppliedMicro senior management for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2017 and fiscal years 2018 through 2020, and extrapolations for fiscal years 2021 through 2026 based on guidance provided by AppliedMicro management. Needham & Company used the prospective unlevered free cash flows derived from forecasts provided by AppliedMicro senior management for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2017 and fiscal years 2018 through 2020 in its financial analysis.

## Unaudited Management Case Forecasts

(in millions of U.S. dollars)

	Fiscal quarter ended	Fiscal year ended March 31,										Terminal Year ended
	March 31,	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	March 31, 2026E
Adjusted EBITDA (1)	(0)	(27)	10	85	141	203	239	263	280	291	291	
Less: Stock Based Compensation	(6)	(29)	(33)	(34)	(40)	(45)	(55)	(61)	(66)	(69)	(69)	
Less: Taxes (2)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(12)	(27)	(44)	(52)	(56)	(60)	(62)	(62)	
Less: Increase in Net Working Capital (3)	(2)	(3)	(15)	(10)	(19)	(19)	(18)	(12)	(9)	(5)	(5)	
Less: Capital Expenditures	(5)	(18)	(25)	(16)	(28)	(35)	(39)	(43)	(46)	(45)	(45)	
Unlevered Free Cash Flows (4)	(12)	(77)	(63)	13	26	58	75	90	99	110	110	

**Notes:**

1. Per projections in the table preceding the above table, except for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017, with the adjustments listed in note 2 to such table.
2. 35% tax rate.
3. (Inventory + accounts receivable) - accounts payable.
4. Needham & Company advised AppliedMicro senior management that its free cash flow figure is a non-GAAP financial measure calculated by starting with operating income (as shown in the projections table in this section) and subtracting cash taxes payable, capital expenditures, and investment in working capital, and then adding back depreciation and amortization expense. The free cash flow figures for the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2017 and the fiscal years ending March 31, 2018 through March 31, 2020 used in the Needham & Company analysis may differ from those reflected in the table above because Needham & Company calculates cash taxes payable as 35% of positive EBIT. Needham & Company utilizes this method due to the uncertainty related to AppliedMicro's ability to recognize tax benefits of net operating losses or other tax credits due to potential Section 382 of the Code ownership changes and other factors. Any tax benefits from net operating losses or other tax credits are calculated, whether existing, created, or used during the projection period and beyond, on a separate schedule from the discounted cash flow analysis. The present value of this benefit, on a per share basis, is included as a separate line item in the Needham & Company Discounted Cash Flow Analysis.



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The following Company Street Case for prospective unlevered free cash flows was also used by Morgan Stanley in its financial analysis and was derived from Thompson consensus forecasts as of November 18, 2016 for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2017 and fiscal year 2018 and with extrapolations for fiscal years 2019 through 2026 based on guidance provided by AppliedMicro's senior management.

## Unaudited Company Street Case Forecasts

(in millions of U.S. dollars)

	Fiscal quarter ended		Fiscal year ended March 31,							Terminal Year ended March 31,	
	March 31, 2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2026E
Adjusted EBITDA	3	29	45	66	87	108	128	146	156	162	162
Less: Stock Based Compensation	(6)	(26)	(29)	(30)	(30)	(28)	(27)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(27)
Less: Taxes	(0)	(0)	(2)	(8)	(15)	(22)	(29)	(36)	(39)	(41)	(41)
Less: Increase in Net Working Capital	(0)	(5)	(6)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(7)	(6)	(4)	(2)	(2)
Less: Capital Expenditures	(1)	(4)	(7)	(10)	(12)	(14)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(19)
Unlevered Free Cash Flows	(5)	(6)	1	10	22	36	49	62	69	73	73

None of AppliedMicro, MACOM, or their respective affiliates, advisors, officers, directors or representatives has made or makes any representation to any AppliedMicro stockholders or any other person regarding AppliedMicro's ultimate performance compared to the information contained in the forecasts or that forecasted results will be achieved.

**Ownership of MACOM After the Transactions**

It is estimated that former stockholders of AppliedMicro will own in the aggregate approximately 16.1% of the outstanding shares of MACOM common stock immediately following consummation of the transaction, assuming that:

MACOM acquires through the offer and the first merger one hundred percent (100%) of the outstanding shares of common stock of AppliedMicro;

in the offer and the first merger, MACOM issues 10,354,000 shares of MACOM common stock as part of the transaction consideration (see Note 2 to the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements for the calculation of the estimated shares to be issued); and

immediately following completion of the transactions, there are 64,151,893 shares of MACOM common stock outstanding (calculated by adding 53,797,893, the number of shares of MACOM common stock outstanding as of January 12, 2017 (excluding treasury shares), plus 10,354,000, the number of shares of MACOM common stock estimated to be issued as part of the transaction consideration).

**Dissenters Rights**

No appraisal rights are available to AppliedMicro stockholders in connection with the offer. However, if the first merger is consummated, the holders of shares of AppliedMicro common stock immediately prior to the

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effective time who (1) did not tender their shares of AppliedMicro common stock in the offer; (2) follow the procedures set forth in Section 262 of the DGCL; and (3) do not thereafter withdraw their demand for appraisal of such shares or otherwise lose their appraisal rights, in each case in accordance with the DGCL, will be entitled to have their shares appraised by the Delaware Court of Chancery and receive payment of the fair value of such shares, exclusive of any element of value arising from the accomplishment or expectation of the transactions, together with a fair rate of interest, as determined by such court.

The fair value of any shares of AppliedMicro common stock could be based upon considerations other than, or in addition to, the price paid in the offer and the first merger and the market value of such shares. AppliedMicro stockholders should recognize that the value so determined could be higher or lower than, or the same as, the consideration payable in the offer and the first merger. Moreover, MACOM and AppliedMicro may argue in an appraisal proceeding that, for purposes of such proceeding, the fair value of such shares of AppliedMicro common stock is less than such amount.

Under Section 262 of the DGCL, if a merger is approved under Section 251(h) of the DGCL, either a constituent corporation before the effective date of the merger, or the first surviving company within ten (10) days thereafter, will notify each of the holders of any class or series of stock of such constituent corporation who is entitled to appraisal rights of the approval of the merger or consolidation and that appraisal rights are available for any or all shares of such class or series of stock of such constituent corporation, and will include in such notice a copy of Section 262 of the DGCL. The Schedule 14D-9 will constitute the formal notice of appraisal rights under Section 262 of the DGCL.

As will be described more fully in the Schedule 14D-9, if a AppliedMicro stockholder elects to exercise appraisal rights under Section 262 of the DGCL, such stockholder must do all of the following:

within the later of the consummation of the offer and twenty (20) days after the mailing of the Schedule 14D-9, deliver to AppliedMicro a written demand for appraisal of shares of AppliedMicro common stock held, which demand must reasonably inform AppliedMicro of the identity of the stockholder and that the stockholder is demanding appraisal;

not tender AppliedMicro shares in the offer and, if applicable, not vote AppliedMicro shares in favor of the merger agreement; and

continuously hold of record the shares from the date on which the written demand for appraisal is made through the effective time.

**This does not purport to be a complete statement of the procedures to be followed by AppliedMicro stockholders desiring to exercise any appraisal rights and is qualified in its entirety by reference to Section 262 of the DGCL. The proper exercise of appraisal rights requires strict and timely adherence to the applicable provisions of Delaware law.** A copy of Section 262 of the DGCL was included as Annex C to the Schedule 14D-9 which has been filed by AppliedMicro with the SEC.

## **Plans for AppliedMicro**

In connection with the offer, MACOM has reviewed and will continue to review various possible business strategies that it might consider in the event that MACOM acquires control of AppliedMicro pursuant to the offer and the first

merger. MACOM intends to divest a portion of AppliedMicro's compute business and following a review of additional information regarding AppliedMicro, other changes could include, among other things, changes in AppliedMicro's business, operations, personnel, employee benefit plans, corporate structure, capitalization and management. See also The Transactions MACOM's Reasons for the Transactions.

***Delisting and Termination of Registration***

Following consummation of the transactions, shares of AppliedMicro common stock will no longer be eligible for inclusion on Nasdaq and will be withdrawn from listing. Assuming that AppliedMicro qualifies for



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termination of registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ) after the transactions are consummated, MACOM also intends to seek to terminate the registration of shares of AppliedMicro common stock under the Exchange Act.

### ***Board of Directors, Management and Organizational Documents***

Upon consummation of the first merger, subject to applicable law, the directors of the Purchaser immediately prior to the effective time will become the initial directors of the first surviving company, and the officers of the Purchaser immediately prior to the effective time will continue as the officers of the first surviving company. At the effective time, the amended and restated certificate of incorporation of AppliedMicro, as amended (the AppliedMicro Charter ), and the amended and restated bylaws of AppliedMicro (the AppliedMicro Bylaws ) will be the certificate of incorporation and bylaws of the first surviving company.

Upon consummation of the second merger, subject to applicable law, the manager of Merger Sub immediately prior to the second effective time will become the manager of the surviving company, and, except as otherwise determined by MACOM prior to the second effective time, the officers of the corporation surviving the first merger immediately prior to the second effective time will be the officers of the company surviving the second merger. At the second effective time, the certificate of formation and limited liability company agreement of Merger Sub will be the certificate of formation and limited liability company agreement of the surviving company. From and after the effective time until the sixth (6th) anniversary thereof, the organizational documents of the surviving company as of the effective time of the second merger will contain provisions no less favorable with respect to indemnification, advancement of expenses and limitation of director, officer and employee liability for individuals who were, prior to the effective time, directors or officers of AppliedMicro, than are presently set forth in the organizational documents of AppliedMicro and certain indemnification agreements between AppliedMicro and directors and officers.

After MACOM's review of AppliedMicro and its corporate structure, management and personnel, MACOM will determine what additional changes, if any, are desirable.

### **Regulatory Approvals**

MACOM is not aware of any governmental license or regulatory permit that is material to AppliedMicro's business and might be adversely affected by the Purchaser's acquisition of AppliedMicro shares pursuant to the transactions or, except as described below or of any approval or other action by any government or governmental administrative or regulatory authority or agency, domestic or foreign, that would be required for the Purchaser's acquisition or ownership of AppliedMicro shares pursuant to the transactions. Should any of these approvals or other actions be required, MACOM and the Purchaser currently contemplate that these approvals or other actions will be sought. There can be no assurance that (a) any of these approvals or other actions, if needed, will be obtained (with or without substantial conditions), (b) if these approvals were not obtained or these other actions were not taken adverse consequences would not result to AppliedMicro's business or (c) certain parts of AppliedMicro's or MACOM's businesses, or those of any of their respective subsidiaries' businesses, would not have to be disposed of or held separate.

MACOM and AppliedMicro agreed to use their respective reasonable best efforts to obtain any required governmental or third party consents and approvals required in connection with the transactions (including in connection with the HSR Act) and, including with respect to antitrust laws, use their reasonable efforts to obtain any consent, authorization or approval of any governmental entity required as described in the merger agreement as promptly as reasonably practicable.

It is a condition to completion of the transactions the waiting period under the HSR Act has expired or been terminated. Accordingly, and in accordance with their obligations under the merger agreement, MACOM filed a Notification and Report Form with respect to the transactions with the Antitrust Division and the FTC on

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December 5, 2016. AppliedMicro also filed a Notification and Report Form with respect to the transactions with the Antitrust Division and the FTC on December 5, 2016.

On December 12, 2016, the FTC granted early termination of the waiting period under the HSR Act. With such early termination, the condition to the offer relating to the expiration or termination of the HSR Act waiting period has been satisfied.

At any time before or after consummation of the transactions, notwithstanding any termination or expiration of the waiting period under the HSR Act, the FTC or the Antitrust Division could take such action under the antitrust laws as it deems necessary under the applicable statutes, including seeking to enjoin the completion of the transactions, seeking divestiture of substantial assets of the parties or requiring the parties to license, or hold separate, assets or terminate existing relationships and contractual rights. At any time before or after the completion of the transactions, and notwithstanding any termination or expiration of the waiting period under the HSR Act, any state or other governmental entity could take such action under the antitrust laws as it deems necessary. Such action could include seeking to enjoin the completion of the transactions or seeking divestiture of substantial assets of the parties, or requiring the parties to license, or hold separate, assets or terminate existing relationships and contractual rights. Private parties may also seek to take legal action under the antitrust laws under certain circumstances. There can be no assurance that a challenge to the transactions on antitrust grounds will not be made, or if such a challenge is made, what the result will be.

## **Litigation Related to the Transaction**

*Kevin Nygren v. Applied Micro Circuits Corporation, Cesar Cesaratto, Paul R. Gray, Fred Shlapak, Robert F. Sproull, Duston Williams, Paramesh Gopi, and Christopher Zepf, No. C-16-7400-VC (N.D. Cal.).*

On December 29, 2016, Kevin Nygren, who alleges that he owns 100 shares of AppliedMicro's common stock, filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California against AppliedMicro and its board of directors. The complaint alleges that AppliedMicro's Schedule 14D-9 filed with the SEC on December 21, 2016 misstates or omits material facts regarding the process that led to the merger agreement, the opinions and analyses of AppliedMicro's financial advisors, the transaction consideration, the intrinsic value of AppliedMicro, and unspecified potential conflicts of interest faced by certain individual defendants. Based on these allegations, the complaint asserts putative class claims under Sections 14(e) of the Exchange Act (Count I), Section 14(d)(9) of the Exchange Act and SEC Rule 14d-9 (Count II), and Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act (Count III). The complaint seeks certification of a class; preliminary and permanent injunctions barring the proposed transaction with MACOM; declaratory relief; and an accounting for damages allegedly caused by and profits and special benefits allegedly obtained as a result of the defendants' actions. Defense counsel has agreed to waive formal service of summons.

On January 9, 2017, Nygren filed an ex parte motion with the court seeking a temporary restraining order barring AppliedMicro from consummating its sale or causing the expiration of MACOM's tender offer, seeking expedited discovery and a seeking a hearing to be held on or before January 25, 2017 on a motion (not yet filed) for a preliminary injunction.

On January 17, 2017, Nygren withdrew his ex parte motion without prejudice stating to the court that AppliedMicro's supplemental disclosures provided shareholders with the information identified in plaintiff's complaint and motion for temporary restraining order.

*Deven Shah v. Applied Micro Circuits Corporation, Cesar Cesaratto, Paul R. Gray, Fred Shlapak, Robert F. Sproull, Duston Williams, Paramesh Gopi, and Christopher Zepf, No. C-17-151 (N.D. Cal.).*

On January 12, 2017, Deven Shah, alleging that he owns 10,000 shares of AppliedMicro's common stock, filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California against AppliedMicro

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and its board of directors. The Shah complaint repeats, essentially verbatim, the allegations and legal theories of the Nygren complaint; the two complaints were filed by the same local counsel. Counsel for Nygren has indicated that the two plaintiffs will seek to consolidate the two cases into one and that counsel for the two plaintiffs are working together.

**Interests of Certain Persons in the Transactions**

AppliedMicro's directors and executive officers may have interests in the offer, the mergers and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement that are different from, or in addition to, the interests of the AppliedMicro stockholders generally. These interests may create potential conflicts of interest. The AppliedMicro board of directors was aware of these interests and considered them, among other matters, in approving the merger agreement and the transactions described therein.

***Treatment of Equity and Equity-Based Awards***

Certain AppliedMicro directors and executive officers hold equity and/or one or more of the following equity-based awards: options to acquire shares of AppliedMicro common stock ( AppliedMicro options ) and AppliedMicro restricted stock units ( AppliedMicro RSUs ), which equity and equity-based awards will be treated as follows in connection with the transactions.

***AppliedMicro Options***

Each AppliedMicro option that is outstanding and unexercised as of immediately prior to the effective time and that has a per-share exercise price less than the sum of the cash consideration plus the product of the stock consideration multiplied by the closing price of MACOM common stock on Nasdaq on the last trading day immediately prior to the effective time, to the extent vested in accordance with its terms as of the effective time (each, a vested in-the-money AppliedMicro option ), will be cancelled as of the effective time and thereafter will only entitle the holder of such AppliedMicro option to receive (without interest) an amount in cash and a number of shares of MACOM common stock equal to the product of the (i) transaction consideration (with the stock consideration valued based on the closing price of the MACOM common stock on Nasdaq on the last trading day immediately prior to the effective time), multiplied by (ii) that number of whole and partial (computed to the nearest four decimal places) shares of AppliedMicro common stock equal to the excess of (A) the total number of shares of AppliedMicro common stock then subject to such AppliedMicro option over (B) the number of whole and partial (computed to the nearest four decimal places) shares of AppliedMicro common stock that, when multiplied by the closing price of the AppliedMicro common stock on Nasdaq on the last trading day immediately prior to the effective time, is equal to the aggregate exercise price of such AppliedMicro option (the option consideration ). The option consideration will be paid in cash and MACOM common stock in the same proportion as is paid to AppliedMicro stockholders generally in connection with the transactions, except that MACOM may pay the option consideration in cash in excess of such proportion or wholly in cash.

Each AppliedMicro option other than a vested in-the-money AppliedMicro option that is outstanding and unexercised as of immediately prior to the effective time will be cancelled as of immediately prior to the effective time and converted into, as of the effective time, and thereafter evidence an award of stock options exercisable for shares of MACOM common stock with respect to that number of shares of MACOM common stock equal to (i) the number of whole shares of AppliedMicro common stock underlying the AppliedMicro option from which it was converted immediately prior to the effective time, multiplied by (ii) a fraction (computed to the nearest four decimal places) the numerator of which is the fair market value of one share of AppliedMicro common stock and the denominator of which is the fair market value of one share of MACOM common stock (with the fair market value of AppliedMicro

common stock and MACOM common stock determined based on their respective closing prices on Nasdaq on the last trading day immediately prior to the effective time) (after such conversion, a rollover option ). Each rollover option will have an exercise price per share of MACOM common stock (rounded up to the nearest whole cent) equal to (1)(A) the per share exercise

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price for the corresponding AppliedMicro option, divided by (B) the fair market value of one share of AppliedMicro common stock, which quotient will be multiplied by (2) the fair market value of one share of MACOM common stock (with the fair market value of AppliedMicro common stock and MACOM common stock determined based on their respective closing prices on Nasdaq on the last trading day immediately prior to the effective time), and will be subject to the same vesting terms and conditions as had been applied to the corresponding AppliedMicro option immediately prior to the effective time, subject to such modifications as required for the conversion to be consistent with exemption from Sections 409A and 424 of the Code or as may be reasonably determined by MACOM.

The approximate value of the option consideration and the approximate number of shares of MACOM common stock underlying the rollover options that each director and executive officer of AppliedMicro is expected to receive in exchange for his or her AppliedMicro options (assuming that each such director and executive officer does not otherwise forfeit or exercise any outstanding and vested AppliedMicro options prior to the effective time) is in each case set forth in the table below. This information is based on the number of shares of AppliedMicro common stock subject to the AppliedMicro options held by AppliedMicro's directors and executive officers as of December 15, 2016, a price per share of AppliedMicro common stock of \$8.46 and a price per share of MACOM common stock of \$48.03 (which are their respective average closing prices on Nasdaq over the first five (5) business days (November 22, 2016 through November 29, 2016) following November 21, 2016, the date on which the execution of the merger agreement was first publicly announced). The amounts set forth in the table below are calculated before any taxes that may be due on such amounts are paid.

Name of Executive Officer or Director	Number of Shares Subject to Vested in-the-Money AppliedMicro Options (1)	Option Consideration (\$)(2)	Number of Shares in respect of AppliedMicro Options		Total Value of AppliedMicro Options (not including Rollover Options)(\$)
			Subject to AppliedMicro Options other than Vested-in-the-Money AppliedMicro Options	respect of AppliedMicro Options other than Vested in-the-Money AppliedMicro Options (3)	
Cesar Cesaratto	35,000	48,070	32,500	5,721	48,070
Dr. Paul R. Gray	25,000	34,335	12,500	2,200	34,335
Theodore R. ( Fred ) Shlapak	18,750	33,395	25,000	4,401	33,395
Dr. Robert F. Sproull	12,500	24,999			24,999
Duston M. Williams					

Christopher P. Zepf					
Dr. Paramesh Gopi	260,000	349,243	120,000	21,132	349,243
Martin S. McDermut					
Karen Rogge					
Douglas T. Ahrens					
L. William Caraccio			120,000	21,132	
Michael Major			27,600	4,860	

- (1) For purposes of identifying Vested In-the-Money AppliedMicro Options, the value of the transaction consideration was assumed to be the sum of \$3.25 plus \$5.23, the latter of which is the product of the stock consideration multiplied by \$48.03 per share, which is the average closing price per share of MACOM common stock over the first five business days (November 22, 2016 through November 29, 2016) following the date on which the execution of the merger agreement was first publicly announced.
- (2) After calculation of the number of shares of AppliedMicro common stock underlying such Vested-in-the-Money: AppliedMicro Options that exceed that number of shares with an aggregated spread value equal to the option exercise price (such number determined based on an assumed price per share of AppliedMicro



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common stock of \$8.46, which is the average closing price on Nasdaq over the first five business days (November 22, 2016 through November 29, 2016) following the date on which the execution of the merger agreement was first publicly announced, the option consideration value was calculated based on the sum of (i) the cash consideration, (ii) cash to be received in lieu of fractional shares of MACOM common stock, and (iii) the aggregate value of the stock consideration, based on an assumed price per share of MACOM common stock of \$48.03, which is the average closing price per share of MACOM common stock over the first five business days (November 22, 2016 through November 29, 2016) following the date on which the execution of the merger agreement was first publicly announced.

- (3) For purposes of converting AppliedMicro Options other than Vested in-the-Money AppliedMicro Options to Rollover Options, the price per share of AppliedMicro common stock was assumed to be \$8.46 and the price per share of MACOM common stock was assumed to be \$48.03, each of which is the average closing price of the respective company's stock over the first five business days (November 22, 2016 through November 29, 2016) following the date on which the execution of the merger agreement was first publicly announced.

Each AppliedMicro RSU that is outstanding as of the effective time, to the extent vested in accordance with its terms as of the effective time (each, a vested AppliedMicro RSU) will be settled in that number of shares of AppliedMicro common stock underlying the vested AppliedMicro RSU as of the effective time and thereafter will entitle the holder of such vested AppliedMicro RSU to receive (without interest) an amount in cash and a number of shares of MACOM common stock equal to the transaction consideration (with the stock consideration valued based on the closing price of MACOM common stock on Nasdaq on the last trading day immediately before the effective time), in respect of each share of AppliedMicro common stock that was subject to such holder's vested AppliedMicro RSUs (the RSU consideration). The RSU consideration will be paid in cash and MACOM common stock in the same proportion as is paid to AppliedMicro stockholders generally in connection with the transactions, except that MACOM may pay the RSU consideration in cash in excess of such proportion or wholly in cash.

Each AppliedMicro RSU that is outstanding as of the effective time and is not a vested AppliedMicro RSU (each, an unvested AppliedMicro RSU), will be cancelled as of immediately prior to the effective time and converted into, as of the effective time, and thereafter evidence a RSU award with respect to the number of shares of MACOM common stock that is equal to the product of (A) the number of shares of AppliedMicro common stock subject to such unvested AppliedMicro RSU as of the effective time (for the avoidance of doubt, for AppliedMicro RSUs the vesting and settlement of which are subject, in whole or part, to achievement of specified performance criteria (MSUs)), only as to that number of shares that become eligible to vest or be accelerated after the effective time under the applicable award agreement or AppliedMicro's Executive Severance Benefit Plan (the severance plan) based on actual or deemed performance, as applicable, multiplied by (B) a fraction, the numerator of which is the fair market value of one share of AppliedMicro common stock and the denominator of which is the fair market value of one share of MACOM common stock (with the fair market value of AppliedMicro common stock and MACOM common stock determined based on their respective closing prices on Nasdaq on the last trading day immediately prior to the effective time) (after such conversion, rollover RSUs). Each rollover RSU will be subject to the same vesting terms and conditions as had applied to the corresponding unvested AppliedMicro RSU immediately prior to the effective time, except for such terms rendered inoperative by reason of the merger (including, to the extent an MSU vests in accordance with its terms as of immediately prior to the effective time or is deemed to vest under the severance plan, as applicable, the elimination of all AppliedMicro common stock price vesting criteria that applied to MSUs prior to the effective time), subject to such adjustments as are reasonably determined by MACOM to be necessary or desirable to give effect to such conversion and the transactions. Each MSU (or portion thereof) will terminate without consideration immediately prior to the effective time to the extent that the applicable performance criteria have not been satisfied (or deemed satisfied under the severance plan) as of the effective time.

The approximate value of the RSU consideration and the approximate number of shares of MACOM common stock underlying the rollover RSUs that each director and executive officer of AppliedMicro is expected to receive



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in exchange for his or her AppliedMicro RSUs (assuming that such AppliedMicro RSUs are not otherwise forfeited or settled prior to the effective time) is in each case set forth in the table below. This information is based on the number of shares of AppliedMicro common stock underlying to the AppliedMicro RSUs held by AppliedMicro's directors and executive officers as of December 15, 2016, a price per share of AppliedMicro common stock of \$8.46 and a price per share of MACOM common stock of \$48.03 (which are their respective average closing prices on Nasdaq over the first five (5) business days (November 22, 2016 through November 28, 2016) following November 21, 2016, the date on which the execution of the merger agreement was first publicly announced). The amounts set forth in the table below are calculated before any taxes that may be due on such amounts are paid.

Name of Executive Officer or Director	Number of Shares Subject to Vested AppliedMicro RSUs (1)	Consideration (\$)(2)	Number of Shares Subject to Unvested AppliedMicro RSUs	Number of Shares of AppliedMicro Common Stock Subject to Rollover RSUs Received in respect of Unvested AppliedMicro RSUs (3)	Value of Rollover RSUs Received in respect of Unvested AppliedMicro RSUs (\$)(4)	Total Value of AppliedMicro RSUs(\$)
Cesar Cesaratto	5,278	44,760				
Dr. Paul R. Gray	5,278	44,760				
Theodore R. ( Fred ) Shlapak	5,278	44,760				
Dr. Robert F. Sproull	5,278	44,760				
Duston M. Williams	5,278	44,760				
Christopher P. Zepf	7,907	67,056				
Dr. Paramesh Gopi	240,652	2,040,841	231,402	40,759	1,957,655	3,998,496
Martin S. McDermut			130,000	22,898	1,099,791	1,099,791
Karen Rogge						
Douglas T. Ahrens						
L. William Caraccio	1,500	12,721	187,776	33,074	1,588,545	1,601,266
Michael Major	1,500	12,721	187,776	33,074	1,588,545	1,601,266

- (1) The number of AppliedMicro directors' Vested AppliedMicro RSUs reflects that number of AppliedMicro RSUs that will vest on a prorated basis in connection with the merger assuming the merger closed on December 15, 2016. The number of Dr. Gopi's Vested AppliedMicro RSUs reflects accelerated vesting of 50% of his Unvested AppliedMicro RSUs pursuant to his amended participation notice under the AppliedMicro Severance Plan, as described below under *Dr. Gopi's Severance Benefits*.

- (2) Calculated based on the sum of (i) the cash consideration, (ii) cash to be received in lieu of fractional shares of MACOM Common Stock, and (iii) the aggregate value of the stock consideration, based on an assumed price per share of MACOM common stock of \$48.03, which is the average closing price per share of MACOM common stock over the first five business days (November 22, 2016 through November 29, 2016) following the date on which the execution of the merger agreement was first publicly announced.
- (3) For purposes of converting Unvested AppliedMicro RSUs and MSUs to Rollover RSUs, the price per share of AppliedMicro common stock was assumed to be \$8.46 and the price per share of MACOM common stock was assumed to be \$48.03, each of which is the average closing price of the respective company's stock over the first five business days (November 22, 2016 through November 29, 2016) following the date on which the execution of the merger agreement was first publicly announced.
- (4) Calculated based on an assumed price per share of MACOM common stock of \$48.03, which is the average closing price per share of MACOM common stock over the first five business days (November 22, 2016 through November 29, 2016) following the date on which the execution of the merger agreement was first publicly announced.

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Prior to the earlier of the effective time and the commencement of the next regularly scheduled offering period under the ESPP, AppliedMicro will take all actions necessary to ensure that no offering period or purchase period will be authorized or commenced, other than the offering period that commenced on August 1, 2016, that no new participant may begin to participate in the ESPP, and that the purchase price of shares shall not be decreased below the levels set forth in the ESPP on the date of the merger agreement. If closing occurs prior to the end of the offering period in effect on the date of the merger agreement, AppliedMicro will cause the rights of participants to be determined by treating the last business day prior to the effective time as the last day of such offering period and purchase period, with any shares purchased under the ESPP cancelled and converted into the right to receive transaction consideration and any funds remaining in any participant's account after such purchase to be promptly returned. AppliedMicro will terminate the ESPP and all rights under it effective as of and contingent upon the effective time.

***Arrangements with Executive Officers***

Under the severance plan, participating employees are eligible for certain severance benefits in the event they experience an involuntary termination of employment without Cause (as defined below) and additional benefits if they experience a change-in-control termination, which is an involuntary termination without Cause or a voluntary resignation for Good Reason (as defined below) in either case occurring within one month prior to or 12 months following a change in control of AppliedMicro (which, for purposes of the severance plan, includes the surviving entity following a change in control or the parent company of such surviving entity). The consummation of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement will constitute a change in control for purposes of the severance plan. Each of the AppliedMicro executive officers participates in the severance plan. The following summarizes the change-in-control termination benefits that could be payable under the severance plan to the AppliedMicro executive officers in connection with a change-in-control termination.

***Dr. Gopi's Severance Benefits***

In the event of a change-in-control termination, the severance plan provides that Dr. Gopi would receive a lump sum payment equal to 24 months of his base salary, based on the highest monthly base pay Dr. Gopi was paid by AppliedMicro during the three-year period preceding the employment termination date, plus his target bonus amount under AppliedMicro's annual bonus plan. In addition, Dr. Gopi would be entitled to receive continued health insurance benefits for 24 months following termination of employment and he would immediately become 100% vested with respect to all of his outstanding AppliedMicro options and AppliedMicro RSUs and a number of his AppliedMicro MSUs equal to the target number of outstanding AppliedMicro MSUs at the time of the change in control. Dr. Gopi would also have 24 months from the date of his employment termination during which he may choose to exercise any of his vested and outstanding AppliedMicro options, but in no event will such exercise period extend past the AppliedMicro option's expiration date as established at the time of grant.

On December 20, 2016, AppliedMicro's compensation committee approved an amendment to Dr. Gopi's participation notice under the severance plan to provide that (i) 50% of the cash severance amount described above will be paid on or as soon as reasonably practicable following the consummation of the transactions, (ii) the remaining 50% of such cash severance amount will be placed in a rabbi trust, (iii) 50% of Dr. Gopi's outstanding unvested AppliedMicro RSUs and AppliedMicro MSUs will vest immediately prior to the consummation of the transactions, and (iv) the proceeds of Dr. Gopi's remaining outstanding unvested AppliedMicro RSUs and AppliedMicro MSUs will be placed in a rabbi trust. In addition, during the period beginning on the consummation of the transactions and ending upon the earlier of (i) six months following the consummation of the transactions; and (ii) the sale of AppliedMicro's ARM-based computing business, Dr. Gopi will receive a base salary of \$85,000 per month (prorated for partial

months) and standard employee benefits and, to the extent that Dr. Gopi's existing employee benefits do not continue in substantially their current form, a cash payment in respect of any such benefits that are not so provided to him. Dr. Gopi will also remain eligible to

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receive the continued health benefits and extended option exercise period described above in the event of a change-in-control termination.

The portion of Dr. Gopi's cash severance payment and the RSU and MSU proceeds that are held in the rabbi trust will fully vest and be released from the trust upon the earliest of (i) the six month anniversary of the closing of the transactions; (ii) the sale of AppliedMicro's ARM-based computing business, subject, in the case of (i) or (ii), to his continuing employment through such date; (iii) his termination of employment without Cause (as defined below); and (iv) his resignation for Good Reason (as defined below and as modified by the amendment described below).

Dr. Gopi's severance benefits are conditioned on his timely entering into and not revoking a general waiver and release of claims.

### *Messrs. Caraccio, McDermut and Major's Severance Benefits*

With respect to the executive officers other than Dr. Gopi, in the event of a change-in-control termination, Mr. Caraccio will receive a lump sum payment equal to 18 months of his base salary plus his target bonus amount under AppliedMicro's annual bonus plan and Messrs. McDermut and Major will each receive a lump sum payment equal to 12 months of his base salary. In addition, in the event of a change-in-control termination, such executive officers will receive continued health insurance benefits for the following periods: 18 months for Mr. Caraccio and 12 months for Messrs. McDermut and Major. The base salary for each executive officer is determined based on the highest monthly base pay the executive officer was paid by AppliedMicro during the three-year period preceding the employment termination date.

In the event of a change-in-control termination, the affected executive officer will immediately become 100% vested with respect to all outstanding AppliedMicro options, AppliedMicro RSUs and AppliedMicro MSUs. The number of AppliedMicro MSUs eligible to vest in this respect is equal to the target number of outstanding AppliedMicro MSUs at the time of the applicable change in control of AppliedMicro. In the case of a change-in-control termination, the executive officers will also have the following extended time periods from the date of termination during which they may choose to exercise any vested and outstanding AppliedMicro options: 15 months for Mr. Caraccio and 12 months for Messrs. McDermut and Major. However, in no event will a AppliedMicro option's exercise period extend past the Company Option's expiration date as established at the time of grant.

Each of Messrs. Caraccio, McDermut and Major's severance benefits are conditioned on his timely entering into and not revoking a general waiver and release of claims with AppliedMicro (or its successor as applicable).

The severance plan includes the following defined terms.

Cause means termination of a participant's employment for any of the following reasons (i) such participant's commission of any felony or any crime involving fraud, dishonesty or moral turpitude under the laws of the United States or any state thereof; (ii) such participant's attempted commission of, or participation in, a fraud or act of dishonesty against AppliedMicro; (iii) such participant's intentional, material violation of any contract or agreement between the participant and AppliedMicro or of any statutory duty owed to AppliedMicro; (iv) such participant's unauthorized use or disclosure of the AppliedMicro's confidential information or trade secrets; or (v) such participant's gross misconduct. The determination that a termination of the participant's employment is either for Cause or without Cause shall be made by AppliedMicro in its sole discretion.

Good Reason means, subject to the further provision below, the occurrence of any of the following events within one month prior to or 11 months following a change in control of AppliedMicro: (i) a material reduction in the participant's duties or responsibilities (and not solely a change in title or reporting relationships) for any reason other than as a result of the participant's physical or mental incapacity which impairs his or her ability to materially perform his or her duties or responsibilities, or



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any other action that has the effect of a material demotion of the participant; (ii) a material reduction by AppliedMicro in such participant's base salary then currently in effect, and that is not part of a performance-based reduction in base salaries for selected senior executives; or (iii) a relocation of the participant's principal place of work that results in an increase by more than 50 miles in the one-way driving distance from the participant's principal residence to the participant's principal place of work in effect immediately prior to the relocation. However, in no event will a participant have Good Reason to resign unless: (a) the participant notifies AppliedMicro in writing, within 30 days after the occurrence of one of the foregoing event(s), specifying the event(s) constituting Good Reason and that he or she intends to terminate his or her employment no earlier than 30 days after providing such notice; (b) AppliedMicro does not cure such condition within 30 days following its receipt of such notice or states unequivocally in writing that it does not intend to attempt to cure such condition (the cure period) and (c) the participant resigns from employment within 30 days following the end of the cure period.

For purposes of clause (i) above in the definition of Good Reason, if a change in control results in AppliedMicro continuing in existence as a direct or indirect subsidiary of an acquirer, a severance plan participant shall be considered to have been materially demoted unless given the same position, duties and authority in the ultimate parent of the acquirer.

Effective November 18, 2016 the severance plan was amended to, among other things, modify the definition of Good Reason to provide as follows: (x) AppliedMicro's Chief Financial Officer, Chief Legal Officer and Chief Human Resources Officer will not be entitled to claim Good Reason under clause (i) of the definition until two months following a change in control of AppliedMicro and (y) AppliedMicro's Chief Executive Officer may not claim Good Reason under clause (i) of the definition until six months following a change in control of AppliedMicro or, if earlier, the sale of AppliedMicro's ARM-based computing business, but in any such case the applicable executive officer will be able to resign immediately after the applicable two- or six-month period without providing AppliedMicro (or its successor) any cure period.

Participants in the severance plan are not entitled to any tax gross up in respect of excise taxes, if any, that might arise under the golden parachute sections of the federal income tax law (Sections 280G and 4999 of the Code), and may be subject to a reduction in benefits if any such excise tax were applicable and the reduced benefit would maximize the after-tax payment to the participant.

***Indemnification of Executive Officers and Directors***

The merger agreement provides that all rights to exculpation and indemnification (and all rights to advancement of expenses relating thereto) for acts or omissions occurring at or prior to the effective time of the first merger in favor of each current and former director or officer of AppliedMicro, when acting in their capacity as such (each an AppliedMicro indemnitee and collectively, the AppliedMicro indemnitees), existing on the date of the merger agreement as provided in the AppliedMicro Charter and the AppliedMicro Bylaws or certain indemnification agreements between AppliedMicro and such AppliedMicro indemnitees, will survive and continue in full force and effect for a period of six (6) years after the effective time.

The merger agreement also provides that from and after the effective time, the company surviving the second merger will indemnify and hold harmless each AppliedMicro indemnitee with respect to (a) all acts or omissions by AppliedMicro indemnitees in their capacity as such at any time at or prior to the effective time and (b) any costs or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, losses, claims, damages, liabilities and amounts paid in settlement in connection with any claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, to the extent arising out of or pertaining to the offer, the mergers, the merger agreement and any transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, in either case, in each of (a) and (b) to the

extent provided by the AppliedMicro Charter and the AppliedMicro Bylaws or certain indemnification agreements between AppliedMicro and such AppliedMicro indemnitees.

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From and after the effective time, MACOM will obtain and fully pay the premium for a six (6) year tail prepaid policy on terms and conditions no less advantageous to the AppliedMicro indemnitees than AppliedMicro's directors' and officers' insurance policies and fiduciary liability insurance policies ( D&O insurance ) existing as of the date of the merger agreement with respect to any claim related to any period of time at or prior to the effective time or, if substantially equivalent or greater insurance coverage is unavailable, the best available coverage. In the alternative, AppliedMicro may purchase fully-prepaid, and the company surviving the second merger will maintain, for a period of at least six (6) years from the date of the merger agreement, D&O insurance in place as of the date of the merger agreement. In no event, however, will the company surviving the second merger nor MACOM be required to pay for such tail prepaid policy more than two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the annual premium paid by AppliedMicro as of the date of the merger agreement for its D&O insurance.

The foregoing summary of the indemnification of executive officers and directors and directors' and officers' insurance does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the merger agreement, a copy of which is attached to this document as Annex A and incorporated into this document by reference.

### ***Executive Officer and Director Arrangements Following the Mergers***

Although it is possible that certain AppliedMicro employees, including AppliedMicro's executive officers will enter into arrangements with MACOM regarding employment, compensation or benefits prior to the consummation of the Offer, no such arrangements have been entered into as of the date hereof.

### ***Effect of the Mergers on Employee Benefits***

The merger agreement provides that, effective as of the effective time and until December 31, 2017, MACOM will provide, or will cause the surviving company to provide, to employees of AppliedMicro or any of its subsidiaries who are employed as of immediately prior to the effective time and who continue to be employed by MACOM or the surviving company or any of their respective subsidiaries following the effective time (the AppliedMicro employees ), (i) base salaries or wage rates with respect to each AppliedMicro employee that are no less than provided to such AppliedMicro employee immediately prior to the effective time, (ii) employee benefits (other than equity-based compensation) and annual cash bonus opportunities that are substantially comparable to the aggregate employee benefits and annual cash bonus opportunities provided to (x) AppliedMicro employees immediately prior to the effective time or (y) at MACOM's election, to similarly situated employees of MACOM and its subsidiaries (other than AppliedMicro and its subsidiaries) and (iii) severance benefits that are no less favorable than the severance benefits provided to such AppliedMicro employee immediately prior to the effective time. From and after the effective time, MACOM will, or will cause the surviving company to, continue to honor the milestone or other bonus plans and agreements disclosed by AppliedMicro at the signing of the merger agreement.

Following the effective time, MACOM will, or will cause the surviving company to, cause any employee benefit plans sponsored or maintained by MACOM or the surviving company or any of their subsidiaries in the United States in which AppliedMicro employees are eligible to participate following the closing date, other than any equity-based or qualified or non-qualified defined benefit or deferred compensation plans (collectively, the post-closing plans ) to recognize the service of each AppliedMicro employee with AppliedMicro and its subsidiaries and their respective predecessors prior to the effective time for purposes of eligibility to participate and vesting under such post-closing plans, in each case, to the same extent such service was recognized immediately prior to the effective time under a comparable AppliedMicro benefit plan in which such AppliedMicro employee was eligible to participate immediately prior to the effective time; provided that such recognition of service will not operate to duplicate any benefits of an AppliedMicro employee with respect to the same period of service. Under each post-closing plan that provides medical, dental, pharmaceutical or vision insurance benefits, for the plan year in which such AppliedMicro employee

is first eligible to participate,

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MACOM will use reasonable best efforts to (A) cause any pre-existing condition limitations or eligibility waiting periods under such plan to be waived with respect to each AppliedMicro employee to the extent such limitation would have been waived or satisfied under the AppliedMicro benefit plan in which such AppliedMicro employee participated or was eligible to participate in immediately prior to the effective time, and (B) credit each AppliedMicro employee for an amount equal to any eligible expenses incurred by such AppliedMicro employee in the plan year that includes the effective time for purposes of any applicable deductible, coinsurance and annual out-of-pocket expense requirements under any such post-closing plan to the extent such expenses would have been credited under the terms of the applicable AppliedMicro benefit plans.

Unless requested by MACOM not later than ten (10) days prior to the closing date, AppliedMicro will take (or cause to be taken) all actions necessary or appropriate to terminate, effective no later than the day prior to the closing date, any AppliedMicro benefit plan that contains a cash or deferred arrangement intended to qualify under Section 401(k) of the Code (an AppliedMicro 401(k) plan ). AppliedMicro will provide to MACOM prior to the closing date written evidence of the adoption by AppliedMicro's board of directors of resolutions authorizing the termination of such AppliedMicro 401(k) plan (the form and substance of which resolutions will be subject to the prior review and approval of MACOM, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed). In the event of such 401(k) plan termination, MACOM will take all actions necessary to allow AppliedMicro employees who meet the age and service eligibility requirements under a 401(k) plan maintained by MACOM or its affiliates (the MACOM 401(k) plan ) to enroll as soon as reasonably practicable following the closing (and in no event later than sixty (60) days following the effective time) under the MACOM 401(k) plan and to make rollover contributions of eligible rollover distributions (within the meaning of Section 401(a)(31) of the Code), in the form of cash only. AppliedMicro will, and will cause its subsidiaries to, cooperate with MACOM in good faith (including by promptly furnishing such information as is requested by MACOM) in fulfilling MACOM's obligations described in this paragraph.

## **Certain Relationships With AppliedMicro**

As of the date of this document, MACOM does not own any shares of AppliedMicro common stock. Neither MACOM nor the Purchaser has effected any transaction in the securities of AppliedMicro in the past sixty (60) days. To the best of MACOM and the Purchaser's knowledge, after reasonable inquiry, none of the directors or executive officers of MACOM or the Purchaser, nor any of their respective associates or majority-owned subsidiaries, beneficially owns or has the right to acquire any securities of AppliedMicro or has effected any transaction in the securities of AppliedMicro during the past sixty (60) days.

## **Source and Amount of Funds**

MACOM estimates that the aggregate amount of cash consideration required to purchase the maximum amount of shares of AppliedMicro common stock sought in the offer is approximately \$288 million, which is equal to \$3.25 multiplied by 88,581,000 shares of AppliedMicro common stock (see Note 2 to the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements for the calculation of the estimated shares of AppliedMicro common stock entitled to the cash consideration), plus related costs and expenses. MACOM intends to use cash on hand to finance the cash portion of the transactions and the related costs and expenses.

## **Fees and Expenses**

MACOM has retained D.F. King & Co., Inc., as the information agent (the information agent ) in connection with the offer and the first merger. The information agent may contact holders of shares by mail, email, telephone, facsimile or personal interview and may request brokers, dealers, commercial banks and trust companies and other nominees to forward material relating to the offer and the merger to beneficial owners of shares. MACOM will pay the information

agent reasonable and customary compensation for its services in connection with the offer, will reimburse the information agent for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and will indemnify the information agent against certain liabilities and expenses, including certain liabilities under the U.S. federal securities laws.

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In addition, MACOM has retained American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, as the exchange agent in connection with the offer and the first merger. MACOM will pay the exchange agent reasonable and customary compensation for its services in connection with the offer, will reimburse the exchange agent for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and will indemnify the exchange agent against certain liabilities and expenses, including certain liabilities under the U.S. federal securities laws.

MACOM will reimburse brokers, dealers, commercial banks and trust companies and other nominees, upon request, for customary clerical and mailing expenses incurred by them in forwarding materials related to the offer and the merger to their customers. Except as set forth above, neither MACOM nor the Purchaser will pay any fees or commissions to any broker, dealer or other person for soliciting tenders of shares pursuant to the offer.

## **Accounting Treatment**

In accordance with GAAP, MACOM will account for the acquisition of shares in the transactions under the acquisition method of accounting for business combinations.

## **Stock Exchange Listing**

Shares of MACOM common stock are listed on Nasdaq under the symbol MTSI. MACOM intends to submit a supplemental listing application to list on Nasdaq the shares of MACOM common stock that MACOM will issue in the transactions as part of the transaction consideration. Such listing is a condition to completion of the transactions.

## **Resale of MACOM Common Stock**

All MACOM common stock received by AppliedMicro stockholders as consideration in the offer and the first merger will be freely tradable for purposes of the Securities Act, except for MACOM common stock received by any person who is deemed an affiliate of MACOM at the time of the closing of the first merger. MACOM common stock held by an affiliate of MACOM may be resold or otherwise transferred without registration in compliance with the volume limitations, manner of sale requirements, notice requirements and other requirements under Rule 144 or as otherwise permitted under the Securities Act. This document does not cover resale of MACOM common stock received upon completion of the offer or the first merger by any person, and no person is authorized to make any use of this document in connection with any resale.

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**EXCHANGE OFFER PROCEDURES**

**Distribution of Offering Materials**

This document, the related letter of transmittal and other relevant materials will be delivered to record holders of shares of AppliedMicro common stock and to brokers, dealers, commercial banks, trust companies and similar persons whose names, or the names of whose nominees, appear on AppliedMicro's stockholder list or, if applicable, who are listed as participants in a clearing agency's security position listing, so that they can in turn send these materials to beneficial owners of shares of AppliedMicro common stock.

**Expiration of the Offer**

The offer is scheduled to expire at 12:00 midnight, Eastern time, at the end of January 25, 2017, unless terminated or extended. Expiration date means January 25, 2017, unless and until the Purchaser has extended the period during which the offer is open, subject to the terms and conditions of the merger agreement, in which event the term expiration date means the latest time and date at which the offer, as so extended by the Purchaser, will expire.

**Extension, Termination and Amendment of Offer**

Unless the merger agreement has been terminated in accordance with its terms, (1) the Purchaser will extend the expiration date for any period required by applicable U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations of the SEC and its staff or the rules and regulations of Nasdaq applicable to the offer (but in no event will the Purchaser be required to extend the offer past the end date) and (2) if at any scheduled expiration date any of the offer conditions have not been satisfied or earlier waived, the Purchaser may elect to, and if requested by AppliedMicro, will, extend the offer and the expiration date to a date that is not more than ten (10) business days after such previously scheduled expiration date, except that Purchaser will not be required to, but may in its sole and absolute discretion elect to, extend the offer on more than two (2) ten (10) day occasions if all conditions other than the minimum condition are satisfied (but in no event will the Purchaser be required to extend the offer beyond the end date if the Purchaser is entitled to terminate the merger agreement pursuant to Section 8.1(b) of the merger agreement and in no event will the Purchaser be permitted to extend the offer past the end date unless AppliedMicro has consented to such extension).

If the merger agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, the Purchaser will promptly (and in any event within twenty-four (24) hours) irrevocably and unconditionally terminate the offer.

If the Purchaser does not accept any tendered AppliedMicro shares for exchange pursuant to the terms and conditions of the offer for any reason, including as a result of termination of the offer, the Purchaser will cause to be returned certificates for such unexchanged shares without expense to the tendering stockholder or, in the case of shares tendered by book-entry transfer into the exchange agent's account at DTC, the shares to be returned will be credited to an account maintained with DTC following any such termination of the offer.

Other than as described above, the Purchaser may not extend, terminate or withdraw the offer without the prior written consent of AppliedMicro.

Any decision to extend, terminate or withdraw the offer will be made public by an announcement.

The Purchaser expressly reserves the right to waive any offer condition or modify the terms of the offer, except that the Purchaser may not take the following actions without AppliedMicro's prior written consent: (1) reduce the number of shares of AppliedMicro common stock subject to the offer, (2) reduce the transaction consideration to be paid in the



offer, (3) change the form of consideration payable in the offer, (4) waive, amend or modify the minimum condition or the offer conditions relating to receipt of regulatory approvals, effectiveness

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of the Form S-4 or approval for Nasdaq listing of the MACOM common stock to be issued in the transactions, (5) add any condition to the offer other than those offer conditions set forth in Annex A of the merger agreement, (6) amend, modify or supplement any offer condition in a manner adverse to AppliedMicro stockholders, (7) except as otherwise expressly required or permitted under the merger agreement, extend or terminate the offer, or (8) otherwise amend, modify or supplement any of the terms of the offer in any manner adverse (other than in an immaterial or *de minimis* way) to AppliedMicro stockholders.

In the case of any extension, the Purchaser will make a public announcement of such extension that is issued no later than 9:00 a.m., Eastern time, on the next business day following the previously scheduled expiration date. Subject to applicable law (including Rules 14d-4(c) and 14d-6(d) under the Exchange Act, which require that any material change in the information published, sent or given to stockholders in connection with the offer be promptly disseminated to stockholders in a manner reasonably designed to inform them of such change) and without limiting the manner in which the Purchaser may choose to make any public announcement, the Purchaser assumes no obligation to publish, advertise or otherwise communicate any such public announcement of this type other than by issuing a press release or making a public announcement.

If the Purchaser materially changes the terms of the offer or the information concerning the offer, or if the Purchaser waives a material condition of the offer, the Purchaser will extend the offer to the extent legally required under the Exchange Act.

For purposes of the offer, a business day means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or any other day on which commercial banks in New York, New York are closed and consists of the time period from 12:01 a.m. through 12:00 midnight, Eastern time.

The parties do not anticipate making any subsequent offering period available after the offer.

## **Exchange of Shares**

MACOM has retained American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC as the exchange agent to handle the exchange of shares for the transaction consideration in both the offer and the first merger.

Upon the terms and subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions of the offer (including, if the offer is extended or amended, the terms and conditions of any such extension or amendment), the Purchaser will accept for exchange promptly after the expiration date, and will thereafter promptly exchange the transaction consideration for, shares of AppliedMicro common stock validly tendered and not properly withdrawn. In all cases, an AppliedMicro stockholder will receive consideration for tendered AppliedMicro shares only after timely receipt by the exchange agent of certificates for those shares, or a confirmation of a book-entry transfer of those shares into the exchange agent's account at DTC, a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, or an agent's message in connection with a book-entry transfer, and any other required documents.

For purposes of the offer, the Purchaser will be deemed to have accepted for exchange shares validly tendered and not properly withdrawn if and when it notifies the exchange agent of its acceptance of those shares pursuant to the offer. The exchange agent will deliver to the applicable AppliedMicro stockholders any cash and shares of MACOM common stock issuable in exchange for shares validly tendered and accepted pursuant to the offer promptly after receipt of such notice informing it of the Purchaser's acceptance. The exchange agent will act as the agent for tendering AppliedMicro stockholders for the purpose of receiving cash and shares of MACOM common stock from the Purchaser and transmitting such cash and stock to the tendering AppliedMicro stockholders. AppliedMicro stockholders will not receive any interest on any cash that the Purchaser pays in the offer, even if there is a delay in

making the exchange.

Without the prior written consent of AppliedMicro, the Purchaser shall not accept for payment or pay for any AppliedMicro shares if, as a result, the Purchaser would acquire less than the number of shares of AppliedMicro common stock necessary to satisfy the minimum condition to the offer.

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If the Purchaser does not accept any tendered AppliedMicro shares for exchange pursuant to the terms and conditions of the offer for any reason, or if certificates are submitted representing more shares than are tendered for, the Purchaser will cause to be returned certificates for such unexchanged shares without expense to the tendering stockholder or, in the case of shares tendered by book-entry transfer into the exchange agent's account at DTC, the shares to be returned will be credited to an account maintained with DTC following expiration or termination of the offer.

## **Withdrawal Rights**

AppliedMicro stockholders may withdraw tendered shares of AppliedMicro common stock at any time until the expiration date (as the same may be extended).

For the withdrawal of shares to be effective, the exchange agent must receive a written notice of withdrawal from the AppliedMicro stockholder at one of the addresses set forth elsewhere in this document, prior to the expiration time on the expiration date. The notice must include the AppliedMicro stockholder's name, address, social security number, the certificate number(s), if any, the number of shares to be withdrawn and the name of the registered holder, if it is different from that of the person who tendered those shares, and any other information required pursuant to the offer or the procedures of DTC, if applicable.

A financial institution must guarantee all signatures on the notice of withdrawal, unless the shares to be withdrawn were tendered for the account of an eligible institution (as defined below). Most banks, savings and loan associations and brokerage houses are able to provide signature guarantees. An eligible institution is a financial institution that is a participant in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program.

If shares have been tendered pursuant to the procedures for book-entry transfer, any notice of withdrawal must specify the name and number of the account at DTC to be credited with the withdrawn shares and must otherwise comply with DTC's procedures. If certificates have been delivered or otherwise identified to the exchange agent, the name of the registered holder and the serial numbers of the particular certificates evidencing the shares withdrawn must also be furnished to the exchange agent, as stated above, prior to the physical release of such certificates.

The Purchaser will decide all questions as to the form and validity (including time of receipt) of any notice of withdrawal in its sole discretion, and its decision will be final and binding. None of the Purchaser, MACOM, AppliedMicro, the exchange agent, the information agent or any other person is under any duty to give notification of any defects or irregularities in any tender or notice of withdrawal or will incur any liability for failure to give any such notification. Any shares properly withdrawn will be deemed not to have been validly tendered for purposes of the offer. However, an AppliedMicro stockholder may re-tender withdrawn shares by following the applicable procedures discussed under the section Exchange Offer Procedures-Procedures for Tendering at any time prior to the expiration date.

## **Procedures for Tendering**

To validly tender shares of AppliedMicro common stock held of record, AppliedMicro stockholders must:

if such shares are in certificated form or Direct Registration Form, deliver a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, along with any required signature guarantees and any other required documents, and certificates, if applicable, for tendered AppliedMicro shares to the exchange agent for the

offer, at its address set forth elsewhere in this document, all of which must be received by the exchange agent prior to the expiration date; or

if such shares are in electronic book-entry form, deliver an agent's message in connection with a book-entry transfer, and any other required documents, to the exchange agent at its address set forth elsewhere in this document and follow the other procedures for book-entry tender set forth herein, all of which must be received by the exchange agent prior to the expiration date.

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If shares of AppliedMicro common stock are held in street name (i.e., through a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee), those shares may be tendered by the nominee holding such shares by book-entry transfer through DTC. To validly tender such shares held in street name, AppliedMicro stockholders should instruct such nominee to do so prior to the expiration date.

The term agent's message means a message transmitted by DTC to, and received by, the exchange agent and forming a part of a book-entry confirmation, which states that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from the DTC participant tendering the shares that are the subject of such book-entry confirmation, that such participant has received and agrees to be bound by the terms of the letter of transmittal and that the Purchaser may enforce that agreement against such participant.

The exchange agent has established an account with respect to the shares at DTC in connection with the offer, and any financial institution that is a participant in DTC may make book-entry delivery of shares by causing DTC to transfer such shares prior to the expiration date into the exchange agent's account in accordance with DTC's procedure for such transfer. However, although delivery of shares may be effected through book-entry transfer at DTC, the letter of transmittal with any required signature guarantees, or an agent's message, along with any other required documents, must, in any case, be received by the exchange agent at one of its addresses set forth elsewhere in this document prior to the expiration date. The Purchaser cannot assure AppliedMicro stockholders that book-entry delivery of shares will be available. If book-entry delivery is not available, AppliedMicro stockholders must tender shares by means of delivery of AppliedMicro share certificates. **The Purchaser is not providing for guaranteed delivery procedures and therefore AppliedMicro stockholders must allow sufficient time for the necessary tender procedures to be completed during normal business hours of DTC prior to the expiration date.** Tendered shares received by the exchange agent after the expiration date will be disregarded and of no effect.

Signatures on all letters of transmittal must be guaranteed by an eligible institution, except in cases in which shares are tendered either by a registered holder of shares who has not completed the box entitled Special Issuance Instructions or the box entitled Special Delivery Instructions on the letter of transmittal or for the account of an eligible institution.

If the certificates for shares are registered in the name of a person other than the person who signs the letter of transmittal, or if certificates for unexchanged shares are to be issued to a person other than the registered holder(s), the certificates must be endorsed or accompanied by appropriate stock powers, in either case signed exactly as the name or names of the registered owner or owners appear on the certificates, with the signature or signatures on the certificates or stock powers guaranteed by an eligible institution.

**The method of delivery of AppliedMicro share certificates and all other required documents, including delivery through DTC, is at the option and risk of the tendering AppliedMicro stockholder, and delivery will be deemed made only when actually received by the exchange agent. If delivery is by mail, the Purchaser recommends registered mail with return receipt requested and properly insured. In all cases, AppliedMicro stockholders should allow sufficient time to ensure timely delivery.**

To prevent U.S. federal backup withholding, each AppliedMicro stockholder that is a U.S. person, other than a stockholder exempt from backup withholding as described elsewhere in this document, must provide the exchange agent with its correct taxpayer identification number and certify that it is not subject to backup withholding by completing the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-9 included with the letter of transmittal. Certain stockholders (including, among others, certain foreign persons) are not subject to these backup withholding requirements. In order for a foreign person to qualify as an exempt recipient for purposes of U.S. backup withholding, the stockholder must submit an IRS Form W-8BEN, or other applicable IRS Form W-8, signed under penalties of perjury, attesting to such person's exempt status. In addition, foreign persons may be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax with respect to cash

received pursuant to the offer. See Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences.

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**The tender of shares pursuant to any of the procedures described above will constitute a binding agreement between the Purchaser and the tendering AppliedMicro stockholder upon the terms and subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions of the offer (including, if the offer is extended or amended, the terms and conditions of any such extension or amendment).**

### **No Guaranteed Delivery**

**The Purchaser is not providing for guaranteed delivery procedures, and therefore AppliedMicro stockholders must allow sufficient time for the necessary tender procedures to be completed during normal business hours of DTC prior to the expiration date.** AppliedMicro stockholders must tender their AppliedMicro shares in accordance with the procedures set forth in this document. In all cases, the Purchaser will exchange shares tendered and accepted for exchange pursuant to the offer only after timely receipt by the exchange agent of certificates for shares (or timely confirmation of a book-entry transfer of such shares into the exchange agent's account at DTC as described elsewhere in this document), a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal (or an agent's message in connection with a book-entry transfer) and any other required documents.

### **Fees and Commissions**

Tendering registered AppliedMicro stockholders who tender shares directly to the exchange agent will not be obligated to pay any charges or expenses of the exchange agent or any brokerage commissions. Tendering AppliedMicro stockholders who hold AppliedMicro shares through a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee should consult that institution as to whether or not such institution will charge the stockholder any service fees in connection with tendering shares pursuant to the offer. Except as set forth in the instructions to the letter of transmittal, transfer taxes on the exchange of shares pursuant to the offer will be paid by the Purchaser.

### **Matters Concerning Validity and Eligibility**

The Purchaser will determine questions as to the validity, form, eligibility (including time of receipt) and acceptance for exchange of any tender of shares, in its sole discretion, and its determination will be final and binding. The Purchaser reserves the absolute right to reject any and all tenders of shares that it determines are not in the proper form or the acceptance of or exchange for which may be unlawful. The Purchaser also reserves the absolute right, subject to applicable laws, to waive any defect or irregularity in the tender of any shares. No tender of shares will be deemed to have been validly made until all defects and irregularities in tenders of such shares have been cured or waived. None of the Purchaser, MACOM, AppliedMicro, the exchange agent, the information agent or any other person will be under any duty to give notification of any defects or irregularities in the tender of any shares or will incur any liability for failure to give any such notification. The Purchaser's interpretation of the terms and conditions of the offer (including the letter of transmittal and instructions thereto) will be final and binding.

AppliedMicro stockholders who have any questions about the procedure for tendering shares in the offer should contact the information agent at the address and telephone number set forth elsewhere in this document.

### **Announcement of Results of the Offer**

MACOM will announce the final results of the offer, including whether all of the conditions to the offer have been satisfied or waived and whether the Purchaser will accept the tendered shares of AppliedMicro common stock for exchange, as promptly as practicable following the expiration date. The announcement will be made by a press release in accordance with applicable securities laws and stock exchange requirements.





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### **No Stockholder Approval**

Section 251(h) of the DGCL provides that following consummation of a successful tender offer for a public corporation, and subject to certain statutory provisions, if the acquiring corporation owns at least the amount of shares of each class of stock of the target corporation that would otherwise be required to approve a merger involving the target corporation, and the other stockholders receive the same consideration for their stock in the merger as was payable in the tender offer, the acquiring corporation can effect a merger without the action of the other stockholders of the target corporation. Accordingly, if the offer is completed, it will mean that the minimum condition has been satisfied, and if the minimum condition has been satisfied, it will mean that the first merger will be subject to Section 251(h) of the DGCL. Accordingly, if the offer is completed, MACOM intends to affect the closing of the first merger without a vote of the AppliedMicro stockholders in accordance with Section 251(h) of the DGCL.

### **Non-Applicability of Rules Regarding Going Private Transactions**

The SEC has adopted Rule 13e-3 under the Exchange Act, which is applicable to certain going private transactions, and which may under certain circumstances be applicable to the first merger or another business combination following the purchase of shares pursuant to the offer in which the Purchaser seeks to acquire the remaining shares not held by it. The Purchaser believes that Rule 13e-3 will not be applicable to the first merger because it is anticipated that the first merger will be effected within one year following the consummation of the offer and, in the first merger, stockholders will receive the same consideration as that paid in the offer.

### **Effect of the Offer on the Market for AppliedMicro Common Stock**

The purchase of shares of AppliedMicro common stock by the Purchaser pursuant to the offer will reduce the number of holders of shares of AppliedMicro common stock, and the number of shares of AppliedMicro common stock that might otherwise trade publicly and could adversely affect the liquidity and market value of the remaining shares held by the public. The extent of the public market for shares of AppliedMicro common stock after consummation of the offer and the availability of quotations for such shares will depend upon a number of factors, including the number of AppliedMicro stockholders, the aggregate market value of the shares of AppliedMicro common stock held by the public at such time, the interest in maintaining a market in the shares of AppliedMicro common stock, analyst coverage of AppliedMicro on the part of any securities firms and other factors. It is anticipated that, because the first merger will be subject to Section 251(h) of the DGCL if the offer is consummated, the first merger will be consummated on the same day that the offer is consummated. As a result of the first merger, shares of AppliedMicro common stock will no longer qualify for inclusion on Nasdaq and will be withdrawn from listing.

### **Nasdaq Listing**

The shares of AppliedMicro common stock are currently listed on Nasdaq. However, the rules of Nasdaq establish certain criteria that, if not met, could lead to the discontinuance of listing of the shares of AppliedMicro common stock from Nasdaq. Among such criteria are the number of stockholders, the number of shares publicly held and the aggregate market value of the shares publicly held. If, as a result of the purchase of shares of AppliedMicro common stock pursuant to the offer, shares of AppliedMicro common stock no longer meet the requirements of Nasdaq for continued listing and the listing of shares of AppliedMicro common stock is discontinued, the market for such shares would be adversely affected.

Following the consummation of the offer, if the first merger is for some reason not consummated, it is possible that shares of AppliedMicro common stock would be traded on other securities exchanges (with trades published by such exchanges), the OTC Bulletin Board or in a local or regional over-the-counter market. The extent of the public market

for such shares would, however, depend upon the number of AppliedMicro stockholders and the aggregate market value of shares of AppliedMicro common stock remaining at such time,

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the interest in maintaining a market in such shares on the part of securities firms, the possible termination of registration of shares of AppliedMicro common stock under the Exchange Act and other factors. As a result of the first merger, shares of AppliedMicro common stock will no longer qualify for inclusion on Nasdaq and will be withdrawn from listing.

### **Registration Under the Exchange Act**

The shares of AppliedMicro common stock are currently registered under the Exchange Act. Such registration may be terminated upon application by AppliedMicro to the SEC if AppliedMicro shares are neither listed on a national securities exchange nor held by 300 or more holders of record. Termination of registration of AppliedMicro shares under the Exchange Act would substantially reduce the information required to be furnished by AppliedMicro to its stockholders and to the SEC and would make certain provisions of the Exchange Act no longer applicable to AppliedMicro, such as the short-swing profit recovery provisions of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, the requirement of furnishing a proxy statement pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act in connection with meetings of stockholders and the related requirement of furnishing an annual report to stockholders and the requirements of Rule 13e-3 under the Exchange Act with respect to going private transactions. Furthermore, the ability of affiliates of AppliedMicro and persons holding restricted securities of AppliedMicro to dispose of such securities pursuant to Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act may be impaired. If registration of shares of AppliedMicro common stock under the Exchange Act were terminated, such shares would no longer be margin securities or be eligible for listing on Nasdaq. After consummation of the offer, MACOM and the Purchaser currently intend to cause AppliedMicro to terminate the registration of AppliedMicro shares under the Exchange Act as soon as the requirements for termination of registration are met.

### **Margin Regulations**

The shares of AppliedMicro common stock are currently margin securities under the Regulations of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the Federal Reserve Board), which designation has the effect, among other effects, of allowing brokers to extend credit on the collateral of such shares of AppliedMicro common stock. Depending upon factors similar to those described above regarding the market for AppliedMicro shares and stock quotations, it is possible that, following the offer, shares of AppliedMicro common stock would no longer constitute margin securities for the purposes of the margin regulations of the Federal Reserve Board and, therefore, could no longer be used as collateral for loans made by brokers. As a result of the first merger, shares of AppliedMicro common stock will no longer constitute margin securities.

### **Exchange Agent Contact Information**

The contact information for the exchange agent for the offer and the first merger is:

If delivering by mail:

If delivering by hand or courier:

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC

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Operations Center

Attn: Reorganization Department

P.O. Box 2042

New York, New York 10272-2042

Operations Center

Attn: Reorganization Department

6201 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Brooklyn, New York 11219

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**MERGER AGREEMENT**

*The following summary describes certain material provisions of the merger agreement entered into by MACOM, the Purchaser and AppliedMicro, a copy of which is attached to this document as Annex A and incorporated into this document by reference. This summary may not contain all of the information about the merger agreement that is important to AppliedMicro stockholders, and AppliedMicro stockholders are encouraged to read the merger agreement carefully in its entirety. The legal rights and obligations of the parties are governed by the specific language of the merger agreement and not this summary.*

*The summary of the merger agreement is intended to provide information regarding the terms of the merger agreement and is not intended to modify or supplement any factual disclosures about MACOM or AppliedMicro in its public reports filed with the SEC. In particular, the merger agreement and the related summary are not intended to be, and should not be relied upon as, disclosures regarding any facts and circumstances relating to any party to the merger agreement. The merger agreement includes representations, warranties and covenants of the parties thereto made solely for the benefit of such parties. The assertions embodied in those representations and warranties were made solely for purposes of the contract among the parties to the merger agreement and may be subject to important qualifications and limitations agreed to by the parties thereto in connection with the negotiated terms. Moreover, some of those representations and warranties may not be accurate or complete as of any specified date, may be subject to a contractual standard of materiality different from those generally applicable to MACOM's or AppliedMicro's SEC filings or may have been used for purposes of allocating risk among the parties rather than establishing matters as facts. AppliedMicro stockholders should not rely on the representations, warranties and covenants or any description thereof as characterizations of the actual state of facts of the parties to the merger agreement.*

**The Offer**

The Purchaser is offering to exchange the transaction consideration for each outstanding share of AppliedMicro common stock that is validly tendered in the offer and not properly withdrawn.

The Purchaser's obligation to accept for exchange and to exchange shares of AppliedMicro common stock validly tendered in the offer and not properly withdrawn is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions, including there having been validly tendered and not properly withdrawn prior to the expiration of the offer a number of shares of AppliedMicro common stock that, together with the shares of AppliedMicro common stock then owned by MACOM, the Purchaser and MACOM's other subsidiaries, represents at least a majority of all then-outstanding shares of AppliedMicro common stock. This condition is referred to as the minimum condition. See The Merger Agreement Conditions to the Transaction Conditions to the Offer for a description of the other offer conditions.

The offer is scheduled to expire at 12:00 midnight, Eastern time, at the end of January 25, 2017, unless extended or terminated. Any extension, delay, termination, waiver or amendment of the offer will be followed by public announcement thereof. During any such extension, all shares previously tendered and not properly withdrawn will remain subject to the offer, subject to the rights of a tendering stockholder to withdraw such stockholder's shares.

Expiration date means January 25, 2017, unless and until the Purchaser has extended the period during which the offer is open, subject to the terms and conditions of the merger agreement, in which even the term expiration date means the latest time and date at which the offer, as so extended by the Purchaser, will expire.

Subject to the provisions of the merger agreement, and unless the merger agreement has been terminated in accordance with its terms, (1) the Purchaser will extend the expiration date for any period required by applicable U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations of the SEC and its staff or the rules and regulations of Nasdaq

applicable to the offer (but in no event will the Purchaser be required to extend the offer past the end date, subject to extension to June 30, 2017 under certain circumstances to cure breaches by either party of their

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representations and warranties) and (2) if at any scheduled expiration date any of the offer conditions have not been satisfied or earlier waived, the Purchaser may elect to, and if requested by AppliedMicro, will, extend the offer and the expiration date to a date that is not more than ten (10) business days after such previously scheduled expiration date, except that Purchaser will not be required to, but may in its sole and absolute discretion elect to, extend the offer on more than two (2) ten (10) business day occasions if all conditions other than the minimum offer condition are satisfied (but in no event will the Purchaser be required to extend the offer beyond the end date if the Purchaser is entitled to terminate the merger agreement under its terms and in no event will the Purchaser be permitted to extend the offer past the end date unless AppliedMicro has consented to such extension).

Other than as described above, the Purchaser may not extend, terminate or withdraw the offer without the prior written consent of AppliedMicro.

See Exchange Offer Procedures Extension, Termination and Amendment of Offer.

## **The Mergers**

The first merger and second merger will be completed as soon as practicable after the satisfaction or waiver of the closing conditions and following the consummation of the offer. The first merger refers to the merger of AppliedMicro with and into the Purchaser, with AppliedMicro surviving the first merger. The first merger will be governed by Section 251(h) of the DGCL, and accordingly no stockholder vote will be required to consummate the merger. As such, MACOM anticipates that, the first merger will be completed on or about the same day as completion of the offer. The second merger refers to the merger of AppliedMicro, as the company surviving the first merger, with and into Merger Sub, with Merger Sub surviving the second merger. After the first merger, AppliedMicro will be a direct wholly owned subsidiary of MACOM, and the former stockholders of AppliedMicro will no longer have any direct ownership interest in the first surviving company. From and after the second effective time, the surviving company holding the AppliedMicro business will be a limited liability company rather than a corporation.

Each merger will become effective upon the issuance of a certificate of merger by the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware unless a later date is specified therein. The first merger (the merger of the Purchaser with and into AppliedMicro) must precede the second merger (the merger of the corporation surviving the first merger with and into Merger Sub).

## ***Effect of the Mergers***

At the effective time, by virtue of the first merger and without any action on the part of the parties to the merger agreement or the holder of any shares of AppliedMicro common stock or on the part of the sole stockholder of the Purchaser:

Each share of AppliedMicro common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time that is owned or held in treasury by AppliedMicro and each share of AppliedMicro common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time that is owned by MACOM, the Purchaser or any other direct or indirect wholly owned subsidiary of MACOM will no longer be outstanding and will automatically be cancelled and retired and will cease to exist, and no consideration will be delivered in exchange therefor (the cancelled shares ).



Each share of AppliedMicro common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time (other than any cancelled shares and any dissenting shares) will be automatically converted into the right to receive the transaction consideration. From and after the effective time, each applicable holder of such shares of AppliedMicro common stock will cease to have any rights with respect thereto, all such shares of AppliedMicro common stock will no longer be outstanding and will automatically be cancelled and retired and will cease to exist, and uncertificated shares of

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AppliedMicro common stock represented by book-entry form ( book-entry shares ) and each certificate that, immediately prior to the effective time, represented any such shares of AppliedMicro common stock will thereafter represent only the right to receive the transaction consideration upon the surrender of such shares of AppliedMicro common stock.

Any shares of AppliedMicro common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time and held by a person (a dissenting stockholder ) who has not tendered into the offer and has complied with all the provisions of the DGCL concerning the right of holders of shares of AppliedMicro common stock to require appraisal of their shares (the appraisal provisions ) of AppliedMicro common stock ( dissenting shares ), to the extent the appraisal provisions are applicable, will not be converted into the right to receive the transaction consideration, but will become the right to receive such consideration as may be determined to be due to such dissenting stockholder pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 262 of the DGCL. If such dissenting stockholder, after the effective time, withdraws its demand for appraisal or fails to perfect or otherwise loses its right of appraisal, in any case pursuant to the DGCL, each of such dissenting stockholder s shares of AppliedMicro common stock will thereupon be treated as though such shares of AppliedMicro common stock had been converted as of the effective time into the right to receive the transaction consideration.

Each issued and outstanding share of common stock of the Purchaser will be automatically converted into and become one fully paid and nonassessable share of common stock of the corporation surviving the first merger and will constitute the only outstanding shares of capital stock of the corporation surviving the first merger.

At the second effective time, by virtue of the second merger and without any action on the part of any of the parties or holders of any securities of the corporation surviving the first merger or Merger Sub:

Each membership interest of Merger Sub issued and outstanding immediately prior to the second effective time will remain outstanding as a membership interest of the company surviving the second merger.

All shares of common stock of the company surviving the first merger will no longer be outstanding and will automatically be cancelled and will cease to exist without any consideration being payable therefor.

The effects of the mergers will be as provided in the merger agreement and in the applicable provisions of the DGCL and the DLLCA. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and subject thereto, (a) at the effective time, all of the property, rights, privileges, powers and franchises of AppliedMicro and the Purchaser will vest in the company surviving the first merger, and all debts, liabilities and duties of AppliedMicro and the Purchaser will become the debts, liabilities and duties of the company surviving the first merger, all as provided under the DGCL and (b) at the second effective time, all of the property, rights, privileges, powers and franchises of the company surviving the first merger and Merger Sub will vest in the company surviving the second merger, and all debts, liabilities and duties of the company surviving the first merger and Merger Sub will become the debts, liabilities and duties of the company surviving the second merger, all as provided under the DGCL and the DLLCA.

See also The Transactions Plans for AppliedMicro Board of Directors, Management and Organizational Documents.

## **Transaction Consideration**

The transaction consideration consists of, for each share of AppliedMicro common stock:

*Cash Consideration.* \$3.25 in cash, without interest and less any applicable withholding taxes; and

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*Stock Consideration.* 0.1089 shares of MACOM common stock, together with cash in lieu of any fractional shares of MACOM common stock, without interest and less any applicable withholding taxes.

***Fractional Shares***

MACOM will not issue fractional shares of MACOM common stock in the offer or the first merger. Each holder of AppliedMicro common stock who otherwise would be entitled to receive a fraction of a share of MACOM common stock pursuant to the offer (after aggregating all shares of AppliedMicro common stock tendered in the offer (and not validly withdrawn) by such holder) will be paid an amount in cash (without interest) equal to such fractional part of a share of MACOM common stock multiplied by the volume weighted average price per share (calculated to the nearest one-hundredth of one cent) of MACOM common stock on Nasdaq for the consecutive period of ten (10) trading days beginning on the thirteenth (13th) trading day immediately preceding the closing date and concluding at the close of trading on the third (3rd) trading day immediately preceding the closing date.

Each holder of AppliedMicro common stock that was converted into the right to receive the transaction consideration in the first merger who otherwise would be entitled to receive a fraction of a share of MACOM common stock pursuant to the offer (after aggregating all shares of AppliedMicro common stock tendered in the offer (and not validly withdrawn) by such holder) will be entitled to receive, in lieu thereof, an amount in cash (without interest) equal to such fractional part of a share of MACOM common stock (after taking into account all shares of AppliedMicro common stock held by such holder at the effective time and rounded to the nearest one thousandth when expressed in decimal form) multiplied by the MACOM trading price, rounded to the nearest one-hundredth of a cent.

No such holder will be entitled to dividends, voting rights or any other rights in respect of any fractional share of MACOM common stock.

***Exchange of AppliedMicro Stock Certificates for the Transaction Consideration***

MACOM has retained American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC as the exchange agent for the offer and the first merger to handle the exchange of shares of AppliedMicro common stock for the transaction consideration.

To effect the exchange of shares of AppliedMicro common stock that were converted into the right to receive the transaction consideration in the first merger, promptly after the effective time, the exchange agent will mail to each record holder of AppliedMicro shares of common stock a letter of transmittal and instructions for surrendering the stock certificates or book-entry shares that formerly represented shares for the transaction consideration. After surrender to the exchange agent of the stock certificates or book-entry shares that formerly represented shares of AppliedMicro common stock, together with a duly completed and validly executed letter of transmittal and any other documents as may customarily be required by the exchange agent, the record holder of the surrendered shares will be entitled to receive the transaction consideration (including cash in lieu of any fractional shares), and the payment of any dividends or other distributions, without interest, which prior to proper exchange of such shares had become payable with respect to the MACOM common stock issuable as stock consideration in respect of such shares.

After the effective time, each stock certificate formerly representing shares of AppliedMicro common stock that has not been surrendered will represent only the right to receive upon such surrender the transaction consideration to which such holder is entitled by virtue of the first merger and any dividends or other distributions payable to such holder upon such surrender.

As promptly as practicable following the effective time of the first merger, the exchange agent will determine the excess of the number of whole shares of MACOM common stock issued and delivered



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representing the transaction consideration over the aggregate number of whole shares of MACOM common stock to be distributed to former AppliedMicro stockholders (determined before taking into account any shares of MACOM common stock withheld pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement). Following the effective time, the exchange agent will, on behalf of the former AppliedMicro stockholders, sell the excess shares at then prevailing prices on Nasdaq, through one or more member firms of Nasdaq, and in round lots to the extent practicable. The exchange agent will use reasonable best efforts to complete the sale of the excess shares as promptly following the effective time is practicable, consistent with obtaining the best execution of such sales in light of prevailing market conditions. Until the net proceeds of such sale or sales have been distributed to the former AppliedMicro stockholders, the exchange agent will hold such proceeds in the exchange fund.

### **Treatment of AppliedMicro Equity Awards; Employee Stock Purchase Plan**

#### ***Consideration for AppliedMicro Options***

As described under *Interests of Certain Persons in the Transactions* *Treatment of Equity and Equity-Based Awards* *AppliedMicro Options* , under the merger agreement AppliedMicro options are treated as follows.

#### ***Vested in-the-Money AppliedMicro Options***

As of the effective time each vested in-the-money AppliedMicro option will be cancelled and thereafter will only entitle the holder of such AppliedMicro option to receive (without interest) an amount in cash and a number of shares of MACOM common stock equal to the option consideration. The option consideration will be paid in cash and MACOM common stock in the same proportion as is paid to AppliedMicro stockholders generally in connection with the transactions, except that MACOM may pay the option consideration in cash in excess of such proportion or wholly in cash.

#### ***Other AppliedMicro Options***

As of the effective time each AppliedMicro option other than a vested in-the-money AppliedMicro option that is outstanding and unexercised as of immediately prior to the effective time will be cancelled as of immediately prior to the effective time and converted into, as of the effective time, and thereafter evidence a rollover option award. Each rollover option will have an exercise price per share of MACOM common stock (rounded up to the nearest whole cent) equal to (1)(A) the per share exercise price for the corresponding AppliedMicro option, divided by (B) the fair market value of one share of AppliedMicro common stock, which quotient will be multiplied by (2) the fair market value of one share of MACOM common stock (with the fair market value of AppliedMicro common stock and MACOM common stock determined based on their respective closing prices on Nasdaq on the last trading day immediately prior to the effective time), and will be subject to the same vesting terms and conditions as had been applied to the corresponding AppliedMicro option immediately prior to the effective time, subject to such modifications as required for the conversion to be consistent with exemption from Sections 409A and 424 of the Code or as may be reasonably determined by MACOM.

#### ***Consideration for AppliedMicro RSUs***

As described under *Interests of Certain Persons in the Transactions* *Treatment of Equity and Equity-Based Awards* *AppliedMicro RSUs* , under the merger agreement AppliedMicro RSUs are treated as follows.

#### ***Vested AppliedMicro RSUs***

As of the effective time, each vested AppliedMicro RSU will be settled in that number of shares of AppliedMicro common stock underlying the vested AppliedMicro RSU as of the effective time and thereafter

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will entitle the holder of such vested AppliedMicro RSU to receive (without interest) an amount in cash and a number of shares of MACOM common stock equal to the RSU consideration. The RSU consideration will be paid in cash and MACOM common stock in the same proportion as is paid to stockholders generally in connection with the transactions, except that MACOM may pay the RSU consideration in cash in excess of such proportion or wholly in cash.

### *Unvested AppliedMicro RSUs*

As of the effective time, each unvested AppliedMicro RSU will be cancelled as of immediately prior to the effective time and converted into and thereafter evidence a rollover RSU award. Each rollover RSU will be subject to the same vesting terms and conditions as had been applied to the corresponding unvested AppliedMicro RSU immediately prior to the effective time, except for such terms rendered inoperative by reason of the merger (including, to the extent an MSU vests in accordance with its terms as of immediately prior to the effective time or is deemed to vest under the severance plan, as applicable, the elimination of all AppliedMicro common stock price vesting criteria that applied to MSUs prior to the effective time) subject to such adjustments as are reasonably determined by MACOM to be necessary or desirable to give effect to such conversion and the Transactions. Each MSU (or portion thereof) will terminate without consideration immediately prior to the effective time to the extent that the applicable performance criteria have not been satisfied (or deemed satisfied under the severance plan) as of the effective time.

### ***ESPP***

Prior to the earlier of the effective time and the commencement of the next regularly scheduled offering period under the ESPP, AppliedMicro will take all actions necessary to ensure that no offering period or purchase period will be authorized or commenced, other than the offering period that commenced on August 1, 2016, that no new participant may begin to participate in the ESPP, and that the purchase price of shares shall not be decreased below the levels set forth in the ESPP on the date of the merger agreement. If closing occurs prior to the end of the offering period in effect on the date of the merger agreement, AppliedMicro will cause the rights of participants to be determined by treating the last business day prior to the effective time as the last day of such offering period and purchase period, with any shares purchased under the ESPP cancelled and converted into the right to receive transaction consideration and any funds remaining in any participant's account after such purchase to be promptly returned. AppliedMicro will terminate the ESPP and all rights under it effective as of and contingent upon the effective time.

### **Conditions to the Transactions**

Completion of the offer is subject to a number of conditions. If such conditions are satisfied or waived and the offer is completed, completion of the mergers is subject to two further conditions, and the mergers will be completed as soon as practicable after the offer is completed subject to the satisfaction or waiver of such two further conditions.

### ***Conditions to the Offer***

Completion of the offer is subject to a number of conditions. If such conditions are satisfied or waived and the offer is completed, the mergers will be completed as soon as practicable after the offer is completed. The Purchaser will not be required to, and MACOM will not be required to cause the Purchaser to, accept for payment any tendered shares of AppliedMicro common stock if, at the time that the offer expires:



*Regulatory Approval* any waiting period (and extensions thereof) applicable to the offer and the mergers under the HSR Act has not expired or been terminated, which required waiting period with respect to the offer and the mergers was terminated by the FTC and the Antitrust Division on December 12, 2016;

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*Minimum Condition* there have not been validly tendered in the offer, and not properly withdrawn, a number of shares of AppliedMicro common stock that, together with the shares of AppliedMicro common stock (if any) then owned by MACOM, the Purchaser and MACOM's other subsidiaries, represents at least a majority of all then-outstanding shares of MACOM common stock;

*Effectiveness of Form S-4* the registration statement on Form S-4 relating to the exchange offer (of which this document is a part) has not been declared effective by the SEC under the Securities Act or a stop order suspending the effectiveness of such Form S-4 has been issued by the SEC or proceedings for that purpose have been initiated or threatened by the SEC (provided that MACOM will not be entitled to invoke this condition to avoid accepting shares in the offer if it has not complied in all material respects with its obligations under the merger agreement with respect to preparing and filing the Form S-4 with the SEC);

*Listing of MACOM Common Stock* the shares of MACOM common stock issued in connection with the offer and the mergers have not been approved for listing on Nasdaq, subject to official notice of issuance (provided that MACOM will not be entitled to invoke this condition to avoid accepting shares in the offer if it has not complied in all material respects with its obligations under the merger agreement with respect to submitting the requisite listing application to Nasdaq); or

*Other Conditions* any of the following has occurred and continues to exist as of the expiration date of the offer:

*No Legal Prohibition* an injunction by any court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction will have been entered and will continue to be in effect, or a law will have been adopted or be effective, in each case that prohibits or makes illegal the consummation of the offer or the mergers;

*Accuracy of AppliedMicro's Representations* (i) the representations and warranties of AppliedMicro contained in Section 4.1(a) (regarding AppliedMicro's corporate good standing and governmental approvals), Section 4.3(a) and Section 4.3(b) (regarding AppliedMicro's corporate authority to enter the agreement), and Section 4.22 (regarding AppliedMicro's use of finders or brokers in the transaction) are not true and correct in all material respects as of the date of the merger agreement and as of the expiration date as if made as of such date, (ii) the representations and warranties of AppliedMicro contained in Section 4.2(a) (regarding AppliedMicro's current capitalization and indebtedness) are not true and correct other than in *de minimis* respects as of the date of the merger agreement and as of the expiration date, as if made as of such date (except for those representations and warranties which address matters only as of an earlier date which will have been true and correct as of such earlier date), and (iii) the other representations and warranties of AppliedMicro contained in Article IV of the merger agreement are not true and correct (without giving effect to any exception or qualification contained therein relating to materiality or a Company Material Adverse Effect (as described below)) as of the date of the merger agreement and as of the expiration date, as if made as of such date (except for those representations and warranties which address matters only as of an earlier date which were true and correct as of such earlier date), except in the case of this clause (iii), where the failure of such other representations and warranties to be true and correct, individually or in the aggregate, has not had, or would not be reasonably expected to have, a Company Material Adverse Effect;

*AppliedMicro's Compliance with Covenants* AppliedMicro has failed to perform and comply with, in all material respects, its covenants required by the merger agreement to be performed by it at or prior to the expiration date;

*AppliedMicro Closing Certificate* AppliedMicro has failed to deliver to MACOM a certificate, signed by AppliedMicro's Chief Executive Officer or another senior officer, certifying to the effect that the conditions regarding the accuracy of its representations and warranties and compliance with its covenants have been satisfied;

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*AppliedMicro Tax Opinion* AppliedMicro has not received an opinion of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to AppliedMicro, dated as of the date of the expiration of the offer, to the effect that, on the basis of certain facts, representations and assumptions described or referred to in such opinion, the offer and the mergers, taken together, will qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code;

*MACOM Tax Opinion* MACOM has not received an opinion of Ropes & Gray LLP, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to MACOM, dated as of the date of the expiration of the offer, to the effect that, on the basis of certain facts, representations and assumptions described or referred to in such opinion, the offer and the mergers, taken together, will qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code; or

*Termination of Merger Agreement* the merger agreement has been terminated in accordance with its terms.

The Purchaser expressly reserves the right to waive any offer condition or modify the terms of the offer, except that, without the prior written consent of AppliedMicro, the Purchaser will not, and MACOM will not permit the Purchaser to, (i) reduce the number of shares of AppliedMicro common stock subject to the offer, (ii) reduce the transaction consideration to be paid in the offer, (iii) change the form of consideration payable in the offer, (iv) waive, amend or modify any of the conditions set forth in the first four bullet points above, (v) add any condition to the offer other than those set forth above, (vi) amend, modify or supplement any offer condition in any manner adverse to the holders of AppliedMicro common stock, (vii) except as otherwise expressly required or permitted under the merger agreement, terminate or extend the offer, or (viii) otherwise amend, modify or supplement any of the terms of the offer in any manner adverse (other than in an immaterial or de minimis way) to the holders of AppliedMicro common stock.

### ***Conditions to the Mergers Following Completion of the Offer***

The respective obligations of each party to effect the mergers are subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the following two conditions:

*Consummation of Offer* the Purchaser has accepted for payment and paid for all of the shares of AppliedMicro common stock validly tendered in the offer and not properly withdrawn; and

*No Legal Prohibition* no order, injunction, decree or ruling (whether temporary, preliminary or permanent) enacted, promulgated, issued or entered after the date of the merger agreement by any court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction is in effect and no law has been adopted or is effective, in each case that restrains, enjoins, prevents, prohibits or makes illegal the consummation of the mergers.

### **Material Adverse Effect**

A Company Material Adverse Effect is defined by the merger agreement to mean any event, occurrence, development or state of circumstances, change, fact or condition that (i) prevents, materially impedes or materially delays the consummation of the offer to a date following the end date or (ii) is materially adverse to the financial condition, assets, liabilities, business or results of operations of AppliedMicro and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; provided, however, that none of the following will constitute or be taken into account in determining whether there has been, is

or would be a Company Material Adverse Effect:

- (A) any changes in global, national or regional economic conditions except to the extent that such changes have a disproportionate adverse impact on AppliedMicro and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, relative to other participants in AppliedMicro's industry;
- (B) any changes in conditions generally affecting the semiconductor industry except to the extent such changes have a disproportionate adverse impact on AppliedMicro and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, relative to other participants in AppliedMicro's industry;

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- (C) any decline in the market price or trading volume of the shares of the AppliedMicro common stock on Nasdaq (provided that the exception in this clause (C) will not prevent or otherwise affect a determination that any change, effect or development underlying such decline has resulted in or contributed to a Company Material Adverse Effect);
  - (D) any failure, in and of itself, by AppliedMicro or any of its subsidiaries to meet any internal or published projections, forecasts, estimates or predictions in respect of revenues, earnings or other financial or operating metrics for any period (provided that the exception in this clause (D) will not prevent or otherwise affect a determination that any change, effect or development underlying such failure has resulted in or contributed to a Company Material Adverse Effect);
  - (E) changes solely attributable to the public announcement of the offer, the mergers or any of the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, including the impact thereof on the relationships, contractual or otherwise, of AppliedMicro or any AppliedMicro subsidiary with its employees or with any other third party;
  - (F) changes or proposed changes in GAAP or in laws applicable to AppliedMicro or any AppliedMicro subsidiary or the enforcement or interpretation thereof;
  - (G) any geopolitical conditions, the outbreak or escalation of hostilities, any acts of war, sabotage, terrorism or military actions, or any escalation or worsening of any such hostilities, acts of war, sabotage, terrorism or military actions except to the extent such event or development has a disproportionate adverse impact on AppliedMicro and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, relative to other participants in AppliedMicro's industry; and
  - (H) any change resulting from or arising out of a hurricane, earthquake, flood or similar other natural disaster except to the extent such event or development has a disproportionate adverse impact on AppliedMicro and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, relative to other participants in AppliedMicro's industry.
- A MACOM Material Adverse Effect is defined by the merger agreement to mean any event, occurrence, development or state of circumstances, change, fact or condition that (i) prevents, materially impedes or materially delays the consummation of the offer to a date following the end date or (ii) is materially adverse to the financial condition, assets, liabilities, business or results of operations of MACOM and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; provided, however, that none of the following will constitute or be taken into account in determining whether there has been, is or would be a MACOM Material Adverse Effect:
- (A) any changes in global, national or regional economic conditions except to the extent such changes have a disproportionate adverse impact on MACOM and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, relative to other participants in MACOM's industry;
  - (B)

any changes in conditions generally affecting the semiconductor industry, except in the event that such changes have a disproportionate adverse impact on MACOM and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, relative to other participants in MACOM's industry;

- (C) any decline in the market price or trading volume of the shares of the MACOM common stock on Nasdaq (provided that the exception in this clause (C) will not prevent or otherwise affect a determination that any change, effect or development underlying such decline has resulted in or contributed to a MACOM Material Adverse Effect);
  
- (D) any failure, in and of itself, by MACOM or its subsidiaries to meet any internal or published projections, forecasts, estimates or predictions in respect of revenues, earnings or other financial or operating metrics for any period (provided that the exception in this clause (D) will not prevent or otherwise affect a determination that any change, effect or development underlying such failure has resulted in or contributed to a MACOM Material Adverse Effect);

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- (E) changes solely attributable to the public announcement of the offer, the mergers or any of the other transactions, including the impact thereof on the relationships, contractual or otherwise, of MACOM or its subsidiaries with its employees or with any other third party;
- (F) changes or proposed changes in GAAP or in laws applicable to MACOM or its subsidiaries or the enforcement or interpretation thereof;
- (G) any geopolitical conditions, the outbreak or escalation of hostilities, any acts of war, sabotage, terrorism or military actions, or any escalation or worsening of any such hostilities, acts of war, sabotage, terrorism or military actions except to the extent such event or development has a disproportionate adverse impact on MACOM and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, relative to other participants in MACOM's industry; and
- (H) any change resulting from or arising out of a hurricane, earthquake, flood or similar other natural disaster except to the extent such event or development has a disproportionate adverse impact on MACOM and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, relative to other participants in MACOM's industry.

**Representations and Warranties**

The merger agreement contains customary representations and warranties of the parties. These include representations and warranties of AppliedMicro with respect to:

organization and qualification;

capital stock and indebtedness;

corporate authority relative to the merger agreement;

due execution and delivery of the merger agreement;

required consents and approvals;

no violations;

SEC filings;

reports;



financial statements;

internal controls and procedures;

the absence of undisclosed liabilities;

compliance with applicable laws;

permits;

environmental laws and regulations;

employee benefit plans;

absence of certain changes and events;

investigations;

litigation;

tax matters;

employment and labor matters;

intellectual property;

real property;

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insurance;

fairness opinions of financial advisors;

material contracts;

export controls;

customers and suppliers;

finders or brokers; and

state takeover laws.

The merger agreement also contains customary representations and warranties of MACOM, the Purchaser and Merger Sub, including with respect to:

organization and qualification;

capitalization;

corporate authority relative to the merger agreement;

due execution and delivery of the merger agreement;

no violations;

SEC filings;

reports;

financial statements;

internal controls and procedures;

investigations;

litigation;

compliance with laws;

the absence of certain events;

sufficiency of funds;

tax matters;

intellectual property;

export controls; and

non-reliance.

The representations and warranties contained in the merger agreement do not survive completion of the transactions. The representations, warranties and covenants made by AppliedMicro in the merger agreement are qualified by information contained in the disclosure schedules delivered to MACOM, the Purchaser and Merger Sub in connection with the execution of the merger agreement. The representations, warranties and covenants made by MACOM, the Purchaser and Merger Sub in the merger agreement are qualified by information contained in the disclosure schedules delivered to AppliedMicro in connection with the execution of the merger agreement. Stockholders are not direct third-party beneficiaries of these representations and warranties under the merger agreement and should not rely on the representations and warranties or any descriptions thereof as characterizations of the actual state of facts or condition of AppliedMicro or any of its affiliates or of MACOM or any of its affiliates.

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**No Solicitation of Other Offers by AppliedMicro**

Under the terms of the merger agreement, subject to certain exceptions described below, AppliedMicro has agreed that it will and will cause each of its subsidiaries and its and their respective officers, directors and employees and will instruct and cause their respective agents, financial advisors, investment bankers, attorneys and accountants (each of the forgoing being representatives ) (i) to immediately cease and cause to be terminated any discussions or negotiations with any persons (other than MACOM) that are ongoing with respect to an AppliedMicro takeover proposal (as defined below) and (ii) not to, directly or indirectly through intermediaries:

- (A) solicit, initiate, knowingly encourage (including by way of furnishing non-public information relating to AppliedMicro or any of its subsidiaries), or knowingly facilitate any inquiries regarding, or the making or submission of any proposal or offer that constitutes, or could reasonably be expected to lead to, an AppliedMicro takeover proposal,
- (B) engage in, continue or otherwise participate in any discussions or negotiations regarding, or furnish to any other person any information in connection with or for the purpose of knowingly encouraging or facilitating, an AppliedMicro takeover proposal (other than, solely in response to an unsolicited inquiry, to refer the inquiring person to Section 6.3 of the merger agreement and to limit its conversation or other communication exclusively to such referral, or to otherwise comply with its obligations pursuant to Section 6.3 of the merger agreement),
- (C) engage in any negotiations or discussions with, or provide any information or data to, any person (other than MACOM or any of its affiliates or representatives) relating to any AppliedMicro takeover proposal,
- (D) approve, endorse or recommend an AppliedMicro takeover proposal or any letter of intent, memorandum of understanding or other contract contemplating an AppliedMicro takeover proposal, or
- (E) resolve to do any of the foregoing.

Under the merger agreement, AppliedMicro is obligated to notify MACOM in writing promptly (and in no event later than 24 hours after receipt) after receiving an AppliedMicro takeover proposal or a request for information relating to AppliedMicro or its subsidiaries that is reasonably likely to lead to or that contemplates an AppliedMicro takeover proposal. Such notice to MACOM must include the identity of the person making the AppliedMicro takeover proposal and the material terms and conditions of the takeover proposal. AppliedMicro must also keep MACOM reasonably informed, on a prompt basis (and, in any event within twenty-four (24) hours of any such development), as to the status of discussions or negotiations relating to such AppliedMicro takeover proposal, including with respect to any updates or developments regarding the material terms and conditions of such AppliedMicro takeover proposal. AppliedMicro agrees that it and its subsidiaries will not enter into any agreement with any person subsequent to the date of the merger agreement which prohibits AppliedMicro from providing any information to MACOM in accordance with, or otherwise complying with, Section 6.3 of the merger agreement.



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Notwithstanding the prohibitions described above, AppliedMicro may (i) furnish information (including non-public information) with respect to AppliedMicro and its subsidiaries to the person who has made such AppliedMicro takeover proposal if AppliedMicro receives from such person an executed confidentiality agreement containing terms that, taken as a whole, are not less restrictive to the other party than those contained collectively in the confidentiality agreement between MACOM and AppliedMicro, it being understood and agreed that such confidentiality agreement need not contain a standstill provision or otherwise prohibit the making or amendment of an AppliedMicro takeover proposal, and (ii) engage in or otherwise participate in discussions or negotiations with the person making such AppliedMicro takeover proposal and its representatives regarding such AppliedMicro takeover proposal if:

AppliedMicro or any of its representatives receives a bona fide, unsolicited written AppliedMicro takeover proposal from such person that did not result from a knowing and intentional breach of AppliedMicro's non-solicitation obligations under the merger agreement; and

AppliedMicro's board of directors determines in good faith after consultation with its independent financial advisor and outside legal counsel that such AppliedMicro takeover proposal constitutes or is reasonably likely to lead to a superior proposal (as defined below) and that the failure to take such action would be inconsistent with the directors' fiduciary duties under applicable law.

An AppliedMicro takeover proposal for purposes of the merger agreement means any inquiry, proposal or offer from any person (other than MACOM or its subsidiaries) relating to:

- (A) a merger, consolidation, business combination, recapitalization, binding share exchange, liquidation, dissolution, joint venture or other similar transaction involving AppliedMicro or any of its subsidiaries,
- (B) any acquisition of the beneficial ownership of or the right to acquire beneficial ownership, directly or indirectly, of fifteen percent (15%) or more of the outstanding AppliedMicro common stock or securities of AppliedMicro representing more than fifteen percent (15%) of the voting power of AppliedMicro,
- (C) any acquisition (including the acquisition of stock in any subsidiary of AppliedMicro) of assets or businesses of AppliedMicro or its subsidiaries, including pursuant to a joint venture, representing fifteen percent (15%) or more of the consolidated assets, revenues or net income of AppliedMicro and its subsidiaries, or
- (D) any tender offer or exchange offer or any other similar transaction or series of transactions that if consummated would result in any person directly or indirectly acquiring beneficial ownership or the right to acquire beneficial ownership of fifteen percent (15%) or more of the outstanding AppliedMicro common stock or securities of AppliedMicro representing more than fifteen percent (15%) of the voting power of AppliedMicro.

A superior proposal for purposes of the merger agreement means any takeover proposal that would result in any person becoming the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than fifty percent (50%) of the assets (on a consolidated basis) or more than fifty percent (50%) of the total voting power of the equity securities of AppliedMicro that AppliedMicro's board of directors or any committee thereof has determined in its good faith judgment would,

taking into account any revisions to the terms of the merger agreement proposed by MACOM in response to such takeover proposal, if consummated, result in a transaction more favorable to AppliedMicro's stockholders from a financial point of view than the offer and the mergers.

### **Change of Recommendation**

The merger agreement requires AppliedMicro's board of directors to recommend to AppliedMicro stockholders that they accept the offer and tender their AppliedMicro shares into the offer (the AppliedMicro recommendation). In general, AppliedMicro's board of directors may not change such recommendation unless it has determined that the failure to so change its recommendation would be inconsistent with directors' fiduciary duties, including as a result of a superior proposal, as more particularly described below.

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More specifically, other than as described below (any of the following being an adverse recommendation change), AppliedMicro's board of directors may not:

- (A) fail to include the AppliedMicro recommendation in the Schedule 14D-9 or the prospectus/offer when disseminated to AppliedMicro's stockholders,
- (B) change, qualify, withhold, withdraw or modify (or authorize or publicly propose to change, qualify, withhold, withdraw or modify), in any such case in a manner adverse to MACOM, the AppliedMicro recommendation,
- (C) publicly make any recommendation in connection with a tender offer, exchange offer or merger (other than the offer or the mergers) other than a recommendation against such merger or a temporary stop, look and listen communication by AppliedMicro's board of directors of the type contemplated by Rule 14d-9(f) under the Exchange Act (it being understood that AppliedMicro's board of directors may take no position with respect to an AppliedMicro takeover proposal that is a tender offer or exchange offer until the close of business on the tenth (10th) business day after the commencement of such tender offer or exchange offer pursuant to Rule 14d-2 under the Exchange Act, without such action being considered an adverse recommendation change), or
- (D) adopt, approve or recommend, or publicly propose to adopt, approve or recommend to stockholders of AppliedMicro an AppliedMicro takeover proposal.

The merger agreement also prohibits AppliedMicro's board of directors from authorizing, causing or permitting AppliedMicro or any of its subsidiaries to enter into any letter of intent, memorandum of understanding, agreement or agreement in principle with respect to any AppliedMicro takeover proposal.

Notwithstanding the above, prior to the Purchaser's acceptance of shares tendered in the offer (the acceptance time), AppliedMicro's board of directors, (i) may make an adverse recommendation change other than in response to an AppliedMicro takeover proposal if, prior to taking such action, AppliedMicro's board of directors has determined in good faith, after consultation with its independent financial advisor and outside legal counsel, that such action is required to comply with the directors' fiduciary duties under applicable law and (ii) may make an adverse recommendation change and/or authorize, cause or permit AppliedMicro or any of its subsidiaries to enter into an acquisition agreement, in either such case in response to a bona fide, unsolicited AppliedMicro takeover proposal that did not result from a breach of AppliedMicro's covenant not to solicit, if prior to taking such action, AppliedMicro's board of directors has determined in good faith, after consultation with its independent financial advisor and outside legal counsel, that (x) such AppliedMicro takeover proposal constitutes a superior proposal and (y) such action would be, or would reasonably be expected to be, required to comply with the directors' fiduciary duties under applicable law; provided, however, that, prior to taking such action,

- (A) AppliedMicro has given MACOM at least four (4) business days' prior written notice of its intention to take such action, including the terms and conditions of, and the identity of the person making, any such superior proposal and has contemporaneously provided to MACOM a copy of the superior proposal or any proposed



acquisition agreement (or, in each case, if not provided in writing to AppliedMicro, a written summary of the material terms thereof),

- (B) AppliedMicro has negotiated, and has caused its representatives to negotiate, in good faith with MACOM during such four (4) business day period, to the extent MACOM wishes to negotiate, to make such revisions to the terms of the merger agreement as would permit AppliedMicro's board of directors not to effect an adverse recommendation change in connection with receipt of a superior proposal or take any termination action, and
  
- (C) following the end of the four (4) business days notice period, AppliedMicro's board of directors will have determined, after consultation with its independent financial advisors and outside legal counsel, and giving due consideration to the revisions to the terms of the merger agreement to which MACOM

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has irrevocably committed in writing, that the superior proposal would nevertheless continue to constitute a superior proposal and that such action is required to comply with the directors' fiduciary duties under applicable law (it being previously understood and agreed that any change to the financial or other material terms of a proposal that was previously the subject of a notice under the merger agreement will require a new notice to MACOM as provided above), but with respect to any such subsequent notices, a two (2) business day notice period will be required.

Prior to the acceptance time, and provided that AppliedMicro has complied with the covenant not to solicit, AppliedMicro may enter into a definitive agreement with respect to a superior proposal only if AppliedMicro's board of directors terminates the merger agreement and pays the termination fee.

## **Conduct of Business During Pendency of the Transactions**

### ***Restrictions on AppliedMicro's Operations***

The merger agreement provides for certain restrictions on AppliedMicro and its subsidiaries' activities until either the completion of the mergers or the termination of the merger agreement. In general, except as may be required by applicable law, with the prior written consent of MACOM, as may be required or expressly permitted by the transaction or as set forth in the disclosure schedule delivered by AppliedMicro to MACOM concurrently with the signing of the merger agreement, AppliedMicro and its subsidiaries are required to conduct their business in the ordinary course consistent with past practice and to use their reasonable best efforts to maintain and preserve their assets and keep intact their business organization, keep available the services of key employees and maintain satisfactory relationships with governmental entities, customers, suppliers, distributors, licensors and others having significant business dealings with them.

In addition, except as may be required by law, the merger agreement or as set forth in the disclosure schedule delivered by AppliedMicro to MACOM concurrently with the signing of the merger agreement, neither AppliedMicro nor its subsidiaries may, among other things:

amend its organizational documents or otherwise take any action to exempt any person from any provision of its organizational documents;

split, combine or reclassify its capital stock, except for transactions among AppliedMicro and its wholly owned subsidiaries (other than the return or acquisition of AppliedMicro common stock);

make, declare or pay any dividend, or make any other distribution on, or redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire, any shares of its capital stock, or any other securities or obligations convertible into or exchangeable for any shares of its capital stock, except for (a) dividends by AppliedMicro subsidiaries to AppliedMicro or other wholly owned AppliedMicro subsidiaries, (b) the acceptance of shares of AppliedMicro common stock as payment for the exercise price or withholding taxes in connection with the exercise of AppliedMicro options or the vesting or settlement of AppliedMicro RSUs or (c) in connection with AppliedMicro's stock plans as in effect on the date of the merger agreement;

grant any AppliedMicro equity or equity-based awards or interests;

grant any individual, corporation or other entity any right to acquire any shares of its capital stock other than such grants to new hires, or retention grants (such grants made pursuant to this provision will not represent right(s) to acquire, in the aggregate, more than 200,000 shares of AppliedMicro common stock); issue, sell or otherwise permit to become outstanding any shares of its capital stock or securities convertible or exchangeable into, or exercisable for, any shares of its capital stock or any options, warrants or other rights to acquire shares of its capital stock, except (a) pursuant to the exercise of AppliedMicro options or the settlement of AppliedMicro RSUs or MSUs, (b) pursuant to the exercise of rights under the ESPP that were outstanding on the date the merger agreement was signed or (c) the issuance of shares by a wholly owned subsidiary of AppliedMicro to AppliedMicro or another wholly owned subsidiary of AppliedMicro;

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enter into any agreement, understanding or arrangement with respect to the sale or voting of its capital stock or equity interests;

adopt a plan of complete or partial liquidation, dissolution, merger, consolidation, restructuring, recapitalization or other reorganization;

incur, create, assume, endorse, guarantee or otherwise become liable for or any indebtedness for borrowed money or issue or sell any debt securities or calls, options, warrants or other rights to acquire any debt securities (directly, contingently or otherwise) in excess of \$500,000;

communicate in a writing that is intended for broad dissemination to AppliedMicro's employees regarding compensation, benefits or other treatment they will receive in connection with or following the offer or the mergers, unless any such communications are consistent with the merger agreement or prior directives or documentation provided to AppliedMicro by MACOM (in which case, AppliedMicro will provide MACOM with written prior notice of any such communications);

make any loans or advances to any other person in excess of \$100,000, except for loans or advances among AppliedMicro and any of its wholly owned subsidiaries;

(A) sell, transfer, mortgage, encumber or otherwise dispose of any of its material properties or assets to any person other than to (1) AppliedMicro or a wholly owned subsidiary of AppliedMicro or (2) solely with respect to intellectual property rights, nonexclusive licenses in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, or (B) cancel, release or assign any indebtedness of any such person owed to it or any claims held by it against any such person, in the case of each of clause (A) and clause (B) other than liens permitted under the merger agreement or transactions solely among AppliedMicro and/or its wholly owned subsidiaries that would not result in a material increase in the tax liability of AppliedMicro and its subsidiaries;

knowingly forfeit, abandon, contribute to the public domain or an open source body or standards body, or fail to take any action necessary to maintain any intellectual property rights other than decisions regarding prosecution of immaterial scheduled intellectual property rights made in the ordinary course;

other than nonexclusive licenses related to products, developments or sales in the ordinary course of business, consistent with past practice, (A) enter into or terminate any material contract, (b) materially modify, amend, waive any right under or renew any material contract, (c) enter into or extend the term or scope of any contract that purports to restrict AppliedMicro, or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates or any successor thereto, from engaging or competing in any line of business or in any geographic area, (d) enter into any material contract that would be breached by, or require the consent of any third party in order to continue in full force following, consummation of the transactions, or (e) enter into any material contract that would encumber, license or transfer any intellectual property rights;

(A) acquire (whether by merger or consolidation, acquisition of stock or assets or by formation of a joint venture or otherwise) any other person or business or any material assets, deposits or properties of any other person, or (B) make any material investment in other persons either by purchase of stock or securities, contributions to capital, property transfers or purchase of property or assets of any person other than a wholly owned subsidiary of AppliedMicro;

make any capital expenditures in excess of \$500,000 in the aggregate during any calendar year, other than those related to operational emergencies, equipment failures or outages;

except as required by the existing terms of any AppliedMicro benefit plan or as required by applicable law, (A) establish, adopt, negotiate, enter into, amend or terminate, or consent to the establishment, adoption, amendment or termination of, any AppliedMicro benefit plan or any plan, agreement, arrangement, program, policy or contract that would be an AppliedMicro benefit plan if in effect on the date of the merger agreement, (B) increase the compensation (including severance, change-in-control and retention compensation) or benefits payable to any employee, director or independent contractor of AppliedMicro or its subsidiaries, except for annual merit-based pay increases consistent with past

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practice for non-officer employees, (C) accelerate the vesting or payment of any compensation, (D) hire, engage or terminate (other than for cause) the employment or services of any employee, director or independent contractor, other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice with respect to employees or independent contractors with individual annual aggregate cash compensation less than \$200,000 or (E) effect a plant closing or mass layoff that would require the provision of notice (or pay in lieu thereof) under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act or any similar state, local or foreign law;

establish, adopt, negotiate, enter into, amend or terminate, or consent to the establishment, adoption, amendment or termination of, any collective bargaining agreement;

implement or adopt any material change in its financial accounting principles, practices or methods (or change an annual accounting period), other than as may be required by GAAP or applicable law;

settle or compromise any litigation, claim, suit, action or proceeding (including without limitation any suit, action, claim, proceeding or investigation relating to the merger agreement or mergers and the other transactions contemplated hereby), except for settlements or compromises that (A) with respect to the payment of monetary damages, involve monetary remedies with a value not in excess of \$1,000,000, individually, or \$3,000,000, in the aggregate, net of any amount covered by insurance or indemnifications and (B) with respect to any non-monetary terms and conditions therein, do not impose any material restriction on the continuing operations of AppliedMicro;

make, change or revoke any tax election, change or adopt any annual tax accounting period or adopt (other than required by applicable law) or change any material method of tax accounting, file any amended tax return, enter into any closing agreement within the meaning of Section 7121 of the Code (or any analogous or similar provision of state, local or foreign law), request any tax ruling from any taxing authority, settle or compromise any material tax liability or any audit, examination or other proceeding relating to a material amount of taxes, or surrender any claim for a material refund of taxes;

(A) implement or effect or (B) announce, any reduction in force, lay-off, early retirement program, severance program or other similar program concerning the termination of employment of employees of AppliedMicro or any of its subsidiaries;

enter into, amend or cancel any insurance policies other than (A) in ordinary course of business or (B) to seek a quote or proposal for any directors and officers liability insurance and/or fiduciary liability insurance to be obtained by AppliedMicro pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement; or

agree to take, or make any binding commitment to take, any of the foregoing prohibited actions.

***Restrictions on MACOM's Operations***

The merger agreement provides for certain restrictions on MACOM's and its subsidiaries' activities until either the completion of the mergers or the termination of the merger agreement. In general, except as may be required by applicable law, as may be required or expressly permitted by the transaction or as set forth in the disclosure schedule delivered by MACOM to AppliedMicro concurrently with the execution of the merger agreement, MACOM and the Purchaser will not:

amend its organizational documents or the organizational documents of the Purchaser;

adopt a plan of complete or partial liquidation, dissolution, consolidation, restructuring, recapitalization or reorganization, other than the mergers and other than any reorganizations, restructurings, consolidations or reclassifications solely among MACOM and its subsidiaries or among MACOM's subsidiaries;

make, declare or pay any cash dividend, or make any other cash distribution on any shares of its capital stock, or any other securities or obligations convertible (whether currently convertible or convertible only after the passage of time or the occurrence of certain events) into or exchangeable for any shares

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of its capital stock (except (A) dividends paid by any direct or indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of MACOM to MACOM or to any other wholly owned direct or indirect subsidiary of MACOM, respectively, or (B) the acceptance of shares of MACOM common stock as payment for the exercise price of MACOM stock options or for withholding taxes incurred in connection with the exercise of MACOM stock options or the vesting or settlement of MACOM restricted stock units in accordance with past practice and the terms of the MACOM stock plans as in effect on the date hereof); and

agree to take, or make any binding commitment to take, any of the foregoing prohibited actions.

## **Regulatory Efforts**

MACOM and AppliedMicro agreed to use their respective reasonable best efforts to consummate the offer and the other transactions, including (i) the preparation and filing of all forms, registrations, applications and notices required to be filed under applicable law to consummate the offer and the mergers (including the registration statement, the offer documents, the Schedule 14D-9, and the prospectus/offer of which this description is a part), (ii) the satisfaction of the conditions to consummating the offer and the mergers, (iii) taking all reasonable actions necessary to obtain (and cooperating with each other in obtaining) any consent, authorization, order or approval of, or any exemption by, any governmental entity (which actions will include furnishing all information and documentary material required under the HSR Act) required to be obtained or made by MACOM, the Purchaser, AppliedMicro or any of their respective subsidiaries in connection with the offer or the mergers or the taking of any action contemplated by the merger agreement and (iv) the execution and delivery of any reasonable additional instruments necessary to consummate the offer and the mergers and to fully carry out the purposes of the merger agreement.

Additionally, each of MACOM, the Purchaser and AppliedMicro will use reasonable best efforts to fulfill all conditions precedent to the offer and the mergers and will not take any action after the date of the merger agreement that would reasonably be expected to materially delay the obtaining of, or result in not obtaining, any permission, approval or consent from any such governmental entity necessary to be obtained to consummate the offer and the mergers. MACOM and AppliedMicro may agree to postpone any required regulatory filings based on input from counsel.

MACOM and AppliedMicro will each keep the other apprised of the status of matters relating to the completion of the offer and work cooperatively in connection with obtaining all required consents, authorizations, orders or approvals of, or any exemptions by, any governmental entity. In that regard, prior to the consummation of the mergers, each party will promptly consult with the other parties to the merger agreement with respect to and provide any reasonable information and assistance as the other parties may reasonably request with respect to (and, in the case of correspondence, provide the other parties (or their counsel) copies of) all material notices, submissions, or filings made by such party with any governmental entity regarding any antitrust laws or any other information supplied by such party to, or correspondence with, a governmental entity regarding any antitrust laws and in connection with the merger agreement and the offer and the mergers. Each party to the merger agreement will promptly inform the other parties to the merger agreement, and if in writing, furnish the other parties with copies of (or, in the case of oral communications, advise the other parties orally of) any material communication from or to any governmental entity relating to any antitrust laws and regarding the offer and the mergers, and afford the other parties a reasonable opportunity to review and discuss in advance, and consider in good faith the views of the other parties in connection with, any proposed communication with any such governmental entity relating to any antitrust laws.

Pursuant to the merger agreement, AppliedMicro and MACOM each requested early termination of the waiting period with respect to the offer under the HSR Act. On December 12, 2016, early termination of the waiting period under the HSR Act was granted, and accordingly this condition has been satisfied.





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### **Access**

The merger agreement provides that, for purposes of furthering the transactions, each party will upon reasonable advance notice afford the other and its employees, accountants, consultants, internal and external legal counsel, financial advisors, tax advisors, and agents and other representatives reasonable access during normal business hours, throughout the period prior to the effective time, to its and its subsidiaries' personnel, properties, contracts, books and records and, during such period, each party will, and will cause its subsidiaries to, without limitation to the preceding obligations, make available to the other party all other information concerning its business, properties and personnel as such other party may reasonably request.

However, no party will be required to provide access to or make available to any person any document or information that, in the reasonable judgment of the disclosing party, would be detrimental to its business operations, would result in the disclosure of any trade secrets of third parties or violate any of its obligations with respect to confidentiality or is subject to any attorney-client or work-product privilege.

The parties have agreed that all information provided to them or their respective officers, directors, employees or representatives in connection with the merger agreement and the consummation of the transactions will be governed in accordance with the confidentiality agreement between the parties.

### **Employee Matters**

The merger agreement provides that, effective as of the effective time and until December 31, 2017, MACOM will provide, or will cause the surviving company to provide, to employees of AppliedMicro or any of its subsidiaries who are employed as of immediately prior to the effective time and who continue to be employed by MACOM or the surviving company or any of their respective subsidiaries following the effective time (the AppliedMicro employees), (i) base salaries or wage rates with respect to each AppliedMicro employee that are no less than provided to such AppliedMicro employee immediately prior to the effective time, (ii) employee benefits (other than equity-based compensation) and annual cash bonus opportunities that are substantially comparable in the aggregate to employee benefits and annual cash bonus opportunities provided to (x) AppliedMicro employees immediately prior to the effective time or (y) at MACOM's election, to similarly situated employees of MACOM and its subsidiaries (other than AppliedMicro and its subsidiaries) and (iii) severance benefits that are no less favorable than the severance benefits provided to such AppliedMicro employee immediately prior to the effective time. AppliedMicro employees may commence participation in MACOM's compensation and benefit plans on different dates following the effective time with respect to different compensation and benefit plans, in accordance with the terms of the applicable plans. From and after the effective time, MACOM will, or will cause the surviving company to, continue to honor the milestone or other bonus plans and agreements disclosed by AppliedMicro at the signing of the merger agreement.

Following the effective time, MACOM will, or will cause the surviving company to, cause any employee benefit plans sponsored or maintained by MACOM or the surviving company or any of their subsidiaries in the United States in which AppliedMicro employees are eligible to participate following the closing date, other than any equity-based or qualified or non-qualified defined benefit or deferred compensation plans (collectively, the post-closing plans) to recognize the service of each AppliedMicro employee with AppliedMicro and its subsidiaries and their respective predecessors prior to the effective time for purposes of eligibility to participate and vesting under such post-closing plans, in each case, to the same extent such service was recognized immediately prior to the effective time under a comparable AppliedMicro benefit plan in which such AppliedMicro employee was eligible to participate immediately prior to the effective time; provided that such recognition of service will not operate to duplicate any benefits of an AppliedMicro employee with respect to the same period of service. Under each post-closing plan that provides medical, dental, pharmaceutical or vision insurance benefits, for the plan year in which such AppliedMicro employee

is first eligible to participate, MACOM will use reasonable best efforts to (A) cause any pre-existing condition limitations or eligibility waiting periods under such plan to be waived with respect to each AppliedMicro employee to the extent such limitation

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would have been waived or satisfied under the AppliedMicro benefit plan in which such AppliedMicro employee participated or was eligible to participate in immediately prior to the effective time, and (B) credit each AppliedMicro employee for an amount equal to any eligible expenses incurred by such AppliedMicro employee in the plan year that includes the effective time for purposes of any applicable deductible, coinsurance and annual out-of-pocket expense requirements under any such post-closing plan to the extent such expenses would have been credited under the terms of the applicable AppliedMicro benefit plans.

Unless requested by MACOM not later than ten (10) days prior to the closing date, AppliedMicro will take (or cause to be taken) all actions necessary or appropriate to terminate, effective no later than the day prior to the closing date, any AppliedMicro benefit plan that contains a cash or deferred arrangement intended to qualify under Section 401(k) of the Code (an AppliedMicro 401(k) plan ). AppliedMicro will provide to MACOM prior to the closing date written evidence of the adoption by AppliedMicro's board of directors of resolutions authorizing the termination of such AppliedMicro 401(k) plan (the form and substance of which resolutions will be subject to the prior review and approval of MACOM, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed). In the event of such 401(k) plan termination, MACOM will take all actions necessary to allow AppliedMicro employees who meet the age and service eligibility requirements under a 401(k) plan maintained by MACOM or its affiliates (the MACOM 401(k) plan ) to enroll as soon as reasonably practicable following the closing (and in no event later than sixty (60) days following the effective time) under the MACOM 401(k) plan and to make rollover contributions of eligible rollover distributions (within the meaning of Section 401(a)(31) of the Code), in the form of cash only. AppliedMicro will, and will cause its subsidiaries to, cooperate with MACOM in good faith (including by promptly furnishing such information as is requested by MACOM) in fulfilling MACOM's obligations described in this paragraph.

## **Resignations**

Prior to the effective time, AppliedMicro will cause any director and any officer of AppliedMicro or each subsidiary of AppliedMicro identified in writing by MACOM at least five (5) business days prior to the anticipated effective time to execute and deliver a letter effectuating his or her resignation as a director or officer (but not as an employee) of such entity effective as of the effective time. At the request of MACOM, AppliedMicro will use reasonable best efforts to cooperate with MACOM to effect the replacement of any such directors and officers selected by MACOM at the effective time.

## **Third Party Consents**

AppliedMicro will use reasonable best efforts, and will cause its subsidiaries to use reasonable best efforts, to obtain waivers and consents from any and all third parties with respect to certain contracts listed on the disclosure schedule delivered to MACOM; provided, that, in connection with obtaining such waivers and consents, AppliedMicro will not agree to any change to such contracts that would be materially adverse to the interest of AppliedMicro, its subsidiaries or, after the Closing, MACOM, without the prior written consent of MACOM, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or denied.

## **Certain Tax Matters**

Each of the parties will use its reasonable best efforts to cause the offer and the mergers, taken together, to qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code, including by executing and delivering customary tax representation letters to AppliedMicro's and/or MACOM's counsel, as applicable, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to such counsel.

## **Directors and Officers Indemnification and Insurance**

Under the merger agreement, MACOM and the Purchaser agree that all rights to exculpation and indemnification (and all rights to advancement of expenses relating thereto) for acts or omissions occurring at or

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prior to the effective time, whether asserted or claimed prior to, at or after the effective time (including any matters arising in connection with the transactions), now existing in favor of the indemnitees as provided in AppliedMicro organizational documents or in any contract between such indemnitee and AppliedMicro listed on the disclosure schedules delivered to MACOM and the Purchaser in connection with the merger agreement (in each case as in effect on the date of the merger agreement) will survive the mergers and will continue in full force and effect. From and after the effective time, the surviving company will (and MACOM will cause the surviving company to) indemnify, defend and hold harmless, and advance expenses to, indemnitees with respect to (x) all acts or omissions by them in their capacities as such at any time at or prior to the effective time or (y) any costs or expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, losses, claims, damages, liabilities and amounts paid in settlement in connection with any claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, to the extent such claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation arises out of or pertains to the offer, the mergers, the merger agreement and any transactions contemplated hereby, in either case, in each of (x) and (y) to the extent provided in AppliedMicro organizational documents or in any contract between such indemnitee and AppliedMicro listed on the disclosure schedules delivered to MACOM and the Purchaser in connection with the merger agreement (in each case as in effect on the date of the merger agreement), and MACOM will guarantee the payment of such amounts to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law. For a period of six (6) years after the effective time, MACOM will cause the certificate of incorporation, bylaws or other organizational documents of the surviving company to contain provisions with respect to indemnification, advancement of expenses and limitation of director, officer and employee liability that are no less favorable to the indemnitees than those set forth in AppliedMicro organizational documents and the contracts listed on the disclosure schedules delivered to MACOM and the Purchaser in connection with the merger agreement as of the date of the merger agreement, which provisions thereafter will not be amended, repealed or otherwise modified in any manner that would adversely affect the rights of any indemnitees under the merger agreement.

From and after the effective time, MACOM will obtain (either directly or through one of its subsidiaries) and fully pay the premium for a six (6) year tail prepaid policy on terms and conditions no less advantageous to the indemnitees than the existing directors' and officers' insurance policies and AppliedMicro's existing D&O insurance with respect to any claim related to any period of time at or prior to the effective time; provided, however, that neither the surviving company nor MACOM will be required to pay for such tail prepaid policy more than two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the annual premium currently paid by AppliedMicro for its D&O insurance or, if substantially equivalent or greater insurance coverage is unavailable, the best available coverage; provided, however, that MACOM and the surviving company will not be required to pay an annual premium for the D&O insurance in excess of two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the annual premium currently paid by AppliedMicro for such insurance. If the annual premiums of such insurance coverage exceed such amount, MACOM will be obligated to obtain a policy with the greatest coverage available, with respect to matters occurring prior to the effective time, for a cost not exceeding such amount. In the alternative, AppliedMicro may purchase fully-prepaid, and the surviving company will maintain, for a period of at least six (6) years from and after the effective time, D&O insurance in place as of the date of the merger agreement with AppliedMicro's current insurance carrier or a reputable alternative insurance carrier; provided, however, that AppliedMicro will not be permitted to pay for such tail prepaid policy in excess of two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the annual premium currently paid by AppliedMicro for such insurance.

The indemnification and insurance obligations described above will survive the consummation of the mergers indefinitely and will be binding, jointly and severally, on all successors and assigns of MACOM, the surviving company and its subsidiaries, and will be enforceable by the indemnitees. In the event that MACOM or the surviving company or any of its successors or assigns consolidates with or merges into any other entity and will not be the continuing or surviving corporation or entity of such consolidation or merger or transfers or conveys all or a majority of its properties and assets to any entity, then, and in each such case, MACOM will ensure that proper provision will be made so that the successors and assigns of MACOM or the surviving company, as applicable, will succeed to the

obligations set forth above.

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### **Takeover Statutes**

The parties and each of their respective board of directors will grant such approvals and take such actions within such party's control as are permitted and necessary so that such transactions may be consummated as promptly as practicable on the terms contemplated by the merger agreement and otherwise act to eliminate or minimize the effects of such statute or regulation on such transactions.

AppliedMicro's board of directors has taken all action necessary to render inapplicable to the merger agreement and the support agreements and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby all applicable state anti-takeover statutes or regulations (including Section 203 of the DGCL) and any similar provisions in AppliedMicro's organizational documents.

### **Public Announcements**

Unless an adverse recommendation change has occurred, so long as the merger agreement is in effect, AppliedMicro will not disseminate any press release or other announcement concerning the offer or the merger agreement or the Transactions, except as may be required by law, without the prior consent of MACOM and the Purchaser, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, without prior consent of the other parties, each party (a) may communicate information that is not confidential information of any other party with financial analysts, investors and media representatives in a manner consistent with its past practice in compliance with applicable law or by the rules and regulations of Nasdaq, and (b) may disseminate the information included in a press release or other document previously approved for external distribution by the other parties. Each party agrees to promptly (and in any event within two (2) business days) make available to the other parties copies of any written communications made without prior consultation with the other parties. Notwithstanding any other provision of the merger agreement, (i) no party will be required to consult with the other party in connection with any such press release or announcement if AppliedMicro's board of directors has effected an adverse recommendation change or will have resolved to do so and (ii) the public announcement requirements of this paragraph will not apply to any disclosure by AppliedMicro or MACOM of any information concerning the merger agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby in connection with a determination by AppliedMicro in accordance with the provisions of the merger agreement that an AppliedMicro takeover proposal constitutes, or may constitute, a superior proposal or any dispute between the parties regarding the merger agreement, the offer or the mergers or the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

### **Transaction Litigation**

The terms of the merger agreement require AppliedMicro to give MACOM the opportunity to participate in AppliedMicro's defense or settlement of any actions, suits, claims, governmental investigations or proceedings instituted or threatened against AppliedMicro or any of its directors, officers or affiliates, including by any stockholder of AppliedMicro relating to the transactions, which, if pending on the date of the merger agreement, would have been required to have been disclosed pursuant to the merger agreement or relating to the merger agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby, or seeking damages or discovery in connection with such transactions. Subject to entry into a customary joint defense agreement, MACOM will have the right to participate in the defense of any such actions, suits, claims, investigations or proceedings, AppliedMicro will consult with MACOM regarding the defense of any such actions, suits, claims, investigations or proceedings, and AppliedMicro may not settle or compromise any stockholder litigation without the prior written consent of MACOM, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, delayed or denied.



**Listing of MACOM Common Stock**

MACOM agreed in the merger agreement to file a notification of listing of additional shares with Nasdaq with respect to the listing of the shares of MACOM common stock to be issued in connection with the offer and

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the first merger and to use reasonable best efforts to cause such shares to be approved for listing on Nasdaq, subject to official notice of issuance, prior to the acceptance time.

### **Termination of the Merger Agreement**

#### ***Termination by MACOM or AppliedMicro***

The merger agreement may be terminated at any time before the acceptance time by mutual written consent of MACOM and AppliedMicro or by either party:

*Offer Not Completed* if the acceptance time will not have occurred on or prior to the end date; provided, however that the right to terminate the merger agreement under this paragraph will not be available to any party whose action or failure to fulfill any obligation under the merger agreement proximately caused any of the offer conditions to fail to be satisfied, and such action or failure to act constitutes a material breach of the merger agreement and; provided further, that no termination may be effected as of the end date during a thirty (30)-day cure period to which a party is entitled by reason of termination rights exercised as a result of a party's breach; or

*Legal Prohibition* if an order by a governmental entity of competent jurisdiction will have been issued permanently restraining, enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the consummation of the offer and such order will have become final and not appealable; provided, however, that the right to terminate the merger agreement under this paragraph will not be available to a party if such order (or such order becoming final and no appealable) was due to the material breach by such party of any covenant of such party set forth in the merger agreement, or such party's failure to fulfill a condition that the party is obligated to satisfy under the merger agreement.

#### ***Termination by MACOM***

The merger agreement may be terminated at any time before the acceptance time by MACOM:

*Change of Recommendation* if, prior to the acceptance time, (i) an adverse recommendation change will have occurred or (ii) AppliedMicro will have violated or breached its non-solicitation obligations described under the heading "No Solicitation of Other Offers by AppliedMicro"; or

*AppliedMicro's Breach* if AppliedMicro has breached its representations or warranties or covenants in the merger agreement, such that the closing conditions relating to the truth and accuracy of its representations and warranties and its compliance with its covenants (subject, in each case, to specified materiality standards) would not be satisfied and such breach is not curable or is not cured within a specified time period, except that such right to terminate will not be available to MACOM if MACOM is then in material breach that would similarly cause a failure of its corresponding closing conditions to be satisfied.

#### ***Termination by AppliedMicro***

The merger agreement may be terminated at any time before the acceptance time by AppliedMicro:

*Superior Proposal* to enter into an acquisition agreement with respect to a superior proposal provided that (i) AppliedMicro has complied with its non-solicitation obligations described under the heading *No Solicitation of Other Offers by AppliedMicro* and (ii) immediately prior to or concurrently with (and as a condition to) the termination of the merger agreement, AppliedMicro pays to MACOM the termination fee described under the heading *Termination Fee* ; or

*MACOM's Breach* if MACOM has breached certain of its representations or warranties, obligations or covenants in the merger agreement, such that the closing conditions relating to the truth and accuracy of its representations and warranties and its compliance with its covenants (subject, in each

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case, to specified materiality standards) would not be satisfied and such breach is not curable or is not cured within a specified time period, except that such right to terminate will not be available to AppliedMicro if AppliedMicro is then in breach that would similarly cause a failure of its corresponding closing conditions to be satisfied.

### **Termination Fee**

The merger agreement provides that AppliedMicro will pay MACOM a termination fee of \$30 million within two (2) business days if:

(a) after the date of the merger agreement, an AppliedMicro takeover proposal is publicly announced or otherwise communicated or is made known to AppliedMicro's board of directors, (b) thereafter, either AppliedMicro or MACOM terminates the merger agreement pursuant to one of the termination rights described under the headings Offer Not Completed, AppliedMicro's Breach or part (ii) of Change of Recommendation and (c) within 12 months after such termination, AppliedMicro or any of its subsidiaries enters into a definitive agreement with respect to, or consummates, any transaction constituting an AppliedMicro takeover proposal (with references to 15% in the definition of AppliedMicro takeover proposal deemed to be references to 50% );

MACOM terminates the merger agreement pursuant to the termination right described under the heading Change in Recommendation because of a change of recommendation by AppliedMicro's board of directors; or

AppliedMicro terminates the merger agreement pursuant to the termination right described under the heading Superior Proposal in order to enter into a definitive agreement with respect to a superior proposal. In no event will AppliedMicro be obligated to pay the termination fee on more than one occasion.

### **Expenses**

Under the terms of the merger agreement, except for the termination fee, whether or not the offer and the mergers are consummated, all costs and expenses incurred in connection with the offer, the mergers, the merger agreement and the other transactions will be paid by the party incurring or required to incur such expenses.

### **Effect of Termination**

In the event of termination of the merger agreement, the merger agreement, other than specified provisions that survive, will become void, and there will be no liability or further obligation on the part of MACOM, the Purchaser, Merger Sub or AppliedMicro, provided that no party will be relieved of liability for any fraud or a willful and material breach of the merger agreement.

### **Enforcements and Remedies**

Under the merger agreement, the parties have agreed that, prior to the valid termination of the merger agreement, each party will be entitled to:

an injunction or injunctions to prevent any breaches of the merger agreement;

specifically enforce the terms and provisions of the merger agreement (including the obligation of the parties to consummate the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement and the obligation of MACOM and the Purchaser to pay, and AppliedMicro's stockholders' right to receive, the aggregate consideration payable to them pursuant to the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, in each case in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions of the merger agreement); and

any further relief to which such party is entitled at law or in equity.

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The merger agreement also provides that AppliedMicro shall have the right on behalf of its stockholders to pursue damages (including claims for damages based on loss of economic benefits of the transaction to AppliedMicro's stockholders) in the event of any fraud or willful and material breach of the merger agreement by MACOM or the Purchaser.

**Amendments and Waivers of Merger Agreement**

At any time prior to the acceptance time, any provision of the merger agreement may be amended or waived, but only if, such amendment or waiver is in writing and signed, in the case of an amendment, by AppliedMicro, MACOM and the Purchaser or, in the case of a waiver, by the party waiving such provision. At any time and from time to time prior to the acceptance time, either AppliedMicro, on the one hand, or MACOM and the Purchaser, on the other hand, may, to the extent permissible by applicable law and except as otherwise set forth in the merger agreement,

- (A) extend the time for the performance of any of the obligations or other acts of MACOM or the Purchaser, in the case of an extension by AppliedMicro, or of AppliedMicro, in the case of an extension by MACOM and Purchaser, as applicable,
- (B) waive any inaccuracies in the representations and warranties made to such party contained in the merger agreement or in any document delivered pursuant hereto, and
- (C) waive compliance with any of the agreements or conditions for the benefit of any such party contained in the merger agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no failure or delay by any party hereto in exercising any right under the merger agreement will operate as a waiver thereof nor will any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise of any other right under the merger agreement.

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**SUPPORT AGREEMENTS**

*The following summary describes certain material provisions of the support agreements, the form of which is attached to this document as Annex B and incorporated into this document by reference. This summary may not contain all of the information about the support agreements important to AppliedMicro stockholders, and AppliedMicro stockholders are encouraged to read the form of support agreement carefully in its entirety. The legal rights and obligations of the parties are governed by the specific language of the support agreements and not this summary.*

*The summary of the support agreements is intended to provide information regarding the terms of the support agreements and is not intended to modify or supplement any factual disclosures about MACOM or AppliedMicro in their public reports filed with the SEC. In particular, the form of support agreement and the related summary are not intended to be, and should not be relied upon as, disclosures regarding any facts and circumstances relating to any party to such agreements. The support agreements include representations, warranties and covenants of the parties thereto made solely for the benefit of such parties. The assertions embodied in those representations and warranties were made solely for purposes of the contracts among the parties to the support agreements and may be subject to important qualifications and limitations agreed to by the parties thereto in connection with the negotiated terms. Moreover, some of those representations and warranties may not be accurate or complete as of any specified date, may be subject to a contractual standard of materiality different from those generally applicable to MACOM or AppliedMicro's SEC filings or may have been used for purposes of all*