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On Monday July 2, 2012, at 12:05 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Brightpoint, Inc. (the Company ) issued the following message to employees regarding the transaction discussed in the Company s 8-K, which was filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on July 2, 2012.

The text of the message is below:

[Brightpoint Logo]

BrightPoint TEAM:

Today is an important day in BrightPoint s history, and I want to share this news with you.

A press release was issued this morning announcing the pending acquisition of BrightPoint by Ingram Micro. In addition to enhancing Ingram Micro s position as the world s largest technology distributor, our decision to merge with Ingram Micro will create a leading global provider of device lifecycle services and solutions for the mobility industry. Together, our companies will be better positioned to grow globally and provide greater value and compelling opportunities to our customers, vendor partners, shareholders, employees, and other stakeholders.

You may be asking yourself why merge with another company now ? You have all heard me talk about how the wireless industry is innovative, dynamic, and competitive. In order to remain a leader and the partner of choice in our industry, we must constantly study the marketplace, look for opportunities, and stay ahead of the trends. Our success is not based solely on our ability to change, but on our ability to change faster and smarter than our competition.

One trend that has driven the evolution of our industry, and BrightPoint s success, is technological convergence. We have studied the end-to-end supply chain of the wireless and information technology ( IT ) industries and have seen the convergence of the industries from the desktop to the laptop to smartphones to mobile computing. This has been a natural progression and the capabilities of the products we handle continue to increase. As the convergence of wireless and IT accelerates, the winner will be the company with the greatest global scale, best IT systems, most talented workforce, strongest capital structure, and is the low cost provider.

As we continued to execute upon our strategy, and studied the convergence of the wireless and IT industries, we determined the fastest way to enhance our relevance and accelerate our growth was to combine with a leading global technology company. Through our numerous interactions with Ingram Micro over the years, we concluded that uniting our two companies makes excellent financial and strategic sense.

The combination of BrightPoint and Ingram Micro is a natural fit. We have a complementary product portfolio and market presence and share a common heritage and passion for innovation, partnership, and excellent customer service. We also share a commitment to our communities and environment with each company being recognized with green awards. For these, and many other reasons, this is the right time for this transaction. I believe strongly that Ingram Micro is the best partner for our business and employees going forward, and I am excited about the prospect of BrightPoint becoming part of a Fortune 100 company.

I realize this news is unexpected, and I certainly appreciate that it will cause uncertainty about what this means for you. We will work to address that uncertainty as quickly as possible, but please understand it will take some time. I believe that this merger will create excellent career opportunities that come with being part of a larger organization. How we respond individually, and collectively, to this opportunity will influence our future success. As soon as more information is available, we will share it with you. For now, you should rest assured there will be no immediate changes. For example, several members of our senior leadership team have committed to assuming senior leadership roles with the new company. Our Regional Presidents, Mark Howell for the Americas, Bruce Thomlinson for APAC and Anurag Gupta for EMEA will be responsible for the mobility operations of the new company, and I have agreed to serve in a senior advisory role to Alain Monie, Ingram Micro s CEO.

Before BrightPoint and Ingram Micro can combine, certain conditions such as shareholder and regulatory approvals must be obtained. We anticipate the transaction will close in the fourth quarter of 2012. Until the transaction is completed, each company will continue to operate independently. For this reason, it is critical for each of you to remain focused on your day-to-day responsibilities so that we can continue to deliver the same high-value services our customers expect from BrightPoint.

Attached is the press release from this morning s announcement. I know you will have many questions in the days ahead, and we will do our best to ensure that they are addressed. We will also provide additional updates as they become available on how our operations will be combined and successfully integrated. Should you receive a question from a customer or vendor partner about the transaction, please refer the question to either your regional president or to me. Please do not try to answer a question to which you are uncertain of the answer. Let the customer or vendor know that you will forward the question to the appropriate person and someone else within the organization will get back to them with the answer. Should you receive a question from an investor or the media, please refer them to Tom Ward at +1 (317) 707-2745 or tom.ward@brightpoint.com.

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This is an important, critical time for our company and an emotional day for me. I am excited about the future and have fond memories of how we got to this point today. These last 20 plus years have been an incredible experience, and I am excited about what we will accomplish together going forward. I thank you for your continued support and for your contributions to our success.

Best regards,

Bob

**Note: The foregoing internal message should not be shared with customers, vendors and other business partners. It is for internal purposes only.**

### **Additional Information and Where to Find It**

BrightPoint intends to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) a proxy statement and intends to furnish or file other materials with the SEC in connection with the proposed merger. The definitive proxy statement will be sent or given to the shareholders of BrightPoint and will contain important information about the proposed merger and related matters. **BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING DECISION, BRIGHTPOINT'S SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT AND THOSE OTHER MATERIALS CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT BRIGHTPOINT AND THE PROPOSED MERGER.** The proxy statement and other relevant materials (when they become available), and any other documents filed by BrightPoint with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the proxy statement from BrightPoint by contacting BrightPoint's Investor Relations by telephone at (317) 707-2745, or by mail at BrightPoint, Inc., 7635 Interactive Way, Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46278, Attention: Investor Relations, or by going to BrightPoint's Investor Relations page on its corporate website at [www.BrightPoint.com](http://www.BrightPoint.com).

### **Participants in the Solicitation**

BrightPoint and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of BrightPoint in connection with the proposed merger. Information regarding the interests of these directors and executive officers in the merger will be included in the proxy statement described above. Additional information regarding these directors and executive officers is included in BrightPoint's proxy statement for its 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 23, 2012, and in BrightPoint's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, which was filed with the SEC on February 29, 2012.

On Monday July 2, 2012, Brightpoint, Inc. (the Company ) issued the following message to customers and vendors regarding the transaction discussed in the Company s 8-K, which was filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on July 2, 2012.

The text of the message is below:

[Brightpoint logo]

July 2, 2012

Dear BrightPoint [Customer/Partner],

I want to take this opportunity to communicate with you directly regarding some exciting news for BrightPoint. Earlier today, we announced the signing of a definitive merger agreement for Ingram Micro Inc. to acquire Brightpoint, Inc. I strongly believe the Ingram Micro-BrightPoint combination will further enhance our value-add to your business.

As we continued to execute upon our strategy, and studied the convergence of the wireless and information technology industries, we determined the fastest way to enhance our relevance and serve our [customers/partners] even better, was to combine with a global technology leader. After evaluating many options, our Board of Directors concluded that a transaction with Ingram Micro was the best way to achieve that objective.

This merger offers many potential benefits to BrightPoint [customers/partners]. BrightPoint and Ingram Micro share the same core values of delivering innovative, high-value products and services to our [customers/partners]. Over the past 30 years, Ingram Micro has established itself as the world s largest technology distributor. The mobility industry is strategically important to them and they have developed a modest position in the market. Ingram Micro is dedicated to preserving the unique strengths and talents of BrightPoint, while creating a new, stronger company to support your needs. If you are not familiar with Ingram Micro, I invite you to visit the company s Web site at [www.ingrammicro.com](http://www.ingrammicro.com) to learn more about their industry leadership and proven track record for achieving powerful business results.

Together, Ingram Micro and BrightPoint will form a leading global provider of device lifecycle services and solutions for the mobility industry giving you access to expanded reach and partnering capabilities in the rapidly growing mobility market. In addition, our combination will increase the portfolio of mobility products, services and solutions, as well as marketing, technical support, and sales resources available to you. You will have the opportunity to benefit from Best-in-Class capabilities across the wireless device lifecycle, an unrivaled geographic reach, and a one-stop shop for all of your mobility needs.

Before our two companies can combine, certain conditions, such as shareholder and regulatory approvals, must be obtained and then an integration process will begin once the acquisition closes. As a valued and loyal [customers/partners], the management of Ingram Micro and BrightPoint are committed to a smooth and successful transition with a continued focus on excellent customer service.

Our leadership team is excited about the future for our combined companies, and it is important to note that [insert Regional President name here] will continue to lead the mobility business in the [insert region name here] region.

To read today s announcement, please reference the press release located on our website at [www.BrightPoint.com](http://www.BrightPoint.com). Should you have any immediate questions or concerns, please reach out to your direct BrightPoint relationship manager. (LIST CONTACT FOR THE REGION (PHONE AND E-MAIL))

We are pleased to call you our partner and be one of the first to share this exciting news with you. On behalf of BrightPoint and Ingram Micro, I want to thank you for your support, and I look forward to continuing a strong, long-lasting partnership with your company in the future.

Sincerely,

[Regional President]

Title

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On Monday July 2, 2012, Brightpoint, Inc. (the Company ) participated in a conference call regarding the transaction discussed in the Company s 8-K, which was filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on July 2, 2012.

A copy of the presentation used during this conference call is below.



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Ingram Micro Announces

Acquisition of BrightPoint

Creates A Leading Global Mobility

Product, Services, Solutions Platform

July 2, 2012

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Important  
risk  
factors  
that  
could  
cause  
actual  
results  
to  
differ  
materially  
from

those discussed in the forward-looking statements include, without limitation:  
our ability to timely complete the transaction, if at all; our ability to complete the  
transaction considering the various closing conditions, including those  
conditions related to regulatory approvals and shareholder approval; the  
financial performance of BrightPoint and Ingram Micro through the completion  
of the merger; BrightPoint's business may not perform as expected due to  
transaction-related

uncertainty

or  
other  
factors;  
the  
ability  
of  
BrightPoint

and  
Ingram  
Micro  
to  
retain  
relationships  
with  
customers,  
vendors  
and  
carriers;

management's ability to execute its plans, strategies and objectives for future  
operations,  
including

the  
execution  
of  
integration  
plans;

growth  
of  
the  
mobility

industry; and our ability to achieve the expected benefits and manage the expected costs of the transaction.

Additional information concerning these risks may be found in the Company's 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K and in the Company's Quarterly Report on

Form

10-Q

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the

quarter

ended

March

31,

2012,

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future

filings with the SEC. Copies are available from the SEC, the Company web site or Ingram Micro Investor Relations.

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World's largest

technology

distributor

Leading pure-play

mobility provider

Global Mobility

Leader

Ingram Micro

BrightPoint

Price:

\$9.00 per share, or approximately \$840M, including the value of \$186 million of BrightPoint's estimated debt (net of cash), as of June 30, 2012

All cash transaction

Expect to fund transaction with existing credit facilities and cash

Financial Impact:

\$55M+ in expected annual cost synergies and efficiencies by 2014

Expected to be accretive to annual earnings per share by at least \$0.18 for 2013 and \$0.35 for 2014, which excludes one-time charges and integration costs

Expect to close by the end of 2012

Transaction Overview

Transaction Overview

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World's largest technology

distributor

Provider of complete IT solutions

Growing logistics business  
Suppliers

1,300 vendors

Spanning technology spectrum  
Customers

190,000 value-added resellers

Primarily small to medium sized  
businesses  
Truly global distributor

Serving 145 countries

Operations in North America,  
Europe, Asia-Pacific, Latin  
America

2011

Revenue

by

Geography

(1)

North America

Asia-Pacific

Latin America

EMEA

Historical Revenue (\$M)

(1)

\$29,515

\$34,589

\$36,328

2009

2010

2011

Ingram Micro Overview

Ingram Micro Overview

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Source

1.

Company's 2011 10K filing

42%

31%

22%

5%



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VARs: SMB,  
Enterprise &  
Government  
More than 1,300 Vendors  
More than 190,000 Resellers  
Ability to combine a wide array of technologies and

products to create the optimum complete solution

eTail

Retail

Sales and Marketing

Financing

Technical Support

Inventory Management

Vendor Relations

Managed Services

Ingram Micro: Providing the Integral

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Bridge Between Vendors and Resellers

Bridge Between Vendors and Resellers

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Source

1.

IDC Research

2.

The Cisco Visual Networking Index: Global Mobile Data Traffic Forecast Update, 2011-2016

Mobility market offers sustainable growth

globally, with multiple drivers  
Growth expected to outpace other  
technology sectors  
Smartphone & tablet markets offer large  
emerging  
opportunities  
By the end of 2012, the number of mobile-  
connected devices will exceed the number  
of people on Earth

(2)  
Large and Growing Mobility Market  
Large and Growing Mobility Market

5  
Global  
Handset  
and  
Tablet  
Market  
(\$B)  
(1)  
US  
Smartphone  
Users

(M  
users)  
(1)  
Worldwide  
Tablet  
Sales  
(M  
units)  
(1)

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Acquisition of BrightPoint is well-aligned with Ingram Micro's stated strategic initiatives and long-term financial goals

Accelerates entry in strategically important, high-growth mobility market

Expanding

presence  
in  
mobility  
market  
has  
been  
a  
focus  
of  
Ingram  
Micro  
and  
the

acquisition of BrightPoint accomplishes this to an extent that would have been challenging to achieve on its own

Significantly augments Ingram Micro's capabilities in higher-value mobility logistics and services

Consolidation play with significant opportunity to drive cost synergies and efficiencies across the combined businesses

Opportunity to leverage relationships with vendor partners, network operators and mobile virtual network operators, service providers and customers through:

Ingram Micro's position as world's largest distribution company

BrightPoint's position as a leading provider of mobility products, services and solutions

Strong balance sheet

Combined companies

broader product and services portfolio and expanded geographic reach

Strategically Compelling Transaction

Strategically Compelling Transaction

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BrightPoint Overview

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\$4.7B in mobility distribution  
revenues

(1)

\$544M in high value product  
lifecycle  
logistics  
and  
services

(1)

End-to-end supply chain with  
customized solutions

4,000 employees

Leading pure-play mobility services and solutions provider

Leading pure-play mobility services and solutions provider

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(1)

For the 2011 year; from Company 2011 10K filing

...is

delivering

device

lifecycle

services.



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BrightPoint's Strong Blue Chip

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Customer Base

Customer Base

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Over 25,000 B2B Customers with More Than 100,000 Points of Sale

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BrightPoint s Significant Growth

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Drivers

Drivers

Business operations in 24 countries

Sales into 75 countries  
High growth

18% CAGR by units handled over past  
6 years  
(1)

Industry 6 year CAGR is 12%  
(2)  
Significant growth drivers

Ongoing replacement cycle

Emerging smartphone and tablet  
markets

Convergence of telecommunications,  
computing and media  
BrightPoint Wireless Devices Handled  
BrightPoint Wireless Devices Handled

(total  
(total  
112M  
112M  
units  
units  
in  
in  
2011)  
2011)

(3)  
(3)  
Historical  
Historical  
Revenue  
Revenue  
(\$M)  
(\$M)  
(3)  
(3)

Logistics  
Services  
Distribution

9  
\$3,166  
\$3,593  
\$5,244  
2009  
2010  
2011

79%

21%

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Source

1.

Company reports

2.

Average

of

industry

analysts

estimates

3.

Company 2011 10K filing

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BrightPoint's Diversified Service

BrightPoint's Diversified Service

Offerings

Offerings

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Procure

Launch

Promote

Distribute

Finance

Forecast

Manage Channels  
& Vendors

Manage Orders

Monitor

Report

Program

Assemble

Brand

Activate

Return

Triage

Repair

Recycle

Re-Sell

Warehouse

Transport

Support  
Tier 2 Services

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Expanded Global Footprint  
Expanded Global Footprint  
(1)  
Combined  
companies  
percentage



of  
2011  
total  
revenue  
by  
region  
from  
companies  
respective  
2011  
10K  
filings  
Ingram Micro  
Beacon  
Both  
43%  
(1)  
33%  
(1)  
24%  
(1)

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Excellent strategic fit

Provides immediate scale in rapidly-growing mobility market

Expands Ingram Micro's suite of high-value logistics services and solutions

Opportunity to drive meaningful synergies and efficiencies

Supports Ingram Micro's longer-term growth and profitability targets

Meets return-on-investment criteria for creating shareholder value

Summary

Summary

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Creates a global leading mobility distribution and value-added services and solutions provider

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