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[THE FOLLOWING SLIDE SHOW WAS PRESENTED TO EMPLOYEES OF EXPEDIA LOCATED IN EUROPE ON JULY 26, JULY 27 AND JULY 31, 2001.]

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[LOGO OF USA NETWORKS INC]

[LOGO OF MICROSOFT]

The USA Networks Package:

A Briefing for Expedia Employees
Germany, UK and Belgium

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Expedia Transaction

- . USA Networks is offering to purchase up to 37.5 million shares of Expedia common stock
- . Existing shareholders have an opportunity to participate on the same terms as Microsoft
- . Stock Option holders will receive Expedia warrants
- . Microsoft stock option holders must exercise or lose MSFT options.

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The Exchange

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	Up to 33.7 million shares of Expedia Common Stock*	
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Other Shareholders	/	[LOGO OF USA NETWORKS INC]
	Up to 3.8 million shares of Expedia Common Stock*	
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	37.5mm USAI "bundled securities":	
	. USAI common stock	Based on theoretical value
	. Preferred stock	
	. Warrants	

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* If more than 37.5 million shares of Expedia stock are offered to be exchanged, all shareholders will be cut back on a prorated basis.

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For Option Holders

Expedia Option Holders

Will receive approximately 1 Expedia warrant for every 5 Expedia options*

* (actual ratio = 0.1920 warrants for 1 share)

Before Transaction	\	After Transaction

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1,000 EXPE Options	1 warrant (approximately)* for every 5 options	1,000 EXPE Options & 192 EXPE Warrants*

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For Option Holders

Warrant to Option Holders:

Who is Eligible

Any employee that has been granted stock options on or before July 15, 2001 and still holds the option at the time the warrants are offered

What Options are Eligible

- . Vested and unvested outstanding options
- . Granted prior to July 15th (includes July review grants)

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For Option Holders

What is an Expedia Warrant?

A warrant is similar to a non-qualified stock option. It is the right to buy:

- A specific amount of Expedia stock
- At a specific price (\$52)
- By a specific date (7 year expiration)

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- Will be tradable on a public exchange once vested

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What You Can Do With Expedia Warrants

You can:

- Hold
- Exercise
- Sell

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Expedia Vesting

- . Warrants begin to vest 90 days after close of the deal
- . After 90 days, warrants vest on the same schedule as the underlying options

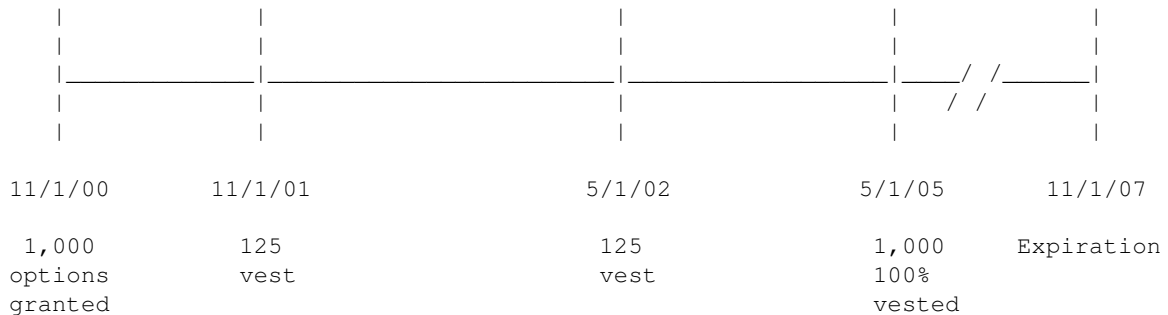
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Vesting Schedule

Options



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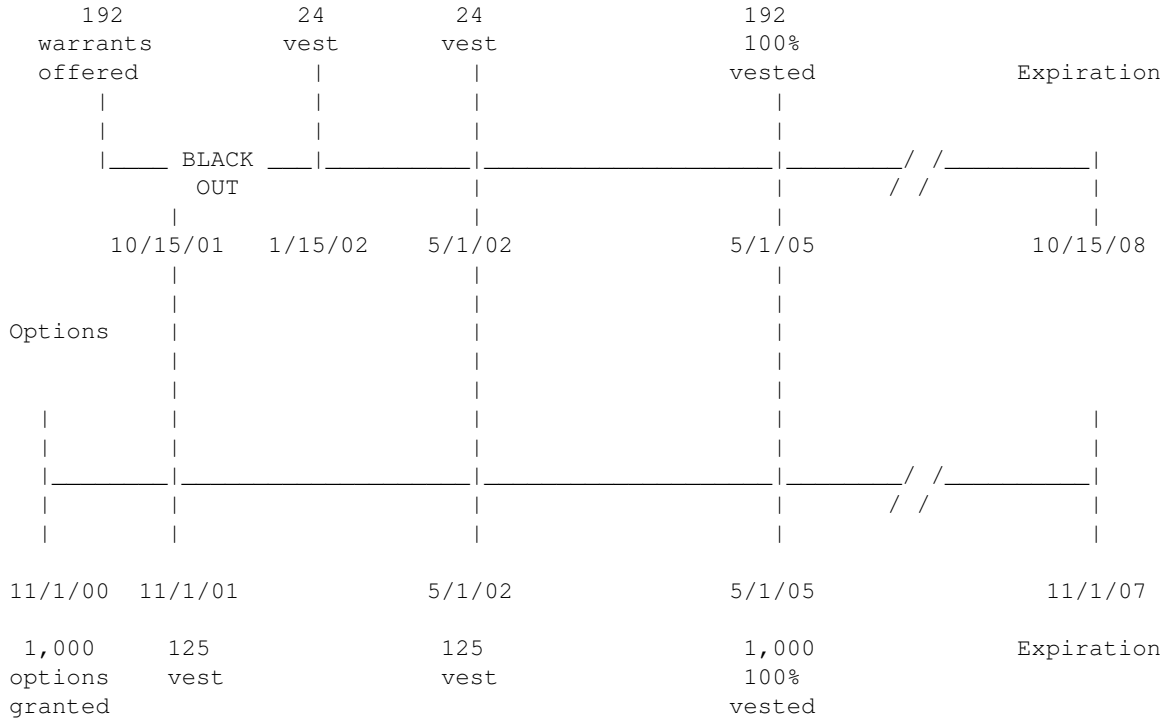
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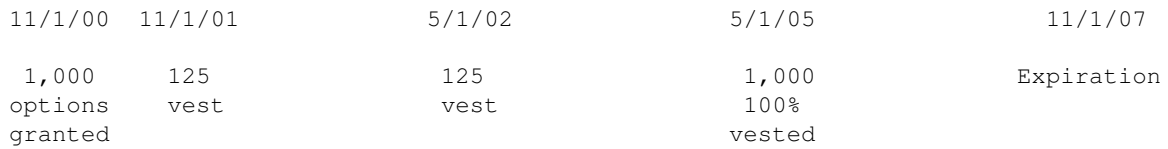
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Vesting Schedule

Warrants



Options

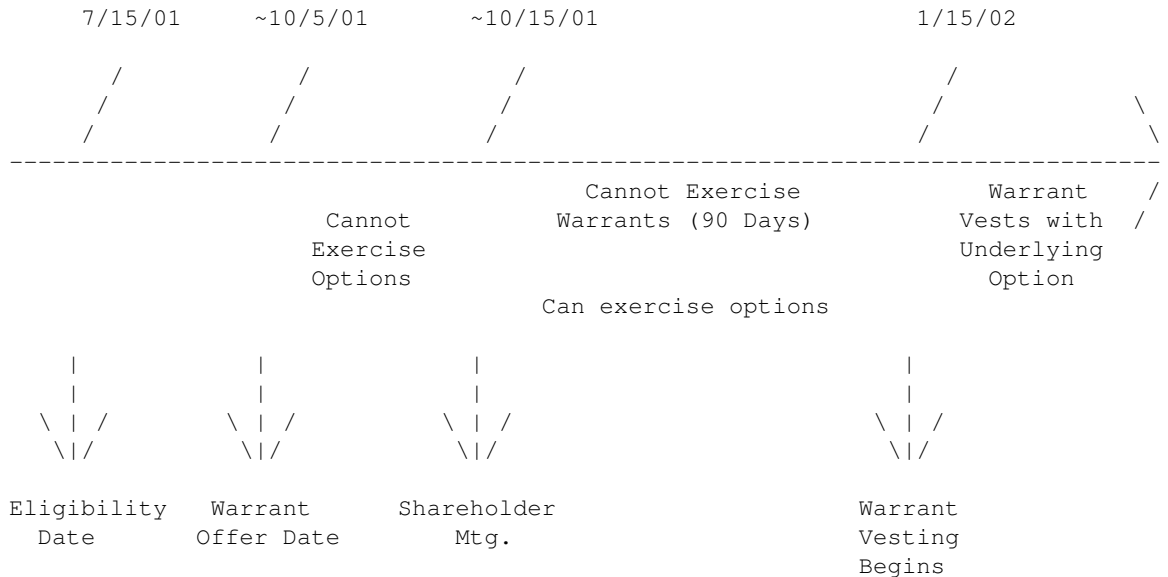


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Warrant Schedule



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For Option Holders

Expedia Warrant Tax Details
(German employees)

At Issuance: No Tax

At Vest: No Tax

At Exercise: Ordinary Income Tax

At Sale of Expedia Stock: Capital Gain (no tax if held shares greater than 1 year)

At Sale of Warrant: Ordinary Income Tax

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Expedia Warrant Tax Details
(UK employees) *

At Issuance: No Tax

At Vest: No Tax

At Exercise: Ordinary Income Tax

At Sale of Expedia Stock: Ordinary Income
(Upon the sale of stock, ordinary income is recognized unless Expedia Inc can demonstrate that it is NOT a dependent subsidiary of USAI. We are currently taking steps to secure capital gains tax treatment at sale)

At Sale of Warrant: Ordinary Income Tax
*Assumes Resident and Ordinarily Resident

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Expedia Warrant Tax Details
(Belgium employees)

Warrants are taxed like options, at offer

Offer: Number of warrants is known,
vesting is known,
exercise price is known.

Based on the information you received on July

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16th, you may have received an offer. Refusal of this offer is necessary to ensure that no taxes are due.

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Expedia Warrant Tax Details
(Belgium employees)

- . Refusal forms are being distributed and needed back by September 14th
- . At issuance, a new offer (the real one) will be made to you
- . Taxation on warrants is similar to tax on options
 - Taxation will be on 17% of the FMV of Expedia Inc. stock underlying the warrants at offer.
 - No tax upon exercise or sale of warrants.
 - Taxation can be reduced.
 - More information to be provided at the time of offer.

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For Shareholders

Expedia Shareholders

- . Are you a shareholder right now?
- . Do you intend to buy Expedia stock within the next 3-4 months?

If the answer is yes to either of these questions, this next section is for you.

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For Shareholders

Shareholders: Who is Eligible

Expedia Shareholders:

Any employee that has purchased (EXPE) shares through:

- . The open market

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- . The ESPP Plan (up to June 30th purchase)
- . Exercising stock options and holding the underlying shares

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For Shareholders

Expedia Shareholders will have 2 choices

HOLD Expedia Common Stock & Receive approximately 1 Expedia warrant per 5 shares held (actual ratio = 0.1920 warrants for 1 share) [LOGO OF EXPEDIA, INC.]	OR	Exchange Expedia common stock for the following: . USAI Common Stock . USAI Preferred Stock . USAI Warrants Issued [LOGO OF USA NETWORKS INC]
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- or a combination of the two choices -

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For Shareholders

Expedia Shareholder: Hold

- . Hold Expedia Common Stock
- . Expedia option holders will receive approximately 1
 Expedia warrant for every 5 Expedia shares*

*(actual ratio = 0.1920 warrants for 1 share)

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For Shareholders

Expedia Shareholder:

Hold Example

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Before Transaction

After Transaction

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	/	
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* (actual ratio = 0.1920 warrants for 1 share)

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For Shareholders

Expedia Shareholder: Exchange

Exchange Expedia Common Stock for USAI bundled securities which include:

\$17.50	worth of USAI Common Stock
\$17.50	worth of USAI Preferred Stock
\$ 5.00	worth of USAI Warrants Issued

\$40.00	Theoretical value per each Expedia common share

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For Shareholders

Exchange Example

Before Transaction

After Transaction

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1,000 EXPE Common Valued at \$40 per share for the exchange	1 bundled security for each EXPE common share	648 USAI Common Shares 350 USAI Preferred Shares 418 USAI Warrants ----- \$40,000 Total Value

Assumes USAI price of \$27

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USAI Bundled Security

Common Shares

-- Company stock with voting rights

Preferred Shares

-- Receives dividends (currently 1.99%)

-- \$50 Face Value

-- Convertible into common stock in year at a ratio of (1:1.48)

-- Better conversion rate if USAI stock price is higher

Warrants

-- Traded on Public Exchange

-- \$35.10 Exercise Price

-- Immediately vested upon receipt

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Common and Preferred Stock Tax
Details (German employees)

At Exchange: Capital Gain (no tax if held shares greater than 1 year)

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For Shareholders

Common and Preferred Stock Tax
Details (Belgian employees)

Hold: Receipt of warrants is taxable benefit

At Exchange:

Taxation will depend on the market value of
Expedia and USA bundled securities at exchange.

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For Shareholders

To Exchange or Not to Exchange

Considerations:

. Your personal financial situation

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- . Exchange could be a tax-efficient way to diversify
- . Personal view of EXPE and USAI future stock performance

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Shareholder Schedule

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Record Date	Shareholder Mtg.	

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For Option and Shareholders

Summary Points

- . Microsoft option holders must exercise their vested options within 3 months of closing the deal or the options will expire
- . Option holders will receive warrants
- . Shareholders have 2 choices:
 - Hold EXPE shares and receive Expedia warrants
 - Exchange EXPE shares for USAI bundled securities
- . Business as usual

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Tentative time-table from July 16, 2001

Date	Shareholders	Option holders
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July 16	Announcement of Transaction	Announcement of Transaction
July 17 - Sept. 30	Employee Seminars	Employee Seminars
Approximately four weeks from today	Receive shareholder information packet	
Prior to shareholder meeting	Shareholder must decide to accept or decline exchange offer	Warrants offered to option holders
Approximately 90 days from today	Shareholder meeting	
After shareholder meeting	Warrants are issued to shareholders	Warrants do not begin to vest until 90 days after close of deal
		Warrants vest at same schedule as underlying options