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**SoftBank Receives Approval for Sprint Acquisition**  
**from Federal Communications Commission**

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SoftBank Corp.

SoftBank Corp. (the Company), as announced in the press release titled Strategic Acquisition of Sprint by SoftBank dated October 15, 2012 (partial amendment announced on June 11, 2013), will invest approximately USD 21.6 billion (approximately JPY 1.8 trillion\*) in Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint). As a result of the transaction, Sprint will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of New Sprint, and the Company will own approximately 78% of the fully-diluted shares of New Sprint. For the transaction details, please refer to the abovementioned disclosure document.

On July 5, 2013 (EDT), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced that it has voted unanimously to approve the applications filed by the Company and Sprint relating to the Company's investment in Sprint. FCC approval completes the regulatory review process required to close the transaction. The Company and Sprint anticipate consummating the transaction in early July, 2013.

\*Approximately USD 20.1 billion converted at USD = JPY 82.2 (fixed by foreign exchange forward contract); USD 1.5 billion converted at USD = JPY 100.

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This document contains forward-looking statements relating to the proposed transactions between Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint) and SoftBank Corp. (SoftBank) and its group companies, including Starburst II, Inc. (Starburst II), and the proposed acquisition by Sprint of Clearwire Corporation (Clearwire). All statements, other than historical facts, including, but not limited to: statements regarding the expected timing of the closing of the transactions; the ability of the parties to complete the transactions considering the various closing conditions; the expected benefits of the transactions such as improved operations, enhanced revenues and cash flow, growth potential, market profile and financial strength; the competitive ability and position of SoftBank or Sprint; and any assumptions underlying any of the foregoing, are forward-looking statements. Such statements are based upon current plans, estimates and expectations that are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions. The inclusion of such statements should not be regarded as a representation that such plans, estimates or expectations will be achieved. You should not place undue reliance on such statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from such plans, estimates or expectations include, among others, that (1) there may be a material adverse change of SoftBank; (2) the proposed financing may involve unexpected costs, liabilities or delays or may not be completed on terms acceptable to SoftBank, if at all; and (3) other factors as detailed from time to time in Sprint's, Starburst II's and Clearwire's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including Sprint's and Clearwire's Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013, and other factors that are set forth in the proxy statement/prospectus contained in Starburst II's Registration Statement on Form S-4, which was declared effective by the SEC on May 1, 2013, and in other materials that will be filed by Sprint, Starburst II and Clearwire in connection with the transactions, which will be available on the SEC's web site (www.sec.gov). There can be no assurance that the transactions will be completed, or if completed, that such transactions will close within the anticipated time period or that the expected benefits of such transactions will be realized.

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