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### **Participants in Solicitation**

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### **Forward Looking Statements**

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the risk that a condition to closing of the proposed transaction may not be satisfied;

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NXP s and FSL s ability to achieve the synergies and value creation contemplated by the proposed transaction;

the ability of either NXP or FSL to effectively integrate their businesses; and

the diversion of management time on transaction-related issues.

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The following is a letter sent to NXP RF Power Suppliers

Dear Supplier,

NXP Semiconductors announced the intended merger with Freescale Semiconductor, and in a separate letter from our CEO Rick Clemmer, EVP s Technology & Operations Sean Hunkler and Hai Wang you were informed about this proposed transaction. The transaction is scheduled to close in the second half of 2015.

With this letter, we would like to inform you about our plans for our RF Power business. As you may have read, in connection with the regulatory approval process for the transaction, we plan to divest our RF Power business.

Therefore, NXP will now start taking steps to plan for the divestiture of its RF Power business. In this process, NXP will ensure that the divested NXP RF Power business will stay as strong and viable as it is today and that it will be able to continue to achieve its plans.

Key elements of the carve-out as we envision it are:

The full NXP RF Power team, including its management team, dedicated R&D and customer support will move with the divested RF Power business.

Assembly & Test in the Philippines (APP) will transfer with the divested RF Power business, and will be set up as a separate facility at the same location.

Supplier purchasing contracts dedicated to the RF Power business will transfer with the RF Power business.

Where needed new purchasing agreements will be put in place.

Until closing, however, we will continue to operate all of our businesses, including the RF Power business, as a separate and independent competitor to Freescale. Our focus will continue to be on providing our customers the excellent products and services supported by you as our valued suppliers.

Moreover, we are committed to ensuring that following any sale, the NXP RF Power business will remain an independent, healthy, strong, and vigorous competitor with continued support from our suppliers which have been instrumental to the growth of the business.

We will continue to update you about our plans throughout the process.

With kind regards,

Sean Hunkler EVP Technology & Operations

Jacky McNulty CPO

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