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William Scannell, President of Global Sales and Customer Operations of EMC Corporation (the Company), held a virtual town hall with Company employees. The following is a transcript of excerpts from Mr. Scannell's remarks at that town hall, a video recording of which was posted on the Company's employee intranet.

Hello everyone and welcome to our Q4 virtual town hall. A lot has changed since our Q3 virtual town hall. Specifically we announced a definitive agreement to merge with Dell and I want to chat with you a little bit about that.

On October 12th we announced a definitive agreement to merge with Dell. Now I think this is really good for all of our shareholders. I think it's really good for our customers and our partners, but most of all I think it's really important for all of us and really good for all of us. I want to share with you the five reasons I think this is really good for all of us.

First, if you look at the economy we're in right now. The slowing global economy, and you look at some of the major shifts taking place in the market around digital transformation and cloud computing. In times of change like that it's important for companies like EMC to make bold moves. One could argue that there couldn't be a more bold move than joining forces with Dell. This now creates an eighty billion dollar, privately held, technology company focused on a two trillion dollar AMO. I think the combination of the EMC strategy and vision and the Dell strategy and vision is going to be a force to be reckoned with.

Secondly, we now have a full stack. If you look at where the world is going converged and hyper-converged. In the past we've had great partnerships with partners on the server side, but it's great to have our own server in the stack and now with Dell moving their server business and their storage business into EMC's systems business, we now have a full stack. We've got the server, we've got the storage, we've got the virtualization, we've got the back up and we've got the security. So we can now go toe to toe with anyone in the industry now that we have a full stack, a full complement of products.

Third, I think there's great revenue synergies in this combination. There's almost virtually no overlap. If you look at where Dell is strongest. Dell is very strong in the SMB in the mid-market as well as public sector. Those haven't necessarily been real strong markets for EMC. On the other hand EMC has an exceptional reputation in the enterprise and global accounts. So taken together those two sales forces and those two strategies, we're going to have just an unbelievable position from the very low end of the market to very high end of the market.

The fourth reason why I think this is really good for EMC is the whole idea of going private. Being a privately held company, and not having to do things in 90 day cycles to please the Wall Street analysts and shareholders. Going private is going to have a huge impact on how we can service our customers, both the short term and the long term. It also is going to allow us to be a little more selective at the end of the quarter for what transactions we do versus transactions we don't take.

Let's not kid ourselves, we know procurement waits till the end of the quarter because they know they can get a better deal from EMC. Now don't get me wrong. We are still going to be very manically focused on quarterly bookings, but we no longer have to worry about shipping products at the end of the quarter to make the quarterly revenue numbers. That's going to have a huge impact on savings from inventory with EMC.

The fifth reason that I think this is important is, I look at the culture of EMC and I look at the culture of Dell. We've worked with Dell, we had a partnership that spanned five or six years with Dell and I got to know Michael personally and a lot of his senior folks and I can tell you that their culture and our culture are very similar. We have a passion for winning. We have a passion for putting our customers first. I've heard feedback internally; where people think we might lose a little bit of our culture. Let me very clear on this. The thing that Michael Dell and Silver Lake likes about acquiring EMC is all of you. They don't want to change the culture, they want to embrace our culture. They want to make their culture stronger, and there's a lot of positive things that we see within the Dell culture that we want to

embrace. This is clearly a case of one plus one equals three, or one plus one equals four, or five. Huge revenue synergies, huge cultural synergies and we're not going to stop doing what has made EMC a great company. I can promise you that.

I also look at the transition. We all know that Joe Tucci has announced that his intent to retire sometime this year. When I think of how blessed I am to have worked for Joe for the last fifteen years. Think about who could ever replace Joe Tucci. Michael Dell is not a bad name. I mean Michael has built obviously one of the most successful technology companies from ground up, by himself. I think the combination of Michael and his passion and his vision for winning coupled with EMC's passion and vision for winning is going to be a one, two punch.

And then lastly, me personally. I'll tell you I had mixed feelings early on. I joined EMC right out of college thirty years ago. I think I was employee number sixty-two. Now we have seventy thousand people. I take a lot of pride in the fact that I was with EMC in the early years, and I was with them in the mid years and later years. In fact I was talking to my wife Beth the other day and I said, I've actually been at EMC longer than I've been married to you. Longer than my children have been on this planet. I've actually worked at EMC longer than I haven't worked at EMC. I'm fifty-three years old, I've spent thirty years at EMC and only twenty-three not at EMC. So I love this company, I think you know that, and I know you love this company. I think together we have to make sure we don't miss a beat. That we continue to make EMC, soon to be part of Dell, one of the greatest technology companies that ever lived. Our legacy is going to be making these two companies come together and thrive and I know we can do that.

I have one important thing to ask and that is, make sure you read the frequently asked questions. Make sure you read what was sent out to you around the acquisition. I've seen a couple of things happening in the field where people are veering from the script and kind of making things up. That's not healthy, that's not going to allow us to make this a painless and very successful merger. Please understand the rules of engagement. Understand what you can and can't say now prior to the closing, realizing this could be another six to nine months before we get the regulatory approvals and the shareholders sign off to do this merger. Please stay focused on our quarterly business, stay focused on exceeding your customers' expectations and make sure you understand what we've said publicly about this acquisition and all is going to be great.

Folks, trust me when I tell you the past has been awesome, the future has never been brighter and we're going to have a great time together.

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