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Business and Technology Growth Trends

Growth Trends

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Source: Booz Allen Hamilton

The Case for Convergence

Convergence

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Key Infrastructure Software Trends Growth in digital assets managed by individuals and enterprises
Complexity of managing heterogeneous systems Cost of ensuring availability and compliance with IT
standards Increasing frequency and complexity of threats in the IT infrastructure Reduction in
vulnerability exploitation time

Key Trends

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Profile of a Common Threat

Vulnerability Environment

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Corporate Vision: Information Integrity

Vision 8

Broad Portfolio of Leading Infrastructure Offerings

**Integrated Security Solutions Policy Compliance Incident Management Antivirus Intrusion
Prevention Firewall / VPN Content Filtering Threat Intelligence Managed Security Services**

Availability & Performance Management

**File Systems / Volume Management Storage Resource Management Clustering & Availability Data
Replication Application Performance Management DBMS Management Desktop Provisioning**

Software Distribution/Patch Management

Consulting and training Services

Products

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Product Synergies

Resilient Infrastructure

- **Automatically raise the service level requirements on mission critical applications when threats are detected and restore systems in an automated fashion, accelerating time to recovery**

Email Management

- **Filter spam, detect viruses, protect, archive and retrieve email with high availability**

Regulatory Compliance

- **Implement policies to satisfy regulatory requirements regarding information retention and retrieval for Sarbanes-Oxley, HIPAA, GLBA, Basil II**

Opportunities

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Resilient Infrastructure

Risk Management, Change Management and Business Continuity Plans are Developed and Implemented

Product Synergies

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Email Management

Email Retention Policies, Filtering Rules and Archiving Plans are Developed and Implemented

Product Synergies

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Regulatory Compliance

Regulatory Compliance Plans are Developed, Implemented, Maintained/Monitored and Adjusted as Required

Product Synergies

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Complementary Sales and Channel Coverage Model

Opportunity Development

Fulfillment

Sales Opportunities

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**Customer, Partner and Channel Support for the Merger
Support for the Merger**

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Transaction Summary and Financials

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Financial Performance: Trailing Twelve Month P&L ending 12/31/04

Revenue \$2,427 M \$2,042 M Gross Profit \$2,047 M \$1,735 M Gross Margin 84.3% 85.0%

Operating Income \$816 M \$594 M Operating Margin 33.6% 29.1% Non-GAAP Net Income* \$574 M \$428 M

*Non-GAAP Net Income excludes expenses from the amortization of other intangibles from acquisitions, acquired in-process research and development, restructuring charges, and patent settlement charges as well as related income tax benefits. Reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP can be found on each company's investor relations website.

Historical Financials

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Financial Performance: Balance Sheet as of 12/31/04

Cash \$2,944 M \$2,553 M

Deferred Revenue \$1,294 M \$548 M

Debt \$0 M \$905 M

DSO 4350

Headcount 6,3167,587

Historical Financials

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Revenue Mix: as of Quarter ended 12/31/04 Combined Revenue by Customer Mix

Combined Revenue by Geography

Historical Financials

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Guidance Guidance assumes the transaction closes in early April Revenue expectation of \$5 billion Operating expenses expected to be 55% of revenue Cost synergies of \$100 million \$13 million should be realized in 1Q06, increasing through the year Non-GAAP EPS is expected to be \$0.99, excluding the amortization of deal-related intangibles, the impact of the deferred revenue write-down, restructuring charges, amortization of deferred compensation, and one-time costs associated with the merger The transaction is expected to be accretive as compared to Thomson Financial First Call mean estimate of \$0.98 on December 16, 2004 for Symantec in fiscal year 2006

Guidance

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Investment Merits

Addresses customers' desire to reduce the complexity and cost of managing their IT infrastructure
Broadens product portfolio across heterogeneous platforms and across all tiers of the IT infrastructure
Combines two market leading software companies and creates the fastest growing large software company
Significantly expands total market opportunity from \$35 billion to \$56 billion in 2007
Complementary sales and channel coverage drive revenue opportunities
Strong financials and cash flow from operations

Investment Merits

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