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This filing relates to a planned merger (the Merger) between Hewlett-Packard Company (HP) and Compaq Computer Corporation (Compaq) pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization, dated as of September 4, 2001 (the Merger Agreement), by and among HP, Heloise Merger Corporation and Compaq. The Merger Agreement is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Current Report on Form 8-K, as amended, filed by Hewlett-Packard Company on September 4, 2001, and is incorporated by reference into this filing.

The following is an article discussing a presentation by Richard H. Lampman, HP's Vice President, Research and Director, HP Laboratories, at a discussion session with HP employees. Also included in this filing is a series of slides used in connection with Mr. Lampman's presentation. The article and series of slides are posted on HP's internal web site.

TECH TALK
DICK LAMPMAN OUTLINES TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES
IN MERGER DISCUSSION SESSION

More than 200 employees packed the Spyglass Auditorium at HP Labs Palo Alto, California site, for a merger discussion session led by Dick Lampman, vice president of research and director of HP Labs.

During the talk, Dick focused on the organization's technology strategy and the benefits the merger would deliver to HP Labs portfolio. A portion of the 90-minute gathering was dedicated to answering questions from employees.

Dick launched the session by reviewing HP Labs' role in the company and the group's technology vision. He also highlighted a few of the big bets HP Labs is placing to solve key challenges in the access appliance, intelligent enterprise, digital consumer, service-centric infrastructure and foundation technology areas.

Our challenge as a company is really to be able to offer consumers and businesses a way to use all this technology to solve their problems, Dick said. We also have to think of ways to make all of that dramatically simpler and virtually invisible.

Projects underway throughout the labs include:

- Creating software that enables dynamic reconfiguration of data centers to meet the demands of rapidly changing workloads;
- Offering high-fidelity, low-cost commercial print options through a partnership in the evolution of HP's new printing technology, Indigo;
- Building low-cost personal storage options such as MRAM and Atomic Resolution Storage;
- Expanding OpenView for business management needs;
- Developing technology to allow consumers to view video on portable devices across public wireless networks through collaboration with NTT DoCoMo; and
- Overcoming the limits of silicon with molecular electronics.

TECHNOLOGY SYNERGIES

Dick then pointed to the numerous technology synergies between HP and Compaq in areas including servers, high availability, storage, mobility and data center utility.

Using high reliability computing to illustrate this point, he showed employees how HP is focused on high availability, while Compaq offers non-stop solutions.

In terms of cluster technologies, HP worked on cluster technologies for availability and Compaq focused on performance, Dick said. Combining the two approaches that target different market segments will strengthen our position in the new computing markets.

STRENGTHENING R&D

Dick went on to discuss what the HP-Compaq merger will mean to employees in the labs. Beyond all the business benefits and technology platforms, Compaq represents a very skilled group of research people and four labs located near existing HP Labs sites, he said. We can bring new talent into HP Labs and attack problems that we're all interested in.

During the Q&A portion of the meeting, an employee asked the HP Labs leader about the roughly \$400 million cost savings coming out of research and development funds. Dick told employees that the majority of these cuts will occur in very focused areas where overlap is not an advantage. In addition, he emphasized that overall R&D spending on the strategies HP is pursuing today will increase as a result of the merger.

You have to look at the HP and Compaq businesses and realize we both spend a huge amount of money on R&D in the same places, he explained. When you look at the new HP you have to ask yourself: Would you spend it twice? It's all about finding ways to be more efficient.

RETURNING TO BUSINESS AS USUAL

Another employee, commenting on the internal upheaval the proposed merger has caused within HP, asked Dick when things would return to business as usual. This is a hard time for everybody, Dick acknowledged. Stating that he was very much in favor of the deal, he noted that regardless of the outcome of the March 19 vote, we need to move ahead.

In response to an employee question about the need to increase trust in HP's management, Dick said managers need to continue to talk to employees and listen to their concerns.

Dick stated he is confident that when success starts to become evident and we can see the benefit of this tough time and the merger, people will feel good about what they've accomplished, he said. And it's not just the management team that will be accomplishing it. It's the people throughout the company that make things happen.

CULTURAL TWEAK

Another employee asked Dick how he envisioned the post-merger culture, using the legendary HP Way as a reference point. Dick reaffirmed that the core values of the company would remain and HP would have an opportunity to embrace

some key aspects of the Compaq culture including quick decision making and focus on personal accountability.

These are all things we've been working on at HP," Dick said. "The infusion of new people will actually bring some helpful values to the table.

The session closed with a sweeping question: Where do you see the company in five years?

The merger, Dick told employees, will help HP become a first-tier player in the IT industry. "The chance to really lead as a company and be successful together is what really motivates me," he said.

[LINK TO SERIES OF SLIDES USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESENTATION BY RICHARD A. LAMPMAN]

































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HP assumes no obligation and does not intend to update these forward-looking statements.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MERGER AND WHERE TO FIND IT

On February 5, 2002, HP filed a registration statement with the SEC containing a definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the Merger. Investors and security holders of HP and Compaq are urged to read the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus filed with the SEC on February 5, 2002 and any other relevant materials filed by HP or Compaq with the SEC because they contain, or will contain, important information about HP, Compaq and the Merger. The definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials (when they become available), and any other documents filed by HP or Compaq with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by HP by contacting HP Investor Relations, 3000 Hanover Street, Palo Alto, California 94304, 650-857-1501. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Compaq by contacting Compaq Investor Relations, P.O. Box 692000, Houston, Texas 77269-2000, 800-433-2391. Investors and security holders are urged to read the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and the other relevant materials (when they become available) before making any voting or investment decision with respect to the Merger.