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Greenhill and Citi understand that Roche intends to commence a cash tender offer to acquire Illumina, Inc. ("Illumina" or the "Company") at \$44.50 per share

Price Performance 12/12/11 --1/9/12

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- * During the past six weeks, Roche has repeatedly tried to engage Illumina's Board of Directors
- * On December 13, 2011, Roche's Chairman and a member of Roche's Board met with Illumina's CEO and Chairman. During the meeting, Roche's Chairman described Roche's strategic interest in genetic sequencing solutions and stated that Roche would be interested in acquiring Illumina
- * On December 21, 2011, Roche's Chairman indicated to Illumina that Roche would be willing to consider a price of up to 50% over Illumina's then-current share price of \$26.71
- [] After this initial attempt at conveying price to Illumina, a news story was published the next day speculating about a transaction between the parties, which caused Illumina's stock price to jump by 7%
- [] Since then, numerous articles and media speculation about a transaction have driven noticeable volume and price increases
- * On December 28, 2011, Illumina's CEO told Roche's Chairman that Illumina would be unable to convene its Board until the end of January, but it would consider the proposal at that time
- * Roche sent Illumina a private letter to formally propose an all-cash offer of \$40.00 per share on January 3, 2012
- * On January 9, 2012, Roche's financial advisors spoke with Illumina's financial advisor, and Roche's financial advisors expressed Roche's disappointment at the slow rate of progress
- * On January 13, 2012, Roche's financial advisors spoke with Illumina's financial advisor. The parties discussed the recently concluded investor conference at which Illumina introduced an upgraded sequencing system and announced its preliminary fourth quarter results
- * On January 17, 2012, Illumina convened a Board meeting and on January 19, it sent a letter to Roche formally rejecting the \$40.00 per share offer

Source: FactSet

Note: See composition of peer index on page 10

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OVER THE PAST YEAR, ILLUMINA HAS UNDERPERFORMED ITS PEERS AND THE BROADER MARKET

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ILLUMINA STOCK PERFORMANCE

- * Illumina's stock dropped as much as 60% from its 52-week high because of several factors, including:
 - [] Twice-lowered revenue guidance after a drop in orders due to the constrained government spending environment
 - Government and academic clients account for 80% of Illumina's sales
 - Demand for its products was boosted by the 2009 stimulus package and this funding was running out
 - [] shift in buyer preferences from high-cost, high-capacity machines (\$500k+) to low-cost, low-capacity machines (\$50k+) and uncertainty surrounding this product line transition
 - [] Increased competition in its low-cost product line from Life Technologies and others
 - o Illumina is still facing revenue headwinds due to an unclear government spending picture
 - [] Visibility on the FY 2013 budget for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) remains clouded as sequestration cuts imply a decrease of approximately 8%
 - [] The NIH is a significant customer of Illumina (approximately one-third of sales)
 - o Illumina's announcement at the JP Morgan Healthcare Conference in mid-January was seen as a positive sign for the Company
 - [] Illumina said it would reinstate 2012 guidance on its Q4 earnings call at or above current analyst estimates, removing a substantial amount of near-term uncertainty
 - [] Illumina also introduced the HiSeq 2500, which can sequence an entire human genome in a day and will help Illumina match competitive threats from Life Technologies and others
 - o Despite this recent positive news, median research analyst price targets on Illumina's stock have remained relatively unchanged
 - o Additionally, many short sellers have been covering their position after management reinstated guidance
 - [] As of December 31, 2011, 18% of Illumina's basic shares outstanding were sold short

Source: FactSet, Bloomberg

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(1) As of 1/23/12. See composition of peer index on page 10

An offer of \$44.50 per share gives an implied equity value for Illumina of \$5.7 billion and an implied enterprise value of \$5.6 billion

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Summary Evaluation of Offer Price

- * Higher cash value relative to Illumina's share price, particularly in a period of market uncertainty
- [] Implies 1-day, 1-week and 1-month premiums (1) [] of 64%, 64% and 57%, respectively
- [] Since 2006, similar life sciences tools industry transactions have seen average premiums between 30% and 40% over similar periods (2)
- * Above transaction premiums paid in precedent unsolicited transactions
- [] Comparable transaction set includes median premiums to the unaffected stock price prior to the announcement of 54%, 51% and 49% for 1-day, 1-week and 1-month, respectively (3)
- * Implies a valuation multiple of 30.1x 2012E net income (4), which is higher than the Company's publicly traded peers
- [] Core comparable set exhibits median multiples of 14.6x 2012E net income (4) (5)
- [] Offer implies a PEG ratio of 1.79x, which is at the high end of the range of Illumina's peers
- Offer also implies a PEG ratio that is approximately equal to Illumina's three-year high and above its three-year average
- * Implies 1-day and 1-month average premiums (1) of 64% and 61%, respectively, and LTM(6) revenue and EBITDA multiples of 5.2x and 18.1x, respectively, which are above precedent life science tools transactions (2)
- [] The precedent transactions have median 1-day and 1-month average premiums to the unaffected stock price of 33% and 37%, respectively and LTM revenue and EBITDA multiples of 3.3x and 16.0x, respectively
- * Exceeds median Wall Street research analyst price target of \$34.00 as of January 23, 2012

Source: FactSet, CapitalIQ, I/B/E/S consensus, Bloomberg

(1) Premiums based on unaffected closing share price of \$27.17 on 12/21/11, the day prior to market rumors about a potential acquisition of Illumina by Roche

(2) Includes selected pending and completed change of control transactions with targets in the biotechnology research equipment manufacturers and biological products and life sciences tools and services manufacturers sectors since 2006

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(3) Includes unsolicited transactions in all sectors over \$1 billion with U.S. targets since 2000

(4) Based on I/B/E/S consensus

(5) Includes Thermo Fisher, Becton, Dickinson, Agilent, Life Technologies, Sigma-Aldrich, Waters, Mettler -Toledo, Qiagen, PerkinElmer, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Bruker and Techne

(6) LTM as of 9/30/11

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Valuation Supporting Materials

Media Observations

Significant Recent Commentary on Illumina as a Takeover Target

SELECTED COMMENTARY

"Illumina Rises the Most Since January 2010 on Takeover Talk"

"Illumina, a maker of tools for genetic analysis, gained the most in a month after a StreetInsider.com report raised the possibility the company may be a takeover target.

Illumina increased 6 percent to \$29.44 at the close in New York, the largest single-day jump since November 4. The shares have declined 54 percent this year.

'When stocks are beaten up like Illumina has been, you often get this chatter,' said Les Funtleyder, a health-care strategist and portfolio manager at Miller Tabak"

"Quick Take: Real or Not, Deal Talk Was Only a Matter of Time"

"According to Briefing.com, streetinsider.com, and other services, today's >10% move by Illumina is attributable to reports that Siemens may be interested in acquiring the company[] Whether this report is accurate or not, we expect 2012 to be a consolidation year in the group"

"Roche is Open to \$3 Billion Deal, Would 'Seize' Opportunity"

"Roche is open to a deal as big as \$3 billion and the Swiss drugmaker is ready to 'seize' the right opportunities for acquisitions, Chief Executive Officer Severin Schwan said.

Illumina[]rose on speculation the company may be a target for Roche, said Les Funtleyder, a New York-based analyst for Miller Tabak. Shares in the San Diego-based company climbed as much as 9.5 percent and were up 7.7 percent at 12:08 p.m. in New York. Illumina has dropped 54 percent this year on concerns the government and academia may cut research funding"

"Takeover Speculation Surrounds Illumina Again"

"Takeover speculation is back on Illumina[]"

"Takeout Chatter, Upcoming News Drive Recent Volatility"

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"The stock has seen increased volatility since December 2011 as media outlets (i.e. Bloomberg, StreetInsider) have highlighted the possibility of Illumina as a takeover target"

"Stock Run Too Much, Too Soon"

"Illumina shares have risen 18% in the past 3 weeks (as compared to the sector being up 9% and the SandP nearly 5%), driven, in our view, by takeout speculation and, less so, the potential for surprise announcements in conjunction with their presentation at an investor conference this Tuesday"

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From when takeover rumors were first reported on December 22 to when Illumina publicly spoke at an investor conference, Illumina's stock surged 17% in a relatively flat market, along with substantial increases in trading volume for the stock and call options

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Valuation Supporting Materials

RECENT TRADING PERFORMANCE

SIGNIFICANT INCREASE FOR ILLUMINA SINCE TAKEOVER RUMORS FIRST PUBLISHE

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Source: FactSet, Bloomberg

Note: Peer index includes Thermo Fisher, Becton, Dickinson, Agilent, Life Technologies, Sigma-Aldrich, Waters, Mettler-Toledo, Qiagen, PerkinElmer, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Bruker and Techne. Stock price data weighted based on market capitalizationd

Illumina's public market valuation is at a premium to peers based on forward earnings and in line on a growth -adjusted basis

Additionally, the implied multiples of Roche's offer exceed the highest forward P/E multiples of its peers

Source: Company filings, Capital IQ, I/B/E/S consensus as of 1/23/12

Note: Median excludes Illumina

Note: Illumina equity value assumes basic shares outstanding of 121.4 million, 10.4 million options outstanding with an average exercise price of \$29.57 and 3.1 million RSUs. Assumes conversion of \$40 million of convertible notes at conversion price of \$21.83 and \$920 million of convertible notes at conversion price of \$83.55 for which shares are only issued for excess of conversion value above par value and includes make-whole premium on convertible notes

Note: Life Technologies equity value pro forma for recent issuance of 2.7 million shares

(1) Represents an offer price for Illumina of \$44.50 per share

(2) Calculated using Illumina's share price of \$27.17 on 12/21/11, the day prior to market rumors about a potential acquisition of Illumina by Roche

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COMPARABLE P/E AND PEG MULTIPLES

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Roche's offer implies a price-to-earnings-growth ratio which is approximately equal to Illumina's three-year high and above its three-year average

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ROLLING PEG ANALYSIS

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Source: FactSet as of 1/23/12

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Roche's offer is at the high end of valuation multiples paid in recent precedent life science tools transactions

Source: Company filings, Bloomberg

Note: Includes selected announced, closed and effective transactions since 2006 in the biotechnology research equipment manufacturing and biological products and life sciences tools industries. Excludes Illumina/Solexa (11/13/06) because the multiples are not meaningful

Note: All EBITDA figures include stock-based compensation as an expense but exclude restructuring and other one-time charges

Note: Roche offer excluded from median calculations Note: LTM statistics for Illumina as of 9/30/11. Illumina enterprise value assumes basic shares outstanding of 121.4 million, 10.4 million options outstanding with an average exercise price of \$29.57 and 3.1 million RSUs. Assumes conversion of \$40 million of convertible notes at conversion price of \$21.83 and \$920 million of convertible notes at conversion price of \$83.55 for which shares are only issued for excess of conversion value above par value and includes make-whole premium on convertible notes. Also includes \$1,132 million in cash and \$960 million in convertible notes and adds net cash benefit of unwinding call spread hedge on certain convertible notes

Note: Revenue, EBITDA, cash and debt for Applied Biosystems only include the portion of the consolidated company specifically allocated to the Applied Biosystems business per company filings

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PRECEDENT TRANSACTIONS

MULTIPLES

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Roche's offer gives Illumina shareholders a premium based on Illumina's trading price before the commencement of takeover rumors

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PRECEDENT TRANSACTIONS

PREMIUMS TO UNAFFECTED STOCK PRICE

Source: Company filings, Bloomberg, FactSet

Note: Includes selected announced, closed and effective transactions since 2006 in the biotechnology research equipment manufacturing and biological products and life sciences tools sectors

Note: Roche offer excluded from median calculations

Note: Roche offer represents an offer of \$44.50 per share. 1-day price of \$27.17 and 1-month average price of \$27.65 based on a starting date of 12/21/11, the day prior to market rumors about a potential acquisition of Illumina by Roche

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Roche's offer is above the median analyst price target for Illumina's stock

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ANALYST PRICE TARGETS

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Source: Wall Street research, Bloomberg

Note: Excludes price targets issued prior to 12/1/11

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Roche's offer is above the median premiums offered in precedent unsolicited transactions

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PRECEDENT UNSOLICITED TRANSACTIONS

Date Announced	Target Name	Acquiror Name	Enterprise Value (\$ bn)	Price	1 Da
1/24/12	Illumina	Roche (1)	\$5.6	\$44.50	64%
SOLD TO INITIATOR					

6/6/11	Temple-Inland	International Paper	\$4.3	\$32.00	52%
8/29/10	Genzyme	Sanofi	20.1	74.00 (2)	46%
2/28/10	OSI Pharmaceuticals	Astellas	3.4	57.50	55%
8/22/08	Alpharma	King Pharmaceuticals	1.3	37.00	54%
6/11/08	Anheuser-Busch	INBEV	59.8	70.00	33%
10/12/07	BEA	Oracle	7.0	19.38	42%
6/26/07	Ventana Medical Systems	Roche	3.4	89.50	72%
11/6/06	Swift Transportation	Saint Corporation	2.7	31.55	31%
8/19/06	Gold Kist	Pilgrim's Pride	1.1	21.00	62%
1/3/06	Engelhard	BASF	5.6	39.00	29%
8/1/05	Shurgard Storage Centers	Public Storage	5.1	65.16	39%
5/24/04	NeighborCare	Omnicare	1.8	34.75	97%
6/6/03	PeopleSoft	Oracle	9.8	26.50	75%
2/22/02	TRW	Northrop Grumman	13.3	60.00	51%
11/13/00	Willamette Industries	Weyerhaeuser	8.0	55.50	60%
5/2/00	Bestfoods	Unilever	24.3	73.00	42%
2/23/00	Mirage Resorts	MGM Grand	7.0	21.00	93%
		Mean			55%
		Median			52%
		High			97%
		Low			29%
Sold to White Knight					

3/29/11	Cephalon	Valeant / Teva	\$6.8	\$81.50	42%
1/27/09	CV Therapeutics	Astellas / Gilead Sciences	1.4	20.00	76%
7/31/08	Imclone Systems	Bristol-Myers Squibb / Eli Lilly	7.1	70.00	51%
8/9/06	Banta	Cenveo / R.R. Donnelley	1.2	52.50	54%
3/7/01	Barrett Resources	Shell Oil / The Williams Cos.	2.7	73.00	60%
3/2/00	Shared Medical Systems	Eclipsys / Siemens	2.2	73.00	85%
		All Deals Mean			57%
		All Deals Median			54%
Healthcare Industry Transactions					

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All Deals High
All Deals Low

97%
29%

Source: Company filings, Capital IQ, FactSet, Thomson

Note: Includes selected transactions over \$1 billion with U.S. targets since 2000. All premiums show price increase relative to 1-day, 1-week, or 1-month prior to "unaffected" share price date immediately preceding the announcement of the launch of the unsolicited offer

(1) Represents an offer price for Illumina of \$44.50 per share; excluded from mean, median, high and low calculations 15

(2) Price per share excludes contingent value right

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