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QUALCOMM INCORPORATED

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

BROADCOM LIMITED

BROADCOM CORPORATION

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Broadcom Files Definitive Proxy Materials and Sends Letter to Qualcomm Stockholders

Reiterates Commitment to a Combination of Broadcom and Qualcomm

Urges Qualcomm Stockholders to Elect 11 Independent, Highly Qualified Nominees to the Qualcomm Board of Directors by Voting the BLUE Proxy Card

SAN JOSE, Calif. January 5, 2018 Broadcom Limited (NASDAQ: AVGO) (Broadcom) today announced that it has filed and commenced mailing definitive proxy materials, including a BLUE proxy card, along with a letter to the stockholders of Qualcomm Incorporated (NASDAQ: QCOM) (Qualcomm) related to Qualcomm 's 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, scheduled for March 6, 2018.

Hock Tan, President and Chief Executive Officer of Broadcom, stated, "Our proposal provides Qualcomm stockholders with substantial and immediate cash value, as well as the opportunity to participate in the upside potential of the combined company. Broadcom 's track record of acquiring and integrating large, complex transactions and proven ability to execute on our financial and operational targets has created tremendous value for our stockholders. By voting for Broadcom 's 11 independent director nominees, Qualcomm stockholders can send a clear message to the Qualcomm Board that they should immediately engage in constructive discussions with us regarding our premium offer so that Qualcomm stockholders can realize the compelling value of this transaction.

The following letter is being mailed to Qualcomm stockholders with Broadcom 's definitive proxy statement:

January 5, 2018

Dear Qualcomm Stockholder,

On November 6, 2017, we made a proposal to acquire Qualcomm for \$70.00 per share in cash and stock, which would provide you with substantial and immediate cash value, as well as the opportunity to participate in the upside potential of the combined company.

On November 13, 2017, Qualcomm 's Board rejected our proposal. Since that time, we have spoken with many Qualcomm stockholders and customers, and we have heard their desire for Qualcomm to engage with us regarding our compelling proposal. It remains our strong preference to engage cooperatively with Qualcomm 's Board and management team, and we are prepared to meet immediately to work toward a mutually acceptable definitive agreement.

At Qualcomm 's Annual Meeting of Stockholders on March 6, 2018, you will have an important opportunity to influence the value of your investment by voting the BLUE proxy card for 11 independent and highly qualified individuals.

By voting for all 11 nominees on the BLUE proxy card, you can send a clear message that you want the Qualcomm Board to engage with Broadcom to maximize stockholder value.

BROADCOM OFFERS COMPELLING VALUE FOR QUALCOMM STOCKHOLDERS

Our \$70.00 per share proposal for Qualcomm consisting of \$60.00 in cash and \$10.00 in Broadcom stock will provide you with substantial and immediate cash value upon the closing of the proposed transaction, as well as the opportunity to participate in the upside potential of the combined company. We are confident that our proposal, which provides a 28% premium over the closing price of Qualcomm's common stock on November 2, 2017, the last unaffected trading day prior to media speculation regarding a potential transaction, and a premium of 33% to Qualcomm's unaffected 30-day volume-weighted average price, is the best path to create value for Qualcomm stockholders. Our proposal stands whether Qualcomm's pending acquisition of NXP Semiconductors N.V. (NXP) is consummated on the currently disclosed terms of \$110 per NXP share or is terminated.

With enhanced scale, R&D resources, product diversification and financial flexibility, the combined company will be positioned to accelerate innovation and deliver the most advanced semiconductor solutions to customers around the world.

We have a clear roadmap ahead, and expect that the proposed transaction would be completed within approximately 12 months following the signing of a definitive agreement.

Our acquisition track record speaks for itself. Since 2013, we have completed and successfully integrated six major acquisitions. Over this period, we have created significant stockholder value, consistently outperforming the S&P 500.

11 INDEPENDENT NOMINEES WILL ACT AS FIDUCIARIES TO QUALCOMM'S STOCKHOLDERS

The 11 nominees that Broadcom has nominated to stand for election at Qualcomm's 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are independent and highly qualified, with expertise in areas critical to Qualcomm's business. Having served as executives and as board members of both public and private companies, they bring years of operational experience across the semiconductor and technology industries, as well as expertise in finance, corporate strategy and mergers and acquisitions. These 11 director nominees have the necessary expertise and credentials to act as your fiduciaries.

Consistent with our desire to ensure board continuity, Broadcom would support a decision by the 11 new directors, upon their election, to increase the size of the Board and reappoint three existing Qualcomm directors — Mark McLaughlin, Tony Vinciguerra and Jeffrey Henderson — as directors.

VOTE THE BLUE PROXY CARD TODAY FOR ENHANCED VALUE

Whether or not you plan to attend Qualcomm's 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders on March 6, we strongly encourage you to make your voice heard today by voting the enclosed BLUE proxy card to elect ALL 11 director nominees put forth by Broadcom.

By doing so, we believe you will send Qualcomm a clear message that they should constructively engage in discussions with Broadcom regarding our premium offer, in order to provide you with the opportunity to realize the compelling value of this transaction.

Sincerely,

Hock Tan

President and CEO

Broadcom

Moelis & Company LLC, Citi, Deutsche Bank, J.P. Morgan, BofA Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley and Wells Fargo Securities are acting as financial advisors to Broadcom. Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz and Latham & Watkins LLP are acting as legal counsel.

More information regarding Broadcom's proposal for Qualcomm can be found by visiting www.AVGO-QCOM.com.

QUALCOMM STOCKHOLDERS: PLEASE VOTE TODAY ON THE BLUE PROXY CARD!

Qualcomm stockholders may submit a vote by mail, Internet or telephone by following the instructions on your BLUE proxy card or voting instruction form.

If you have any questions or need assistance voting your BLUE proxy card, please contact our proxy solicitor, D.F. King & Co., Inc., at (800) 848-2998 (toll free) or (212) 269-5550 (collect).

Stockholders are urged NOT to sign or return any white proxy card received from Qualcomm and are strongly encouraged to discard the white proxy card. If you previously voted Qualcomm's white proxy card you have every right to change your vote by voting a later-dated BLUE proxy card or BLUE voting instruction form. Only your last-dated proxy card, Internet or telephone vote will count.

About Broadcom Limited

Broadcom Limited (NASDAQ:AVGO) is a leading designer, developer and global supplier of a broad range of digital and analog semiconductor connectivity solutions. Broadcom Limited's extensive product portfolio serves four primary end markets: wired infrastructure, wireless communications, enterprise storage and industrial & other. Applications for our products in these end markets include: data center networking, home connectivity, set-top box, broadband access, telecommunications equipment, smartphones and base stations, data center servers and storage, factory automation, power generation and alternative energy systems, and electronic displays.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This announcement contains forward-looking statements (including within the meaning of Section 21E of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended) concerning Broadcom. These statements include, but are not limited to, statements that address our expected future business and financial performance and statements about (i) the proposed transaction involving Broadcom and Qualcomm and the expected benefits of the proposed transaction, (ii) the expected benefits of acquisitions, (iii) our plans, objectives and intentions with respect to future operations and products, (iv) our competitive position and opportunities, (v) the impact of acquisitions on the market for our products, and (vi) other statements identified by words such as will, expect, believe, anticipate, estimate, should, intend, plan, predict, project, aim, and similar words, phrases or expressions. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and beliefs of the management of

Broadcom, as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, such management, current market trends and market conditions and involve risks and uncertainties, many of which are outside Broadcom's and management's control, and which may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on such statements.

Particular uncertainties that could materially affect future results include risks associated with our proposal to acquire Qualcomm, including: (i) uncertainty regarding the ultimate outcome or terms of any possible transaction between Broadcom and Qualcomm, including as to whether Qualcomm will cooperate with us regarding the proposed transaction, (ii) the effects of the announcement of the proposed transaction on the ability of Broadcom and Qualcomm to retain customers, to retain and hire key personnel and to maintain favorable relationships with suppliers or customers, (iii) the timing of the proposed transaction, (iv) the ability to obtain regulatory approvals and satisfy other closing conditions to the completion of the proposed transaction (including shareholders approvals), and (v) other risks related to the completion of the proposed transaction and actions related thereto; any loss of our significant customers and fluctuations in the timing and volume of significant customer demand; our dependence on contract manufacturing and outsourced supply chain; our dependency on a limited number of suppliers; any acquisitions we may make, such as delays, challenges and expenses associated with receiving governmental and regulatory approvals and satisfying other closing conditions, and with integrating acquired companies with our existing businesses and our ability to achieve the benefits, growth prospects and synergies expected from such acquisitions; our ability to accurately estimate customers' demand and adjust our manufacturing and supply chain accordingly; our significant indebtedness, including the need to generate sufficient cash flows to service and repay such debt; dependence on a small number of markets and the rate of growth in these markets; dependence on and risks associated with distributors of our products; dependence on senior management; quarterly and annual fluctuations in operating results; global economic conditions and concerns; our proposed redomiciliation of our ultimate parent company to the United States; our competitive performance and ability to continue achieving design wins with our customers, as well as the timing of those design wins; prolonged disruptions of our or our contract manufacturers manufacturing facilities or other significant operations; our ability to improve our manufacturing efficiency and quality; our dependence on outsourced service providers for certain key business services and their ability to execute to our requirements; our ability to maintain or improve gross margin; our overall cash tax costs, legislation that may impact our overall cash tax costs and our ability to maintain tax concessions in certain jurisdictions; our ability to protect our intellectual property and the unpredictability of any associated litigation expenses; any expenses or reputational damage associated with resolving customer product and warranty and indemnification claims; cyclicity in the semiconductor industry or in our target markets; our ability to sell to new types of customers and to keep pace with technological advances; market acceptance of the end products into which our products are designed; and other events and trends on a national, regional and global scale, including those of a political, economic, business, competitive and regulatory nature.

Our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), which you may obtain for free at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>, discuss some of the important risk factors that may affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. We undertake no intent or obligation to publicly update or revise any of these forward looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

Additional Information

This communication does not constitute an offer to buy or solicitation of an offer to sell any securities. This communication relates to a proposal which Broadcom has made for an acquisition of Qualcomm and Broadcom's intention to solicit proxies for the election of Broadcom nominees to the Qualcomm Board and certain other proposals at Qualcomm's 2018 annual meeting of stockholders. Broadcom filed a definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A with the SEC on January 5, 2018 in connection with the solicitation of proxies for Qualcomm's 2018 annual meeting of stockholders and may file other proxy solicitation materials in connection therewith. Broadcom has also commenced mailing its definitive proxy statement to Qualcomm stockholders.

In addition, in furtherance of the acquisition proposal and subject to future developments, Broadcom (and, if a negotiated transaction is agreed, Qualcomm) may file one or more registration statements, proxy statements, tender offer statements or other documents with the SEC. This communication is not a substitute for any proxy statement, registration statement, tender offer statement, prospectus or other document Broadcom and/or Qualcomm may file with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction.

Investors and security holders of Broadcom and Qualcomm are urged to read the proxy statement(s), registration statement(s), tender offer statement(s), prospectus(es) and/or other documents filed with the SEC carefully in their entirety if and when they become available as they will contain important information about the proposed transaction and solicitation. Any definitive proxy statement(s) or prospectus(es) (if and when available) will be mailed to stockholders of Broadcom and/or Qualcomm, as applicable. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of these documents (if and when available) and other documents filed with the SEC by Broadcom through the web site maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

This document shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Participants in Solicitation

Broadcom, certain of its subsidiaries, its directors and executive officers, other members of management and employees and the nominees described above may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction, including with respect to Qualcomm's 2018 annual meeting of stockholders. You can find information about Broadcom's executive officers and directors in Broadcom's definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on February 17, 2017 and in certain of Broadcom's current reports filed with the SEC. Information about the Broadcom nominees is included in the definitive proxy statement that Broadcom has filed with the SEC. Additional information regarding the interests of such potential participants is included or will be included in one or more registration statements, proxy statements, tender offer statements or other documents filed or to be filed with the SEC if and when they become available. These documents (if and when available) may be obtained free of charge from the SEC's website <http://www.sec.gov>.

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