

## Ribbon and ECI Telecom to Combine

Creating a Telecom/Datacom Solutions Leader

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### Ribbon and ECI Telecom to Combine



- #1 or #2 Market Share<sup>1</sup> in Real Time Communications
- Leader in Network Edge Orchestration
- Growth Initiatives in Analytics, Security and Cloud Services



- Leading Packet-Optical Transport Solution Provider with Global #3 Market Share<sup>2</sup>
- Well Positioned for 5G with Demand Driven by Mobile Data Growth
- Software Solutions Address Strong Growth Potential in SDN and NFV Markets



Creates a leading US-based converged telecom/datacom communications technology vendor

Combined annual revenue of over **\$900** million<sup>4</sup>

Customers in over 140 countries<sup>4</sup>

**4,000 employees** globally<sup>4</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Leadership Ranking Source: IHS Research Q1'19 Market share data for past 12 months.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Source: © Ovum 2019: Global Optical Networking Market Share By Product: Q4'18 and 2018 ON Global, Mar'19 for optical aggregation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Datacom Market refers to the Packet Optical Transport and Networking Market.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Combined 2018 data of Ribbon and ECI.

## **Strategic Rationale**

# A Global Software Solutions Leader in Converged Telecom/Datacom

Transaction will position Ribbon as strong player in growing packet optical market

Combined company will have substantial scale and balanced global footprint

Ribbon plans to jumpstart ECI's entry into North America and Japanese markets

Provides path to participate in massive 5G opportunity

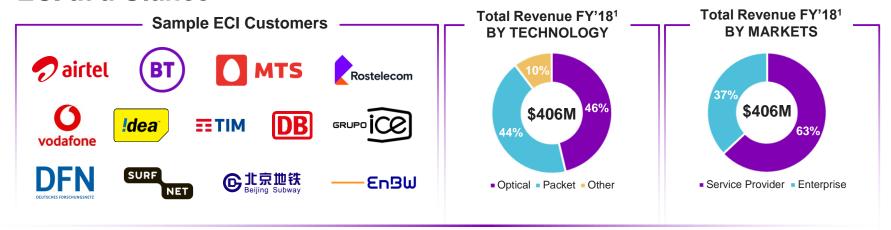
Transaction is expected to accelerate Ribbon's topline growth and earnings







### ECI at a Glance



- Founded in 1961; Headquartered in Petah Tikva, Israel
- Global provider of end-to-end packet-optical transport and SDN/NFV solutions for service providers, enterprises, and data center operators
- Diversified revenues across technologies and markets
- Serving 300+ customers in 85 countries with higher concentration across Europe and Asia
- Over 100 new customer wins in last three years

#### Financial Highlights<sup>2</sup>:

	LTM through Q3'19	FY 2018	FY 2017
Revenue	\$376M	\$406M	\$367M
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 23M	\$ 25M	\$ 18M

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Derived from 2018 audited consolidated revenue of ECI.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Derived from ECI audited annual consolidated financial statements and unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for respective periods conformed to US GAAP and Ribbon accounting practices.



## Further Diversifies Revenue by Geography and Solution



U.S.

EMEA

Japan

India

Other APAC

Other

## Total Revenue by Solution

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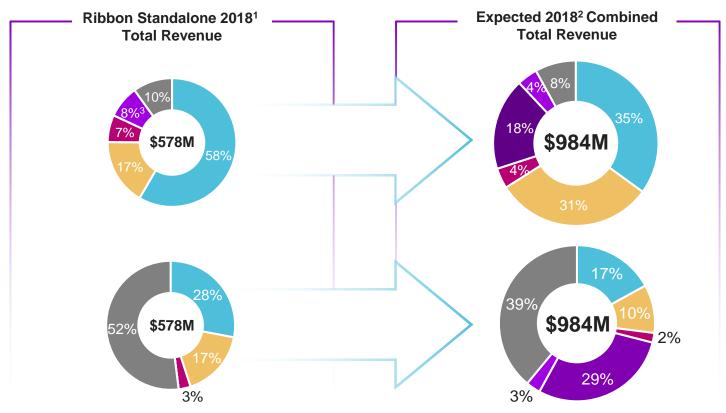
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Optical and Packet

Other

Services



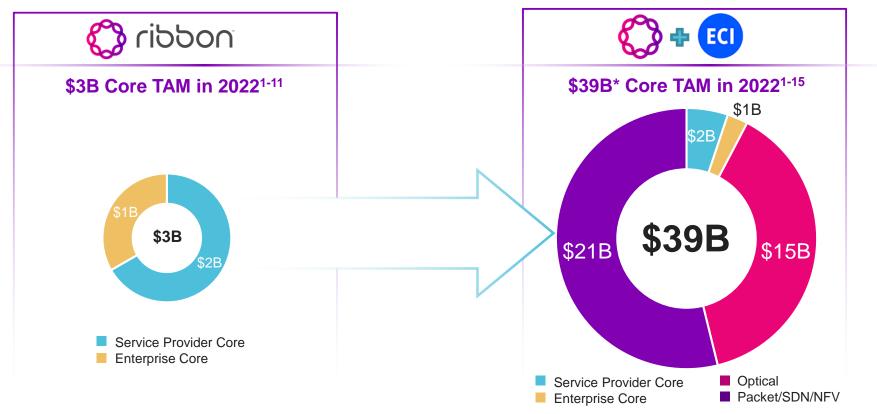
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Represents Ribbon audited consolidated revenue for the year ended December 31, 2018.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Represents combination of Ribbon and ECI audited consolidated revenue for the year ended December 31, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Ribbon standalone Other APAC revenue includes India for the year ended December 31, 2018.

## Proposed Merger Expected to Result in Significant TAM Expansion

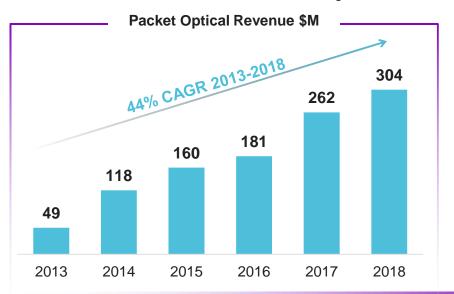


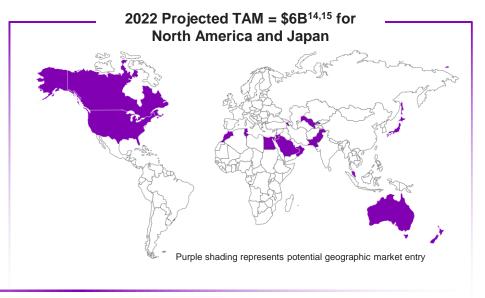
<sup>\*</sup> Combined Pro Forma Projected 2022 TAM.



<sup>1-15</sup> Source: See Appendix "TAM and Market Share References." Ribbon TAM: Items 1 through 11 and modeling. ECI TAM: Items 12 through 15 and modeling.

## **Growth in ECI Packet Optical Products**





Substantial growth in ECI Packet Optical products since introduction



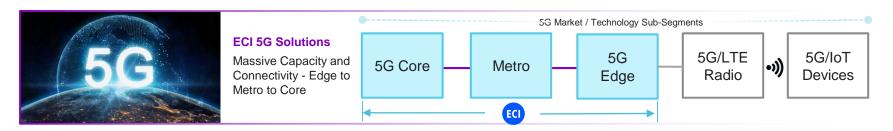
ECI achieved over 100 new Packet Optical customer wins since 2016 in highly competitive global markets

Large opportunity to introduce ECI Packet Optical products in North America and Japan



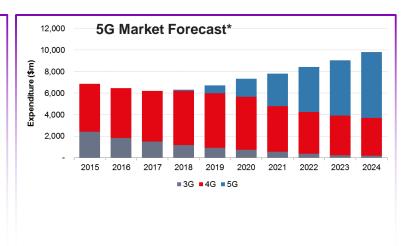
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14,15</sup>Footnotes: See Appendix "TAM and Market Share References."

## Proposed Merger Propels Ribbon's Entry into 5G Market



## Significant Contributor to Growing TAM

- \$8B market opportunity by 2022 for 5G and 4G packet optical solutions
- CAGR ('19–'24) forecast to be 7.5%
- ECI received first 5G order in 2019
- Strategic partner for optical solutions in Ericsson's transport offering (announced September 2018)
- North America and Japan represent incremental market opportunities



\*© Ovum 2019: Mobile Backhaul and Fronthaul Forecast: 2018–23, Published December 2018.15



## **Transaction Summary**

## Transaction Consideration

- · Ribbon Communications to acquire all outstanding equity of ECI Telecom Group Ltd.
  - Purchase consideration of 32.5 million newly issued Ribbon shares of common stock and \$324 million cash
  - Equity holders of ECI to own approximately 23% of Ribbon equity post-close
- \$460 million estimated transaction value<sup>1</sup>
- \$900 million estimated combined enterprise value post close<sup>1</sup>

## Financial Impact

- Over \$900 million of anticipated combined revenue with over 4,000 employees globally<sup>2</sup>
- Post-combination of Ribbon and ECI expected to generate annual Adjusted EBITDA in excess of \$120
- Anticipated annualized net cost synergies in excess of \$10 million
- Expected revenue synergies from the expansion of Ribbon's served addressable markets

## Sources of Financing

- \$400 million committed financing and \$100 million committed undrawn revolving credit facility<sup>3</sup>
- 32.5 million new Ribbon shares of common stock to be issued

#### Governance

- CEO and CFO from Ribbon
- Combined 9-person board to be selected; 3 by Ribbon (including CEO), 3 by JPMorgan Chase & Co. stockholders and 3 by ECI stockholders; will include a majority of independent directors
- ECI stockholders locked up for 180 days post-closing

## Expected Closing

- Expected to close in first quarter 2020
- · Subject to Ribbon stockholder approval, regulatory approvals and customary closing conditions

<sup>3</sup> Assumes a closing date of January 1, 2020 for illustrative purposes only. Transaction expected to close by end of first quarter 2020 subject to regulatory approval and closing conditions.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>As of November 12, 2019. Final figure to be determined based on Ribbon share price at closing date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Combined 2018 data of Ribbon and ECI.

## **Transaction Financing and Capital Allocation**

#### **Credit Facility**

- \$400 million new Term Debt to be borrowed at closing<sup>1</sup>
- \$100 million committed undrawn revolving credit facility available at closing<sup>1</sup>

## Pro Forma Capitalization

	<b>Expected at Close</b>	Leverage LTM EBITDA <sup>2</sup>
Gross Debt	\$400 million	3.4
Estimated Cash	\$80 million	_
Undrawn Revolving Credit Facility	_	_
Estimated Net Debt	\$320 million	2.7

# Deleveraging and Capital Allocation

- Post combination of Ribbon and ECI, expected to generate annual Adjusted EBITDA in excess of \$120 million
- Combined company expected to have strong deleveraging profile
- · No ongoing dividend or share repurchase plans anticipated in the near-term following close

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Adjusted EBITDA as defined in the Citizens Bank, N.A. Term Debt Commitment. Utilizes Ribbon and ECI combined for the twelve months ended September 30, 2019 including pro forma net cost synergies and excluding the impact of any purchase accounting adjustments.



Assumes a closing date of January 1, 2020 for illustrative purposes only. Transaction expected to close by end of first quarter 2020 subject to regulatory approval and closing conditions.

## **Proposed Combination Aligns with Ribbon's Strategy**



#### Invest

Market leading Communications Provider converging core Telecom / Datacom technologies

### Broaden

Optical transport and packet networking portfolio with enhanced mobile offers leading to 5G

## **Expand**

Enterprise verticals including utilities, government, defense and security across Europe and Asia

### Scale

Diversified US-based supplier of communications technologies; anticipated pro forma combined revenue >\$900M¹ with ~4,000 employees¹

Positions Ribbon for Profitable Growth
In New Markets to Create Long Term Stockholder Value



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Combined 2018 data Ribbon and ECI.

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## Thank you



## **Appendix**



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