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Forward-looking information involves risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in, or reasonably inferred from, such statements. Specific factors that could cause actual results to differ from results contemplated by forward-looking statements include, among others, the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement; the inability to complete the proposed merger due to the failure to obtain stockholder approval for the proposed merger or the failure to satisfy other conditions to completion of the proposed merger, including that a governmental entity may prohibit, delay or refuse to grant approval for the consummation of the transaction; risks regarding the failure of Parent, Parent Inc. or Parent LP to obtain the necessary financing to complete the proposed merger; risks related to disruption of management's attention from the Company's ongoing business operations due to the transaction; the effect of the announcement of the proposed merger on the Company's relationships with its customers, operating results and business generally; the risk that the proposed merger will not be consummated in a timely manner; exceeding the expected costs of the merger; our ability to keep pace with the rapid technological and industry changes in order to develop or acquire new technologies for our products and services that achieve market acceptance with acceptable margins; competition in the markets we serve, including the home automation market, which may result in pressure on our profit margins and limit our ability to maintain the market share of our products and services; an increase in the rate of customer attrition, including impact to our depreciation and amortization expenses or impairment of assets related to our security monitoring services; changes in the housing market and consumer discretionary income; failure to maintain the security of our information and technology networks, including personally identifiable information and other data, our products may be subject to potential vulnerabilities of wireless and Internet of Things devices, and our services may be subject to hacking or other unauthorized access to control or view systems and obtain private information; our dependence on certain software technology that we license from third parties, and failure or interruption in products or services of third-party providers; interruption to our monitoring facilities; failure to realize expected benefits from acquisitions and investments; risks associated with pursuing business opportunities that diverge from our current business model; potential loss of customer generation strategies through our independent, third party authorized dealers and affinity marketing programs; risks associated with acquiring and integrating customer accounts; unauthorized use of our brand name by third parties; risks

associated with ownership of the ADT® brand name outside of the United States and Canada by Tyco and other third parties; failure to enforce our intellectual property rights; allegations that we have infringed the intellectual property rights of third parties; failure of our independent, third party authorized dealers to mitigate certain risks; failure to continue to execute a competitive, profitable pricing structure; shifts in consumers' choice of, or telecommunication providers' support for, telecommunication services and equipment; current and potential securities litigation; increase in government regulation of telemarketing, e-mail marketing and other marketing methods may increase our costs and restrict growth of our business; changes in U.S. and non-U.S. governmental laws and regulations; imposition by local governments of assessments, fines, penalties and limitations on either us or our customers for false alarms; refusal to respond to calls from monitored security service companies, including us, by police departments in certain U.S. and Canadian jurisdictions; our greater exposure to liability for employee acts or omissions or system failures; interference with our customers' access to some of our products and services through the Internet by broadband service providers or potential change in government regulations relating to the internet; potential impairment of our deferred tax assets; inability to hire and retain key personnel, including an effective sales force; adverse developments in our relationship with our employees; capital market conditions, including availability of funding sources for us and our suppliers; changes in our credit ratings; risks related to our increased indebtedness, including our ability to meet certain financial covenants in our debt instruments; impact of any material adverse legal judgments, fines, penalties or settlements; exposure to counterparty risk in our hedging agreements; fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates; potential liabilities for legacy obligations relating to the separation from Tyco; volatility in the market price of our stock; and failure to fully realize expected benefits from the separation from Tyco.

Therefore, caution should be taken not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. Much of the information in this communication that looks towards future performance of the Company is based on various factors and important assumptions about future events that may or may not actually occur. As a result, our operations and financial results in the future could differ materially and substantially from those we have discussed in the forward-looking statements included in this communication. We assume no obligation (and specifically disclaim any such obligation) to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

For additional discussion of potential risks and uncertainties that could impact our results of operations or financial position, refer to Part I, Item 1A. *Risk Factors* in our 2015 Form 10-K. There have been no material changes to the risk factors disclosed in Part I, Item 1A. *Risk Factors* in our 2015 Form 10-K.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

This communication may be deemed solicitation material in respect of the proposed acquisition of the Company by Parent. In connection with the proposed merger transaction, the Company will file with the SEC and furnish to the Company's stockholders a proxy statement and other relevant documents. This communication does not constitute a solicitation of any vote or approval. Stockholders are urged to read the proxy statement when it becomes available and any other documents to be filed with the SEC in connection with the proposed merger or incorporated by reference in the proxy statement because they will contain important information about the proposed merger.

Investors will be able to obtain free of charge the proxy statement and other documents filed with the SEC at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. In addition, the proxy statement and our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 are available free of charge through our website at www.adt.com, as soon as reasonably practicable after they are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC.

The directors, executive officers and certain other members of management and employees of the Company may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies from stockholders of the Company in favor of the proposed merger. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be considered participants in the solicitation of the stockholders of the Company in connection with the proposed merger will be set forth in the proxy statement and the other relevant documents to be filed with the SEC. You can find information about the Company's executive officers and directors in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 25, 2015 and in its definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on Schedule 14A on January 22, 2016.

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Dear Partner,

Earlier today we issued a press release announcing that ADT has signed a definitive agreement to merge our business with Protection 1, under the ownership of Apollo Global Management (Apollo). You will be seeing and hearing more about this transaction in the media over the next few days, and I wanted to share some of my thoughts on the transaction and the benefits of merging these businesses.

I am very excited about the merger of these great businesses. By combining ADT and Protection 1, we will be able to accelerate the implementation of several of our key business strategies. In addition, as these companies come together under the ADT brand, the combined business will be even better positioned to compete and serve our customers in a very fragmented and highly competitive market that is attracting new entrants every day.

Our dealer channel continues to be an important growth channel for ADT, and we have benefited from this dual channel approach to the market. We expect to continue to invest in this channel moving forward, in support of our strategy to increase market penetration and pursue profitable growth.

The transaction is subject to regulatory reviews and approval by ADT's shareholders, and we are targeting to close the transaction in June of this year. During this period, we remain separate companies and will continue to compete in the marketplace. We will be distributing a set of Rules of the Road for you to distribute to your Sales teams later today.

This transaction provides us with an exciting opportunity to bring together two premier companies in the security and automation industry to deliver great products and services to our customers. For more information on today's announcement, please read the attached press release. We will continue to update you on our progress towards closing this transaction.

Regards,

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This communication includes forward-looking statements, as that term is defined by the federal securities laws. The forward-looking statements include statements concerning regulatory approvals and the expected timing, completion and effects of the proposed merger, the Company's outlook for the future, as well as other statements of beliefs, future plans and strategies or anticipated events, and similar expressions concerning matters that are not historical facts. All forward-looking statements are based upon our current expectations and various assumptions, and apply only as of the date of this communication. There are a number of risks, uncertainties and other important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those suggested by our forward-looking statements.

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