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## Lam Research + KLA-Tencor: The Vision

#### Opportunity to grow from a position of strength from both companies

- Best talent in the industry
- Technology leadership and unit product excellence will be expanded
- Common focus on operational execution

#### Creates opportunity for a new paradigm of process enablement

- Combination delivers unmatched capability to partner with our customer on solving their most difficult challenges
- No overlapping products, yet close product adjacencies and competencies that together will make us a more knowledgeable, capable partner
- Expands scale and relevance in a dynamic and evolving industry
  - Meaningful SAM expansion expect to address ~45% of WFE investment in 2018
  - Together we can offer greater insight into product roadmap challenges to maintain and develop best-in-class products and solutions
  - More opportunities for employees with increased scale and relevance

#### ► Strengthens the financial profile of the combined company

• Meaningful EPS growth, strong cash flow, efficient balance sheet

WFE = wafer fabrication equipment

## The Right Combination at the Right Time

- Cloud, mobility, and IoT are driving performance and economic requirements
- Technology scaling continues with escalating challenges
- Customer roadmaps require enhanced collaboration and innovation
- Intersection of process and process control becoming more critical
- Unmatched and complementary capability to enable atomic level processing

Accelerating our capability to address our customers' most difficult challenges

## Our Businesses at a Glance



- Founded in 1980
- Headquartered in Fremont, CA
- FY 2015 Revenue of \$5.3B
- ~7,300 Employees
- ► Leadership in:
  - Conductor and dielectric etch
  - Thin film deposition
  - Single-wafer clean
- Locations in 16 countries

# KLA Tencor

- Founded in 1976
- Headquartered in Milpitas, CA
- FY 2015 Revenue of \$2.8B
- ~5,600 Employees
- Leadership in:
  - Defect inspection
  - Lithography & thin film metrology
  - Yield management
- Locations in 17 countries

#### Combination of complementary industry leaders

## **Established Product Leadership**



### Combined company to serve ~42% of WFE market upon closing, increasing to ~45% by 2018

Source: Leadership positions based on Gartner and company data specific to 2014 shares. WFE percentages are for 2015 markets based on Gartner and company data. ECD = electrochemical deposition, CVD = chemical vapor deposition, PECVD = plasma-enhanced CVD, HDP = high-density plasma (CVD), ALD = atomic layer deposition, BEOL = back-end-of-line, SW = single-wafer. \*Based on year-over-year absolute revenue growth.

## A Strong Combination

#### **Shared Strengths**

- Deep technology ability
- Product leadership
- Competitive drive to be #1
- Demonstrated solving of customer's most difficult problems
- Growing profitability
- Product and operational discipline
- Extremely talented people
- A values-driven culture

#### **Strengths Lam Brings**

- Plasma and chemistry
- Strong customer trust
- Collaborative R&D
- Inflection-driven revenue growth
- Relatively stronger memory presence

#### Strengths KLA-Tencor Brings

- Optics and algorithms
- Competitive intelligence
- Understand and realize product value
- Relatively stronger logic presence

## **Our Opportunity**

- Grow from a position of strength from both companies
- Expand scale and strategic relevance in a dynamic and evolving industry
- Create a new paradigm for process enablement to customer challenges
- Increase our capability to deliver unit process excellence
- Open new opportunities for employees to grow and develop
- Strengthen the financial profile of the combined company
- Bring new ideas and perspectives to increase our value to our stakeholders

We can create unmatched capability by virtue of our culture, customer trust, world-class performance, and opportunity



# INNOVATIVE **TECHNOLOGY** TRUSTED **PRODUCTIVITY** FAST **SOLUTIONS**



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