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## SAP to Expand Cloud Presence with Acquisition of Ariba

*Combination Creates the Business Network of the Future;*

*Provides Open Business Commerce Community and Procurement Solutions in the Cloud;*

*Network to Benefit from SAP's Flagship In-Memory Platform, SAP HANA*

**WALLDORF, Germany and SUNNYVALE, California** **May 22, 2012** SAP AG (NYSE: SAP) and Ariba, Inc. (Nasdaq: ARBA) today announced that SAP's subsidiary, SAP America, Inc., has entered into an agreement to acquire Ariba, the leading cloud-based business commerce network, for \$45.00 per share, representing an enterprise value of approximately \$4.3 billion. The acquisition will combine Ariba's successful buyer-seller collaboration network with SAP's broad customer base and deep business process expertise to create new models for business-to-business collaboration in the cloud.

The Ariba board of directors has unanimously approved the transaction. The per share purchase price represents a 20% premium over the May 21 closing price and a 19% premium over the one month volume weighted average price per share. The transaction will be funded from SAP's free cash and a \$2.4 billion term loan facility. The transaction is expected to close in the third quarter of calendar year 2012, subject to Ariba stockholder approval, clearances by relevant regulatory authorities and other customary closing conditions. The transaction is expected to be accretive to SAP's non-IFRS earnings per share in 2013.

### **Business Network to Drive Growth**

With the addition of Ariba, SAP will acquire the leader in cloud-based collaborative business commerce. The acquisition establishes SAP as the leading business network, adding business-to-business collaboration to its existing solutions. The move positions SAP in a fast-growing segment as buyers and sellers across the globe connect in new ways through the cloud.

SAP's entry into the inter-enterprise business network space significantly expands its growth opportunities and accelerates its momentum in the cloud. Last week, SAP announced the roadmap for its cloud applications business (Software-as-a-Service), focusing on managing customers, suppliers, employees, and financials, in addition to its cloud suite offerings SAP Business ByDesign and SAP Business One. The acquisition will also significantly boost SAP's cloud applications portfolio with the addition of Ariba's leading cloud-based procurement solutions.

Headquartered in Sunnyvale, California, Ariba has approximately 2,600 employees. The company is the leader in cloud-based collaborative commerce applications and the second-largest cloud vendor by revenue. Ariba combines industry-leading technology with a web-based trading community to help companies discover, connect and collaborate with a global network of partners—all in a cloud-based environment. With \$444 million in total revenue, Ariba experienced 38.5 percent annual growth in 2011. Its business network recorded 62 percent organic growth in the same period.

The cloud has profoundly changed the way people interact. The impact will be even greater as enterprises connect and collaborate in new ways with their global networks of customers and partners, said SAP Co-CEOs Bill McDermott and Jim Hagemann Snabe. Cloud-based collaboration

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is redefining business network innovation, and we are catching this wave in the early stage of its evolution. The addition of Ariba will create the business network of the future, deliver immediate value to our customers and provide another solid engine for driving SAP's growth in the cloud.

**Businesses to Benefit from Combination**

Industry experts estimate the cloud-based enterprise network and procurement segment at a current size of \$5 billion in revenue. The Ariba network is the largest and most global trading network, connecting and automating more than \$319 billion in commerce transactions, collaborations, and intelligence among more than 730,000 companies. SAP's global customer base of more than 190,000 companies includes the largest buyers and sellers in the world, offering great potential to increase the number of participants, as well as the volume and types of transactions conducted through this network. Already today 63% of the world's transaction revenue touches an SAP system. SAP and Ariba will facilitate collaborative commerce within and between companies of all sizes.

The combination of SAP's innovations and core applications with the Ariba cloud-based network will create new business value for customers:

Together, SAP and Ariba can deliver a truly end-to-end solution that enables companies to achieve a closed-loop from source-to-pay, regardless of whether they deploy in the cloud, on-premise or through a combination of both.

Ariba's open network and SAP's integration expertise will facilitate participation and extend the benefits of business collaboration to all companies, on any system, from any provider.

The Ariba network will benefit from the performance delivered by using SAP's flagship in-memory platform SAP HANA.

Relationship and transaction information from commerce activity in the Ariba network together with SAP's leading analytics will provide real-time insights to enable trading partners to discover, connect and collaborate more effectively.

All SAP customers will be able to easily connect to the business network through pre-built integration points.

Through the combination of the business network procurement solutions from Ariba and SAP, organizations can gain 360-degree business intelligence and effectively demonstrate that spending activities, contracts, and supplier interactions adhere to corporate compliance guidelines.

In our personal lives, networks are playing an increasingly important role in how we connect, share, and shop—bringing more insight and efficiency into everything we do," said Bob Calderoni, CEO, Ariba. "Businesses are looking for the same connectedness, insight, and efficiencies in the processes and collaboration with customers, suppliers, and partners beyond the walls of their companies. By combining Ariba's open global trading network and SAP's solutions and analytics, we are ushering in a new era of business-to-business collaboration and driving new levels of productivity.

Upon completion of the transaction, it is planned to consolidate all cloud-related supplier assets of SAP under Ariba. The existing management team will continue to lead Ariba, which will operate as an independent business under the name Ariba, an SAP company. The SAP Executive Board intends to nominate Ariba CEO Bob Calderoni to the SAP Global Managing Board after closing of the transaction and subject to the approval of the SAP Supervisory Board.

**Financial Analyst and Media Conference Call**

SAP and Ariba will host a conference call for financial analysts and media to discuss the transaction on **Tuesday, May 22nd**, at 10:00 pm CET / 4:00 pm Eastern/ 1:00 p.m. Pacific. The call will be webcast at [www.sap.com/investor](http://www.sap.com/investor)

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In connection with the proposed merger, Ariba will file a proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). The definitive proxy statement will be sent or given to the stockholders of Ariba and will contain important information about the proposed merger and related matters. Ariba's stockholders are urged to read the definitive proxy statement carefully when it becomes available before making any voting or investment decision with respect to the proposed merger because they will contain important information about the merger and the parties to the merger. Additionally, Ariba and SAP will file other relevant materials in connection with the proposed acquisition of Ariba by SAP pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among, SAP America, Angel Expansion Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of SAP America, and Ariba. SAP, Ariba and their respective directors, executive officers and other members of their management and employees, under SEC rules, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies of Ariba stockholders in connection with the proposed merger. Investors and security holders may obtain more detailed information regarding the names, affiliations and interests of certain of SAP's executive officers and directors in the solicitation by reading SAP's most recent Annual Report on Form 20-F, and the proxy statement and other relevant materials filed with the SEC when they become available. Information concerning the interests of Ariba's participants in the solicitation, which may, in some cases, be different than those of Ariba's stockholders generally, will be set forth in the proxy statement relating to the merger when it becomes available.

The materials to be filed by SAP and Ariba with the SEC may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the proxy statement from Ariba by contacting Ariba Investor Relations by email at [investorinfo@ariba.com](mailto:investorinfo@ariba.com) or by telephone at +1 (678) 336-2980.

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Strategic Rationale and Market Opportunity

Ariba is the second largest cloud vendor and **runs the largest global trading network**, driving more than \$319 billion in commerce transactions among more than 730,000 companies.

Ariba will enable SAP to **create the business network of the future** by combining its large

buyer & seller network with SAP s more than 190,000 customers and deep business process expertise. Already today, 63% of the world s transaction revenues touch an SAP system.

SAP will become **a leader in the fast-growing segment of cloud-based business networks**

where

companies

connect

and

collaborate,

buy

and

sell

across

the

globe

in

new

ways

enabled

by powerful cloud solutions.

The

Global

2,000

companies

spend

\$12

trillion

with

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suppliers

with

\$319

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transacted

through

Ariba s

trading

network

SAP

customers

make

up

the

majority

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Global

2,000 offering a huge market potential for network based business-to-business collaboration.

SAP

will  
become  
a  
clear  
leader  
in  
Cloud  
Supplier  
Relationship  
Management

SRM  
is  
a  
\$5  
billion revenue segment with on-demand SRM solutions and networks growing significantly  
faster.

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Business Synergies and Cloud Momentum

All SAP customers will be able to **easily connect to the business network** through pre-built integration points and drive additional transaction volume and fees.

The **business network is open to all companies**



no matter what source system or platform,  
size or industry, and no matter whether on-premise or on-demand.

Ariba benefits from the **power and breadth of SAP's global sales force.**

Ariba business network will **benefit from SAP's in-memory platform SAP HANA** and mobility capabilities

enabling real-time performance for searching, trading, analysis and competitive benchmarking of supply chain management in the cloud anytime, anywhere.

Ariba's leading **on-demand cloud procurement and invoicing solutions complement SAP's** existing portfolio of on-demand solutions.

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Creating the Business Network of the Future  
Expand  
SAP s  
five

market  
category  
strategy  
by  
creating  
the  
business  
network  
which  
provides  
significant growth opportunities and creates new models for business collaboration in the cloud.

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SAP:

Broadest Range of Enterprise Applications

Ariba:

Largest Business Network

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\$320 Billion in Annual Spend On Ariba Network  
Subscription revenue from Buyers  
Connectivity

subscription

fee

More than 420 strategic buyers

Over 1,100 buyer apps customers

Ariba Global Trading Network

(Inter-Enterprise Business Network)

Subscription revenue from Suppliers

Network

supplier

subscription

fee

730k registered suppliers with more

than 100k transacting

Network subscription revenue from buyers and sellers

derived from \$320bn in annual spend on network

SAP Business Suite  
Business One, SAP  
Business ByDesign  
Combining Ariba's Network & SAP's Application  
Expertise  
Game Changing Innovations  
Content

Services  
Management  
Cloud Order Management  
B2B  
Connectivity

SAP  
(Crossgate)  
SAP  
Business Network  
Bringing Unique Value to Customers

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Information  
Opportunity  
Enable all SAP solutions to connect to the  
Ariba Network to benefit from the value of  
the largest business network of the world  
Simplified business-to-business  
integration and collaboration with  
730,000+ companies  
Power business network with SAP HANA  
and deliver real-time advanced analytics  
Access integrated cloud-based source-to-  
settle applications on one single platform  
Leverage Crossgate payment platform  
SAP All In One, SAP  
Relationship Management  
(SRM) On Demand  
SAP Customer Relationship  
Management (CRM) On  
Demand  
(Supply Chain Execution )  
SAP/Ariba Supplier

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Financial Details  
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\$45



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billion.

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SAP expects the combination to deliver significant benefits, including in the form of revenue enhancements driven by increased go-to-market expertise and development capabilities for its cloud portfolio.

The transaction is expected to close in the third quarter of calendar year 2012 and is expected to be accretive to SAP's Non-IFRS earnings per share in 2013.

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About Ariba

Leader in Cloud-based Spend Management Solutions & Global B2B Commerce  
Networks.

Founded in 1996

Ariba is the world's business commerce network, combining industry-leading, cloud-based technology with the world's largest web-based trading community to help companies discover and collaborate with a global network of partners.

Using the Ariba Network, businesses of all sizes can connect to their trading partners anywhere, at any time from any application or device to buy, sell, and manage their cash more efficiently and effectively.

Ariba

FY

2011

revenue

of

\$444

million

growing

at

39%

compared

to

FY

2010.

Ariba is headquartered in Sunnyvale, CA with ~2,600 employees.

Ariba has more than 1,100 buyer customers, 59,000 supplier customers, and more than 730,000 companies in the Ariba network.

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Ariba Enabling Leaders Across Many Industries  
Financial Services  
CPG & Retail  
Technology

Chemicals, Energy,  
Mining  
Healthcare & Pharma  
Manufacturing &  
Construction  
Services & Other

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**KEY MESSAGES:**

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With Ariba SAP will become a leader in Cloud Supplier Relationship Management – a fast growing USD 5 billion revenue space.

Together, SAP and Ariba will be able to deliver new models for business-to-business collaboration in the cloud

The business network is open to all companies – no matter what size or industry, whether on premise or on demand.

The business network will benefit from SAP's innovations around SAP HANA, analytics, mobility as well as from prebuilt-integration points to existing SAP solutions.

Ariba will benefit from the power and breadth of SAP's global sales force.

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:**

1. **Why is SAP acquiring Ariba? How does it fit into SAP's cloud strategy?**

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The acquisition will significantly accelerate the momentum we have as a provider of cloud applications, platform, and infrastructure.

The cloud is having great impact on the way enterprises connect and collaborate with their global networks of customers and partners. Ariba is a leader in cloud-based business commerce solutions and operates the largest and most global trading network, with 730,000 companies transacting more than USD 319 billion in commerce on an annual basis. SAP's customer base of more than 190,000 companies and the fact that 63% of the world's transaction revenue today already touches an SAP system has great potential to increase the number of participants, as well as the volume and types of transactions, in the Ariba network.

This acquisition will deliver rapid value for our customers by combining SAP's broad customer base and solutions portfolio with the most successful cloud-based business commerce networks in the industry. Together with SAP's cloud assets and our fast-growing SuccessFactors business, the addition of Ariba will provide another solid growth engine for achieving our ambitions in the cloud.

Efficiently managing vendors is a top priority for business leaders worldwide, and Ariba is a leader (Gartner and Forrester) in driving supplier relationship management.

### **2. What do you mean by inter-enterprise business network ?**

The cloud is enabling enterprises and individuals to connect and collaborate in an entirely new way. eBay and Facebook are well-known examples of networks in our private lives. With the acquisition of Ariba, we are entering the fast growing segment for cloud-based business-to-business collaboration and commerce. The inter-enterprise business network from SAP will enable new ways for business to collaborate among each other.

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**3. How is it different from the cloud strategy announced by Lars Dalgaard at SAPPHIRE NOW?**

At SAPPHIRE NOW we announced our cloud strategy for Software-as-a-Service. This strategy focuses on cloud-based applications for managing customers, suppliers, financials and employees, in addition to the suite offerings of Business ByDesign and SAP Business One in the cloud. With the Ariba acquisition, we will add Ariba's procurement applications to our cloud portfolio, but with the Ariba network we also will enter the segment of cloud-based business-to-business collaboration.

**4. Are you acquiring Ariba because of slow uptake of SAP's procurement solutions?**

We are acquiring Ariba because it gives us immediate leadership in the growing segment for cloud-based procurement and networking. With this acquisition, we are acting quickly to capture a rapidly evolving market opportunity. Industry experts estimate the cloud-based procurement and business network space at a current value of USD 5 billion. The Ariba network is the largest and most global trading network, connecting and automating more than USD 319 billion in commerce transactions, collaborations, and intelligence between more than 730,000 companies in every region of the world. SAP's procurement portfolio ranks among the industry leaders, but it would take much longer to build a cloud marketplace such as Ariba's on our own.

**5. How will you integrate Ariba with other SAP solutions and technology platforms? Will you maintain Ariba as a separate platform?**

Our goal is to optimize integration of Ariba applications with SAP's broader portfolio and to provide our customers with consistency regardless of platform. SAP is the only company that can offer end-to-end processes integrating world-class line-of-business cloud offerings with the most respected on-premise solutions available.

**6. This acquisition comes very soon after the acquisition of SuccessFactors. Is this a change in strategy? If so, can we expect more of these types of acquisitions?**

We have always said that we will continue to invest in organic growth through innovation, but also look for opportunities to accelerate the depth and breadth of our portfolio to offer additional value to our more than 190,000 customers. We will continue to focus on in-house innovation, and also will consider acquisitions that help us lead with innovation in categories where we choose to play.

With this transaction, we are moving to capture a rapidly evolving market opportunity. With more than 730,000 participants, Ariba's cloud-based business network has gained popular market acceptance. The addition of SAP's customer base will provide the critical mass to accelerate participation and increase transaction volume.

**7. What kind of synergies do you see between SAP and Ariba?**

Participation in business networks is being driven by trends like cloud computing, mobility and the convergence of enterprise applications, social media, and communities. Combining SAP's customer base and solution portfolio with Ariba's cloud-based business network will create opportunities for enterprises to discover, connect, and collaborate in new ways. For instance, we can apply SAP's flagship in-memory platform, SAP HANA, to improve procurement and supply chain analytics. Real-time commerce analytics will open new business opportunities for our customers. SAP's global customer base of more than *190,000 companies can easily access the business network* and drive additional transaction volume and fees, thus creating a powerful network effect. Ariba benefits from *the power and breadth of SAP's global sales force*. All companies will have *access to the business network* regardless of their business software through pre-built integration points for instant trading with hundreds of thousands of other companies. Ariba's leading on-demand cloud-based procurement solution complements SAP's existing portfolio of on-premise and on-demand solutions.



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**8. Will you run Ariba on HANA?**

SAP's flagship in-memory platform, SAP HANA, will be the future technology foundation for all of our cloud applications, including Ariba. We believe SAP HANA is one of the biggest technology innovations that we have seen in the last decade and that it will drive real-time business application across all areas in the cloud, on premise and on device.

**9. Why did you choose to acquire in the procurement space vs. other on-demand areas?**

Forrester Research currently estimates the value of the cloud-based procurement and enterprise network segments at USD 5 billion. The Ariba network is the largest and most global trading network, connecting and automating more than USD 319 billion in commerce transactions, collaborations, and intelligence between more than 730,000 companies in every region of the world. SAP's global customer base of more than 190,000 companies and the fact that 63% of the world's transaction revenue today already touches an SAP system offers great potential to increase the number of participants, as well as the volume and types of transactions conducted through this network, and to capture a significant share of this market.

**10. Where will SAP's procurement solutions be managed in the future?**

SAP's procurement solutions rank among the industry leaders. Together, SAP and Ariba offer a comprehensive selection of on-premise and cloud-based procurement solutions. We will have more to say about our solution portfolio at the close of the transaction, expected in the third quarter 2012. It will be business as usual for our customers in the near term, and over the longer term there will be huge opportunities for our customers to derive business value from their business networks. It is planned that all cloud-based supplier assets will be consolidated under Ariba.

**11. Will you bundle offerings of SAP and Ariba solutions?**

We see significant potential for synergies with Ariba across SAP's solution portfolio. Currently, we estimate that fewer than five percent of SAP customers use Ariba solutions and the Ariba network. There is strong potential to create offers that provide customers with new value in their sourcing, procurement, and collaborative commerce activities, for example by using SAP innovations in the areas of in memory, analytics and mobility for the Ariba network.

**12. How will SAP be differentiated from the competitive landscape after this acquisition?**

The business network that we will create will set a new standard for the way companies engage with their partners and gain efficiencies beyond the four walls of the enterprise.

Ariba operates the world's largest and most global trading network, with more than 730,000 participants. The combination of this network, and the cloud-based applications for collaborative commerce delivered on top of it, will enable us to create a digital community through which businesses of all sizes can discover, connect, and collaborate more efficiently and effectively than ever before and become the platform of choice for business commerce. The addition of SAP's customer base of more than 190,000 companies worldwide will add to the number and types of transactions on the Ariba network. SAP customers include many of the Global 2000, whose procurement activities involve the greatest number of partners and highest transaction volumes. As a matter of fact, 63% of the world's transaction revenue already touches an SAP system today.

This acquisition will deliver rapid value for our customers by combining the leader in business transactions with one of the most successful cloud-based networks in the world.

**13. How does this fit with your recent acquisition of Crossgate? Is there duplication?**

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Crossgate is a complementary asset in SAP's resources for enterprise collaborative networking, primarily in more complex content exchange. We look forward to extending Crossgate B2B networking technology to more users through Ariba's Network. It is planned to consolidate all cloud-based supplier assets of SAP under Ariba, upon close of the transaction.

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**14. What will happen to Ariba's management team and employees?**

Upon completion of the transaction, we plan to consolidate all cloud-related supplier assets under Ariba. The existing management team will continue to lead Ariba, which will operate as an independent business under the name Ariba, an SAP company and report into the Office of the Co-CEOs. The SAP Executive Board intends to nominate Ariba's CEO, Bob Calderoni, to the SAP Global Managing Board after completion of the transaction and subject to the approval of the SAP Supervisory Board.

In addition, it is planned that the CEO of Ariba will become a member of SAP's Cloud Governance Board led by Lars Dalgaard.

**15. Will Ariba become part of SAP's Cloud Unit?**

Upon completion of the transaction, Ariba remains an independent business, reporting into the Office of the Co-CEOs. While the focus of Lars Dalgaard will be on cloud apps, Ariba will focus on the cloud-based business network. It depends on the development of Ariba business over time if it's going to become an own category of SAP's business or going to be part of SAP's Cloud Unit.

Upon the completion of the transaction, it is planned that the CEO of Ariba will become a member of SAP's Cloud Governance Board led by Lars Dalgaard.

**16. Will you eliminate positions as a result of this transaction?**

This transaction is about growth and innovation as opposed to consolidation. We welcome Ariba employees to SAP. There are no major workforce changes planned as part of this transaction.

**17. What does this acquisition mean for SAP's ecosystem? Will SAP partners be able to sell Ariba solutions?**

With the acquisition, our ecosystem strategy remains the same. The move will bring new field opportunities for our partners to co-innovate on cloud solutions for our joint customers.

**18. Do you anticipate any regulatory issues related to this transaction?**

The transaction will require anti-trust and other regulatory filings in the U.S. and various other jurisdictions, including with the Securities Exchange Commission in the U.S., but we do not expect any regulatory issues.

**19. Is there a risk of a potential counter-offer? If a competitor makes a counter offer, how high are you willing to go before losing the acquisition?**

We believe our offer provides solid value to all of Ariba's stakeholders - its investors, customers and employees. We will not speculate on other scenarios at this time.

**FINANCIAL QUESTIONS**

**20. Are you paying too much for Ariba compared to other recent transactions in the industry? How does the valuation compare to the valuation you paid for Business Objects, Sybase and SuccessFactors?**

The per share purchase price for Ariba of USD 45.00 represents a 20% premium over the May 21st closing price and a 19% premium over the one month volume weighted average share price. This reflects the strong growth momentum in Ariba's network business (estimated to grow 20% - 30% longer term by some financial analysts). In contrast to our competition, SAP buys leading companies - Ariba runs the largest and most

global trading network.

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(In comparison: The per share purchase price for SuccessFactors of USD 40.00/per share in cash represented a 52% premium both over the December 2nd, 2011 closing price and the one month volume weighted average price per share.)

SAP/SFSF: 52% premium over 1 month VWAP (volume weighted average share price)

ORCL/RNOW: 23% premium over 1 month VWAP

ORCL/TALEO: 25% premium over 1 month VWAP

**21. How does the transaction affect SAP's 2012 financial guidance?**

The transaction is expected to close in the third quarter of 2012. We will provide an update to the financial market on the effects on the 2012 guidance after the closing of the transaction.

**22. Can you be more specific about expected revenue and cost synergies?**

This transaction is primarily about driving top-line related synergies. We will provide an update on the effects on the 2012 guidance after the closing of the transaction.

**23. What is your expected revenue target for 2012 and what is the expected contribution from Ariba?**

Our full-year outlook which we reiterated on April 25th expects full-year 2012 non-IFRS software and software-related service revenue to increase in a range of 10% - 12% at constant currencies (2011: \$11.35 billion), which includes a contribution of **up to 2 percentage points from SuccessFactors' business.**

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**24. What is the effect of the deal on SAP's EPS? Will the deal be accretive or dilutive?**

The transaction is expected to be accretive to SAP's Non-IFRS earnings per share in 2013.

**25. How does the transaction affect your 2015 goals - more than \$20 billion in revenues and a 35% operating margin?**

The acquisition of Ariba advances us dramatically toward realizing our ambition of becoming a cloud leader with \$2 billion in cloud revenues by 2015. And we remain confident in our ability to increase our total revenue to more than \$20 billion by 2015 while keeping our promise to deliver a 35% non-IFRS operating margin.

**26. How will you finance the transaction?**

The transaction will be funded from SAP's free cash and a \$2.4 billion term loan facility, jointly underwritten by Deutsche Bank and JP Morgan.

**Ariba Facts and Figures:**

27. **How big is Ariba's business?**

Annual revenues: USD 530 million (FY12 guidance)

Global & industry diverse business

>4.5 million paying subscribers from >60,000 companies

~1,100 paying buying companies

59,000 paying selling companies

>730,000 companies overall

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A leader in cloud-based Spend Analytics, Sourcing, Contract Management, Supplier Mgmt., Procurement, Invoicing solutions

World's largest and most global business commerce network

Two-sided business model

High-growth subscription software revenue from Global 2000 buyers

Higher-growth, high-margin Network revenue from Global 10 million sellers

**28. Please explain Ariba's Commerce Cloud business?**

The 2nd-largest Cloud application vendor by revenue

True multi-tenant Cloud infrastructure

Complete and integrated Source-to-Settle Cloud platform

A leader in suite as well as each individual solution segment:

Spend Visibility

Sourcing

Contract Management

Procurement

Invoice Management

Discount & Working Capital Mgmt.

Supplier Information & Performance Management



Open Network-centric approach enables expanded customer adoption and (and chargeable) community services and analytics.

**ARIBA Fast Facts:**

Founded: September 1996

IPO: June 23, 1999

Headquarters: Sunnyvale, California

Global Offices: 40 offices in 21 countries, including North and South America, Europe, Asia/Pacific and Australia

Fiscal 2012 Financial Highlights(quarter ending March 31, 2012)

Total Quarterly Revenues: USD 131.5M

Total Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments: USD 262.1M

Headcount: 2,600

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The materials to be filed by SAP and Ariba with the SEC may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the proxy statement from Ariba by contacting Ariba Investor Relations by email at [investorinfo@ariba.com](mailto:investorinfo@ariba.com) or by telephone at +1 (678) 336-2980.

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Subject Company: Ariba, Inc.

Commission File No.: 000-26299

May 22, 2012

Dear SAP Customer,

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The Ariba Network already connects many of the world's largest buying organizations to over 730,000 sellers around the globe. Existing SAP customers like you will be able to easily connect to the Ariba business network through pre-built integration points. In addition, Ariba's open network and SAP's integration expertise will facilitate participation and extend the benefits of business collaboration to any company, on any system, and from any provider.

Combining our innovations and core applications with the Ariba cloud-based network will create new business value for you:

Together, SAP and Ariba can deliver a truly end-to-end solution that enables companies to achieve a closed-loop from source to pay, regardless of whether they deploy in the cloud, on premise or through a combination of both.

Relationship and transaction information from commerce activity in the Ariba network together with our leading analytics will provide real-time insights to enable trading partners to discover, connect, and collaborate more effectively.

Through the combination of the network procurement solutions from Ariba and SAP, organizations can gain 360-degree business intelligence and effectively demonstrate that spending activities, contracts, and supplier interactions adhere to corporate compliance guidelines.

We will provide you with more details in the coming months while we wait for regulatory clearances and approval by Ariba stockholders. We expect the existing management team will continue to lead Ariba, which is currently planned to operate as an independent business under the name Ariba, an SAP company.

In the meantime, we remain committed to your success and thank you for your business. Your local SAP representative is available to respond to any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Rob Enslin

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