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- Enhances NXP's strategy to lead in the "Secure Connections for a Smarter World"
- Establishes #1 Automotive Semiconductor Supplier
- Establishes #1 General-purpose MCU Supplier
- Clear path to \$500 million in annual cost synergies
- Combination is accretive to non-GAAP EPS in first full year

**Eindhoven, The Netherlands and Austin, Texas, March 2, 2015 (CET)** – NXP Semiconductors N.V. (NASDAQ: NXPI) and Freescale Semiconductor, Ltd. (NYSE: FSL) today announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement under which NXP will merge with Freescale in a transaction which values the combined enterprise at just over \$40 billion<sup>1</sup>. The merger creates a high performance mixed signal semiconductor industry leader, with combined revenue of greater than \$10 billion. The merged entity will become the market leader in automotive semiconductor solutions and the market leader in general purpose microcontroller (MCU) products. The combined company will capitalize on the growing opportunities created by the accelerating demand for security, connectivity and processing.

"Today's announcement is a transformative step in our objective to become the industry leader in high performance mixed signal solutions. The combination of NXP and Freescale creates an industry powerhouse focused on the high growth opportunities in the Smarter World. We fully expect to continue to significantly out-grow the overall market, drive world-class profitability and generate even more cash, which taken together will maximize value for both Freescale and NXP shareholders," said Richard Clemmer, NXP Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Clemmer will continue to be the President and Chief Executive Officer of the merged company.

"We believe this merger, which combines two highly successful and complementary companies, will create significant value for Freescale's and NXP's shareholders, customers and employees. Both companies have built leadership positions and have a sharp focus on delivering superior value to customers. Our combined scale, size and global reach will position our new company to deliver sustainable above market growth. It will also serve to accelerate the strategic plans both companies have invested in, enabling us to deliver more complete solutions to customers," said Gregg Lowe, Freescale Semiconductor President and Chief Executive Officer.

The transaction is expected to be accretive to NXP non-GAAP earnings and non-GAAP free cash flow. NXP anticipates achieving cost savings of \$200 million in the first full year after closing the transaction, with a clear path to \$500 million of annual cost synergies.

Under the terms of the agreement, Freescale shareholders will receive \$6.25 in cash and 0.3521 of an NXP ordinary share for each Freescale common share held at the close of the transaction. The purchase price implies a total equity value for Freescale of approximately \$11.8 billion (based on NXP's closing stock price as of February 27, 2015) and a total enterprise value of approximately \$16.7 billion including Freescale's net debt.

The transaction is expected to close in the second half of calendar 2015. NXP intends to fund the transaction with \$1.0 billion of cash from its balance sheet, \$1.0 billion of new debt and approximately 115 million NXP ordinary shares. Post transaction, Freescale shareholders will own approximately 32 percent of the combined company.

The transaction has been unanimously approved by the boards of directors of both companies and is subject to regulatory approvals in various jurisdictions and customary closing conditions, as well as the approval of NXP and Freescale shareholders.

Credit Suisse acted as exclusive financial adviser to NXP, along with Simpson Thacher & Bartlett and De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, who served as legal advisers. Credit Suisse is also providing committed financing for the transaction. Morgan Stanley acted as exclusive financial adviser to Freescale, along with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom who served as legal adviser.

#### Note:

1: Merger value represents enterprise value as of the market close February 27, 2015

## **Discussion of GAAP to non-GAAP Reconciliations**

In addition to providing financial information on a basis consistent with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), NXP also provides selected financial measures on a non-GAAP basis. NXP provides non-GAAP measures because management believes that they are helpful to understand the underlying operating and profit structure of NXP's operations, to provide additional insight as to how management assesses the performance and allocation of resources among its various segments and because the financial community uses them in its analysis of NXP's operating and/or financial performance, historical results and projections of NXP's future operating results. NXP presents "non-GAAP gross profit," "non-GAAP research and development," "non-GAAP selling, general and administrative," "non-GAAP other income," "non-GAAP operating income," "non-GAAP net income/ (loss)," "non-GAAP gross margin," "non-GAAP operating margin" and "non-GAAP EPS" because these financials measures are net of "PPA effects," "restructuring costs," "stock based compensation," "other incidental items," and "other adjustments" which have affected the comparability of NXP's results over the years. NXP presents "EBITDA," "adjusted EBITDA" and "trailing 12 month adjusted EBITDA" because these financial measures enhance an investor's understanding of NXP's financial performance.

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#### **Conference Call and Webcast Information**

NXP and Freescale will host a joint conference call on March 2, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time (1:00 p.m. Central European Time) to discuss the announcement of the merger of NXP Semiconductors and Freescale Semiconductor.

Interested parties may join the conference call by dialing 1-800-591-6942 (within the U.S.) or 1-617-614-4909 (outside of the U.S.). The participant passcode is 34469596. To listen to a webcast of the event, please visit the Investor Relations section of the NXP website at <u>www.nxp.com/investor</u> or the Investor Relations section of the Freescale website at <u>http://investors.freescale.com</u>. The webcast will be recorded and available for replay shortly after the call concludes.

#### About NXP Semiconductors

NXP Semiconductors N.V. (NASDAQ: NXPI) creates solutions that enable secure connections for a smarter world. Building on its expertise in High Performance Mixed Signal electronics, NXP is driving innovation in the automotive, identification and mobile industries, and in application areas including wireless infrastructure, lighting, healthcare, industrial, consumer tech and computing. NXP has operations in more than 25 countries, and posted revenue of \$5.65 billion in 2014. Find out more at <a href="http://www.nxp.com/investor">www.nxp.com/investor</a>

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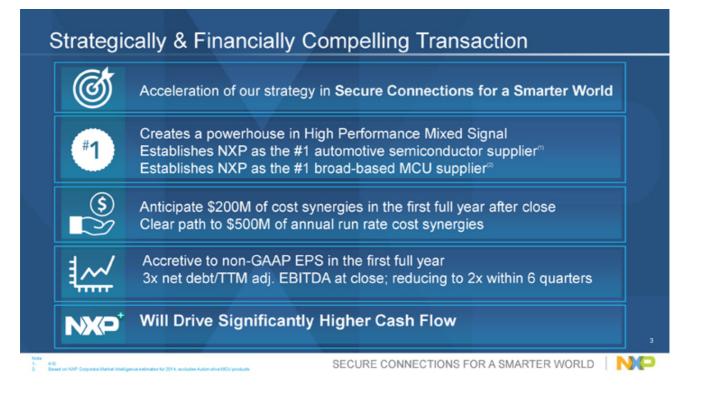
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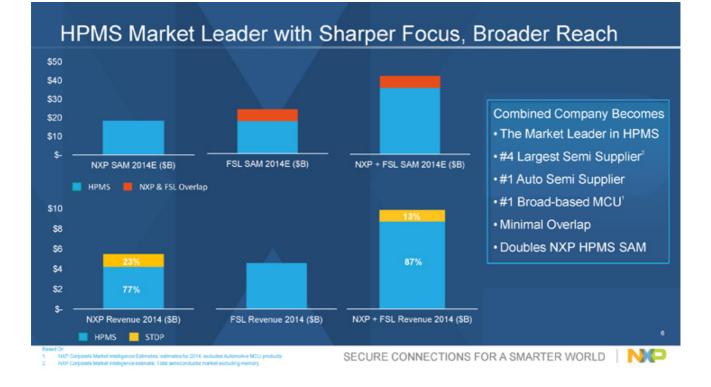
## Outstanding Strategic Fit – Secure Connections for a Smarter World

- Combined company will
  - · Be the leader in automotive semiconductors
  - · Leverage NXP security leadership plus Freescale broad MCU
  - Influence evolution of Secure Car & ADAS solutions
  - · Capture emerging growth in the Smarter World
- · Broad, diverse customer base
  - · Complementary market reach across US, EU, China
  - · Ability to effectively cross-sell total solutions
  - Strong and broad product portfolio for emerging IoT market
- · Reinforces the NXP Value Proposition
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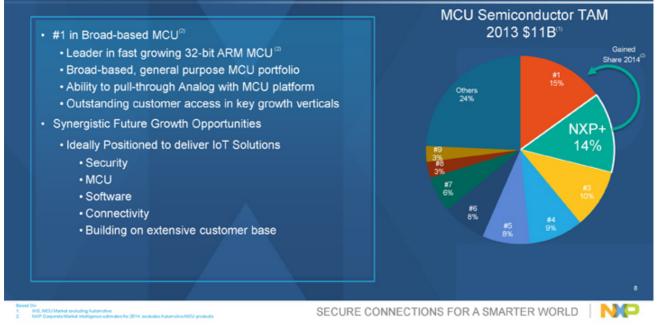
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