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[The following communication was sent to SCM Microsystems, Inc. employees on September 21, 2009 by Felix Marx, CEO of SCM Microsystems]

Dear Team,

SCM is about to take another major step forward, and I am very happy to share the news with you. Last night, we signed a definite agreement to combine SCM with Bluehill ID AG, a Swiss holding and investment company. As many of you already know, Bluehill owns and operates various brands in the contactless and smart card markets (e.g., Multicard, TagStar, Arygon, Syscan and ACiG). We announced a technology and sales agreement with Bluehill earlier this year.

This merger is part of our on-going strategy to achieve operational scale, accelerate growth into new markets, and to get better access to solutions and resources, including more balanced regional presence. I am very excited about this combination, because I strongly believe that all of us at SCM should benefit from it. Among other things, a bigger company means more opportunities for us as a team and as individuals to do what we do best.

Our customers, shareholders and the industry will benefit too, because stronger players can drive innovation and market trends more quickly. This has been the primary reason for us to grow quickly, such as through our recent merger with Hirsch Electronics: We need to gain more control of our own destiny in a fast-moving marketplace. This in turn will enable us to decide how we use our resources, where to create new positions or combine existing positions, and so on. We don't want the market to push us into those decisions. We want to make them for our own benefit as a team and a company.

The official announcement of the merger will follow today, during ASIS Show in Las Vegas. Ayman as well as Manfred and I are here at the show available for upcoming questions from representatives of the press, analysts, and others.

We will make an offer to the Bluehill ID shareholders to acquire all shares of the company. If all of them accept the offer and SCM acquires 100% of the outstanding Bluehill ID shares, approximately 60% of the outstanding shares of the combined company would be held by current SCM shareholders and approximately 40% of the shares would be held by current Bluehill ID shareholders.

The transaction is expected to close early 2010, although I still hope that we can achieve closing already in 2009. Within the next days, there will be town meetings in our locations to explain the combination and the impacts for all of us a bit more in detail. Details of organizational changes will be rolled-out in due course. Until then, it is important for us to focus on doing an excellent job, and not to get bogged down in wondering what will happen. We will continue to do business as usual and keep our focus on doing what we have always done - putting our customers satisfaction first with well designed, high performance technology, on-time deliveries and excellent quality.

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I look forward to sharing more information and answering your questions in the days and weeks ahead. You are part of a dynamic team that is making a difference in the industry, and I am proud to be working with you.

Yours

Felix

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