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VMWARE EMPLOYEES:

At Broadcom, our employees are the foundation of our success. We are proud to have a talented, engaged, and diverse workforce of approximately 20,000 people based in 30 countries, many of whom have joined us through acquisitions. How do we recruit and retain this highly skilled workforce? The answer is simple: we encourage excellence and innovation, and reward and support our employees to give their best, collaborate, and contribute to our collective success.

In that spirit, Broadcom recognizes our responsibility to connect not only products and customers, but also our workforce and communities. Additional information about our environmental, social, and governance (ESG) initiatives is provided in our annual <u>ESG report</u>, which we recently released. We encourage you to read the report and visit our <u>Corporate Citizenship webpage</u> to learn more.

In this fifth edition of the Broadcom + VMware newsletter, we share more on how we strive to ensure that our employees, customers, and communities in which we work and live remain *Connected by Broadcom*.

Sincerely,

THE BROADCOM TEAM

ESG Highlights

We are proud of our commitment to conduct our business with integrity, maintain strong corporate governance, respect human rights, support a strong and diverse workforce, and combat climate change.



Newsweek

America's Greatest Workplaces 2023 for Diversity America's Most Responsible Companies 2023 America's Most Trustworthy Companies 2023



2022 American Opportunity Index

Best Workplaces to Stay and Thrive at One Company Best Workplaces to Advance Without a College Degree



Global Semiconductor Alliance

2022 & 2021 Best Financially Managed Semiconductor Company



U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Recognized as a Cybersecurity Leader for contributions to the Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative



San Jose Aspires

Pledged \$600,000 with Broadcom Foundation



Provided scholarships to

San Jose State University, Colorado State University, Spelman College, and the Society of Women Engineers

OUR COMMITMENT TO THE PLANET

At Broadcom, we understand that climate change poses an immense challenge for society and that a collective effort is required to effectively mitigate the impact of climate change. We seek to manage our business in a sustainable manner that considers the impact of both our direct operations and supply chain on the planet.



Broadcom's goal is to reduce our Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions across our operations by 38% by 2030.

EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

We measure our employees' engagement by our voluntary attrition rate and our annual Employee Ethical Culture survey. We use this important feedback to continuously improve and create a supportive environment for our workforce where they feel their contributions are valued.

- In our 2022 Employee Ethical Culture survey, 91.3% of respondents said Broadcom is a great place to work, and 92.6% said they are proud to work at Broadcom.
- In 2022, our global voluntary attrition rate was 6.5%, which is below the technology industry benchmark.¹
 AON, 2022 Salary Increase and Turnover Study - Sacond Edition, Saptember 2022

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AT BROADCOM

Our **Diversity@Broadcom** initiative encourages a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community at Broadcom. Through our Diversity@Broadcom initiative, we host global Leadership Talks featuring Broadcom executives and other industry and community leaders. The Leadership Talks provide a forum for leaders and our employees to share their experiences and discuss leadership and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) within Broadcom and our industry.



Our employees can participate in **Lean** In Circles. This important community network provides employees with peer mentorship and a safe space where they can share their experiences, build new skills, and lead.

In 2022, we developed and launched **Inclusive Leadership toolkits** to empower our leaders
with practical guidance and resources and raise
awareness of important DEI issues, such as
unconscious bias in recruiting, hiring, onboarding,
and retention.

DID YOU KNOW?



In honor of this year's Black History Month, we invited the Co-Founder, President, and CEO of the Renaissance Youth Center (RYC) in South

Bronx, NYC to discuss Broadcom Foundation's partnership with RYC in empowering at-risk inner city youth through the *Broadcom Coding with Commitment*™ program.

PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES

At Broadcom, cybersecurity and data privacy form a core part of our corporate mission and are critical to protecting our customers, our employees, Broadcom, and the broader digital ecosystem.



Broadcom is a member of the Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative (JCDC), a collaboration between U.S. federal agencies and the private sector to

strengthen U.S. cyber defenses. As a member of the JCDC, we are proud to help lead the development of cyber defense plans to protect our nation against cyber activity targeting U.S. critical infrastructure. In 2022, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security recognized Broadcom for our contributions to the mission of the JCDC.

To learn more about the transaction, click here.



CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This communication relates to a proposed business combination transaction between Broadcom inc. ("Broadcom") and VMware, inc. ("VMware"). This communication includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 2TE of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 2TA of the U.S. Securities Act of 1935, as amended. These forward-looking statements include but are not limited to statements that relate to the expected future business and financial performance, the anticipated benefits of the proposed transaction, the anticipated impact of the proposed transaction on the combined business, the expected amount and timing of the symples from the proposed transaction, and the anticipated closing date of the proposed transaction. These forward-looking statements are identified by words such as "will," "expect," "believe," "anticipate," "estimate," "should," "intend," "plan," "potential," "prodict," "project," "aim;" and stimilar words or phrases. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and beliefs of Broadcom management and current market trends and conditions.

These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that are outside Broadcom's control and may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements, including but not limited to: the effect of the proposed transaction on our ability to maintain relationships with customers, suppliers and other expectations with respect to the business after the completion of the proposed transaction and realized synergies; business disruption following the proposed transaction; difficulties in retaining and hiring key personnel and employees due to the proposed transaction and business combination; the diversion of management time on transaction-related issues; the satisfaction of the conditions precedent to completion of the proposed transaction, including the ability to secure regulatory approvals on the terms expected, at all or in a timely manner; significant indebtedness, including indebtedness incurred in connection with the proposed transaction, and the need to generate sufficient cash flows to service and repsy such debt; the disruption of current plans and operations; the outcome of kegal proceedings related to the transaction; the ability to complete the proposed transaction on a timely basis or at all; the ability to successfully integrate VMware's operations; cyber-attacks, information security and data privacy; global political and economic conditions, including cyclicality in the semiconductor industry and in Broadcom's other target markets, fisting interest rates, the impact of inflation and challenges in manufacturing and the global supply chain; the impact of public health crises, such as pandemics (including COVID-19) and epidemics and any related company or government policies and actions to protect the health and safety of individuals or government policies or a calcino to maintain the functioning of national or global economics and markets; and events and trends on a hational, regional and global scale, including these of a political, economic, business,

These risks, as well as other risks related to the proposed transaction, are included in the registration statement on Form 5-4 and proxy statement/prospectus that has been filled with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") in connection with the proposed transaction. While the list of factors presented here is, and the list of factors presented in the registration statement on Form 5-4 are, considered representative, no such list should be considered to be a complete statement of all potential risks and uncertainties. For additional information about other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements, please refer to Broadcom's and VMware's respective periodic reports and other filings with the SEC, including the risk factors identified in Broadcom's and VMware's most recent Quarterity Reports on Form 10-Q and Annal Reports on Form 10-K. The forward-looking statements included in this communication are made only as of the date hereof. Neither Broadcom nor VMware undertains any obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances, except as required by law.

NO OFFER OR SOLICITATION

This communication is not intended to and shall not constitute an offer to buy or sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy or sell any securities, or a solicitation of any vote or approval, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made, except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRANSACTION AND WHERE TO FIND IT

In connection with the proposed transaction, Broadcom has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form 5-4 that includes a proxy statement of VMware and that also constitutes a prospectus of Broadcom. Each of Broadcom and VMware may also file other relevant documents with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction. The registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on October 3, 2022 and the definitive proxy statement/ prospectus has been mailed to VMware shareholders. This document is not a substitute for proxy statement/ prospectus or registration statement or any other document that Broadcom or VMware may file with the SEC. IN-VESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, PROXY STATEMENT/ PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT MAY SE FILED WITH THE SEC, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THESE DOCUMENTS, CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY IF AND WHEN THEY SECONG AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION, investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the registration statement and proxy statement/prospectus and other documents containing important information about Broadcom, VMware and the proposed transaction once such documents containing important information about Broadcom, VMware and Broadcom's website at http://www.scc.gov. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC brought website an enablatined by the SEC at http://www.scc.gov. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Broadcom may be obtained free of charge on VMware's website at Invitware.com.