

K2M GROUP HOLDINGS, INC.  
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**K2M GROUP HOLDINGS, INC.**

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On October 19, 2018, Mr. Eric D. Major, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President (Co-Founder) of K2M Group Holdings, Inc. circulated the below email to certain employees of K2M Group Holdings, Inc.:

***IN THE LOOP***

Friday October 19, 2018

It is hard to believe but another Friday is upon us and we are well into integration planning. This week a number of integration-related calls and meetings took place and Gianluca and Lane had the opportunity to meet with counterparts at Stryker. As we move closer to Day 1 and integration planning picks up we continue to value the input from each of you as we want to include the best ideas and proposals in the newly combined Stryker-K2M upon the closing of the deal.

Speaking of inclusion I thought it would be interesting to share a little about Stryker's goal of creating a diverse and inclusive culture and their Employee Resource Groups (ERGs). Stryker CEO Kevin Lobo stated "I am a huge believer in diversity and inclusion because it is the right way to treat people. It leads to better business results and most importantly it will help us achieve our mission of making healthcare better." This belief in the value of differences in people and perspectives aligns well with K2M's Core Values.

To further reinforce the development of a diverse and inclusive culture Stryker's global employees have developed Employee Resource Groups. These employee driven groups act as a strategic partner to the business by promoting a culture of diversity and inclusion. The ERGs advance the understanding and inclusion of employees with a common background, set of interests and/or goals. A few ERG examples include: Stryker's Women's Network, Stryker's African American Network, and Stryker's Allies for Equality. I look forward to combining with a company that values diversity and provides opportunity for all employees to grow both personally and professionally. If you'd like to learn more about the ERGs click here (<https://careers.stryker.com/en-US/page/culture-locations>)

Have a great weekend and thank you for all your support,

Eric

## **FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

The foregoing contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. We intend for these forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions of the federal securities laws relating to forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include statements relating to the expected timing, completion and effects of the proposed merger, as well as other statements representing management's beliefs about, future events, transactions, strategies, operations and financial results, including, without limitation, our expectations with respect to the costs and other anticipated financial impacts of the merger; future financial and operating results of K2M Group Holdings, Inc. ( "K2M" ); K2M's plans, objectives, expectations and intentions with respect to future operations and services; required approvals to complete the merger by our stockholders and by governmental regulatory authorities, and the timing and conditions for such approvals; the stock price of K2M prior to the consummation of the transactions; and the satisfaction of the closing conditions to the proposed merger. Such forward-looking statements often contain words such as assume, will, anticipate, believe, predict, project, potential, contemplate, plan, forecast, estimate, expect, intend, is targeting, may, could, goal, seek, hope, aim, continue and other similar words or expressions or the negative thereof or other variations thereon. Forward-looking statements are made based upon management's current expectations and beliefs and are not guarantees of future performance. Such forward-looking statements involve numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any such statements. Our actual business, financial condition or results of operations may differ materially from those suggested by forward-looking statements as a result of risks and uncertainties which include, among others, those risks and uncertainties described in any of our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC" ). Certain other factors which may impact our business, financial condition or results of operations or which may cause actual results to differ from such forward-looking statements are discussed or included in our periodic reports filed with the SEC and are available on our website at [www.k2m.com](http://www.k2m.com) under Investor Relations. You are urged to carefully consider all such factors. Although it is believed that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable and are expressed in good faith, such expectations may not prove to be correct and persons reading this communication are therefore cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements which speak only to expectations as of the date of this communication. We do not undertake or plan to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect actual results, changes in plans, assumptions, estimates or projections, or other circumstances occurring after the date of this communication, even if such results, changes or circumstances make it clear that any forward-looking information will not be realized. If we make any future public statements or disclosures which modify or impact any of the forward-looking statements contained in or accompanying this communication, such statements or disclosures will be deemed to modify or supersede such statements in this communication.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WHERE TO FIND IT**

This communication does 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. This communication relates to a proposed acquisition of K2M by Stryker Corporation. In connection with this proposed acquisition, K2M has filed a definitive proxy statement and has filed or may file other documents with the SEC. This communication is not a substitute for any proxy statement or other document K2M has filed or may file with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction. **INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF K2M ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN (OR MAY BE) FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND**

IN THEIR ENTIRETY BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. The definitive proxy statement has been mailed to stockholders of K2M. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of these documents and other documents filed with the SEC by K2M through the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by K2M are available free of charge on K2M's internet website at [www.K2M.com](http://www.K2M.com) or upon written request to: Secretary, K2M Group Holdings, Inc., 600 Hope Parkway, SE, Leesburg, Virginia 20175, or by telephone at (703) 777-3155.

### **Participants in Solicitation**

K2M, its directors and certain of its executive officers may be considered participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed transaction. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be deemed participants in such solicitation in connection with the proposed merger is set forth in the definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on October 5, 2018. Information about the directors and executive officers of K2M is set forth in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, which was filed with the SEC on March 1, 2018, its proxy statement for its 2018 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 20, 2018, its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2018 and June 30, 2018, which were filed with the SEC on May 2, 2018 and August 2, 2018, respectively, and its Current Reports on Form 8-K or Form 8-K/A, which were filed with the SEC on January 8, 2018, January 9, 2018, February 28, 2018, March 29, 2018, May 1, 2018, June 11, 2018, June 14, 2018, June 18, 2018, August 1, 2018, August 30, 2018, October 5, 2018 and October 18, 2018.

These documents can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above. Additional information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is contained in the definitive proxy statement and other relevant materials filed with the SEC.

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