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This filing consists of a press release, two presentations and an email communication to Micron employees from Steven R. Appleton relating to the planned merger (the Merger) of March 2006 Merger Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Micron Technology, Inc. (Micron), with and into Lexar Media, Inc. (Lexar) whereby Lexar will survive as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Micron pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 6, 2006 (the Merger Agreement), between Micron, Lexar and March 2006 Merger Corp.

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MICRON TECHNOLOGY, INC., TO ACQUIRE LEXAR MEDIA, INC.

BOISE, Idaho, and FREMONT, Calif., March 8, 2006 Micron Technology, Inc., (NYSE: MU) and Lexar Media, Inc., (Nasdaq: LEXR) today announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement for Micron to acquire Lexar in a stock-for-stock merger. Under terms of the agreement, each outstanding common share of Lexar will receive 0.5625 shares of Micron stock. Micron anticipates issuing shares in exchange for 81.6 million Lexar shares outstanding. Additional Micron shares will be issued upon the exercise of assumed stock options.

The acquisition will strengthen Micron's position in the NAND flash business and enable the company to deliver innovative NAND flash solutions from design, development and manufacturing to marketing and sales of products to worldwide consumers and device manufacturers. The merger is designed to combine Micron's technology and manufacturing leadership in NAND flash memory with Lexar's leadership in NAND controller and system design technology, brand recognition and retail channel strength to create a vertically integrated entity fully focused on the NAND business.

With this acquisition, Micron will have a complete package of NAND memory solutions for our customers, said Steve Appleton, Micron chairman, CEO and president. Together with our NAND designs, technology, manufacturing capability and distribution channels, Micron is in a strong position to serve the flash storage requirements of consumer electronics and enterprise customers.

Through this acquisition, we expect to better align Lexar's cost structure with market conditions and increase our development and go-to-market scale in order to compete more effectively in the marketplace, said Eric Stang, Lexar chairman, CEO and president. By merging with Micron, Lexar can achieve significant cost synergies and become better positioned to satisfy customer needs and establish faster growth, especially in new emerging mobile handset and solid-state

computing businesses. We view this as an exciting opportunity for our company and its shareholders.

The transaction is subject to regulatory review, Lexar stockholder approval and other customary closing conditions. Completion of the merger is expected by the end of the third calendar quarter. Upon closing, Lexar, as a continuing entity, will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Micron, and Lexar's stock will cease trading on the NASDAQ stock market.

Lexar is a leading marketer and manufacturer of NAND flash memory products including memory cards, USB flash drives, card readers and ATA controller technology for the digital photography, consumer electronics, industrial and communications markets. The company holds over 94 issued or allowed controller and system patents, and licenses its technology to companies including Olympus Corporation, Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., SanDisk Corporation and Sony Corporation. Lexar sells its memory cards worldwide and through an exclusive agreement, also sells memory cards under the Kodak brand. Headquartered in Fremont, Calif., Lexar has operations in countries around the world. More information is available at www.lexar.com.

Micron Technology, Inc., is one of the world's leading providers of advanced semiconductor solutions. Through its worldwide operations, Micron manufactures and markets DRAMs, NAND flash memory, CMOS image sensors, other semiconductor components, and memory modules for use in leading-edge computing, consumer, networking, and mobile products. Micron's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the MU symbol. To learn more about Micron Technology, Inc., visit www.micron.com.

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Delivering Innovation to the NAND Business

Steve Appleton

Chairman, CEO, President

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Micron Overview

Incorporated 1978, Boise, Idaho

~23,000 employees worldwide

Stock Information

Traded on the NYSE

Symbol, MU

Increasing diversified product portfolio

DRAM, NAND Flash, Image Sensors

Two Additional Divisions

Crucial Technology

SpecTek

Micron FY2005 at a Glance

Net sales	\$ 4.88B
Net income	\$ 188M
Global Assets	\$ 8B
Number of Customers	>6500

Global Presence

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Micron's Business

	Memory		Imaging
DRAM		NAND Flash	Sensors
Computing		Flash Drives/Cards	Digital Cameras
Servers		Mobile Wireless	Mobile Wireless
Industrial/Commercial		PDA's	PDA's
Consumer Electronics		Digital Audio Players	Medical
Networking & Communications		Digital Cameras	Automotive
Automotive		GPS/navigation	Security

**U.S. Patents Issued by Year
Micron Consistently in the Top Ten**

Rank	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
1	IBM	IBM	IBM	IBM	IBM
2	NEC	Canon	Canon	Matsushita	Canon
3	Canon	Micron®	Hitachi	Canon	HP
4	Micron®	NEC	Matsushita	HP	Matsushita
5	Samsung	Hitachi	HP	Micron®	Samsung
6	Matsushita	Matsushita	Micron®	Samsung	Micron®
7	Sony	Sony	Intel	Intel	Intel
8	Hitachi	GE	Philips	Hitachi	Hitachi
9	Mitsubishi	HP	Samsung	Toshiba	Toshiba
10	Fujitsu	Mitsubishi	Sony	Sony	Fujitsu

Source: United States Patent and Trademark Office

**2005 Top 10 U.S. Patents Issued
The Story Behind the Story**

Rank	Employees	Patents	Patents Per 1K employees
1	Hitachi	347,424 IBM	2,941 Micron® 82.1
2	IBM	329,061 Canon	1,828 Matsushita 38.7
3	Fujitsu	187,000 HP	1,797 Intel 18.2
4	Toshiba	161,000 Matsushita	1,688 Canon 16.9
5	HP	151,000 Samsung	1,641 Samsung 13.3
6	Samsung	123,000 Micron®	1,561 HP 11.9
7	Canon	108,000 Intel	1,549 IBM 8.9
8	Intel	85,000 Hitachi	1,271 Toshiba 7.8
9	Matsushita	50,062 Toshiba	1,258 Fujitsu 6.1
10	Micron®	20,900 Fujitsu	1,154 Hitachi 3.6

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Building Our NAND Presence

Phase 1

**Entry into the
NAND business**

**Leveraged DRAM and
NOR flash heritage for
rapid entry into NAND
flash business.**

Phase 2

**Optimize R&D Efforts and Achieve
Manufacturing Critical Mass**

**IM Flash Technologies
enhances Micron's
competitive position by
adding scale and critical
mass.**

Phase 3

**Vertical
Integration**

**Deliver innovation to
the NAND business
from process
technology through
consumer products.**

Combined Capabilities

Micron Capabilities	Vertical Integration	Lexar Capabilities
Robust Process Technology Roadmap	Process Technology Leadership	
High Density NAND Design	NAND Design Expertise	
IM Flash Technologies, LLC	NAND Manufacturing Strength	
	Broad Card/Flash Media Portfolio	Flash Cards in all major media formats
	Controller R&D and Technology	Patented Controller technology
	End-product Innovation	Encryption, Biometric, Write Acceleration
Large OEM Manufacturers	OEM Relationships	Consumer Electronics Markets
Crucial Technology	Direct Consumer Channel Proficiency	
	Worldwide Retail Channel	Major Electronic Retailers

History of Successful Acquisitions

Texas Instruments Memory Business

Photobit Technology Corp.

Dominion Semiconductor

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Transaction Overview

Acquisition through stock-for-stock merger.

Lexar will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Micron.

The acquisition is subject to customary closing conditions and expected to close by the end of the third calendar quarter.

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Lexar: Leading Flash Provider

Lexar is a leading provider of award-winning removable flash memory cards, USB flash drives, card readers and ATA controller technology solutions.

Lexar markets and sells flash products through OEM partnerships and strong channel positioning.

Lexar consumer products are sold in the U.S., Europe and Asia/Pacific through consumer electronics retailers, mass-merchandisers and photo specialty stores.

Lexar combines patented technology with leading edge flash memory to offer superior digital media solutions.

Strategic Rationale

This brings together two great NAND innovators with complementary strengths, including Micron's leadership in technology and manufacturing and Lexar's leadership in controller and card design.

With this acquisition, Micron will have a complete package of NAND memory solutions for customers.

Together with our NAND designs, technology, manufacturing capability and distribution channels, Micron and Lexar are in a strong position to serve the flash storage requirements of the consumer electronics and enterprise customers.

Building Our NAND Presence

When we entered the NAND business, we recognized that we needed a full suite of capabilities to be competitive, grow our position and provide high-value, innovative products.

Phase 1

Entry into the NAND business

Leveraged DRAM heritage for rapid entry into the NAND flash business.

Phase 2

Scale NAND manufacturing capabilities

IM Flash Technologies enhances Micron's competitive position by adding scale and critical mass.

Phase 3

Vertical Integration

The Lexar transaction builds on our strengths and capabilities, enabling us to deliver innovation to the NAND business from process technology through consumer products.

Combined Capabilities

Micron Capabilities	Vertical Integration	Lexar Capabilities
Robust Process Technology Roadmap	Process Technology Leadership	
High Density NAND Design	NAND Design Expertise	
IM Flash Technologies, LLC	NAND Manufacturing Strength	
	Broad Card/Flash Media Portfolio	Flash Cards in all major media formats
	Controller R&D and Technology	Patented Controller Technology
	End-product Innovation	Encryption, Biometric, Write Acceleration
Large OEM Manufacturers	OEM Relationships	Consumer Electronics Markets
Crucial Technology	Direct Consumer Channel Proficiency	
	Worldwide Retail Channel	Major Electronic Retailers

Next Steps

Close of the transaction anticipated by the end of the third calendar quarter.

Lexar will become a Micron subsidiary and will continue to market and sell flash products through OEM partnerships and the direct channel.

There will be no immediate impact to Crucial's operations. We have a highly proficient direct consumer channel with Crucial, and Lexar would bring a worldwide retail channel that spans major electronic retailers.

Moving ahead we expect to fully leverage the complementary capabilities of Crucial and Lexar.

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Micron All Employee Email

In my last update, I referenced the many positive changes we are experiencing as Micron evolves. Today I have another milestone to report as we continue to increase the value of the company by furthering the success of our product diversification efforts and our competitiveness in the global marketplace.

We are acquiring a leading flash memory provider, Lexar, in a stock-for-stock merger. Lexar supplies award-winning removable flash memory cards, USB flash drives, card readers and controller technology solutions for the consumer electronics market. Lexar also has healthy OEM partnerships and a strong presence in the retail channel. With this acquisition, Micron gains a complete package of NAND memory solutions for our customers, and we are better able to meet the flash storage requirements of consumer electronics and enterprise customers.

When we entered the NAND business, we recognized that we needed a full suite of capabilities to be competitive, grow our position and provide high-value, innovative products.

In only 18 months, we leveraged our DRAM technology to rapidly build a position in the NAND business. Through the partnership with Intel and recent creation of IM Flash Technologies, we laid the foundation to bring critical mass and scale to our NAND manufacturing.

Our acquisition of Lexar rounds out our capabilities and brings together two great NAND innovators with complementary strengths. We will have a complete package of NAND memory solutions to provide to our customers and a robust retail channel that adds to our OEM channel and our direct channel with Crucial Technology.

The acquisition still needs to go through customary closing conditions that we expect to be completed by the end of the third calendar quarter, but this is an exciting development for Micron as we work to increase the value of our company and take leadership strides in key areas like NAND. As the Lexar employees join us in the coming months, please welcome them to the Micron team.

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