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Exar will file a Registration Statement on Form S-4 containing a proxy statement/prospectus and other documents concerning the proposed merger transaction with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). **Security holders are urged to read the proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available and other relevant documents filed with the SEC because they will contain important information.** Security holders may obtain a free copy of the proxy statement/prospectus (when it is available) and other documents filed by Exar and Sipex with the SEC at the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. The proxy statement/prospectus and other documents may also be obtained for free by contacting Exar Investor Relations by e-mail at [investorrelations@Exar.com](mailto:investorrelations@Exar.com) or by telephone at 1-510-668-7201 or by contacting Sipex Investor Relations by e-mail at [investorrelations@Sipex.com](mailto:investorrelations@Sipex.com) or by telephone at 1-408-934-7586.

Exar and its executive officers and directors may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Exar's stockholders with respect to the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. Information regarding such executive officers and directors is included in Exar's Proxy Statement for its 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed with the SEC on August 9, 2006, which is available free of charge at the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov> and from Exar Investor Relations which can be contacted by e-mail at [investorrelations@Exar.com](mailto:investorrelations@Exar.com) or by telephone at 1-510-668-7201. Certain executive officers and directors of Exar have interests in the transaction that may differ from the interests of Exar stockholders generally. These interests will be described in the proxy statement /prospectus when it becomes available.

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