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u-blox acquires SIMCom Wireless

Shanghai-based SIMCom Wireless is one of the world's leading machine-to-machine (M2M) wireless module and solutions suppliers.

In an asset deal worth USD 52.5 million, u-blox is acquiring the company's cellular products, R&D team and customer base, which will expand the u-blox cellular product range and make it one of the world's largest suppliers of cellular modules.







Acquisition overview

- Acquisition of SIMCom Wireless assets from existing shareholders
- Asset deal includes purchase of customers, products, team, patents and copyrights
- SIMCom Wireless is part of SIMTech Group Ltd.
- SIMTech Group is publically traded on Hong Kong Stock Exchange
- Acquisition price USD 52.5M
- Cash purchase
- Target close date: March 31, 2017

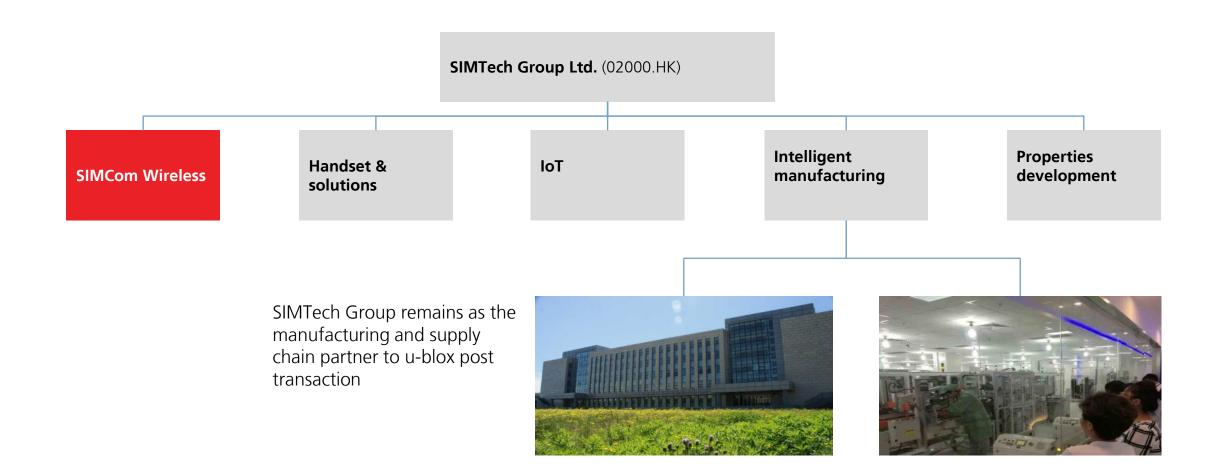


Strategic rationale

Overview of SIMCom Wireless	 Cellular module vendor, volume leader 14 years of history in M2M \$95M USD in revenue in 2016 200 employees worldwide, R&D center in China 		
Strategic rationale	 Scale Adding SIMCom Wireless makes us the vendor with the largest volume and increases u-blox cellular market share Markets SIMCom Wireless revenue comes mostly from cellular markets where u-blox is weaker (China and Europe) China Base Establish a significant R&D base, better customer support capability for China, rest of APAC and Russia Sockets The increased scale would provide essential opportunity to capitalize on u-blox' own cellular chips 		
Shareholder value creation	 Will move u-blox to 500M CHF in annual revenue Creates economies of scale for cellular (and some for positioning) Expands cross selling opportunities for boosting growth Higher and quicker return on cellular chipset investment Improved EPS 		



Current structure of SIMTech Group Ltd.

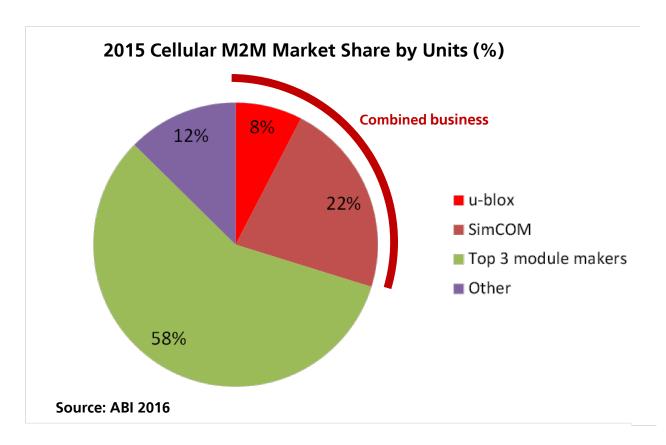




Becoming a leading supplier of cellular modules

The combined business will be the dominant supplier of cellular modules world-wide

Shipment Market Share





SIMCom has globally-approved products

































Products & Technologies

2 G	3 G	Low LTE	High LTE
MEDIATEK	QUALCOMM.	QUALCOMM ³	QUALCOMM [°]
GPRS	WCDMA	Cat 1	Cat 3
SIM8xx Series	SIM52xx Series	SIM75xx Series	SIM71xx Series
	SIM53xx Series		Cat 4
	CDMA		SIM76xx Series
	SIM2000C		
	SIM6320C		



Brings a strong Shanghai presence

u-blox Wireless Technology Shanghai R&D **u-blox Electronics Shanghai**Product Sales

165 people

35 people





Financial performance prediction 2016 and updated guidance 2017

- Continued business growth in 2017
- Impact by product mix on relative gross margin
- Natural hedging protects relative gross margin against foreign exchange variations
- Integration of SIMCom assets

	Actual FY 2015	Actual H1.2016	Prediction 2016	Previous Guidance 2017*)	Updated Guidance 2017*)
Revenue	338.3m	179.7m	360m	410m425m	485 515m
EBIT	51.3m	27.8m	56m58m	60m 65m	60 65 m** ⁾
	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF

Exchange rate assumptions for 2017:

EUR/CHF: 1.07 USD/CHF: 1.02 GBP/CHF: 1.23

*) This guidance is based on the absence of unforeseen economic adversity and exchange rates assumed at budget level **) EBIT offset by integration cost in 2017

FX-sensitivity against CHF on Guidance 2017

+10% of	USD	EUR	GBP
Revenue	+ 8.6%	+ 1.3%	0%
EBIT	+ 21.1%	+ 1.0%	- 2.0%



