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Dear [CUSTOMER / PARTNER NAME],

We have some exciting news to share with you. We announced that II-VI and Finisar have reached an agreement to combine. This combination would unite two industry leaders with complementary capabilities and compatible cultures as well as long histories of focusing on innovation, breakthrough solutions and competitive follow-through by manufacturing high quality products for our customers. For more information, please read the joint press release we issued [INSERT LINK].

This is a transformative combination for both our companies. After the closing of the transaction, the combined company will have increased flexibility and efficiency in deploying highly talented teams to innovate based on compound semiconductors and engineered materials for all of our end markets. We will continue to keep a steady focus on our important and growing markets of industrial lasers, semiconductor equipment and life sciences, with future organic and strategic investments.

While we are excited about the transaction and opportunities it will create, this announcement is just the first step. We expect the transaction to close in the middle of calendar year 2019, subject to approval by each company's shareholders and other customary closing conditions. Until then, II-VI and Finisar will continue to be separate organizations and our conduct will remain business as usual. In the interim, your points of contact will remain the same, all contracts will continue in the normal course and there will be no changes in how we work with you. You can expect to continue to experience the same quality products, services and support that you have come to rely on from II-VI and Finisar.

The relationships we build with [customers / partners] like you have been and remain at the center of everything we do. Thank you for your continued business and trust we look forward to accelerating our mutual success!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your normal Account Managers.

Sincerely,

/s/

Chuck Mattera
President and CEO, II-VI Incorporated

Forward-looking Statements

/s/

Michael Hurlston
Chief Executive Officer, Finisar

This communication contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws, including Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. In this context, forward-looking statements often address expected future business and financial performance and financial condition, and often contain words such as

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expect, anticipate, intend, plan, believe, seek, see, will, would, target, similar expressions, and variations of these words. Forward-looking statements by their nature address matters that are, to different degrees, uncertain, such as statements about the consummation of the proposed transaction and the anticipated benefits thereof. These and other forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future results and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements, including the failure to consummate the proposed transaction or to make any filing or take other action required to consummate such transaction in a timely matter or at all, are not guarantees of future results and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. Important factors that may cause such a difference include, but are not limited to: (i) the ability of II-VI and Finisar to complete the proposed transaction on the anticipated terms and timing or at all, (ii) the ability of the parties to satisfy the conditions to the closing of the proposed transaction, including obtaining required regulatory approvals, (iii) potential litigation relating to the proposed transaction, which could be instituted against II-VI, Finisar or their respective directors, (iv) potential adverse reactions or changes to business relationships resulting from the announcement or completion of the transaction, (v) the triggering of any third party contracts containing consent and/or other similar provisions, (vi) any negative effects of the announcement of the transaction on the market price of Finisar's common stock and/or negative effects of the announcement or commencement of the transaction on the market price of II-VI's common stock, (vii) uncertainty as to the long-term value of II-VI's common stock, and thus the value of the II-VI shares to be issued in the transaction, (viii) any unexpected impacts from unforeseen liabilities, future capital expenditures, revenues, expenses, earnings, synergies, economic performance, indebtedness, financial condition and losses on the future prospects, business and management strategies for the management, expansion and growth of the combined company's operations after the consummation of the transaction and on the other conditions to the completion of the merger, (ix) inherent risks, costs and uncertainties associated with integrating the businesses successfully and achieving all or any of the anticipated synergies, (x) potential disruptions from the proposed transaction that may harm II-VI's or Finisar's respective businesses, including current plans and operations, (xi) the ability of II-VI and Finisar to retain and hire key personnel, (xii) adverse legal and regulatory developments or determinations or adverse changes in, or interpretations of, U.S. or foreign laws, rules or regulations, that could delay or prevent completion of the proposed transaction or cause the terms of the proposed transaction to be modified, (xiii) the ability of II-VI to obtain or consummate financing or refinancing related to the transaction upon acceptable terms or at all, (xiv) economic uncertainty due to monetary or trade policy, political or other issues in the United States or internationally, (xv) any unexpected fluctuations or weakness in the U.S. and global economies, (xvi) changes in U.S. corporate tax laws as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 and any future legislation, (xvii) foreign currency effects on II-VI's and Finisar's respective businesses, (xviii) competitive developments including pricing pressures, the level of orders that are received and can be shipped in a quarter, changes or fluctuations in customer order patterns, and seasonality, (xix) changes in utilization of II-VI or Finisar's manufacturing capacity and II-VI's ability to effectively manage and expand its production levels, (xx) disruptions in II-VI's business or the businesses of its customers or suppliers due to natural disasters, terrorist activity, armed conflict, war, worldwide oil prices and supply, public health concerns or disruptions in the transportation system, and (xxi) the responses by the respective managements of II-VI and Finisar to any of the aforementioned factors. Additional risks are described under the heading "Risk Factors" in II-VI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2018, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on August 28, 2018 and in Finisar's Annual Report

on Form 10-K for the year ended April 29, 2018 filed with the SEC on June 15, 2018.

These risks, as well as other risks associated with the proposed transaction, will be more fully discussed in the joint proxy statement/prospectus that will be included in the registration statement on Form S-4 that will be filed with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction (the Form S-4). While the list of factors discussed above is, and the list of factors to be presented in the Form S-4 are, considered representative, no such list should be considered to be a complete statement of all potential risks and uncertainties. Unlisted factors may present significant additional obstacles to the realization of forward looking statements. Neither II-VI nor Finisar assumes any obligation to publicly provide revisions or updates to any forward looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, should circumstances change, except as otherwise required by securities and other applicable laws.

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Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed transaction between II-VI and Finisar, II-VI and Finisar will file relevant materials with the SEC, including a registration statement on Form S-4 filed by II-VI that will include a joint proxy statement of II-VI and Finisar that also constitutes a prospectus of II-VI, and a definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus that will be mailed to shareholders of II-VI and stockholders of Finisar. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF II-VI AND FINISAR ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the registration statement on Form S-4 and the joint proxy statement/prospectus (when available) and other documents filed with the SEC by II-VI or Finisar through the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by II-VI will be available free of charge within the Investor Relations section of II-VI's internet website at <https://www.ii-vi.com/investor-relations/>. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Finisar will be available free of charge on Finisar's internet website at <http://investor.finisar.com/investor-relations>.

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Participants in Solicitation

II-VI, Finisar, their respective directors and certain of their respective executive officers may be considered participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed transaction. Information about the directors and executive officers of II-VI is set forth in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2019, which was filed with the SEC on August 28, 2018, and its definitive proxy statement for its 2018 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 31, 2017. Information about the directors and executive officers of Finisar is set forth in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended April 29, 2018, which was filed with the SEC on June 15, 2018, and its definitive proxy statement for its 2018 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on July 26, 2018. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitations and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC when they become available.