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DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2016

SUBJECT: EZCHIP SEMICONDUCTOR LTD. – CASH SETTLEMENT

**OPTION SYMBOL: EZCH** 

DATE: 2/23/16

On January 19, 2016, Shareholders of EZChip Semiconductor Ltd. (EZCH) voted concerning the proposed merger with Mondial Europe Sub Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mellanox Technologies, Ltd. The merger was approved and subsequently consummated on February 22, 2016. As a result, each existing EZCH Ordinary Share will be converted into the right to receive \$25.50 net cash per share, less withholdings, if any.

NOTE: As stated in the EZCH Proxy Statement dated October 13, 2015 ("Proxy"), EZChip Semiconductor Ltd. will submit an application to the Israeli tax authority for a Withholding Ruling and will request that non-Israeli shareholders be exempt from withholding, provided that the shareholder provide the designated agent with the appropriate tax declaration regarding residency and satisfies other conditions as stated in the Proxy. Investors are referred to the EZCH Proxy for a complete discussion of relevant tax considerations. As indicated below, the deliverable of adjusted EZCH options will be based on the merger consideration net of applicable withholding taxes, if any.

## **CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT**

DATE: February 23, 2016

NEW DELIVERABLE

PER CONTRACT: \$2,550.00 Cash (\$25.50 x 100), less withholdings, if any

SETTLEMENT: OCC will delay settlement of the EZCH deliverable until the final net merger

consideration is confirmed. Once the final amount is determined, settlement in EZCH options will take place through OCC's cash settlement system. Settlement will be accomplished by payment of the difference between the

extended strike amount and the cash deliverable.

## **ACCELERATION OF EXPIRATIONS**

Pursuant to OCC Rule 807, equity stock option contracts whose deliverables are adjusted to call for cashonly delivery will be subject to **an acceleration of the expiration dates for outstanding option series** (See OCC Information Memo 23988).

## **DISCLAIMER**

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investment decisions. Option or futures investors should independently ascertain and evaluate all information concerning this corporate event(s).

The determination to adjust options and the nature of any adjustment is made by a panel of The OCC Securities Committee pursuant to OCC By-Laws, Article VI, Sections 11 and 11A. The adjustment panel is comprised of representatives from OCC and each exchange which trades the affected option. The determination to adjust futures and the nature of any adjustment is made by OCC pursuant to OCC By-Laws, Article XII, Sections 3, 4, or 4A, as applicable. For both options and futures, each adjustment decision is made on a case by case basis. Adjustment decisions are based on information available at the time and are subject to change as additional information becomes available or if there are material changes to the terms of the corporate event(s) occasioning the adjustment.

ALL CLEARING MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE ALL BRANCH OFFICES AND CORRESPONDENTS ON THE ABOVE.

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