# Global Graphics Shareholder Q&A: Acquisition of HYBRID Software



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#### Background

- This webinar is designed to provide full transparency and an open dialog with all shareholders of Global Graphics PLC
- It will be recorded and made publicly available
- Please mute your microphone if in a noisy location
- Questions are permitted after each slide as well as at the end
- Another session is planned on Jan. 5 or 6 for shareholders who could not attend today
- A mechanism will also be provided to submit written questions for company responses which will be posted publicly



## Agenda

- Transaction Summary
- Group Structure
- Overview of HYBRID Software
- Global Graphics Business Factors
- Valuation
- Timing
- Next Steps
- Q&A with Global Graphics Board of Directors
  - Guido Van der Schueren, Clare Findlay, Graeme Huttley, Mike Rottenborn



#### Transaction Summary

- SPA signed for Global Graphics PLC to acquire 100% of HYBRID Software from Congra Software in exchange for €80M in shares
  - Price based on 30-day weighted average of GLOG closing share price
- General meeting of shareholders scheduled for Jan. 8 to vote on transaction
- If transaction is approved
  - 21,074,030 new GLOG shares will be issued to Congra
  - HYBRID Software will become the 4<sup>th</sup> group company within Global Graphics PLC
  - Congra Software will increase their ownership stake from ~50% to 82%

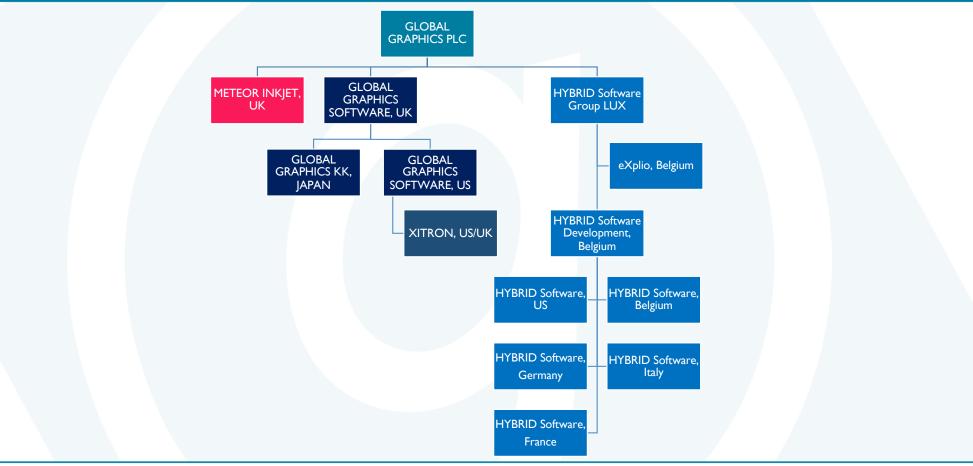


## Long Term Commitment

- Guido Van der Schueren is here today as Chairman of Global Graphics
- However, he would also like to communicate his intentions as the controlling shareholder of Congra Software
  - If approved, this transaction ends the Congra takeover attempt from 2018
  - There are no plans to de-list or privatize Global Graphics
  - There are no plans to squeeze out other shareholders
- As always, the Board of Directors is dedicated to growing the company for the benefit of all stakeholders, and we believe unanimously that acquiring HYBRID Software is critical to our growth plans
- We're all on the same side of the table and we want all shareholders to win
  - Congra's acceptance of an all-stock transaction for the sale of their primary asset, HYBRID Software, is strong evidence of Guido's dedication to Global Graphics



#### Planned Group Structure After HYBRID Acquisition







# HYBRID Software Overview





# HYBRID Software DNA

#### We create software

... and deliver innovation and performance

#### We are the IT people

...with Labels and Packaging knowledge

#### We are Labels and Packaging people

...with IT competence

#### We listen to our customers

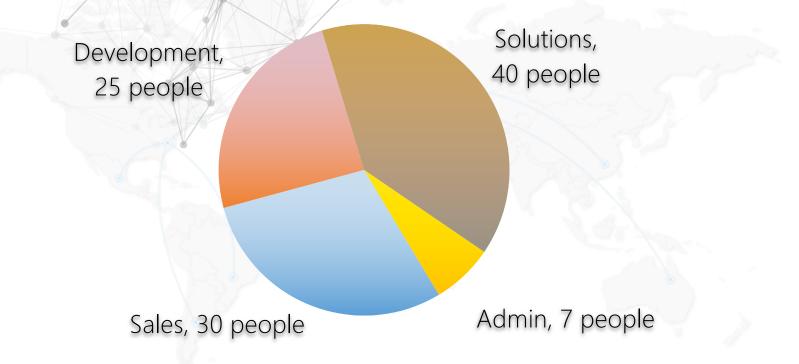
...and act upon their input







# More than 100 Employees Worldwide



Much higher concentration of sales and solutions personnel than other Global Graphics companies, primarily due to HYBRID's focus on end-user sales and the staffing requirements for major markets

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# 2 Major Product Lines



#### PACKZ

- Desktop software for MacOS and Windows
- Native PDF editing and prepress application
- Approximately 3,500 licenses sold worldwide



#### CLOUDFLOW

- Server and cloud software for enterprise workflow automation
- 900 customer installations & growing



#### Background: Global Graphics Group Today

- Global Graphics has always been a RIP company; it's our DNA
- Largest contributors to group revenue are Harlequin RIP & Meteor hardware
  - Mako, Direct, PrintFlat, etc. very strategic but still maturing and growing market share
- Group synergies exist, especially in digital inkjet, but it's difficult to leverage these synergies at the OEM level
  - Larger OEMs tend to buy the pieces they need the most and integrate them in-house
- The market needs are changing and we have to adapt to grow
  - Pricing and margin pressure on software and hardware components
  - Preference from many OEMs for more integrated solutions and turnkey products
  - Need to fill a few gaps in our technology portfolio and our company structure to address the most profitable market segments and product lines



## **Current Status of RIP Market**

- Graphic designs are more complex than ever
  - Transparency, layers, embellishments, variable data, spot colors, etc.
- Speed and quality are table stakes
  - Constant R&D and very specialized skillset required to keep RIPs compatible with evolving design applications
- Global Graphics is only company truly innovating in the RIP market today
  - Offered first native PDF RIP 9 years before the competition
  - Award-winning innovations in screening and output quality that are unique to GG
  - Fast, cost effective, and easy to work with
- Very mature market; most OEMs have already chosen a RIP supplier
  - Also very commoditized: can buy 3<sup>rd</sup> party RIPs and workflows (e.g. Xitron Navigator) to drive most platemaking & proofing devices



## Current Status of DFE Market

- Digital press manufacturers bundle Digital Front Ends (DFEs) with presses
- RIPs play a smaller role in DFEs for digital printing than in platemaking
  - Press controls, job queueing, ink & media handling, inspection, color management, & workflow are important DFE functions
  - Constant price pressure on RIP suppliers like Global Graphics
- Harlequin is a key player in the DFE market
  - Used by HP Indigo and HP Industrial for all of their DFEs, plus many other OEMs
  - Very strong market share in Japanese market thanks to GGKK team
  - Direct launched to provide higher speed and easier integration with inkjet print heads
- OEMs are asking for high functionality solutions, not just components



## **Applications & Major Market Segments**





#### Highest Growth Potential for Global Graphics





#### Market Segment: Industrial Inkjet

- Tremendous growth in many areas
  - Ceramics, laminates, textiles, wall coverings, wearables, etc.
- New applications coming all the time
  - 3D printing, direct to shape labelling, etc.
- "Recession Proof" due to fragmentation and geographic diversity
- Led by Meteor but important to all Global Graphics companies
- DFE requirements becoming more sophisticated
  - Great opportunity for RIP and workflow sales in the future



#### Market Segment: Labels & Packaging

- Conversion from analog to digital printing accelerated by COVID-19 due to "touchless" production process and more flexibility for brands
  - Much easier to change an ingredient, size, or design late in the production process
  - Both run lengths and job counts have increased during pandemic
    - HP Indigo print volumes up 14% in labels & packaging this year
- Pent-up demand for new presses and software once pandemic starts to ebb
- GG active in packaging at the component level: Meteor, Harlequin, ScreenPro
- Need specialized domain expertise and local presence to sell turnkey products for labels & packaging
  - HYBRID Software acquisition will bring this to Global Graphics



## Product Opportunity: Turnkey DFEs

Digital presses will soon support turnkey DFEs from 3<sup>rd</sup> parties

- Allows press OEMs to focus on hardware and launch new devices faster
- Meteor supplies hardware and software components to many OEMs
- GGS & Hybrid have already partnered to offer "Fundamentals" DFE
- Offering turnkey DFEs opens larger market for Harlequin RIP
  - Fewer OEMs have the skills to develop their own DFE around Harlequin
  - OEM prices for RIPs are low and will continue to be under pressure
  - With HYBRID on board, Global Graphics can create fully functional DFEs
    - Greater value to OEMs and end-user customers
    - Higher revenue to Global Graphics



## Product Opportunity: Production Workflow

Labels & Packaging is highest-value segment for workflow & editing

- High demand and premium pricing, even during pandemic
- HYBRID has a strong customer base in this segment already

Much higher margins for end-user sales of production workflow

- RIPs are critical enabling technology for workflow systems
- Tremendous markup of RIP price as OEMs add value to core RIP
- Enterprise software: digital & conventional output, load balancing across printers and production facilities, integration of e-commerce and MIS/ERP systems, links to QA and inspection systems, etc.
  - HYBRID customers already running global automation in Amazon Cloud



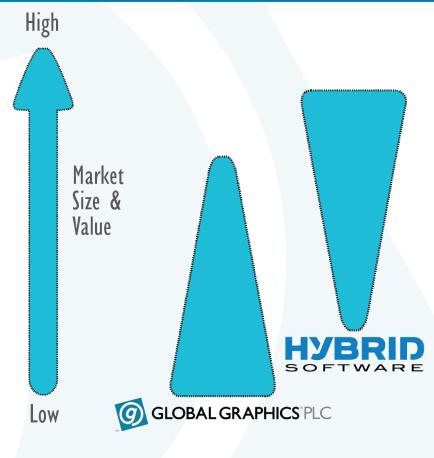
## What does HYBRID Software Bring?

- Enterprise production workflow & packaging expertise
  - Trapping, imposition, nesting, cloud computing, automation, etc.
- Screening technology for flexographic platemaking
- Extensive integration support
  - MIS/ERP systems, e-commerce, inspection & QA systems, etc.
- Application expertise in Extended Color Gamut (7-color) output
- Native PDF Editing software based on own PDF library built for packaging
- End-user sales, distribution, and support networks
- Higher margins and recurring revenue model



#### **Graphic Production Value Stream**

Brands / CPGs / Print Buyers
Graphic Design Agencies
Printing & Packaging Companies
Enterprise Software (ERP, Workflow)
Printing Press OEM Suppliers
Digital Front Ends (DFEs)
RIPs & Computer to Plate (CTP)
Component Suppliers (HVV & SVV)



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#### **Comparative Valuation Metrics**

EV/EBITDA is fairest metric to compare public & private companies

- P/E not applicable to HYBRID Software since it's privately held
- 2018 Congra takeover bid offered €4.25/share
  - Viewed as too low by some shareholders and ultimately unsuccessful
    - 52-week high of  $\in$ 4.20 was reached the day before the SPA signed last week
  - EV/EBITDA multiple of 13.93 (2-year average) for cash buyout offer
- HYBRID acquisition valued at €89 million (shares + net debt)
  - EV/EBITDA multiple of 16.18 (based on HYBRID's projected 2020 results)
- Is this 16% increase in EV/EBITDA an indication that the price is too high?



## What's Different this Time?

Recurring revenue component much higher at HYBRID

- Valuation multiples for recurring revenue are much higher
- HYBRID's enterprise software focus contributes to higher valuation
- HYBRID is a high-growth company (34.3% CAGR over last 7 years)
- HYBRID is a pure software company with high profitability
  - HYBRID gross profit ~97%
  - Meteor gross profit much lower due to hardware manufacturing costs
  - Global Graphics gross profit ~80% at group level
- Congra accepting all shares in consideration for 100% of its major asset
  - Testament to Guido's belief in the long-term prospects for Global Graphics
- Any of these are valid reasons to explain the modest 16% increase in EV/EBITDA multiple for this deal



#### Valuation Details

- Two independent valuation studies performed
- HYBRID received report from KBC Securities in Belgium
  - EV range of €80.7M €89.1M
- Global Graphics commissioned independent valuation study from Arrowhead Business & Investment Decisions in New York
  - EV range of €70M €96M

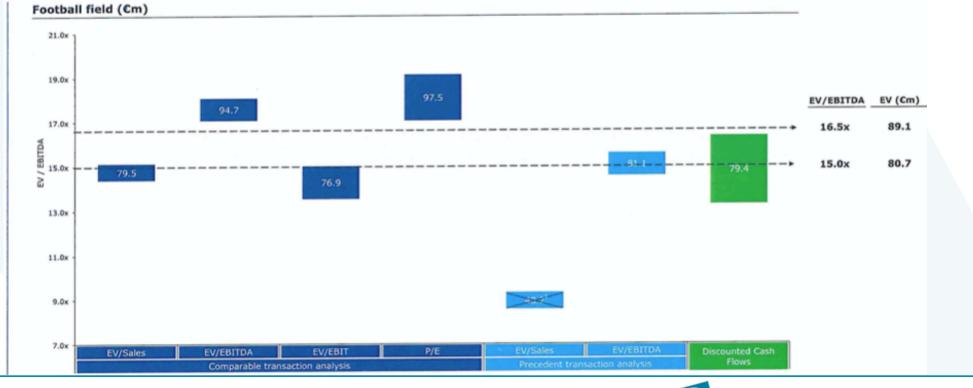


## **KBC** Securities Valuation Overview

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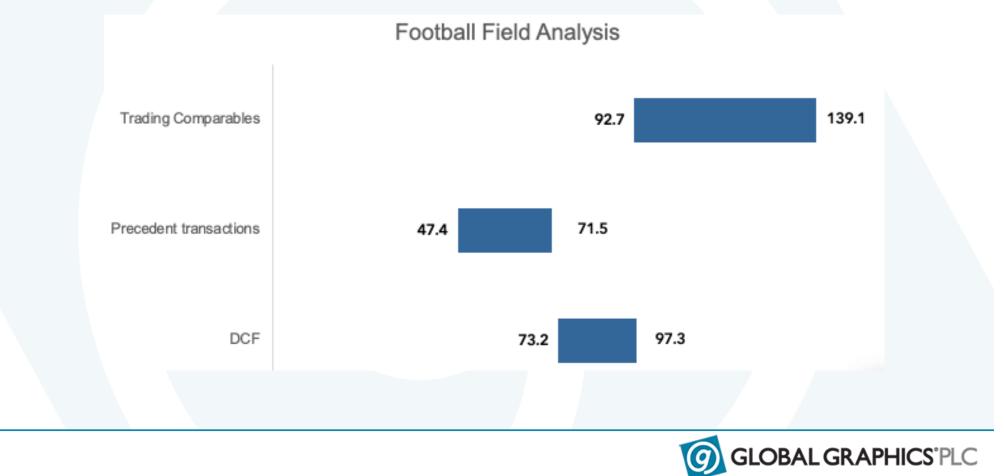
#### Valuation overview

Indicative valuation summary of Hybrid Software's stand-alone value





#### Arrowhead BID Valuation Overview



## Timing

- With Global Graphics and HYBRID Software already partners, why did we announce this transaction so close to the holidays?
- Two simple reasons
  - End of pandemic will boost hardware and software investment by the labels & packaging industry. HYBRID will benefit from this and price would increase if we waited longer
  - Did not want to announce the deal during the quiet period in Q1 where it could be argued that the Board has access to information that is not yet public
- Provided almost twice as much time between the notice and the general shareholder meeting as required
  - Intention is to be completely transparent to all shareholders



## Summary of Strategic Opportunities

- Climbing up the value chain: higher margin RIP sales to end users and higher functionality DFEs for OEMs
- Expansion of Global Graphics into production workflow in industrial inkjet and labels & packaging segments
- New technology from HYBRID Software available to all group companies
- Broader scope & larger size makes Global Graphics best choice for OEMs
- New business models including subscriptions and SaaS for Harlequin customers
- More opportunity to leverage group synergies with bundled HW/SW offerings
- More dominant position for Global Graphics in profitable, high-growth segments



#### Next Steps

- Q&A to follow
- Link to recording & slides will be posted at <u>https://investor.globalgraphics.com</u>
- Written questions can be emailed to <u>investor-relations@globalgraphics.com</u>
- Proxy votes must be received by 15:00 CET on Jan. 6, 2021
  - Can vote electronically at <a href="http://www.signalshares.com">http://www.signalshares.com</a>
  - For assistance, call Registrar, Link Group, at +44 (0)371 664 0931
- General Meeting at 15:00 CET on Jan. 8, 2021
  - Will be held by webinar due to COVID-19 and Brexit travel restrictions



# Questions?



