

Sonus Networks' Acquisition of Taqua

September 27, 2016



- **Significant Customer Benefits Anticipated – Network Transformation**
- **Accelerates and Strengthens Sonus Mobility Strategy (VMC)**
- **Projected Revenue Growth Acceleration with Compelling Synergies**
- **Leverages Sonus Global GTM Reach**

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Key Anticipated Benefits from the Taqua Acquisition



Anticipated Customer benefits

- Add complementary products to enhance Network Transformation solutions, accelerating service providers' transition to unified software-based networks
- Address mobile operators with proven field-deployed solutions
- Strengthen Sonus' position within key current customer RFPs

Anticipated Solutions benefits

- Enter mobile in a much more profound way via Taqua's VMC addressing IMS, VoLTE and VoWiFi markets
- Sonus SBCs complement Taqua's architecture, expanding CSCF market opportunity
- Increase Sonus' TAM by ~60%, leveraging Sonus' sales coverage and driving operating scale

Anticipated Financial impact

- Taqua represents compelling opportunity to re-accelerate Sonus' revenue growth
- Expected to be mildly dilutive to 4Q16 EPS and accretive to future EPS
- Up-front cash consideration of \$20 million paid at transaction close, plus the potential for additional cash payments if certain annual revenue thresholds are exceeded

Taqua Highlights



Key Products:

Virtual Mobile Core (VMC) –
Virtualized IMS
Services Core for
VoLTE / VoWiFi

T7000 – Class 5
end-office switch &
wireless media
gateway

T7100 – Multimedia
Controller used in IP
Peering applications

- Taqua was founded in 1998.
- Hundreds of carriers utilize Taqua to cost-effectively provide a full array of revenue-generating broadband and mobile applications to all types of communication devices.
 - Over 400 next-generation IP Voice systems deployed world-wide supporting over 4 million subscribers.
- **Approximately 80 employees.**
- **Headquartered in Richardson, Texas with satellite offices in Silicon Valley and Massachusetts.**

Taqua Historical Financial Highlights

	Trailing 12 months ended June 30, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2015	Year Ended December 31, 2014
Total Revenue	\$16.8M	\$28.3M	\$25.2M
GAAP Gross Margin	61.0%	72.7%	68.7%
GAAP Opex	\$21.0M	\$21.4M	\$17.2M
Non-GAAP Opex¹	\$18.7M	\$19.1M	\$16.0M
GAAP operating income / (loss)	(\$10.8M)	(\$0.8M)	\$0.1M
Non-GAAP operating income / (loss)¹	(\$8.5M)	\$1.5M	\$1.3M

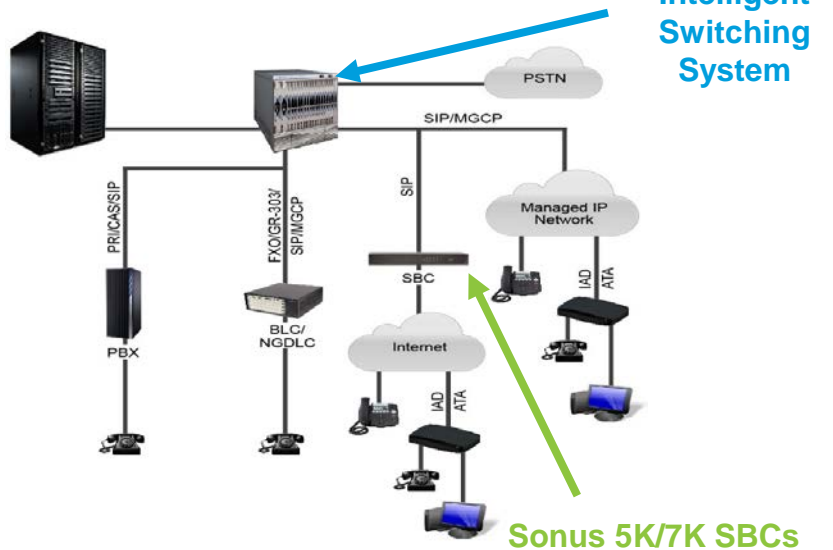
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INVESTMENT THESIS: Sonus' scale will drive higher revenues and lower costs, returning Taqua to profitable growth.

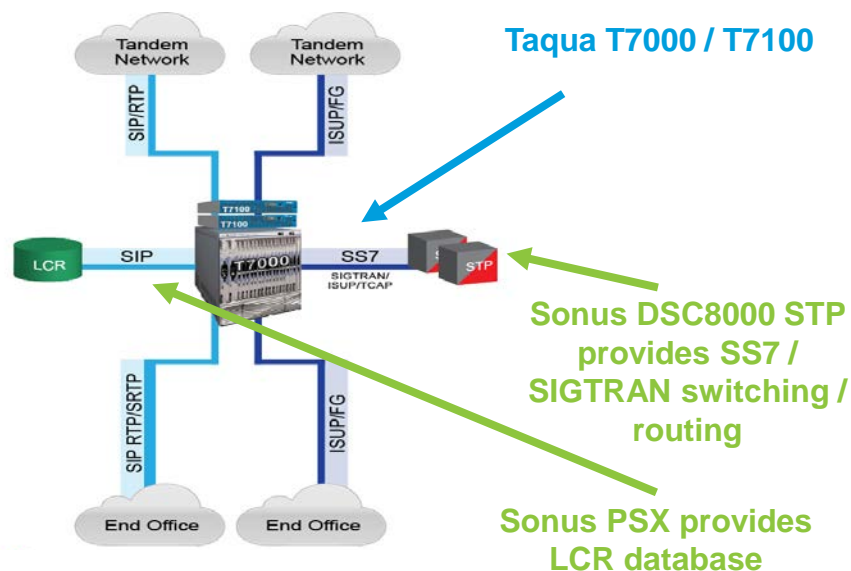
Complementary Products – Fixed

Class 5 / Class 4

Class 5 Replacement



Class 4 Tandem Replacement

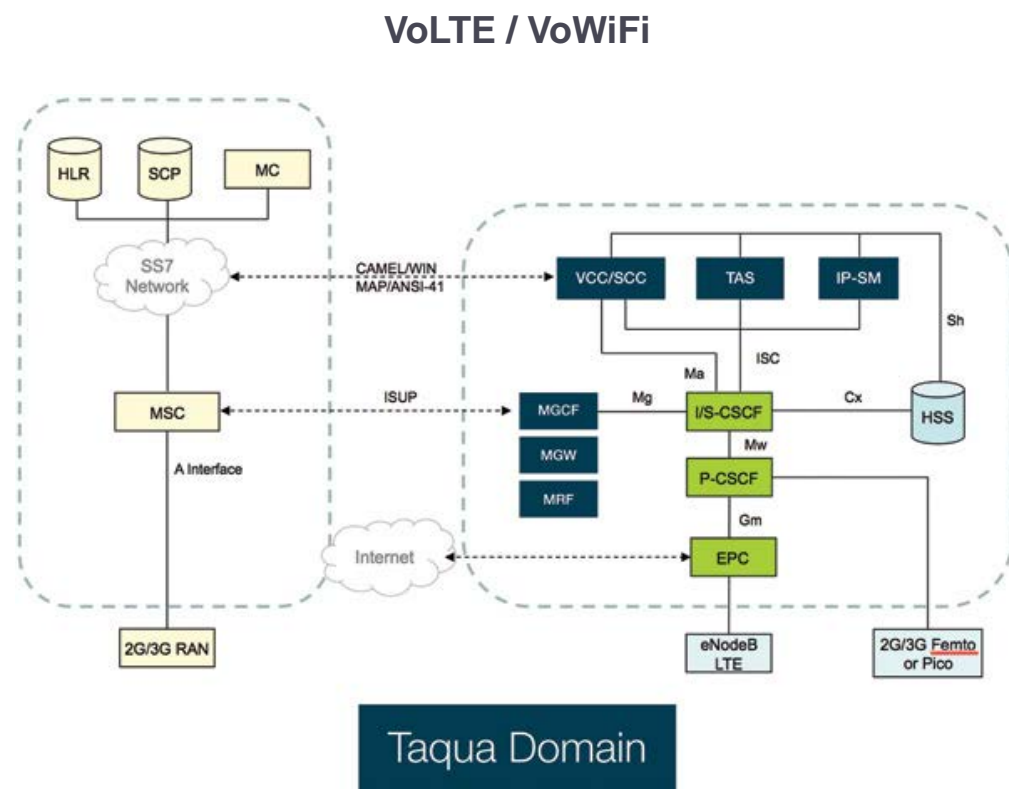


Class 5 Replacement Programs typically require SBCs for IP interconnect

Class 4 Tandem Programs require connections to STPs and often Least Cost Routing databases

Complementary Products – Mobile

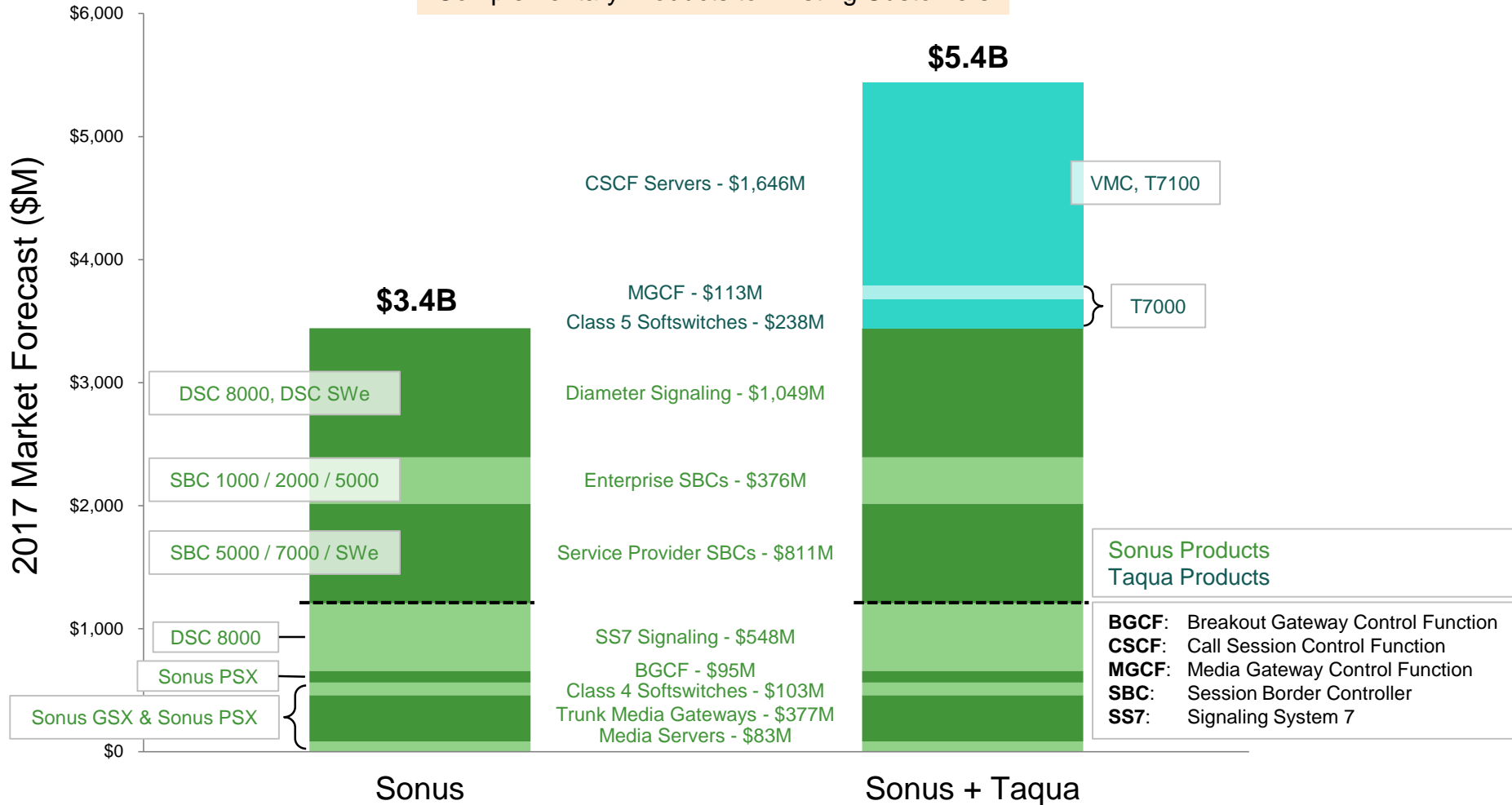
- Taqua's Virtualized Mobile Core (VMC) combines standard functions required for VoLTE / VoWiFi solutions.
- Sonus provides both the critical Session Border Controller (SBC) and the Diameter Edge / Core Router.
- Combination of Sonus and Taqua products provides a more complete solution for evolving VoLTE / VoWiFi markets.



Note: Joint solution is deployable in 2G, 3G and 4G architectures

Projected Total Addressable Market (TAM) Expansion

Complementary Products to Existing Customers



Sources: IHS Infonetics and Exact Ventures estimates; see appendix for further details.

Strategic Benefits

- ▶ **Well-aligned with Sonus' growth strategy and customer base.**
- ▶ **Expected to accelerate Sonus' mobility strategy by adding a Virtualized Mobile Core (VMC) Platform and IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) Service Core solutions.**
 - The combination of Taqua's VMC products with Sonus' critical SBCs and Diameter Edge / Core Routers provides a complete solution for the evolving VoLTE / VoWiFi markets.
 - The acquisition is anticipated to strengthen Sonus' mobile sales channel and enhance sales opportunities within new mobile customers both domestically and internationally.
- ▶ **Expected to expand Sonus' fixed portfolio by adding a Class 5 Softswitch (called T7000) for Network Transformation projects and a Multimedia Controller used in IP Peering applications (called T7100), both of which are complementary to Sonus' current product offerings.**
- ▶ **Expected to expand Sonus market within the IMS, VoLTE and VoWiFi segments.**

Taqua Forward-Looking Projections



Forecast for Q416 on a stand- alone basis

- Total revenue is projected to be between \$4 million and \$5 million.
- The impact on GAAP income (loss) per share is projected to be between (\$0.04) and (\$0.02).
- The impact on Non-GAAP income (loss) per share¹ is projected to be between (\$0.02) and \$0.00.

1) Non-GAAP financial measures; please see reconciliation in presentation appendix.

Appendix

Projected TAM Expansion Sources of Information

- Product market size figures per *IHS Infonetics Service Provider VoIP and IMS Equipment and Subscribers*, August 2016:
 - BGCF, Class 4 Softswitches, Class 5 Softswitches, CSCF Servers, Media Servers, MGCF, Service Provider SBCs, Trunk Media Gateways
- Diameter Signaling figure per *IHS Infonetics Diameter Signaling Control Market*, January 2016
- Enterprise SBC figure per *IHS Infonetics Enterprise Session Border Controllers Quarterly Market Tracker*, September 2016
- SS7 Signaling figure per *Exact Ventures SS7 Signaling Transfer Points (STP), Forecast & Vendor Report 2015-2020*, November 2015

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Sonus management uses a number of different financial measures, both GAAP and non-GAAP, in analyzing and assessing the overall performance of the business, making operating decisions, planning and forecasting future periods, and determining payments under compensation programs. Our annual financial plan is prepared both on a GAAP and non-GAAP basis, and the non-GAAP annual financial plan is approved by our board of directors. Continuous budgeting and forecasting for revenue and expenses are conducted on a non-GAAP basis (in addition to GAAP) and actual results on a non-GAAP basis are assessed against the annual financial plan. We consider the use of non-GAAP financial measures helpful in assessing the core performance of our continuing operations and liquidity, and when planning and forecasting future periods. By continuing operations, we mean the ongoing results of the business excluding certain expenses and credits, including, but not limited to: stock-based compensation, amortization of intangible assets, restructuring and certain gains and losses included in other income (expense). We consider the use of non-GAAP earnings (loss) per share helpful in assessing the performance of the continuing operations of our business. While our management uses non-GAAP financial measures as a tool to enhance their understanding of certain aspects of our financial performance, our management does not consider these measures to be a substitute for, or superior to, GAAP measures. In addition, our presentations of these measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies. These non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered alternatives for, or in isolation from, the financial information prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP.

Investors are cautioned that there are material limitations associated with the use of non-GAAP financial measures as an analytical tool. In particular, many of the adjustments to Sonus' financial measures reflect the exclusion of items that are recurring and will be reflected in our financial results for the foreseeable future.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures (continued)

We have calculated Taqua's stand-alone non-GAAP Operating expenses, non-GAAP Operating income (loss) and the impact on non-GAAP income (loss) per share using the same principles we apply to calculating our non-GAAP financial measures. We consider the use of these non-GAAP financial measures helpful in assessing the performance of the continuing operations of the acquired Taqua business. While our management uses non-GAAP financial measures as a tool to enhance their understanding of certain aspects of the financial performance of acquired entities, our management does not consider these measures to be a substitute for, or superior to, GAAP measures. In addition, our presentations of these measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies. These non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered alternatives for, or in isolation from, the financial information prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP.

We will record amortizable intangible assets in connection with our acquisition of Taqua. We exclude the amortization of such acquired intangible assets from non-GAAP expense and income measures. These amortization amounts are inconsistent in frequency and amount and are significantly impacted by the timing and size of acquisitions. Although we exclude amortization of acquired intangible assets from non-GAAP expenses, we believe that it is important for investors to understand that intangible assets contribute to revenue generation. We believe that excluding the non-cash amortization of intangible assets facilitates the assessment of the financial results of Taqua's continuing operations on a stand-alone basis and provides better comparability to our non-GAAP financial results as well as those of other companies.

We expect to record restructuring expense in connection with the acquisition of Taqua. We believe that excluding restructuring expense facilitates the assessment of the financial results of Taqua's continuing operations on a stand-alone basis and provides better comparability to our non-GAAP financial results as well as those of other companies, as there are no future revenue streams or other benefits associated with these costs.

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Non-GAAP Financial Measures (continued)

SONUS NETWORKS, INC.
Reconciliation of Non-GAAP and GAAP Financial Measures
Taqua, LLC on a Stand-Alone Basis
(in millions, except per share amounts)
(unaudited)

<u>Historical Financial Information</u>	Year ended December 31,		Trailing 12 months ended June 30, 2016
	2015	2014	
GAAP Operating expenses	\$ 21.4	\$ 17.2	\$ 21.0
Amortization of intangible assets	(2.3)	(1.2)	(2.3)
Impairment of intangible assets	-	*	-
Non-GAAP Operating expenses	\$ 19.1	\$ 16.0	\$ 18.7
GAAP Operating income (loss)	\$ (0.8)	\$ 0.1	\$ (10.8)
Amortization of intangible assets	2.3	1.2	2.3
Impairment of intangible assets	-	*	-
Non-GAAP Operating income (loss)	\$ 1.5	\$ 1.3	\$ (8.5)

* Less than \$0.1 million

<u>Outlook</u>	Three months ending December 31, 2016 Range	
Impact on income (loss) per share		
GAAP outlook	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.02)
Amortization of intangible assets	0.01	0.01
Restructuring	0.01	0.01
Non-GAAP outlook	\$ (0.02)	\$ -

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