

Western Digital Provides Clarity and Transparency on SanDisk Intellectual Property, Consent Rights and the Joint Ventures

Western Digital Posts Questions & Answers Document to Investor Relations Website

SAN JOSE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Western Digital Corp. (NASDAQ: WDC) today posted a set of questions and answers to provide clarity and transparency on key topics associated with the SanDisk joint ventures with Toshiba Corporation ("Toshiba") and to correct inaccuracies and misconceptions.

Western Digital commented:

In light of what we believe to be a series of inaccurate statements and mischaracterizations regarding Western Digital, SanDisk, the NAND flash-memory JVs and SanDisk's clear consent rights, we felt compelled to set the record straight.

The Q&A is available on the Investor Relations section of Western Digital's website at investor.wdc.com or [here](#).

About Western Digital

Western Digital is an industry-leading provider of storage technologies and solutions that enable people to create, leverage, experience and preserve data. The company addresses ever-changing market needs by providing a full portfolio of compelling, high-quality storage solutions with customer-focused innovation, high efficiency, flexibility and speed. Our products are marketed under the HGST, SanDisk and WD brands to OEMs, distributors, resellers, cloud infrastructure providers and consumers. Financial and investor information is available on the company's Investor Relations website at investor.wdc.com.

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