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### **We're Just Getting Started**

Welcome to the first of a series of monthly posts from ADI and LTC executives that will give you insight into the leadership teams of our two companies as well as the integration planning process. I am Dave Zinsner, the Chief Financial Officer at Analog Devices, a role I have occupied since I came to ADI in 2009. I am also the ADI/LTC Integration Executive responsible for working with both the executive committee and the integration team to make sure our decisions and activities align with our goals for this integration. In this role, I will guide the integration team's work to create a best-in-class financial model, an industry-leading customer experience, and a product portfolio that helps solve our customers' most complex problems.

As we begin planning for the combination of our two companies, we need to keep a few "rules of the road" in mind in terms of how we operate and communicate since, until the deal closes, we remain separate and independent companies. While we are all excited about the possibilities a combined company can bring to our employees and the marketplace, it is essential that we follow the established guidelines to ensure a smooth regulatory and review process. I encourage you to speak with your leaders if you have any questions.

Turning our attention to the actual integration planning in process, I want to let you know about a few of our first integration planning events, which kicked off at the end of last week:

**Week of September 19:** Executives from both ADI and LTC met to define our strategy toward integration planning through a workshop in San Jose, California.

**Week of September 26:** Our joint integration kickoff will bring together leaders from ADI and LTC who will oversee the important work of combining our two organizations. These team members will become your points of contact for any questions related to the integration planning moving forward, and their names will be announced following our meeting.

**Next few months:** We will be seeking regulatory approvals from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission and other agencies worldwide it will be a long but critical process as we work toward our planned combination. We look forward to sharing updates from these events in future communications. You play an important part in making this integration a smooth transition, and we want you to be informed of our progress so you can more effectively engage in the planning process. You can expect communications through a variety of channels including these monthly leadership posts, emails from our respective CEOs and other members of the integration team, updated content on this site, and more. You can also reach out with questions any time to [employee.questions@analog.com](mailto:employee.questions@analog.com). Thanks for your ongoing commitment to making the combination of ADI and LTC a success.

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## Forward Looking Statements

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## Important Additional Information Will Be Filed With The SEC

In connection with the proposed transaction, Analog Devices and Linear Technology have filed and will file relevant information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ), including a registration statement of Analog Devices on Form S-4 (the registration statement ) that includes a prospectus of Analog Devices and a proxy statement of Linear Technology (the proxy statement/prospectus ). INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF LINEAR TECHNOLOGY ARE URGED TO CAREFULLY READ THE ENTIRE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ANALOG DEVICES, LINEAR TECHNOLOGY AND THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. A definitive proxy statement/prospectus has been sent to Linear Technology s shareholders. The registration statement, proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed by Analog Devices with the SEC may be obtained free of charge at Analog Devices website at [www.analog.com](http://www.analog.com) or at the SEC s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). These documents may also be obtained free of charge from Analog Devices by requesting them by mail at Analog Devices, Inc., One Technology Way, P.O. Box 9106, Norwood, MA 02062-9106, Attention Investor Relations, or by telephone at (781) 461-3282. The documents filed by Linear Technology with the SEC may be obtained free of charge at Linear Technology s website at [www.linear.com](http://www.linear.com) or at the SEC s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). These documents may also be obtained free of charge from Linear Technology by requesting them by mail at Linear Technology Corporation, 1630 McCarthy Blvd., Milpitas, CA, 95035-7417, Attention: Investor

Relations, or by telephone at (408) 432-2407.

### **Participants in the Solicitation**

Linear Technology, Analog Devices and certain of their directors, executive officers and employees may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies from Linear Technology shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction. Information regarding the persons who may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of Linear Technology shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction, including a description of their direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is set forth in the proxy statement/prospectus filed with the SEC on September 16, 2016. Information about the directors and executive officers of Analog Devices and their ownership of Analog Devices common stock is set forth in the definitive proxy statement for Analog Devices 2016 annual meeting of shareholders, as previously filed with the SEC on January 28, 2016. Information about the directors and executive officers of Linear Technology and their ownership of Linear common stock is set forth in the proxy statement/prospectus that Linear Technology filed with the SEC on September 16, 2016. Free copies of these documents may be obtained as described in the paragraphs above.

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