IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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----- X In re Nortel Networks Inc., et al.,¹ Debtors.

Chapter 11 Case No. 09-10138 (KG)

Jointly Administered

STIPULATION AMONG THE DEBTORS, **CERTAIN AFFILIATES AND PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, Nortel Networks Inc. ("NNI") and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned cases (the "Debtors") commenced chapter 11 proceedings by filing voluntary petitions on January 14, 2009 and July 14, 2009 (in the case of Nortel Networks (CALA) Inc.); and

WHEREAS, NNI sponsored the Nortel Networks Retirement Income Plan (the "Pension Plan"), a defined benefit pension plan which is intended to be qualified under Section

401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended, the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Pension Plan was terminated under section 4042(c) of ERISA,

effective July 17, 2009, pursuant to an agreement between the Pension Benefit Guaranty

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's tax identification number, are: Nortel Networks Inc. (6332), Nortel Networks Capital Corporation (9620), Nortel Altsystems Inc. (9769), Nortel Altsystems International Inc. (5596), Xros, Inc. (4181), Sonoma Systems (2073), Qtera Corporation (0251), CoreTek, Inc. (5722), Nortel Networks Applications Management Solutions Inc. (2846), Nortel Networks Optical Components Inc. (3545), Nortel Networks HPOCS Inc. (3546), Architel Systems (U.S.) Corporation (3826), Nortel Networks International Inc. (0358), Northern Telecom International Inc. (6286), Nortel Networks Cable Solutions Inc. (0567) and Nortel Networks (CALA) Inc. (4226). Addresses for the Debtors can be found in the Debtors' petitions, which are available at http://chapterll.epiqsystems.com/nortel.

Corporation (the "<u>PBGC</u>," and together with the Main Sellers (as defined below), the "<u>Parties</u>") and the Retirement Plan Committee of the Pension Plan, which agreement also appointed the PBGC trustee of the Pension Plan under section 4042(c) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("<u>ERISA</u>"); and

WHEREAS, the Debtors, along with Nortel Networks Corporation and Nortel Networks Limited (collectively, the "<u>Main Sellers</u>") have executed an amended and restated asset and share sale agreement with Avaya, Inc., ("<u>Avaya</u>") dated September 14, 2009 (as it may be amended from time to time, and including all Ancillary Agreements (as defined therein) the "<u>Asset and Share Sale Agreement</u>") for the sale of certain assets of, and equity interests in, the Debtors' Enterprise Solutions Business (collectively, the "<u>Enterprise Business Assets</u>"); and

WHEREAS, the Asset and Share Sale Agreement requires the transfer of the Enterprise Business Assets free and clear of all liens and claims, other than certain enumerated permitted encumbrances;

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2009, this Court entered an Order Authorizing and Approving (A) The Sale of Certain Assets of, and Equity Interests in, Debtors' Enterprise Solutions Business, (B) The Assumption and Assignment of Certain Contracts and Leases and (C) The Assumption and Sublease of Certain Leases [D.I. 1514] (together, the "<u>Sale Order</u>");

WHEREAS, the Sale Order applies only to assets owned by the Debtors, including, without limitation, all of the Debtors' equity interests in Nortel Government Solutions Incorporated and DiamondWare Ltd. (respectively, "<u>NGS</u>" and "<u>DiamondWare</u>," and together, the "<u>U.S. Non-Debtor Subsidiaries</u>"), and does not apply to assets owned by non-debtor entities;

WHEREAS, NNI and the PBGC have previously entered into a Stipulation providing for the release and waiver of any claim, lien, interest or obligation for joint and several

liability, and the right to assert or take any action giving rise to such claim, lien, interest or obligation with respect to the U.S. Non-Debtor Subsidiaries, in exchange for a lien on the proceeds ultimately allocated to the sale of the shares of NGS and DiamondWare effectuated pursuant to the Asset and Share Sale Agreement, which Stipulation was approved by this Court on October 13, 2009 (the "NGS Stipulation"),

WHEREAS, certain of the assets to be conveyed pursuant to the Asset and Share Sale Agreement are owned or otherwise held by Nortel Networks Australia Pty. Limited, Nortel Networks (India) Private Limited, Nortel Technology Excellence Centre Private Limited, Nortel Networks Telecommunications Equipment (Shanghai) Co Ltd., Nortel Networks Singapore Pte. Limited, Nortel Networks (Asia) Limited, Nortel Networks de Mexico, S.A. de C.V., Nortel Networks de Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V., PT Nortel Networks Indonesia, Nortel Networks Kabushiki Kaisha, Nortel Networks Malaysia Sdn. Bhd., Nortel Networks New Zealand Limited, Nortel Networks (China) Limited, Nortel Networks de Argentina S.A., Nortel Networks Chile S.A., Nortel Networks Peru S.A.C., Nortel Networks de Colombia S.A., Nortel Networks (Thailand) Limited, and Nortel Vietnam Limited, (collectively, the "<u>Foreign Non-Debtors</u>") which are non-debtor subsidiaries and affiliates of the Debtors (collectively, the "<u>Foreign Non-Debtors</u>");

WHEREAS, Section 4062 of ERISA provides for the imposition of certain claims and liens on the sponsor of a terminated pension plan and all members of the sponsor's controlled group for, <u>inter alia</u>, the underfunding of the pension plan and Section 4068 of ERISA provides that a lien may arise against any person liable to the PBGC under Section 4062 (the "<u>PBGC Lien</u>");

WHEREAS, the Main Sellers do not concede the validity or applicability of the PBGC Lien on the Foreign Non-Debtor Assets but have concluded it is in the best interests of the

Main Sellers and their affiliates to enter into this Stipulation in furtherance of the sale transaction.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and in consideration of the foregoing, the Main Sellers and the PBGC hereby agree and stipulate as follows:

1. On the later of (i) the date of the Closing (as defined in the Asset and Share Sale Agreement) and the Main Sellers' receipt of a payment of the purchase price specified in the Asset and Share Sale Agreement, or (ii) the date of approval of the Stipulation by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware ("the <u>Bankruptcy Court</u>") the Main Sellers shall pay the PBGC \$500,000 in cash, out of such proceeds (the "<u>Settlement Payment</u>").

2. In consideration for and effective immediately upon its receipt of the Settlement Payment, the PBGC (a) consents to the sale of the Foreign Non-Debtor Assets; (b) agrees not to pursue or perfect, against the Sellers (as defined in the Asset and Share Sale Agreement), the Foreign Non-Debtors, the Purchaser (as defined in the Asset and Share Sale Agreement) or their respective parents, subsidiaries and affiliates, whether now or hereafter existing, any lien or claim with respect to the Pension Plan, whether arising before or after the date of this Stipulation, relating to the Foreign Non-Debtor Assets or any of the proceeds from the sale thereof; (c) forever waives its rights, covenants not to sue, releases, and discharges the Purchaser, its successors, assigns, subsidiaries (direct or indirect), joint ventures, and Affiliates (as defined in the Asset and Share Sale Agreement), and the respective current or future employees, agents, representatives, officers, directors, partners, members, governors, managers, and equityholders of any of the foregoing (collectively, the "<u>Purchaser Third Party</u> Beneficiaries") from any and all actions, causes of action, accounts, agreements, covenants, contracts, controversies, claims, damages, whether known or unknown, in law, admiralty or equity, which the PBGC may now have, ever has had or ever will have with respect to the Pension Plan relating to the sale of the Foreign Non-Debtor Assets (including the Foreign Non-Debtor Assets and the proceeds relating to the Foreign Non-Debtor Assets) or the Purchaser's purchase of the Foreign Non-Debtor Assets, including, without limitation, any liabilities imposed or that could be imposed under ERISA and the Code, which the PBGC may now have, ever has had or ever will have, from the beginning of the world, and (d) forever waives its rights, covenants not to sue, releases, and discharges the Sellers, its successors, assigns, subsidiaries (direct or indirect), joint ventures, and Affiliates (as defined in the Asset and Share Sale Agreement), and the respective current or future employees, agents, representatives, officers, directors, partners, members, governors, managers, and equityholders of any of the foregoing (collectively, and together with the Purchaser Third Party Beneficiaries defined above, the "Third Party Beneficiaries") from any and all actions, causes of action, accounts, agreements, covenants, contracts, controversies, claims, damages, whether known or unknown, in law, admiralty or equity, which the PBGC may now have, ever has had or ever will have with respect to the Pension Plan relating to the sale of the Foreign Non-Debtor Assets (including the Foreign Non-Debtor Assets and the proceeds relating to the Foreign Non-Debtor Assets).

3. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein to the contrary, the PBGC's rights to assert claims relating to the Pension Plan against the Debtors (but not against the Purchaser, any Purchaser Third Party Beneficiary or any of their assets, including the assets of the Debtor being sold to the Purchaser pursuant to the Asset and Share Sale Agreement), any claims relating to breaches of fiduciary duty by any fiduciaries of the Pension Plan, and any rights under the NGS Stipulation shall be expressly preserved and the Debtors' (or fiduciaries')

or any other party in interest's rights to object to any such claims and/or assert any defenses or claims against the PBGC relating to the Pension Plan are expressly preserved, provided however, that the PBGC's recoveries on all of its claims with respect to the Pension Plan shall not exceed the total amount of the liabilities imposed on all liable parties by ERISA.

4. This Stipulation may be executed by facsimile, which shall have the same effect as an original, and in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one in the same instrument.

5. This Stipulation shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and each and all of their respective successors, assigns, heirs and personal representatives. The Parties hereto agree that the Foreign Non-Debtors and the Third Party Beneficiaries shall be third party beneficiaries to this Stipulation and shall have all rights to enforce this Stipulation against the Parties as if a party to this Stipulation.

Each of the undersigned represents that he or she is authorized to execute this
Stipulation on behalf of his or her respective clients.

7. It is acknowledged that each party has participated in, jointly consented to and drafted this Stipulation and that any claimed ambiguity shall not be construed for or against either party on account of such drafting.

8. This Stipulation shall be interpreted, construed and enforced in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of New York, without regard to New York's principles of conflicts of laws, to the extent not preempted by ERISA or other federal law. The Parties consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court for all matters concerning this Stipulation during the pendency of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases and, thereafter, any action or proceeding to

interpret or enforce this Stipulation may be brought in a United States District Court having jurisdiction over such matter.

9. This Stipulation is subject to approval of the Bankruptcy Court; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Parties shall support such Bankruptcy Court approval and comply with this Stipulation pending the Bankruptcy Court's entry of such an order approving or disapproving this Stipulation.

10. Nothing in this Stipulation or any negotiations or proceedings in connection herewith shall constitute or be deemed to be evidence of an admission by any party of any liability or wrongdoing whatsoever, or the truth or untruth, merit or lack thereof, of any claim or defense of any party. Neither this Stipulation nor any negotiations or proceedings in connection herewith may be used in any proceeding against any party for any purpose whatsoever except with respect to the effectuation and enforcement of this Stipulation. This matter has been settled for convenience purposes only, is non-precedential and is without prejudice to the Parties' rights and defenses with regard to any other asset sale transaction that has occurred or may occur in the future.

11. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous oral or written agreements. The Parties acknowledge that no promise, inducement or agreement not stated herein has been made to them in connection with this Stipulation. The Parties understand and agree that this Stipulation may not be altered, amended, modified or otherwise changed in any respect whatsoever except by a writing duly executed by the Parties hereto. The Parties agree and acknowledge that they will make no claim at any time or place that this Stipulation has been orally altered or modified or otherwise changed by oral communication of any kind or character.

12. Notwithstanding anything else in this Stipulation to the contrary, the allocation of the cost of the Settlement Payment among the Main Sellers shall be governed by the terms and conditions of the Interim Funding and Settlement Agreement, dated as of June 9, 2009, or any side agreement or allocation protocol created in accordance therewith.

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Name: Anna Ventresca Title: General Counsel-Corporate and Corporate Secretary Date:

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