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The following email was sent by Gilma Saravia, Chief People Officer of Altair Engineering Inc. ("Altair") to employees of Altair on November 19, 2024:

Dear Altairians,

As you know, Altair has entered into a definitive agreement to be acquired by Siemens. We understand that this change brings questions about what lies ahead for you and Altair.

To address many of your questions, please refer to the attached Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document. We will continue to add to this document during the transition and will communicate when there are updates.

If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss specific concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your manager or your local HR team. We're committed to keeping you informed and supporting you through this transition.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to continue business as usual during this period.

Regards, Gilma

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Siemens (the "Merger Agreement"), including in circumstances requiring Altair to pay a termination fee, (ix) the risk that competing offers will be made; (x) unexpected costs, charges or expenses resulting from the merger, (xi) potential litigation relating to the merger that could be instituted against the parties to the Merger Agreement or their respective directors, managers or officers, including the effects of any outcomes related thereto, (xii) worldwide economic or political changes that affect the markets that Altair's businesses serve which could have an effect on demand for Altair's products and impact Altair's profitability and (xiii) disruptions in the global credit and financial markets, including diminished liquidity and credit availability, changes in international trade agreements, including tariffs and trade restrictions, cyber-security vulnerabilities, foreign currency volatility, swings in consumer confidence and spending, raw material pricing and supply issues, retention of key employees, increases in fuel prices, and outcomes of legal proceedings, claims and investigations. Accordingly, actual results may differ materially from those contemplated by these forward-looking statements. Investors, therefore, are cautioned against relying on any of these forward-looking statements. They are neither statements of historical fact nor guarantees or assurances of future performance. Additional information regarding the factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from these forward-looking statements is available in Altair's filings with the SEC, including the risks and uncertainties identified in Part I, Item 1A - Risk Factors of Altair's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 and in Altair's other filings with the SEC. The list of factors is not intended to be exhaustive.

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The following is the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document attached to the above email sent to employees of Altair:

Altair FAQ

Altair General Operating Questions

1. What is the per share stock price under the merger agreement?

\$113 per share in an all-cash deal representing an equity value of \$10.6B.

2. What about the Altair brand/name? Will it remain?

We will not know Siemens' integration plans or details until after the acquisition is complete. This decision will come from Siemens.

3. What about the product groups? What is the plan for the products?

Both teams are excited about the possibilities that will come with the combination of our complementary portfolios.

As for specifics, we will not know about changes until Siemens implements its integration plans after close. Siemens is committed to delivering world-leading technologies and the people who develop, build and support them across the board.

We all need to focus on business as usual and cannot slow down our pace of innovation, customer support and/or development. We need to maintain and deliver the business.

4. Will any organizational and/or product portfolio decisions be made in collaboration with Siemens prior to the deal closing?

Siemens will not be involved with organizational or product portfolio decisions until after the acquisition is complete.

5. Will Altair be integrated into Siemens? Will it be separated?

We will not know the integration plans of Siemens until after the acquisition is complete. We believe Siemens is the best home for our people and our products, but the decisions will be up to Siemens. Both sides are committed to creating best-in-class teams and products.

6. What about offices, will they close or remain open?

We will not know until after the acquisition is complete and Siemens completes its integration plans. There is the possibility that synergies exist, and some physical offices may be closed or combined.

7. What can we expect from Siemens between now and close?

We will work with Siemens regarding what information they and we can share with you regarding their plans, in accordance with legal requirements. Once again, we urge you to remain focused on business as usual and deliver on our commitments to our customers and partners.

8. Will we be able to meet with Siemens to start planning the transition?

The transition will begin after the acquisition is complete.

9. Will Altair continue hiring or will we freeze hiring?

We will operate as we normally do – we need to run our business. We will not stop hiring for posted positions.

10. Is there a risk of this not closing?

While there is always a risk that an announced acquisition is not completed, we expect to receive all required approvals and close the transaction in the second half of 2025.

11. What do I say if a customer, partner or anyone externally asks me about the acquisition?

Limit your comments to the following:

"As you may have heard, Altair has entered into a definitive agreement to be acquired by Siemens. You can read more about this exciting development in our official news release. We believe that this combination will lead to the best possible technical solutions in the world, providing our valued customers with unparalleled access to innovative technology and tools.

Altair will remain focused on delivering innovative solutions and exceptional support. We want to reassure you that our commitment to our partners remains unchanged. There will be no change to the high level of service and support you have come to expect from us. Until the acquisition is complete, we will operate independently, focusing on our customers and partners."

Employee General HR Questions

1. What does this mean for my job?

Until the acquisition is complete, there will be no changes to your job resulting from the acquisition. We are conducting business as usual, which is always dynamic and there is always the possibility of change in our day-to-day operations and organizational structure. It is critical that we all remain focused on delivering commitments, innovations and support to our customers and partners.

We do not expect to discuss integration plans with Siemens until we approach closing.

2. Will annual appraisals proceed as scheduled and will I be eligible for a merit increase?

The 2024 year-end evaluation process will launch in December and 2025 merit increases will proceed per normal schedule.

3. Will I receive a 2024 bonus (variable)? When?

Yes, you will receive your 2024 bonus. There will be no impact to our 2024 bonus structure and payout schedule.

4. Will I be eligible to receive equity in 2025 for my 2024 performance?

Non-quota-carrying employees are eligible for 2025 equity awards based on your performance in 2024.

Quota-carrying employees will receive an equity award upon the attainment of your annual quota plan.

5. What will happen to the Employee Stock Purchase Program (ESPP)?

The current ESPP offering period, which ends on January 14, 2025, will remain in effect and subject to our current policy. The ESPP program will be suspended after January 14, 2025.

6. There are thousands of open jobs at Siemens, what if employees want to apply?

One of the key reasons why Siemens is acquiring Altair is because of our top talent. Hence, it is of Siemens' highest interest that Altair employees continue to strongly develop and grow the Altair business. Further, it is important to note that both companies, Altair and Siemens, will continue to run independently until closing of transaction.

In general, there are no restrictions to apply for jobs.

7. Can I post on social media?

We advise against posting about the deal on your social media pages. Altair's social media policy continues to apply and can be found here.

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