

**Q: What has occurred between 3COM and TippingPoint?**

**A:** On January 31, 2005, 3COM completed the acquisition of TIPPINGPOINT. 3COM will operate TIPPINGPOINT as a division of 3COM with headquarters in Austin TX. Under the terms of the acquisition, 3COM paid \$47 per share for each outstanding share of TIPPINGPOINT.

**Q: As a holder of TippingPoint common stock, what will I receive in the merger?**

**A:** TippingPoint stockholders will receive \$47 for each share of TippingPoint common stock that they owned.

**Q: Do I have to exchange my physical TippingPoint stock certificate(s)?**

**A:** Yes. The merger has taken place and you must surrender any physical TippingPoint stock certificate(s) in order to receive your cash.

**Q: What do I need to do in order to receive my cash for my TIPPINGPOINT shares?**

**A:** The process of exchanging TippingPoint shares for 3COM shares depends on the manner in which you hold your TippingPoint shares.

**Holders of TippingPoint Certificates:**

If you hold physical certificates of TippingPoint stock, you will receive a letter of transmittal from Mellon Investor Services, the paying agent for the 3COM/TippingPoint acquisition.

The transmittal letter will detail the procedures for TippingPoint stock holders to exchange their common stock certificates for cash.

**Holders through banks or brokers ("street name"):**

If you hold shares through a bank or broker, your bank or broker will handle the conversion of your shares for cash. You do not need to take any action.

**Q: Can I bring or send my stock certificate(s) into the offices of TippingPoint or 3COM for exchange?**

**A:** No. Mellon Investor Services is the Paying Agent for the acquisition, and you will need to deliver your physical TippingPoint stock certificate(s) to Mellon.

**Q: What if my physical TippingPoint stock certificate(s) have been lost, stolen or destroyed?**

**A:** If your physical TippingPoint stock certificate(s) have been lost, stolen, misplaced or destroyed, contact Mellon Investor Services for instructions at 1-800-777-3674.

**Q: I have not received a Letter of Transmittal or I need new Letter of Transmittal. What should I do?**

**A:** Letters of Transmittal will be sent by Mellon Investor Services, 3COM's paying agent, shortly following the completion of the merger, to each TippingPoint shareowner who holds a physical certificate, based on the addresses on record with TippingPoint's transfer agent. Please allow approximately two weeks to receive your Letter of Transmittal.

Please note that if you hold shares through a bank or broker you will NOT receive a Letter of Transmittal and do not need to complete a Letter of Transmittal.

**Q: What are the tax consequences relative to the exchange of my shares for cash?**

**A:** For tax purposes this will be treated as a taxable sale of stock for cash. Gains should be long term or short term depending upon the holding period on the shares. Consult with your tax advisor as to any questions on the taxable treatment.