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CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MEDIA GENERAL, MEREDITH, MEREDITH MEDIA GENERAL AND THE MERGER. The Form S-4, including the joint proxy statement/prospectus, and other relevant materials (when they become available), and any other documents filed by Media General, Meredith and Meredith Media General with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. The documents filed by Media General and Meredith Media General may also be obtained for free from Media General's Investor Relations web site (http://www.mediageneral.com/investor/index.htm) or by directing a request to Media General's Investor Relations contact, Courtney Guertin, Director of Marketing & Communications, at 401-457-9501. The documents filed by Meredith may also be obtained for free from Meredith's Investor Relations web site (http://ir.meredith.com) or by directing a request to Meredith's Shareholder/Financial Analyst contact, Mike Lovell, Director of Investor Relations, at 515-284-3622. PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOLICITATION Media General and Meredith and their respective executive officers and directors may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the security holders of either Media General or Meredith in connection with the Merger. Information about Media General's directors and executive officers is available in Meredith's definitive proxy statement, dated March 13, 2015, for its 2015 annual meeting of shareholders. Information about Meredith's directors and executive officers is available in Meredith's definitive proxy statement, dated September 26, 2014, for its 2014 annual meeting of shareholders. Other information regarding the participants and description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the Form S-4 and the joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the Merger that Meredith Media General will file with the SEC when it becomes available. 4



^{1.} Creates a powerful multiplatform and diversified media company: • No. 3 owner of major network affiliates, reaching 30% of U.S. households • Large and profitable digital business, reaching more than 200 million monthly unique visitors • No. 1 female audience, reaching 100 million American women with trusted brands 2. Generates significant revenue, EBITDA and free cash flow with opportunities for Total Shareholder Return beyond either company's ability on its own: • \$3.0 billion in total revenue, including \$500 million in digital revenue, on a pro forma basis • Over \$920 million in EBITDA, including first year synergies, on a pro forma basis • At least \$1 billion in pro-forma cumulative free cash flow in first full two calendar years post-closing 3. Estimated synergies \$80+ million with attractive upside opportunities 4. Builds a platform to continue industry consolidation strategy 5. Led by strong management team with expertise at operating multi-platform media businesses and proven track record at creating shareholder value Strategic Highlights 5



The pro forma synergized buyer EBITDA multiple ('14/'15 average-year) is 7.5x Assuming 7.0x valuation for National Media Group, Media General is paying 7.8x synergized cash flow multiple for premium, large-market TV assets 1 – Compares to recent large market TV deals (MG/LIN: 8.6x, Sinclair/Allbritton: 8.7x, Tribune/Local: 8.4x) Transaction is accretive to Media General on a free cash flow per share basis (cumulative 2-year cycle) – \$540 million FCF / 130 million = ~\$4.15/share - ~\$1.0 billion / 200 million = ~\$5.00/share Significant diversification of Media General shareholder base Meaningful increase in scale and diversification in TV business – 3rd largest TV operator (30% TV HH reach), 83% of the pro forma company cash flow Powerful and profitable pro forma digital business with comprehensive product offering, diverse and established customer relationships, and significant growth potential – \$500+ million revenues, 200 million unique visitors Marquee national content brands fuel multi-platform ecosystem including video, digital and high-margin brand licensing activities – Better Homes & Gardens, Martha Stewart, Shape, Parents, Allrecipes Incremental synergy opportunities beyond \$80 million communicated plan Traditional print business contributes only 10% of pro forma cash flow Summary of Transaction Shareholder Benefits 1 Based on peer average '14/'15 valuation multiple (Time

Inc., News Corp, NY Times). NMG EBITDA (\$156 million) excludes stock-based compensation and includes allocated corporate expense (allocated based on segment EBITDA contribution). Assumes \$80 million combination synergies attributable 100% to LMG business. 7



Springfield, MA Market rank: 23 29 30 37 59 115 8 Leadership & Corporate Governance • Steve Lacy will serve as Chief Executive Officer. Joe Ceryanec will serve as Chief Financial Officer. Paul Karpowicz will be President and Deb McDermott will be Chief Operating Officer of Meredith Media General's broadcast business. • The Meredith Media General Board of Directors will consist of 12 directors, including 8 designated by Media General and 4 designated by Meredith. J. Stewart Bryan, Media General's existing chairman, will continue in that role. • Corporate offices in Des Moines and Richmond, and incorporated in Virginia Capital Allocation • Continued focus on strong capital stewardship with disciplined capital allocation plan primarily focused on debt reduction and returning cash to shareholders Financing • RBC Capital Markets and JP Morgan Chase have committed \$2.8 billion of financing in support of the transaction Timing and Closing Conditions • The transaction is expected to close by June 30, 2016, subject to shareholder and regulatory approval















• We focus on women: 100 million und markets: • Our portfolio is strategically foc	duplicated consumers, including cused on what matters most to v	g 70 million unique digital women: Family Home ales in the U.S. 16	visitors and 60% of millen Food Health Meredith Mer	nial women • Our brands lead thei dia General Has the Largest Reach











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