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Dear U2 community:

The U2 business has been part of Rocket Software for six weeks now, and I want to share some of my thoughts on our accomplishments and provide some insight on our plans for the future.

The two weeks between the signing and the close of this transaction were incredibly busy as we worked to install a new phone system and IP network, set up a new Web site, move the U2BC system to a server at Rocket headquarters, change the badge access system at the U2 Denver site, and move almost 100 U2 employees to Rocket's HR systems. On October 1 we made the cutover, and I hope that you didn't notice anything but the change in email addresses and phone numbers. All Rocket email addresses are in the format of firstinitiallastname@rocketsoftware.com (ex: ayouniss@rocketsoftware.com), so you should be able to contact the members of the U2 team easily.

After the closing, our immediate focus was on communicating with our partners and customers. In addition to hosting U2 University events in Liverpool and Sydney, we've also held partner summit meetings with US, UK and European partners and held a meeting with all our worldwide distributors. We've solicited feedback at all these events on what the U2 community needs to enable your future business success.

As a result of this feedback, I prepared some materials that the U2 partners can use in sales situations, and much of this information has been shared with the greater U2 community during the keynote at the U2 University events. When we heard that access to U2 data via SQL - and the ability to interoperate with Microsoft SQL Server databases - were at the top of the wish list, we announced on November 2 that we will include in upcoming releases a driver for MS SQL Server for use with our External Database Access technology. We expect to deliver this new driver in Q1/2010.

We also [announced](#) that we are in the early planning stages for an improved common mapping tool and schema generator for fully describing the U2 data model to generate SQL and EDA schemas. This new tool will provide a modern, extensible interface for both initial mapping as well as ongoing changes to the schemas. Together with its associated APIs, this new offering will improve deployment of ISV solutions to end customer sites. We expect to deliver the first phase of this new tool in July/2010.

And lastly, we are working on adding native support for UniVerse and UniData servers in our Rocket Shuttle and CorVu families of Business Intelligence tools. This will allow our customers to build rich dashboards, graphical reports and data visualization solutions that draw data directly from U2 data sources, without the need for relational mapping. We expect to deliver this capability in Q2/2010.

Our development and testing organizations have been hard at work during the integration into Rocket. We are pleased to announce the recent release of SystemBuilder Extensible Architecture (SB/XA) 6.0GA2. This product provides our SB+ customers with the ability to deploy robust, customized, visually up-to-date applications without touching their existing code. Our next U2 product release will be U2WebDE V5.0, followed by UniVerse 11.1.

After talking with many of you about the Rocket portfolio of products, I have learned that you can drive more U2 business - and business value - by connecting other Rocket products to U2 applications and U2 data. We are still gathering more input and feedback from the community, but early results show that [Rocket Shuttle](#), [LegaSuite](#), [NetCure](#), and [CorVu](#) (to name just a few) can help you get more out of your Rocket U2 investment.

One thing I've noticed is that all of the customers and partners I've met are passionate about the U2 technology. I saw the U2 business as a "golden nugget," and know that Rocket Software is the right company to further develop and grow this business. We are focusing on publicizing more about the advantages of the Rocket U2 technology, so be sure to watch our [Web site](#) and newsletters for additional success stories.

We will earn your trust through our actions. I appreciate having you as customers and look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship.

Sincerely,

Andy Youniss
President and CEO, Rocket Software, Inc.