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SoftBank / Sprint Synergy Framework

SoftBank projects more than \$2bn of average annual Sprint operating expense synergies from 2014

2017

with an annual run-rate of over \$3bn by 2017

SoftBank also projects Sprint capital expenditure synergies of 32% to 36% of Sprint's planned network investment through 2017

SoftBank's synergy views are informed by 9 months of pre-announcement diligence and continuing post-closing planning discussions with Sprint management

Synergy projections are driven by pro forma network and subscriber scale benefits as well as implementation of SoftBank operational / technology expertise

SoftBank's synergies plus its \$8bn primary investment will accelerate Sprint's ongoing turnaround and position it to become the U.S. wireless industry's technology and operational leader

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SoftBank / Sprint OpEx Synergy Drivers

Item

% of 2014 -

2017

OpEx Synergies

Description

Device / Accessory

Procurement

38%

-

Joint development through SoftBank global vendor relationships

-

Develop comprehensive portfolio of emerging products

-

Volume incentives / discounts from joint purchasing power

Network OpEx

19%

-

Implementation of SoftBank traffic management and network technology best practices

-
Insourcing of network monitoring and maintenance
Churn Improvement
16%
-
Improved credit screening and pricing structures
-
Results in CPGA savings
IT
13%
-
Joint development of cost-efficient IT platform
-
Consolidation of IT development and operations resources
Customer Care
14%
-
Implementation of SoftBank care service structure
-
Improvement of average handling times
Source: SoftBank Projections.
1
Includes
handsets,
connected
devices,
accessories,
insurance
and
related
costs.
SoftBank projects average annual operating expense synergies of more than \$2bn
from 2014
2017 with an annual run-rate over \$3bn by 2017
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SoftBank / Sprint CapEx Synergy Drivers

Item

% of 2014 -

2017

CapEx Synergies

Description

Vendor Scale Benefits

42%

-

Equipment / construction incentives and discounts from joint purchasing power

Traffic Management

7%

-

Implementation of SoftBank traffic management efficiencies

-

Capacity improvement reduces new sites / network capacity

Core Capacity Build

33%

-

Future network capacity requirements due to growth in
subscriber data traffic

-

Leverage joint purchasing power and SoftBank relationships

8T8R Deployment

18%

-

Implementation of new technology for TDD LTE BTS

-

Reduces required new sites

SoftBank

also

projects

to

generate

capital

expenditure

synergies

of

32%

to

36%

of

Sprint's planned network investment through 2017

Source: SoftBank Projections.

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Device / Accessory Procurement OpEx Synergies

(% Discount)

Joint development
through SoftBank
global vendor
relationships

Develop comprehensive
portfolio of emerging
products

Volume incentives /
discounts from joint
purchasing power

Source: SoftBank Projections.

Note: Reflects % discount to projected budget.

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Includes
handsets,
connected
devices,
accessories,
insurance
and

related

costs.

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3.3%

5.7%

8.3%

8.4%

2014

2015

2016

2017

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IT OpEx

(% of Service Revenue)

Consolidation of

development

resources

Independence

from vendors

Joint development

of cost-efficient IT

platform

Source: SoftBank Projections.

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SoftBank Mobile IT expense as % of SoftBank Mobile service revenue.

Historical Performance

1

Opportunities

1.9%

1.5%

1.2%

1.0%

0.8%

0.7%

0.6%

2006

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

66%

Improvement since
Vodafone Acquisition

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Customer Care OpEx
(Customer Care per Subscriber)

Improved handling
times

Enhanced care
service structure

Paperless operations

Collections rate
improvement

Source: SoftBank Projections.

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SoftBank Mobile customer care expense per subscriber.

Historical Performance

1
Opportunities

\$11.8

\$11.7

\$10.2

\$9.5

\$8.4

\$8.2

\$7.0

2006

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

41%

Improvement since
Vodafone
Acquisition

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Involuntary Churn OpEx

(% Involuntary Churn)

Source: SoftBank Projections.

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SoftBank Mobile 3G involuntary churn.

Improved credit

analysis

New pricing

structures

Involuntary churn

reductions

CPGA savings

67%

Improvement since

Vodafone Acquisition

Historical Performance

1

Opportunities

0.24%

0.33%

0.21%

0.15%

0.11%

0.11%

0.08%

2006

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

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Network Scale CapEx Synergies
(% Discount)
Network equipment
and construction
incentives / discounts
from joint purchasing
power
Focus on post-Network
Vision build
Source: SoftBank Projections.
Note: Reflects % discount to network investment plan, excluding core network equipment.
26.0%
27.6%
21.1%
18.7%
2014
2015
2016
2017