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**Global Technology IPO activity rebounds after slow summer; growth expected to continue through Q4**

***3rd Quarter 2013 Reveals Greater Volume and Proceeds Compared to Q3 2012***

**8 Nov 2013** ‑‑ Global IPO activity slowed slightly in the summer months but rebounded with a flurry of activity in September. Offerings in Q3 2013 were slightly ahead of Q3 2012 in both volume and proceeds, reported PwC’s Third Quarter 2013 Global Technology IPO Review. September accounted for over 50% of the technology IPOs completed in the third quarter of 2013, consistent with historical patterns of slower IPO activity during July and August. Overall, the technology sector recorded 13 IPOs in Q3 2013 versus 11 in Q3 2012, though this is a decrease from 16 in Q2 2013.

Raman Chitkara, Global Technology Industry Leader, PwC, said:

“Despite the brief dip in the summer months, Q3 recorded a higher number of completed IPOs in 2013 as compared to 2012. We expect the uplift in September to continue through Q4 though activity will differ market to market, depending on local economic and regulatory environments.”

**Regional Activity**

With 83% of total proceeds and 69% of deal volume, the US technology IPO market led global technology IPO activity. The strong US performance was due in large part to rising stock markets. For the consecutive third quarter, China’s ongoing regulatory review resulted in no technology IPOs on the Shanghai and Shenzhen exchanges. However, two Chinese companies completed their IPOs on the Hong Kong and NASDAQ exchanges. In Europe, an expanding number of private equity based mid-sized to large IPOs across all sectors are expected to help drive activity in Q4. This quarter, Hong Kong, New Zealand and the UK each posted one technology IPO.

**Subsector Movement**

Ongoing interest in innovative software tools for the technology industry has facilitated strong IPO activity for Internet Software & Services companies. The Internet Software & Services subsector supplied 43% of total proceeds and 46% of total volume in the quarter. The sector had six IPOs raising US$572 million this quarter compared to two IPOs raising US$193 million in Q3 2012 and down marginally from Q2 2013 with five IPOs raising US$606 million.

**Q4 Expectations**

Pricing will be of significant focus and concern in the fourth quarter. Some highly recognised companies are expected to complete IPOs in Q4, leading to stronger valuations than recorded in Q3. Given overall increasing optimism about economic conditions in various regions, ongoing demand for innovative technologies and the existing, robust pipeline, it is expected that global technology IPOs will post strong performance in Q4.

**Notes:**

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