Summary of the 2015 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Accenture plc

On February 4, 2015, Accenture plc held its Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in New York. Summarized below are the voting results, as well as remarks from Chairman & CEO Pierre Nanterme and Chief Financial Officer David P. Rowland.

Voting Results:

At the meeting, the shareholders voted to:

- re-appoint Jaime Ardila, Dina Dublon, Charles Giancarlo, William Kimsey, Marjorie Magner, Blythe McGarvie, Pierre Nanterme, Gilles Pélisson, Paula Price, Wulf von Schimmelmann and Frank Tang to the Board of Directors;

- approve, in a non-binding vote, the compensation of Accenture's named executive officers;

- ratify, in a non-binding vote, the appointment of KPMG LLP ("KPMG") as the independent registered public accounting firm of Accenture for a term expiring at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in 2016 and authorize, in a binding vote, the Board of Directors, acting through the Audit Committee, to determine KPMG's remuneration;

- grant the Board of Directors the authority to issue shares under Irish law;

- grant the Board of Directors the authority to opt-out of statutory pre-emption rights under Irish law;

- authorize holding the 2016 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Accenture at a location outside of Ireland;

- authorize Accenture and its subsidiaries to make open-market purchases of Accenture plc Class A ordinary shares under Irish law; and

- determine the price range at which Accenture can re-issue shares that it acquires as treasury stock under Irish law.

Remarks:

Chairman & CEO Pierre Nanterme offered the following remarks at the meeting:

In fiscal year '14, we executed very well against our strategy in a market environment that remained highly competitive. We increased our market share, generated record revenues and new bookings, expanded operating margin, generated strong cash flow and returned substantial cash to shareholders.

During the year, we made a number of changes in our operating model and organization structure to enhance our capabilities and make Accenture even more relevant, differentiated and competitive in the marketplace. We moved additional people with management consulting and technology consulting skills from other parts of the Company into our five operating groups. This has enabled us to more quickly assemble integrated teams with specialized skills. We also aligned our resources around four key areas of our business—Accenture Strategy, Accenture Digital, Accenture Technology and Accenture Operations.

At the same time, we continued to make targeted investments in capabilities, solutions and talent to further differentiate Accenture. We invested $740 million in acquisitions in fiscal year '14, with a particular focus on Accenture Digital, business process outsourcing and industry-specific solutions. We also hired about 80,000 people and invested $787 million in training to ensure that we have the best talent to meet the evolving needs of our clients. Finally, we continued our commitment to developing leading-edge ideas through research and innovation, spending $640 million in fiscal 2014 to help create, commercialize and disseminate innovative business strategies and technology solutions.

The focused investments we've made and actions we've taken clearly contributed to our strong results in fiscal year '14.

Looking ahead to the remainder of fiscal year '15 … we are continuing to create our own opportunities in the marketplace and have delivered an excellent first quarter on top of a strong second half of fiscal year '14. At the same time, we are monitoring carefully the macroeconomic environment.

We continue to operate in a fast-changing market environment. In this context, we see significant opportunity and demand for Accenture's highly relevant and differentiated services.

And so in closing today, I would like to thank each and every one of our people around the world for their hard work and commitment to the success of our clients, which contributed so much to our own success in fiscal year '14. Working together, I am confident that we will continue delivering value for our clients and shareholders in fiscal year '15.

Chief Financial Officer David Rowland shared the following financial highlights at the meeting:

In fiscal year '14, we delivered on the initial business outlook we provided at the beginning of the year, with particularly strong momentum in the second half. Here are some of the headlines:

- We delivered record new bookings of $35.9 billion and grew net revenues 5 percent to $30 billion.

- Diluted earnings per share were $4.52, a 7 percent increase from adjusted fiscal year '13 EPS of $4.21, which excluded $0.72 in benefits from a reduction in reorganization liabilities and final determinations related to tax liabilities.

- Operating margin was 14.3 percent, an expansion of 10 basis points from our adjusted fiscal year '13 operating margin of 14.2 percent, which excluded 100 basis points in benefits from the reduction in reorganization liabilities.

- We generated free cash flow of $3.2 billion and continued to have a very strong balance sheet, ending the year with $4.9 billion in cash.

- We also continued to return cash to shareholders, with share repurchases and dividend payments totaling $3.8 billion in fiscal year ’14.

- In addition, shortly after fiscal year-end, the Board increased our semi-annual cash dividend 10 percent to $1.02 per share, which was paid in November.

In the first quarter of fiscal year ’15, we delivered very strong results, with revenues up 10 percent in local currency, including double-digit growth in four of our five operating groups. We also expanded operating margin 20 basis points and delivered a 12 percent EPS increase. Based on these results, we raised our outlook for revenue growth for the full fiscal year.

So, as we stated on our earnings call for Q1, we are off to a very good start in fiscal year ’15.

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