

Connection (CNXN) Announces Special Dividend and New Share Repurchase Program

MERRIMACK, N.H.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 17, 2018-- Connection (PC Connection, Inc.; NASDAQ: <u>CNXN</u>), an industry-leading technology solutions provider of a full range of information technology (IT) solutions to business, government, and education markets, today announced that its Board of Directors declared a special cash dividend of \$0.32 per share payable on January 11, 2019, to shareholders of record at the close of business on December 28, 2018. The total amount of the special dividend payment will be approximately \$8.5 million based on the current number of shares outstanding. While Connection is pleased to be in a position to pay a special dividend again this year, any declaration of future cash dividends will depend upon its financial position, strategic plans, and general business conditions at the time.

"The Company has successfully leveraged its assets and maintained a strong balance sheet. We believe that this special dividend is one of the ways to reward shareholders for their support," said Timothy McGrath, President and Chief Executive Officer.

The Company also announced today that its board of directors approved a new share repurchase program authorizing up to \$25 million in share repurchases. There is no fixed termination date for this new repurchase program. Purchases may be made in open-market transactions, block transactions on or off an exchange, or in privately negotiated transactions.

Connection's board had previously authorized a share repurchase program under which the remaining authorized amount is approximately \$6.1 million. On a year-to-date basis, the Company has purchased in excess of 400 thousand shares under the existing share repurchase program. The Company intends to complete this repurchase program before repurchasing shares under the new program.

The timing and amount of any shares repurchased will be determined by the company's management based on its evaluation of market conditions and other factors. Repurchases may also be made under a Rule 10b5-1 plan, which would permit shares to be repurchased when PC Connection might otherwise be precluded from doing so under insider trading laws. The repurchase programs may be suspended or discontinued at any time. Any repurchased shares will be available for use in connection with PC Connection's stock plans and for other corporate purposes. Payment for shares repurchased under the programs will be funded using the company's working capital.

Additionally, the Company continues to focus on maximizing shareholder value by maintaining the financial flexibility to assess M&A opportunities and other capital allocations.

About Connection

PC Connection, Inc. and its subsidiaries, dba **Connection®**, (www.connection.com; NASDAQ: CNXN) is a Fortune 1000 company headquartered in Merrimack, NH. With offices throughout the United States, Connection delivers custom-configured computer systems overnight from its ISO 9001:2015 certified technical configuration lab at its distribution center in Wilmington, OH. In addition, the Company has over 2,500 technical certifications to ensure it can solve the most complex issues of its customers. Connection also services international customers through its GlobalServe subsidiary, a global IT procurement and service management company. Investors and media can find more information about Connection at http://ir.connection.com.

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