

IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

PAUL DENT, On Behalf of
 himself and All Others
 Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RAMTRON INTERNATIONAL
 CORPORATION, ERIC A. BALZER,
 THEODORE J. COBURN, JAMES E.
 DORAN, WILLIAM L. GEORGE,
 WILLIAM G. HOWARD, JR., ERIC
 KUO, CYPRESS SEMICONDUCTOR
 CORPORATION and RAIN
 ACQUISITION CORP.,

Defendants.

Civil Action
 No. 7950-VCP

Chancery Courtroom No. 12A
 New Castle County Courthouse
 500 North King Street
 Wilmington, Delaware
 Monday, November 19, 2012
 9:08 a.m.

BEFORE: HON. DONALD F. PARSONS, JR., Vice Chancellor.

PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION HEARING
AND THE COURT'S RULING

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1 (Court resumed at 1:20 p.m.)

2 THE COURT: Be seated, please. All
3 right. Thank you for your patience.

4 In this case, I address a
5 stockholder's request that this Court issue the
6 extraordinary remedy of a preliminary injunction
7 against a stockholder vote on a merger between the
8 company in which the stockholder owns stock and the
9 company's would-be buyer. The stockholder alleges
10 that the company and its directors have failed to
11 provide sufficient disclosures to allow the company's
12 stockholders to make an informed decision on whether
13 to vote in favor of the merger or, instead, to seek
14 appraisal. This is my ruling on plaintiff's motion
15 for a preliminary injunction.

16 The plaintiff, Paul Dent, is an
17 individual who brings this stockholder class action
18 individually and on behalf of all other public
19 stockholders of Ramtron International Corporation,
20 which I'll refer to as "Ramtron" or the "company."
21 Plaintiff is and at all times was an owner of Ramtron
22 common stock.

23 Defendant Ramtron is a Delaware
24 corporation headquartered in Colorado Springs,

1 Colorado. Ramtron designs, develops, and markets
2 specialized semiconductor memory, microcontrollers,
3 and integrated semiconductor solutions, used in many
4 markets for a range of applications in metering,
5 computing and information systems, automotive,
6 communications, consumer and industrial, scientific,
7 and medical markets.

8 Defendants Eric Balzer, Theodore
9 Coburn, James Doran, Jack Saltich, William George,
10 William Howard, and Eric Kuo, the individual
11 defendants, are all members of Ramtron's board of
12 directors. According to defendants' joint brief in
13 opposition to plaintiff's motion, on October 10, 2012,
14 all of the directors resigned from the board except
15 Coburn, Howard, and George.

16 Defendant Cypress Semiconductor
17 Corporation is a Delaware corporation headquartered in
18 San Jose, California. Cypress is alleged to be a
19 world leader in USB controllers, including the
20 high-performance West Bridge solution that allegedly
21 enhances conductivity and performance in multimedia
22 handsets, PCs, and tablets. It also is a world leader
23 in SRAM memories. Cypress serves numerous markets
24 including consumer, mobile handsets, computation, data

1 communications, automotive, industrial, and military.

2 Defendant Rain Acquisition Corporation
3 is a wholly owned subsidiary of Cypress formed to
4 effectuate the proposed buyout.

5 I refer to Cypress, the individual
6 defendants, and Rain collectively as "defendants."

7 This case arises from the following
8 factual background, which, unless otherwise noted, is
9 disclosed in Ramtron's definitive proxy statement
10 filed on October 29, 2012. Again, I'll refer to that
11 as the "proxy."

12 On March 8, 2011, Cypress made an
13 unsolicited proposal to the board to acquire Ramtron
14 for \$3.01 per share in cash. This price represented a
15 37-percent premium over Ramtron's closing price that
16 day. According to plaintiff, the board immediately
17 rejected this proposal.

18 On March 11, 2011, the board convened
19 a telephonic meeting during which it established a
20 strategic transaction committee to assist the board in
21 considering an acquisition by Cypress or another
22 company. During this meeting, the board also
23 authorized the retention of Shearman & Sterling LLP as
24 Ramtron's special legal counsel and Needham & Company

1 as Ramtron's financial advisor.

2 The board rejected Cypress's offer in
3 a March 22, 2011 letter. According to plaintiff's
4 verified and amended class action complaint, which
5 I'll refer to as the "complaint," and I am referring
6 to the complaint in this Delaware action, Ramtron then
7 sold nearly 20 percent of its stock at a net price of
8 \$1.79 per share.

9 On June 22, 2012, Cypress publicly
10 announced a proposal to acquire all outstanding shares
11 of the company for \$2.48 per share.

12 On June 18, Ramtron filed a
13 Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9
14 recommending that its stockholders not tender their
15 shares to Cypress. On the same day, Ramtron issued a
16 press release rejecting Cypress's offer as inadequate
17 and announced the board's decision to explore
18 strategic alternatives. The proxy states that "in
19 connection with this strategic alternative review
20 process, Ramtron, with the assistance of its financial
21 advisor, contacted 24 companies, entered into seven
22 confidentiality agreements with interested parties
23 (including Cypress) and provided due diligence
24 materials to the interested parties."

1 On June 21, 2012, Cypress publicly
2 announced a revised proposal to acquire all
3 outstanding shares of the company for \$2.68 per share.
4 Ramtron again recommended that the stockholders reject
5 Cypress's offer.

6 Cypress renewed that offer on July 20,
7 August 6 and August 20, 2012.

8 In an August 3, 2012 letter to the
9 board, Cypress stated that it was willing to maintain
10 its offer of \$2.68 despite Ramtron's ongoing weak
11 performance. The letter also expressed Cypress's
12 willingness to proceed without access to Ramtron's
13 confidential information, but stated that, at
14 Ramtron's request, Cypress had marked up a proposed
15 confidentiality agreement.

16 In that regard, Cypress further stated
17 that: "we will not have our hands tied just so that
18 you can provide us with management projections, which
19 we do not need and believe are inherently unreliable
20 given both the nature of the industry and Ramtron's
21 record of missing three of the last four years of its
22 own earnings guidance. "And that quote appears in the
23 proxy that has been circulated in connection with the
24 meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

1 The August 3 letter also stated that
2 Cypress "share[d] the growing frustration of many of
3 [Ramtron's] other stockholders," regarding several
4 unanswered questions, including "Why hasn't the board
5 given Ramtron's stockholders the opportunity to assess
6 the reasonableness of the company's projections for
7 themselves?" and "Did the board and its advisors rely
8 upon projections last year when [Cypress's] prior
9 acquisition proposal was rejected and, if so, how do
10 they compare to Ramtron's actual results?"

11 Despite its expressed frustrations,
12 Cypress raised its offer to \$2.88 per share on
13 August 27, 2012. As with Cypress's prior offers, this
14 offer was not conditioned on financing, due diligence,
15 or access to Ramtron's confidential information or
16 financial projections.

17 On August 28, Ramtron filed a second
18 amendment to its July 5, 2012 Recommendation Statement
19 again recommending that its stockholders not tender
20 their shares.

21 On September 8, the board rejected the
22 offer of \$2.88 per share.

23 According to the proxy, the board and
24 Cypress began to negotiate on or after September 8,

1 2012.

2 On September 13, the board instructed
3 Needham to present Cypress's financial advisor,
4 Greenhill & Co., LLC, with a counter-proposal of \$3.50
5 per share. Cypress rejected this proposal, however,
6 and the board made another counter-proposal at \$3.25
7 per share. Although Cypress again rejected that
8 counter-proposal, it upped its offer to \$3.01 per
9 share. After further negotiations, Cypress finally
10 agreed to an offer price of \$3.10 per share
11 conditioned on a termination fee of \$5 million.

12 On September 18, 2012, the Ramtron
13 board convened a meeting with Needham and Shearman &
14 Sterling. At this meeting, Needham -- and this is a
15 lengthy quote -- "discussed with [Ramtron's] [board]
16 their financial analyses of the proposed offer price
17 of \$3.10 per share of common stock and indicated to
18 [Ramtron's] [board] that, based on the current draft
19 of the merger agreement, [Needham] was in a position
20 to deliver an opinion as to the fairness, from a
21 financial point of view, of the \$3.10 per share of
22 common stock consideration to be paid to holders of
23 shares (other than Cypress, Purchaser and their
24 respective affiliates) pursuant to the merger

1 agreement."

2 That same day, Needham delivered its
3 written fairness opinion to the board. In it, Needham
4 opined that "the offer and merger and the merger
5 pursuant to the merger agreement was fair, from a
6 financial point of view, to [Ramtron stockholders]."
7 The board voted unanimously to recommend that Ramtron
8 stockholders accept the \$3.10 per share offer and
9 tender their shares.

10 The next day, September 19, Cypress
11 and Ramtron publicly announced that they had entered
12 into a merger agreement.

13 Under the merger agreement, Cypress
14 would acquire Ramtron through a two-step process.
15 First, Cypress would make a tender offer for all
16 outstanding shares of Ramtron's common stock at \$3.10
17 per share. Second, Cypress, through its wholly owned
18 subsidiary Rain, would merge with Ramtron. The
19 remaining stockholders of Ramtron would receive \$3.10
20 per share in cash.

21 Cypress's initial tender offer expired
22 on October 9. After acquiring only approximately
23 72 percent of Ramtron's outstanding stock, Cypress
24 commenced a subsequent offering that expired on

1 October 17.

2 Cypress currently holds approximately
3 78 percent of Ramtron's outstanding shares. This is
4 enough to make the merger a foregone conclusion but
5 not enough to exercise the merger agreement's top-up
6 option, which requires that Cypress have secured more
7 than 86 percent of Ramtron's outstanding shares.

8 Unable to exercise the top-up option
9 in the tender offer, Cypress has decided to pursue a
10 long-form merger under 8 Del. C., Section 251. The
11 stockholder vote on the merger is scheduled to take
12 place tomorrow, November 20, 2012, at 8:00 a.m.
13 Pacific time.

14 Turning to the procedural history of
15 this dispute, plaintiff first challenged Ramtron's
16 dealings with Cypress in a Colorado state court.
17 Plaintiff filed its first complaint there on June 19,
18 2012. In that complaint, plaintiff claimed that the
19 individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties
20 by refusing to engage in negotiations with Cypress.

21 After Cypress and Ramtron's public
22 announcement of the proposed buyout on September 19,
23 and Ramtron's filing of its Recommendation Statement
24 on September 25, plaintiff amended his complaint in

1 Colorado on September 28 to challenge the proposed
2 buyout. Plaintiff also moved for a temporary
3 restraining order on October 4.

4 On October 5, 2012, the Colorado court
5 denied plaintiff's motion in a one-paragraph ruling
6 which stated, among other things, that plaintiff "has
7 waited over three months' time to make this request to
8 the Court when plaintiff has had knowledge of the
9 circumstances regarding the tender offer and merger
10 agreement well in advance of today's date."

11 Plaintiff Dent filed this class action
12 complaint in Delaware on October 15, 2012, ten days
13 after losing the preliminary injunction application in
14 Colorado. On October 22, plaintiff filed an amended
15 complaint. Plaintiff moved to expedite these
16 proceedings on October 23, and sought a preliminary
17 injunction on November 5.

18 On the afternoon of November 5, I
19 heard oral argument on, and granted, plaintiff's
20 motion for expedited proceedings. Since then, the
21 parties have engaged in discovery. Ramtron and
22 Needham have produced documents to plaintiff including
23 board minutes, bankers' books, projections, and
24 financial analyses. Plaintiff has taken depositions

1 of Gery Richards, Ramtron's chief financial officer
2 and of John Prior, Needham's president and chief
3 executive officer. Defendants have taken plaintiff's
4 deposition.

5 This morning, November 19, 2012, I
6 heard oral argument on plaintiff's motion for a
7 preliminary injunction, and on the basis of all of
8 these materials, make the ruling that follows:

9 The complaint states two causes of
10 action. The first claim is for breach of fiduciary
11 duties against the individual defendants and the
12 second claim is for aiding and abetting a breach of
13 fiduciary duties against defendants Cypress and Rain.
14 Defendant Ramtron is named as a necessary party.

15 The complaint contains several
16 allegations, such as that the board utterly failed to
17 negotiate with Cypress and to shop the company in an
18 adequate sales process, and that the terms of the
19 merger agreement contained preclusive deal protection
20 devices.

21 Plaintiff's main claim, however, is
22 that defendants breached the fiduciary duty of candor
23 by failing to disclose Ramtron's management's
24 financial projections that covered the second half of

1 2012 and the years 2013 through 2016.

2 Ramtron provided these financial
3 projections to Needham and the projections formed the
4 basis for Needham's discounted cash flow or DCF
5 analysis which yielded an implied per share value of
6 Ramtron's common stock equity in a range of \$3.57 to
7 \$5.01. Defendants, however, have not shared these
8 projections with stockholders.

9 Plaintiff asks this Court to enjoin
10 the stockholder vote on the merger between Ramtron and
11 Cypress until defendants have disclosed all material
12 information concerning the proposed merger, including,
13 specifically, management's financial projections.

14 Defendants counter that management's
15 projections are neither accurate nor reliable.
16 Defendants claim that they are not required to
17 disclose these projections because the projections are
18 not material and disclosure of the projections would
19 create a greater risk of confusing Ramtron's
20 stockholders than informing them on whether to accept
21 the \$3.10 offer price or to seek appraisal.

22 To support their contention that these
23 projections are not material, defendants make several
24 points. First, they emphasize that Cypress did not

1 have access to Ramtron's financial projections when it
2 decided to enter the merger agreement. Indeed, as
3 disclosed in the proxy, Cypress noted at least once in
4 an August 3 letter that it found management's
5 projections to be "inherently unreliable."

6 Second, defendants argue that
7 approximately 75 percent of Ramtron's stockholders did
8 not find the lack of projections in the proxy to be
9 significant because they tendered their shares to
10 Cypress without those projections.

11 Third, defendants note that they
12 disclosed Needham's financial analyses, the summary of
13 which fills six single-spaced pages in the proxy and
14 conspicuously provides that the DCF analysis yielded
15 an equity value between \$3.57 and \$5.01 per share as
16 compared to the merger consideration of \$3.10 per
17 share.

18 Fourth, defendants assert that
19 plaintiff does not need the projections to decide
20 whether to tender his shares because he admits that he
21 has already determined that the \$3.10 offer price is
22 too low.

23 Defendants also emphasize that
24 approval of the merger is not in doubt because after

1 the two tender offers, Cypress owns 78 percent of
2 Ramtron's outstanding stock. They further stress that
3 no other bidder ever materialized, even though the
4 board engaged in a lengthy exploration of strategic
5 alternatives and contacted 24 companies.

6 Defendants further contend that, in
7 any case, plaintiff lacks standing to bring this class
8 action. Plaintiff, defendants assert, already has
9 decided to vote against the proposed merger and to
10 pursue an appraisal. Because the additional
11 disclosures plaintiff seeks will have no impact on his
12 decision, defendants apparently contend that plaintiff
13 will suffer no injury from the alleged disclosure
14 violation.

15 Turning to my analysis, this Court has
16 broad discretion in granting or denying a preliminary
17 injunction. The moving party must demonstrate each of
18 the following three elements: First, a reasonable
19 probability of success on the merits at a final
20 hearing; second, an imminent threat of irreparable
21 harm; and third, a balance of the equities that tips
22 in favor of the issuance of the requested relief.

23 The moving party bears a considerable
24 burden in establishing each of these necessary

1 elements. Plaintiffs may not merely show that a
2 dispute exists and that the plaintiffs might be
3 injured; rather, plaintiffs must establish clearly
4 each element because injunctive relief will never be
5 granted unless earned. However, there is no steadfast
6 formula for the relative weight each deserves.
7 Accordingly, a strong demonstration as to one element
8 may serve to overcome a marginal demonstration of
9 another.

10 Moreover, preliminary injunctive
11 relief should not be granted if the injury may be
12 adequately compensated for after a full trial on the
13 merits, either by an award of damages or by some other
14 form of equitable relief. The injury must be of such
15 a nature that no fair and reasonable redress may be
16 had in a court of law and that to refuse the
17 injunction would be a denial of justice.

18 Preliminarily, I briefly address
19 defendants' arguments that plaintiff lacks standing to
20 bring this claim. Defendants argue based on the
21 discovery taken that plaintiff lacks standing because
22 he stated that he believes the \$3.10 per share price
23 is too low, even without access to management's
24 projections, and that he already has decided not to

1 seek appraisal. Defendants refer the Court to the
2 following language from Dent's deposition. And here,
3 I'm quoting:

4 "Question: Is it fair to say that
5 given that you believe that the \$3.10 price is unfair
6 that you intend to seek appraisal of your shares?

7 "Answer: I don't.

8 "Question: You don't intend to seek
9 appraisal?

10 "Answer: I don't intend to seek
11 appraisal, no, not at this point. I leave it to my
12 legal counsel to decide if that makes sense.

13 "Question: So the only way you're
14 going to decide whether to seek appraisal or not is
15 through discussions ... with your legal counsel?

16 "Answer: That is correct.

17 "Question: And are you aware that
18 there's a shareholder vote that's currently set for
19 the merger for November 20?

20 "Answer: Yes.

21 "Question: Do you intend to vote for
22 or against the merger?

23 "Answer: Against."

24 Dent's testimony regarding his intent

1 to seek appraisal is inconclusive in my view. Dent
2 specifically states that he "leave[s] it to his legal
3 counsel" to decide if not seeking appraisal makes
4 sense.

5 At this preliminary stage, I am not
6 persuaded that Dent will suffer no harm or that he is
7 an inadequate class representative under the
8 applicable case law. Accordingly, I do not base my
9 ruling on a finding that Dent lacks standing.

10 Turning to the requirements for
11 preliminary injunction, the first is a reasonable
12 probability of success on the merits. Plaintiff's
13 main contention is that the board reached its duty of
14 complete candor by failing to include in the proxy
15 Ramtron's management-prepared projections upon which
16 the financial advisors relied. Accordingly, the first
17 element that plaintiff must prove is that he has a
18 reasonable probability of success in demonstrating
19 that the failure to disclose these projections
20 constitutes a breach of the board's duty of
21 disclosure.

22 The duty of disclosure is a specific
23 application of a corporate directors' fiduciary duties
24 of care and loyalty. This duty requires directors to

1 disclose fully and fairly all material information
2 within the board's control when it seeks shareholder
3 action. In duty of disclosure cases, the issue is
4 whether shareholders have been provided with
5 appropriate information upon which an informed choice
6 on a matter of fundamental corporate importance may be
7 made.

8 Because the considerations to which
9 the business judgment rule originally responded are
10 not present in the shareholder voting context, this
11 Court does not defer to directors' judgment about what
12 information is material, or at least ordinarily it
13 does not, but determines materiality for itself from
14 the record at the particular stage of a case when the
15 issue arises.

16 An omitted fact is material if there
17 is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable
18 shareholder would consider it important in deciding
19 how to vote. Moreover, an omitted fact that otherwise
20 might not be material may become material where the
21 omission renders the partially disclosed information
22 materially misleading.

23 Once defendants travel down the road
24 of partial disclosure, they have an obligation to

1 provide stockholders with an accurate, full, and fair
2 characterization of whatever they disclose. As
3 defendants point out, Delaware law does not require
4 the disclosure of inherently unreliable or speculative
5 information which would tend to confuse stockholders
6 or inundate them with an overload of information.

7 The omitted disclosure at issue in
8 this case is Ramtron management's financial
9 projections. "There is no per se duty to disclose
10 financial projections furnished to and relied upon by
11 an investment banker. To be a subject of mandated
12 disclosure, the projections must be material in the
13 context of the specific case." That statement of the
14 law comes from McMillan v. Intercargo Corp. from the
15 Delaware Court of Chancery in May of 1999.

16 In this case, the evidence
17 demonstrates that the projections are not material.
18 Here, as in the Delaware Supreme Court case Skeen v.
19 Jo-Ann Stores, Inc., there are no facts suggesting
20 that the undisclosed information is inconsistent with,
21 or otherwise significantly differs from, the disclosed
22 information.

23 For example, the proxy discloses that
24 in addition to a DCF analysis, the financial advisor,

1 Needham, performed a selected company analysis, a
2 selected transaction analysis, and a stock price
3 premium analysis. These three analyses indicate that
4 a merger at \$3.10 is within a reasonable range, if not
5 on the high side of a reasonable range of merger
6 prices. The DCF, by contrast, values the company at
7 between \$3.57 and \$5.01 per share. The proxy
8 expressly states that the DCF analysis was "based on
9 Ramtron's management's forecasts."

10 A reasonable inference from these
11 disclosed data points is that management's projections
12 are relatively optimistic, but were considered by the
13 individual defendants, that is, the board, and
14 Needham.

15 Furthermore, the board continuously
16 rejected Cypress's offers and attempted to obtain a
17 price of \$3.50 per share, which is roughly at the low
18 end of the price range supported by the Ramtron DCF
19 that was performed by Needham. The proxy further
20 discloses that the only bidder, Cypress, rejected that
21 offer as well as a later Ramtron proposal of \$3.25 per
22 share.

23 The two cases cited and primarily
24 relied upon by plaintiff for a contrary conclusion and

1 to demonstrate that management projections are
2 material are Maric Capital Master Fund, Ltd. v. PLATO
3 Learning, Inc. and In Re Netsmart-Technologies Inc.
4 Shareholders Litigation.

5 These cases in my view, however, do
6 not compel a different result in the circumstances of
7 this case. I have looked at each of those cases
8 carefully and believe that there are factual
9 distinctions between those cases and the situation
10 before me, and that when this case and the proxy
11 disclosures are viewed in context of all the
12 circumstances, that there has not been a showing here
13 that the management projections are material and that
14 it is necessary that they be disclosed in some form of
15 supplemental proxy in this case.

16 Accordingly, plaintiff has not shown
17 that the class is reasonably likely to succeed in
18 proving the merits of its disclosure claim. The
19 stockholders have received sufficient information from
20 which they can deduce that management's forecasts
21 support a price higher than \$3.10 per share. The
22 record nevertheless demonstrates that, notwithstanding
23 management's relatively bullish forecasts, the other
24 metrics that were studied by the investment advisor

1 make the \$3.10 per share price supportable.

2 For example, Needham performed three
3 other financial analyses that place \$3.10 in a
4 reasonable range; no other company expressed interest
5 in buying Ramtron at any price; and others in the
6 industry, including Cypress, Ramtron management, and
7 one of the few analysts covering Ramtron, recently
8 have expressed -- recently, when I say that, I mean
9 back in the time period that's relevant to the proxy
10 statement -- have expressed skepticism about the
11 accuracy of forecasts in this industry, the industry
12 that's before me, generally, semiconductors, and by
13 Ramtron's management in particular.

14 Defendants further contend that
15 Ramtron management's projections are immaterial
16 because they are unreliable. To support this
17 contention, they note that Cypress considered the
18 projections to be "inherently unreliable" and did not
19 care to use them to support its continued offers to
20 buy Ramtron.

21 In addition, defendant's expert,
22 Professor John Coates from Harvard, explains in his
23 expert report that between October 2011 and June 2012,
24 Ramtron repeatedly failed to achieve its public

1 guidance and also its internal projections.

2 On July 24, 2012, Ramtron publicly
3 announced that because of "limited near-term
4 visibility," the company no longer would provide
5 annual guidance but would give guidance only for the
6 next reported quarter. And by the end of the second
7 quarter of 2012, there was not a single firm providing
8 guidance for or forecasting the company's future
9 results.

10 There is evidence, however, that
11 management's projections were not necessarily
12 unreliable. In preparing its fairness opinion,
13 Needham accepted the projections and used them in its
14 analyses of the company. Additionally, during
15 negotiations with Cypress, management attempted to
16 obtain a price of \$3.50 per share, presumably based in
17 part on management's projections. The board's
18 negotiations with Cypress indicate, again, consistent
19 with management's projections and the DCF performed by
20 Needham, that the board believed a higher price than
21 \$3.10 was justified.

22 In this case, however, the materiality
23 of management's projections does not turn on whether
24 those projections were reliable or unreliable.

1 Rather, the question is whether there is a -- and this
2 is taken from the Supreme Court's decision in Skeen v.
3 Jo-Ann Stores, Inc. -- the question is whether there
4 is "a substantial likelihood that the undisclosed
5 information would significantly alter the total mix of
6 information already provided."

7 I find that plaintiff has not
8 demonstrated a reasonable likelihood of success in
9 proving that that is the case here. Stated another
10 way, it is unlikely that a reasonable stockholder
11 would find the projections to be important as opposed
12 to merely helpful in deciding how to vote on the
13 merger or whether to seek appraisal.

14 Turning very briefly to irreparable
15 harm, under Delaware law, the threat of an uninformed
16 stockholder vote constitutes irreparable harm. It is
17 appropriate for the Court to address material
18 disclosure problems through the issuance of a
19 preliminary injunction that persists until the
20 problems are corrected. An example of that is the ODS
21 Technologies v. Marshall case.

22 According to plaintiff, the
23 stockholder vote scheduled to take place tomorrow will
24 be uninformed because stockholders do not have all

1 material information necessary to make an informed
2 decision. This harm can be remedied, plaintiff
3 argues, by a preliminary injunction that briefly
4 defers the stockholder vote until an appropriate
5 supplemental disclosure can be made.

6 Defendants counter that plaintiff
7 cannot demonstrate irreparable harm for three reasons:
8 First, plaintiff has failed to establish a disclosure
9 violation; second, plaintiff's alleged harm is
10 speculative; and third, any harm may be addressed
11 through the quasi-appraisal remedy.

12 As discussed above, I find that
13 plaintiff has not demonstrated that he is likely to
14 succeed in proving that defendants failed to disclose
15 material information. The disclosure of management's
16 financial projections may be helpful to plaintiff, but
17 that alone is not sufficient.

18 Based on the entirety of the proxy, it
19 appears that defendants have provided stockholders
20 with the information they need to make an informed
21 vote. Therefore, I conclude that plaintiff will not
22 suffer irreparable harm if injunctive relief is denied
23 in the sense that plaintiff supposedly would be
24 required to make an uninformed stockholder vote.

1 Turning now to the balance of the
2 equities, plaintiff has not demonstrated a likelihood
3 of success on the merits of his disclosure claim, as I
4 noted. Even if he had, however, the showing would be
5 marginal at best. In these circumstances, plaintiff
6 would not suffer irreparable harm even if this Court's
7 evaluation of the disclosure claims is mistaken and he
8 tenders his shares based on inadequate disclosures.
9 That is because if plaintiff ultimately succeeds in
10 demonstrating that the disclosures were materially
11 deficient, plaintiff can pursue a quasi-appraisal
12 remedy.

13 This Court has expressed a preference
14 for addressing disclosure deficiencies in advance of a
15 stockholder vote, and it is on that basis that I
16 granted the motion to expedite in this instance and
17 heard this preliminary injunction hearing today on
18 very short notice to all involved.

19 For example, Chancellor Allen stated
20 in *Steiner v. Sizzler Restaurants, Inc.*, that "Where
21 complete, corrected disclosure can be made before
22 corporate action is taken, the cost and inherent risk
23 of error that unavoidably accompanies ...
24 'quasi-appraisal' calculation is avoided. Thus

1 corrective disclosure ... is a favored remedy."

2 In Steiner, however, the Court noted
3 that where, as in this case, plaintiff's disclosure
4 claims were not strong, a preliminary injunction was
5 not warranted based on the existence of an
6 alternative, if in some respects less attractive,
7 remedy.

8 In this case, where plaintiff's claims
9 are weak or nonexistent on the merits, the
10 availability of an alternative remedy means that the
11 potential harm to plaintiff, if an injunction ends up
12 being denied improvidently, would be relatively small,
13 in my view.

14 Conversely, if this Court enjoined the
15 stockholder vote, defendants as well as Ramtron and
16 Cypress's respective customers, employees, and
17 stockholders would face several potential harms. No
18 other interested buyer for Ramtron has emerged.
19 Cypress's offer represents a 71.3-percent premium over
20 Ramtron's closing price on June 11, 2012. That was
21 the last trading day before the first public
22 announcement of Cypress's offer to acquire Ramtron.
23 Although defendants do not argue that the deal is at
24 risk if the stockholder vote is delayed, they do

1 contend that they will suffer harm from the
2 uncertainty surrounding an announced but unconsummated
3 merger.

4 At this time, Cypress has de jure but
5 not de facto control over the company. Under the
6 merger agreement, for example, Cypress is unable to
7 cause Ramtron to make any changes outside of Ramtron's
8 ordinary course of business. Furthermore, Ramtron's
9 chief executive officer, Gery Richards, stated in his
10 deposition that he was concerned that Cypress would
11 walk away from the deal and that, if it had, then
12 maybe Ramtron would not have been able to continue as
13 a going concern.

14 Enjoining the stockholder vote,
15 therefore, would delay Cypress's ability to exercise
16 control over Ramtron's business and operations at a
17 time when the company is performing below expectations
18 and may face some level of distress.

19 Based on these facts, the balance of
20 the equities weighs slightly in favor of this Court
21 staying its hand and allowing the shareholders to be
22 heard on the merits of this transaction, especially
23 given the tempering power of the appraisal remedy, as
24 was noted in the Louisiana Municipal Police Employees

1 Retirement System v. Crawford case from Chancery in
2 2007.

3 So for all of those reasons, I deny
4 the plaintiff's motion for a preliminary injunction,
5 and so order.

6 Thank you very much.

7 (Court adjourned at 2:00 p.m.)
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CERTIFICATE

I, JEANNE CAHILL, Official Court Reporter for the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages numbered 3 through 79 contain a true and correct transcription of the proceedings as stenographically reported by me at the hearing in the above cause before the Vice Chancellor of the State of Delaware, on the date therein indicated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of November, 2012.

/s/ Jeanne Cahill

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