

A Major Milestone Passes, Moving the comScore-Rentrak Merger Forward to Next Step

Hart-Scott-Rodino Waiting Period Expires for comScore and Rentrak Merger

RESTON, Va., and PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- comScore, Inc. (NASDAQ: SCOR) and Rentrak Corporation (NASDAQ: RENT) today announced that the waiting period for the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvement Act of 1976, as amended (the "HSR Act"), has expired in connection with their merger proposal.



Expiration of the HSR Act waiting period satisfies one of the conditions required to finalize the transaction. The closing of the transaction remains subject to other customary closing conditions including the effectiveness of comScore's registration statement on Form S-4, which was initially filed with the SEC on October 30, 2015, as well as approval by comScore stockholders and Rentrak shareholders. As previously announced, the merger agreement was approved by the boards of directors of both companies, and comScore and Rentrak expect the deal to close in January 2016.

On September 29, 2015, comScore and Rentrak entered into a definitive agreement to merge in an all-stock, tax-free transaction. Under the terms of the agreement, Rentrak shareholders will receive 1.15 comScore shares for each Rentrak share they own. Upon completion of the merger, comScore stockholders are expected to own approximately 66.5% and Rentrak shareholders are expected to own approximately 33.5% of the combined company on a fully diluted basis.

About comScore

Founded in 1999 and headquartered in Reston, Virginia, comScore, Inc. (NASDAQ: SCOR) is a global media measurement and analytics company that makes audiences and advertising more valuable across all the screens that matter. comScore helps media buyers and sellers understand and make decisions based on how consumers use different media, such as TV, video, mobile, desktop and more. Through its products and partnerships, comScore helps its more than 2,500 clients understand their audiences, know if their advertising is working, and access data where they want and need it. For more information about comScore, please visit www.comScore.com.

About Rentrak

Rentrak (NASDAQ: RENT) is the entertainment and marketing industries' premier provider of worldwide consumer viewership information, precisely measuring actual viewing behavior of movies and TV everywhere. Using our proprietary intelligence and technology, combined with advanced demographics, only Rentrak is the census currency for VOD and movies. Rentrak provides the stable and robust audience measurement services that movie, television and advertising professionals across the globe have come to rely on to better deliver their business goals and more precisely target advertising across numerous platforms including box office, multiscreen television and home video. For more information about Rentrak, please visit www.Rentrak.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This communication contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including with respect to the anticipated timing and completion of the proposed merger between comScore and Rentrak. These statements are based on management's current expectations and beliefs, and are subject to a number of factors and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include statements about timing and effects of the pending transaction. Forward-looking statements may contain words such as "will be," "will," "expected," "anticipate," "continue," or similar expressions, and include the assumptions that underlie such statements. The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements: failure of the comScore stockholders or Rentrak shareholders to approve the proposed merger; the challenges and costs of closing; the ability to retain key employees, customers and suppliers; and other factors, including those set forth in the most current Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K reports filed by comScore and Rentrak with the SEC. All forward-looking statements are based on management's estimates, projections and assumptions as of the date hereof, and comScore and Rentrak are under no obligation (and expressly disclaim any such obligation) to update or revise their forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval with respect to the proposed merger or otherwise. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed merger, comScore has filed a preliminary registration statement on Form S-4, which includes a preliminary prospectus and related materials to register the shares of comScore common stock to be issued in the merger, a preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus of comScore and Rentrak, and other documents concerning the proposed merger, with the SEC. This material is not a substitute for the final registration statement and joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed merger. The preliminary registration statement and joint proxy statement/prospectus contain, and the final registration statement and joint proxy statement/prospectus will contain, important information about the proposed merger and related matters. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED, OR TO BE FILED, WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COMSCORE, RENTRAK, AND THE PROPOSED MERGER. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the preliminary registration statement and the preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus and any other documents filed by comScore and Rentrak with the SEC at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. They may also be obtained for free by contacting comScore Investor Relations by mail at comScore, Inc., 11950 Democracy Drive, Suite 600, Reston, Virginia 20190, Attention: Investor Relations, by telephone at (703) 438-2100, or by going to comScore's Investor Relations page at http://ir.comscore.com/contactus.cfm, or by contacting Rentrak Investor Relations by mail at Rentrak Corporation, 7700 N.E. Ambassador Place, Portland, Oregon 97220, Attention: Investor Relations, by telephone at (503) 284-7581, or by going to Rentrak's Investor Relations page at http://investor.rentrak.com. The contents of the websites referenced above are not deemed to be incorporated by reference into the registration statement or the joint proxy statement/prospectus.

Participants in the Solicitation

Each of Rentrak and comScore and their respective executive officers and directors may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from their respective shareholders or stockholders with respect to the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be deemed participants in the solicitation of comScore or Rentrak security holders in connection with the proposed merger is set forth in the preliminary registration statement and the preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus that has been filed with the SEC, and will also be set forth in the final registration statement and joint proxy statement/prospectus when filed with the SEC. Information regarding Rentrak's executive officers and directors is included in Rentrak's Proxy Statement for its 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, filed with the SEC on July 9, 2015, and information regarding comScore's executive officers and directors is included in comScore's Proxy Statement for its 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, filed with the SEC on June 8, 2015. Copies of the foregoing documents may be obtained as provided above. Certain executive officers and directors of comScore and Rentrak have interests in the transaction that may differ from the interests of comScore stockholders and Rentrak shareholders generally. These interests are described in the preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus.



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