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# CS&L Vision and Strategy

- **Building Unique REIT Investment Platform Across Communication Infrastructure Assets**
- **Taking Advantage of Favorable Industry Dynamics Driving Capital Investments**
- **Exponential Network Traffic Growth Accelerating Architecture & Technology Changes**
- **Communication Infrastructure Converging Around Fiber-Centric Data Transport Ecosystem**
- **Fiber is Becoming the Focal Point in the New Ecosystem**
- **Uniti Fiber Accelerates CS&L's Growth and Diversification Strategy**

**Leading Strategic Capital Partner to the Communications Industry**

# CS&L Facts – Pro Forma

## Spinoff Formation

April 2015

NASDAQ: "CSAL"

## Contractual Net Lease Revenues <sup>(1)</sup>

> \$9B

Revenues Under Contract

## Uniti Fiber

> \$500M

Revenues Under Contract

## S&P 400 Mid-Cap Company

≈ \$9B

Enterprise Value

## Annual Revenue

> \$800M

## Net Leverage <sup>(2)</sup>

5.6x

## Net Secured Leverage <sup>(2)</sup>

4.1x

## Near Term Debt Maturities

0%

## Fiber Strand Miles <sup>(3)</sup>

4.2M

## Leasing Segment EBITDA Margin

97%

## YTD Investments

≈ \$650M

## Annual Maintenance Capex

≈ \$6M

**First Diversified Communication Infrastructure REIT**

Note: All information is as of June 30, 2016 and is pro forma for the acquisition of Tower Cloud.

(1) Lease payments under the Master Lease with Windstream to be received over the remaining initial term of 15 years.

(2) Net Debt or Net Secured Debt, as applicable, to Annualized Adjusted EBITDA (based on last quarter annualized) pro forma for the acquisition of PEG and Tower Cloud (Annualized Adjusted EBITDA includes approximately \$2 million of synergies expected to be realized within 12 months of the acquisition close date). Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect costs that will be incurred to achieve synergies.

(3) Fiber strand miles include 184,000 awarded for deployment.

# CS&L Business Strategy

Fiber

Towers

Ground Leases

Data Centers

Consumer  
Broadband















CS&L Fiber Wireless Backhaul

Fiber  
Access  
Point

- Customer relationships across multiple asset classes
- Value appreciates over time
- Difficult to replicate
- Customers willing to lease on a long term basis
- Attractive economics
- REITable

Carriers Continue To Divest Critical Communication Real Estate

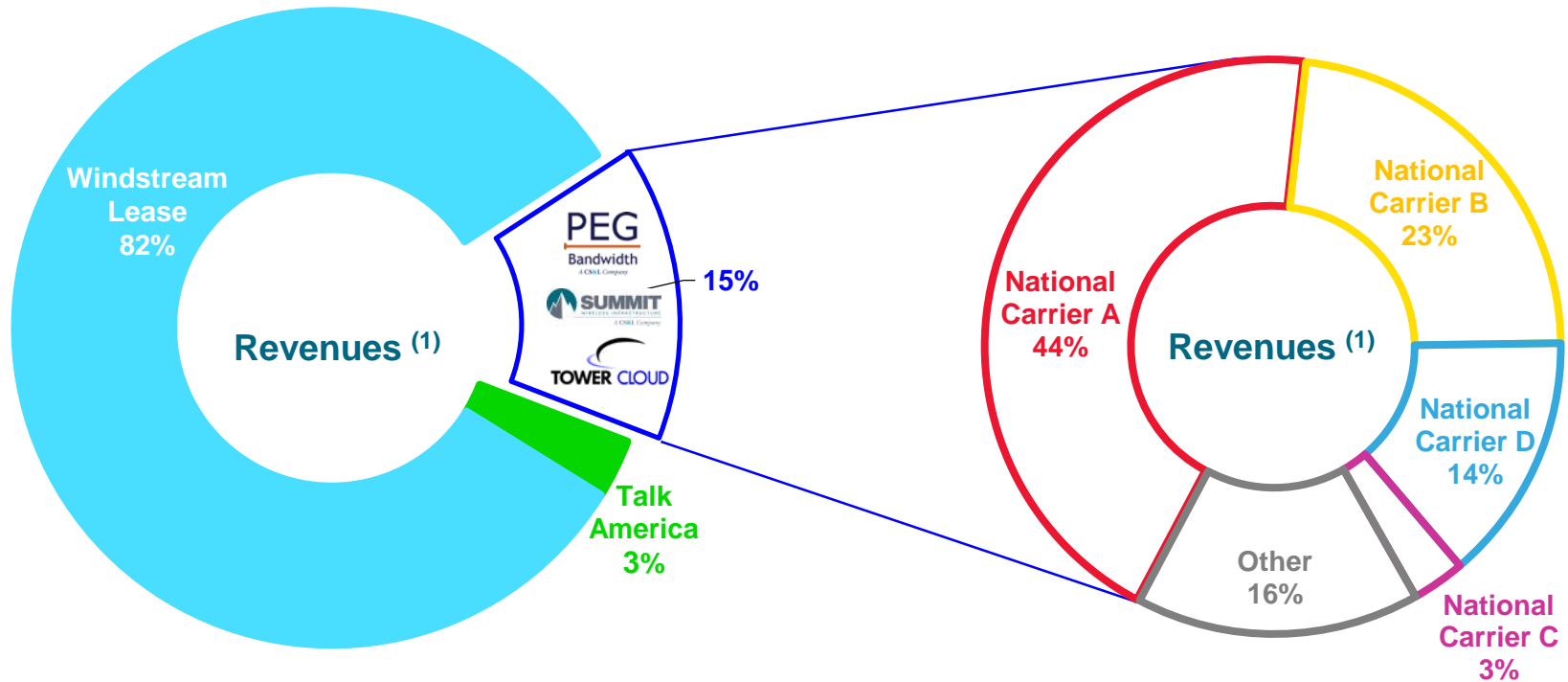
# CS&L Is Building a Unique REIT Investment Platform

	Ground Leases	Macro Towers	Small Cells	Dark Fiber	Lit Fiber	Consumer Broadband
Key Customers	 	 	 	 	 	 
REITable?	✓	✓	✓	✓	(A)	✓
Initial Yields	6% – 8%	5% – 10%+	5% – 7%	5% – 7%	10% – 20%	8% - 12%
Multi Tenant Leased Up “Shared Economics”		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Initial Term (Years)	50 – 99	5 – 10	10 – 20	10 – 20	5 – 10	15 – 20
Escalators	1% – 4%	1% – 3%	0% – 3%	0% – 3%	N/A	1% – 3%
Characteristics	Infrastructure				Infrastructure	
					Services Component	

**Attractive Return Profiles Across all Asset Classes**

(A) Lit fiber is generally not “REITable”; however, TRS structure and tax attributes for PEG and Tower Cloud expected to provide substantial tax benefits. Future conversions of lit fiber to dark fiber may result in assets becoming REIT eligible.

# CS&L Pro Forma Revenue Diversification

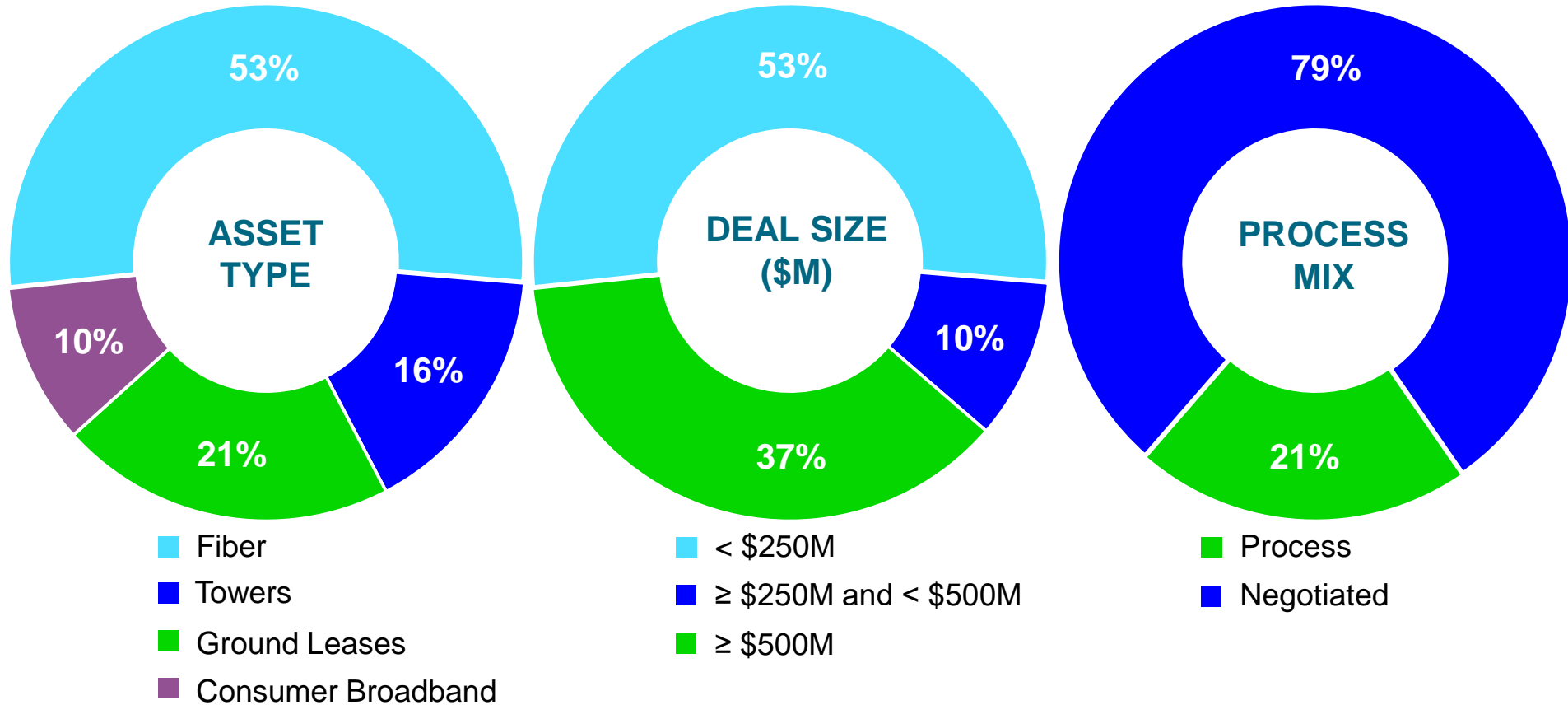


**Achieving Diversification with High Quality Tenants**

Note: Data based on 1Q16 results.

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# CS&L M&A Pipeline (1)

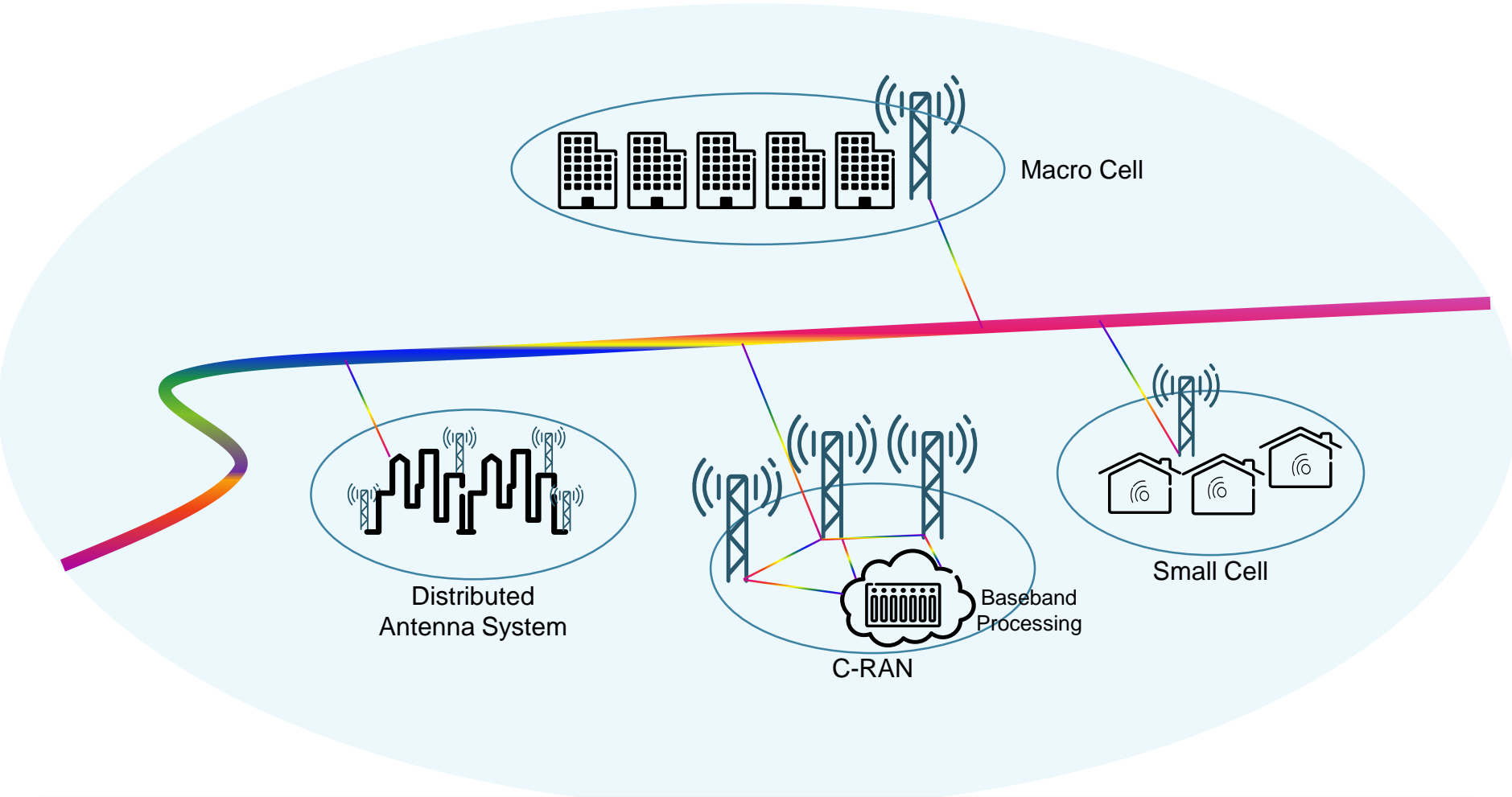


**Pipeline Well Diversified and Privately Sourced**

(1) This is a summary of the transactions we are actively pursuing as of August 5, 2016. We have not signed a purchase agreement and are not otherwise committed to consummating any of these transactions and there can be no assurances that any of these transactions will be completed.

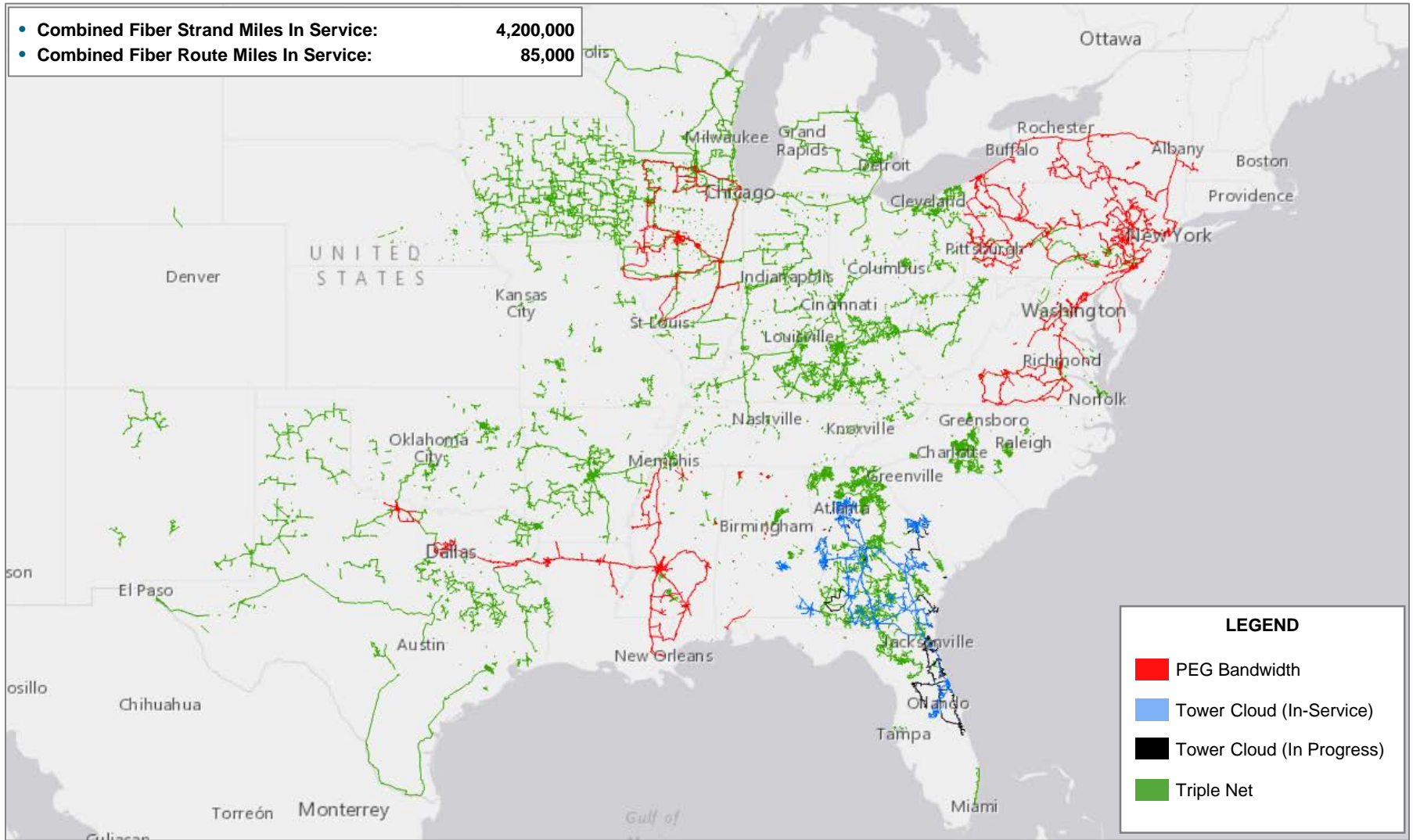


# Fiber is Critical to All Network Infrastructure

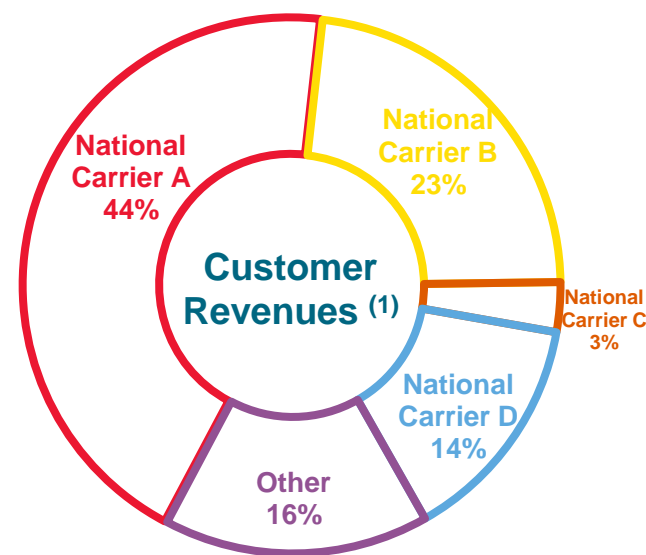
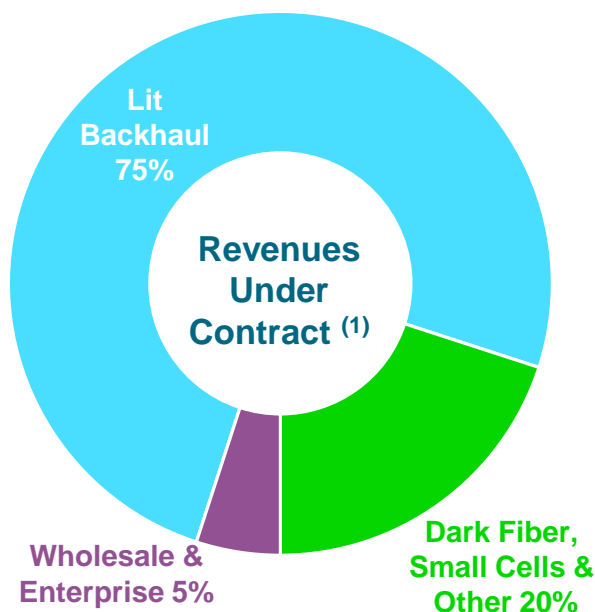
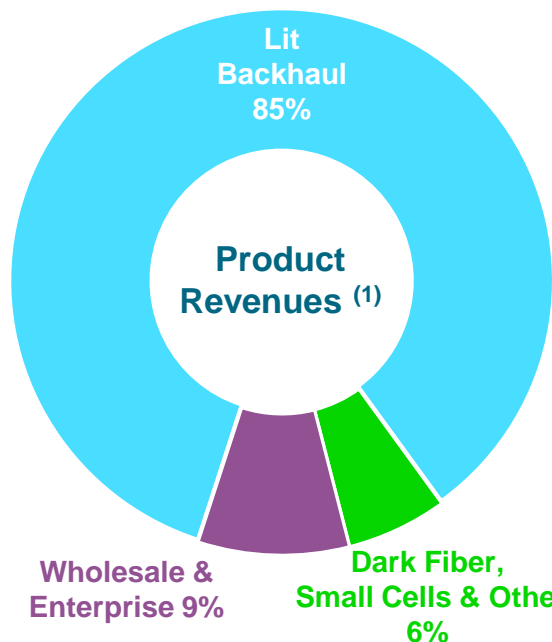


**Fiber is the Unifying CORE Infrastructure Underpinning Carrier Networks**

# CS&L Combined Network Footprint



# Pro Forma Uniti Fiber At A Glance



## Financial Data (1)

\$ in Millions	1Q16 LQA
LQA Revenue	\$121
LQA Adjusted EBITDA (2)	\$50
Maintenance Capex to Revenues	< 5%
Monthly Revenue (3) – MRR and MAR	\$10

## Operating Metrics (1)

Lit Backhaul Connections (4)	5,100
Revenue Under Contract (5)	> \$530M
Average Remaining Contract Term (6)	~57 months
Employees	~250

## High Growth Fiber Infrastructure Provider

- (1) Data reflects combined PEG and Tower Cloud results. First quarter results for PEG and Tower Cloud are unaudited. Actual results could differ materially. Investors should not place undue reliance on such numbers. Operating metrics have been provided by PEG and Tower Cloud without verification and investors should not place undue reliance on those operating metrics. Amounts do not include any anticipated synergies or related costs.
- (2) Adjusted EBITDA defined as EBITDA less stock-based compensation expense and the impact, which may be recurring in nature, of acquisition and transaction related expenses, the write off of unamortized deferred financing costs, costs incurred as a result of the early repayment of debt, changes in the fair value of contingent consideration and financial instruments, and other similar items.
- (3) Monthly Recurring Revenue (MRR) and Monthly Amortized Revenue (MAR) at closing of Tower Cloud transaction.
- (4) Includes 770 microwave connections.
- (5) Revenue under contract at closing of Tower Cloud transaction. Contracts are subject to termination under certain conditions and/or may not be renewed. Actual revenue under contract could vary materially.
- (6) Includes contracts for Lit Backhaul, Dark Fiber, Wholesale and Enterprise.

# Uniti Fiber Investment Thesis

- **Capitalizes on the Rising Demand by Carriers and Enterprises for Dark Fiber**
- **Establishes CS&L as a Proven Small Cell Systems Provider**
- **Grows Relationships with National Wireless Carriers**
- **Advances Diversification with High Quality Long Term Contractual Revenues**
- **Capitalizes on Wholesale and Enterprise Opportunities**
- **Veteran Leadership Team with Deep Operational Experience**
- **Attractive Valuation with Significant Synergies**

**Drives Scale and Growth within Uniti Fiber**

# Strong Sales Momentum with Attractive Returns

## Dark Fiber

- **Recent North Florida and Augusta, GA Dark Fiber Awards From National Wireless Carrier**
  - **\$175 million Total Contract Value**
  - **20 Year Term**
  - **Carrier Contributing Upfront NRC**
- **Contracts Signed Late 2015**
  - **North Florida Build Expected to Be Completed in 2020**
  - **Augusta Expected to Be Completed in 2017**
- **Building Additional Fiber Capacity to Leverage Carrier-Anchored Fiber**
  - **Follow-on Sales Opportunities have High Incremental Economics**
- **Strong Multi-Market Sales Funnel for Both C-RAN and Traditional Dark Fiber**

## Small Cells

- **Completed First Small Cell Network in 2015 for Major Wireless Carrier**
- **Recent Small Cell Awards**
  - **First “Turn-Key” Small Cell Deployments**
  - **ODAS – Fronthaul and Backhaul**
  - **Second Tenant on Existing System Achieves Enhanced Yield through “Shared Economics”**
- **Small Cell Product Suite Increases Addressable Market**
  - **Fiber Backhaul and Fronthaul**
  - **Space and Power**
  - **Maintenance**
- **Sales Funnel has Significant Small Cell Opportunities Across Multiple Markets and Carriers**

**Attractive Anchor Tenant Yields with High Incremental Margins**

# Significant Synergy Opportunities

## Revenue Synergies

- Access to 19 States Across the Eastern and Midwestern U.S.
- Tower Cloud Expanded Network Reach by Nearly 30,000 Near-Net Connection Opportunities
- Ability to Serve Multi-location Wholesale & Enterprise Customers with Larger Geographic Reach
- Pool Shared Relationships to Better Engage Strategic Customers

## Operational Synergies

- Implement Best Practices in Service Delivery, Service Assurance, and Back Office to Drive Efficiencies in Uniti Fiber
- Enhanced Efficiencies throughout Network Operations

## SG&A Synergies

- Integrate Sales Organizations and Marketing Coverage
- Automation of Manual Processes and Consolidation of Duplicative Administrative Processes
- Best Practice Approach to OSS/BSS Systems

**Expected Annual Run Rate Cost Synergies of \$6 million within 3 Years**

# Current & Pro Forma Capitalization

*\$ in Millions*

	6/30/2016 As Reported	Tower Cloud Transaction Adjustments	Pro Forma as Adjusted for Tower Cloud Transaction
Cash	\$ 49	\$ --	\$ 49
Revolver	42	185 <sup>(1)</sup>	227
Term Loan B	2,119	--	2,119
Secured Notes	550	--	550
Unsecured Notes	1,110	--	1,110
Capital Leases <sup>(2)</sup>	49	7	56
Total Debt	\$ 3,870	\$ 192	\$ 4,062
Convertible Preferred at Fair Value	79	--	79
LQA Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup>	698	16 <sup>(4)</sup>	714
<b>Net Debt</b>	<b>\$ 3,821</b>		<b>\$ 4,013</b>
<b>Net Debt / LQA Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>5.5x</b>		<b>5.6x</b>

Note: Presented in accordance with Debt Agreements and not GAAP accounting standards. Amounts may not foot due to rounding. Amounts not adjusted for unamortized discount and debt issuance costs.

(1) Cash portion of Tower Cloud consideration expected to be funded on revolver. Includes estimated transaction fees and expenses of \$5 million.

(2) Capital leases are related to IRUs.

(3) LQA Adjusted EBITDA is calculated as the pro forma Adjusted EBITDA for the most recently reported three month period multiplied by 4. For the three months ended 6/30/16, PEG contributed \$5.5 million of Adjusted EBITDA, which represents results from the May 2, 2016 acquisition date through June 30, 2016. The LQA Adjusted EBITDA for the three months ended 6/30/16 includes the pro forma effects of PEG assuming the acquisition closed on April 1, 2016.

(4) Based on 1Q16 results and includes approximately \$2 million of synergies expected to be realized within 12 months of the acquisition close date.

# Q&A



# Appendix

# Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Historical Financials

**Unaudited, \$ in Millions**

CS&L	
	2Q16
Net Loss	\$ (1.5)
Depreciation & amortization	92.4
Interest expense	68.0
Income tax expense	0.3
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 159.2</b>
Stock-based compensation	1.2
Transaction related costs	11.2
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>171.6</b>
<b>Annualized Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1) (2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 697.6</b>

Note: Subtotals may not foot due to rounding.

(1) Annualized Adjusted EBITDA is calculated as Adjusted EBITDA multiplied by 4.

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# Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Historical Financials

**Unaudited, \$ in Millions**

PEG Bandwidth		Tower Cloud		Uniti Fiber <sup>(2)</sup>	
	1Q16 <sup>(1)</sup>		1Q16 <sup>(1)</sup>		1Q16
Net Income	\$ (5.4)	Net Income	\$ (2.3)	Net Income	\$ (7.7)
Depreciation & amortization	8.2	Depreciation & amortization	4.7	Depreciation & amortization	12.9
Interest expense	6.1	Interest expense	1.1	Interest expense	7.2
Income tax expense	-	Income tax expense	-	Income tax expense	-
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 8.9</b>	<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 3.4</b>	<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 12.3</b>
Stock-based compensation	0.2	Stock-based compensation	0.1	Stock-based compensation	0.3
Transaction related costs	-	Transaction related costs	-	Transaction related costs	-
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>12.5</b>
<b>Annualized Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 36.3</b>	<b>Annualized Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 13.7</b>	<b>Annualized Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 50.1</b>

Note: Subtotals may not foot due to rounding.

(1) First quarter results for PEG and Tower Cloud are unaudited. Actual results could differ materially. Investors should not place undue reliance on such numbers.

(2) Represents pro forma Uniti Fiber based on 1Q16 results for PEG and Tower Cloud. Amounts do not include any anticipated synergies or related costs to achieve those synergies.

(3) Annualized Adjusted EBITDA is calculated as Adjusted EBITDA multiplied by 4.

# Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We refer to EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, Funds From Operations (“FFO”) as defined by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (“NAREIT”), Normalized Funds from Operations (“NFFO”) and Adjusted Funds from Operations (“AFFO”) in our analysis of our results of operations, which are not required by, or presented in accordance with, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”). While we believe that net income, as defined by GAAP, is the most appropriate earnings measure, we also believe that EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, FFO, NFFO and AFFO are important non-GAAP supplemental measures of operating performance for a real estate investment trust (“REIT”).

We define EBITDA as net income, as defined by GAAP, before interest expense, provision for income taxes and depreciation and amortization. We define Adjusted EBITDA as EBITDA less stock-based compensation expense and the impact, which may be recurring in nature, of transaction related costs, the write off of unamortized deferred financing costs, costs incurred as a result of the early repayment of debt, changes in the fair value of contingent consideration and financial instruments, and other similar items. We believe EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are important supplemental measures to net income because they provide additional information to evaluate our operating performance on an unleveraged basis. In addition, Adjusted EBITDA is calculated similar to defined terms in our material debt agreements used to determine compliance with specific financial covenants. Since EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not measures calculated in accordance with GAAP, they should not be considered as an alternative to net income determined in accordance with GAAP.

# Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Because the historical cost accounting convention used for real estate assets requires the recognition of depreciation expense except on land, such accounting presentation implies that the value of the real estate assets diminishes predictably over time. However, since real estate values have historically risen or fallen with market and other conditions, presentations of operating results for a REIT that uses historical cost accounting for depreciation could be less informative. Thus, NAREIT created FFO, as a supplemental measure of operating performance for REITs that excludes historical cost depreciation and amortization, among other items, from net income, as defined by GAAP. FFO is defined by NAREIT as net income applicable to common shareholders computed in accordance with GAAP, excluding gains or losses from real estate dispositions, plus real estate depreciation and amortization and impairment charges. We compute FFO in accordance with NAREIT's definition.

The Company defines NFFO, as FFO excluding the impact, which may be recurring in nature, of transaction related costs. The Company defines AFFO, as NFFO excluding (i) non-cash revenues and expenses such as stock-based compensation expense, amortization of debt and equity discounts, amortization of deferred financing costs, depreciation and amortization of non-real estate assets, straight line rental revenues, revenue associated with the amortization of tenant capital improvements and (ii) the impact, which may be recurring in nature, of maintenance capital expenditures, the write-off of unamortized deferred financing fees, additional costs incurred as a result of early repayment of debt, changes in the fair value of contingent consideration and financial instruments and similar items. We believe that the use of FFO, NFFO and AFFO, combined with the required GAAP presentations, improves the understanding of operating results of REITs among investors and analysts, and makes comparisons of operating results among such companies more meaningful. We consider FFO, NFFO and AFFO to be useful measures for reviewing comparative operating performance. In particular, we believe AFFO, by excluding certain revenue and expense items, can help investors compare our operating performance between periods and to other REITs on a consistent basis without having to account for differences caused by unanticipated items and events, such as transaction related costs. The Company uses FFO, NFFO and AFFO, and their respective per share amounts, only as performance measures, and FFO, NFFO and AFFO do not purport to be indicative of cash available to fund future cash requirements. While FFO, NFFO and AFFO are relevant and widely used measures of operating performance of REITs, they do not represent cash flows from operations or net income as defined by GAAP and should not be considered an alternative to those measures in evaluating our liquidity or operating performance.

Further, our computations of EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, FFO, NFFO and AFFO may not be comparable to that reported by other REITs or companies that do not define FFO in accordance with the current NAREIT definition or that interpret the current NAREIT definition or define EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, NFFO and AFFO differently than we do.

Annualized Adjusted EBITDA is calculated by multiplying Adjusted EBITDA for the most recently completed three month period by four. Our computation of Adjusted EBITDA and Annualized Adjusted EBITDA may differ from the methodology used by other REITs to calculate these measures, and, therefore, may not be comparable to such other REITs. Annualized Adjusted EBITDA has not been prepared on a pro forma basis in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation S-X.

# Other Reporting Definitions

- **Adjusted EBITDA Margin:** Adjusted EBITDA divided by consolidated revenue. Adjusted EBITDA margin is a supplemental measure of our operating margin that should be considered along with, but not as an alternative to our operating margins
- **Contract Value:** MRR and MAR under contract multiplied by the remaining contract term in months
- **Contractual Annual Revenue:** MRR and MAR under contract multiplied by 12 months
- **Enterprise Value:** Net Debt plus market value of outstanding common stock
- **Monthly Amortized Revenue (MAR):** Revenue related to the amortized portion of upfront charges and IRU's
- **Monthly Recurring Revenue (MRR):** Revenues for ongoing service from both contractual and month-to-month customer arrangements
- **Net Debt:** Carrying amount of debt outstanding, net of discounts, less unrestricted cash and cash equivalents
- **Net Secured Debt:** Carrying amount of secured debt outstanding, net of discounts, less unrestricted cash and cash equivalents
- **Net Leverage Ratio:** Net debt divided by Annualized Adjusted EBITDA
- **Net Secured Leverage Ratio:** Net secured debt divided by Annualized Adjusted EBITDA
- **Revenue Under Contract:** Total revenue contract value entitled to be received pursuant to existing contracts, some of which may be past their expiration date and currently on a month to month basis. A portion of these contracts is subject to renewal each year, and there can be no assurances that the contracts will be renewed at all or, if they are renewed, that the renewal will not provide for lower rates. Accordingly, our presentation of contractual revenue is not a guarantee of future revenues and should not be viewed as a predictor of future annual revenues