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\$77,000,000

in financing

acquires



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## Real Matters Secures \$77 mm / Acquires Linear Title & Closing

#### **Transaction Overview**

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- On April 1, 2016, Real Matters announced that it had raised \$76.7 mm related to the acquisition of Linear Title & Closing by a Real Matters' subsidiary
  - The deal was financed at a valuation of \$501 mm
  - Proceeds from the financing will be used to bring proprietary software and field agent management expertise to the massive mortgage title and closing services market in the U.S.
- Real Matters' subsidiary, Solidifi, acquired Linear Title & Closing for approximately \$96 mm, subject to performance metrics
  - Linear is an independent title search and closing provider for refinance, purchase, short sale and REO transactions throughout the U.S.
  - The acquisition is being funded with the concurrent common equity issued along with existing company resources
  - The transaction boosts Real Matters to a top-five independent provider of mortgage title and closing services
  - Following the acquisition of Linear, 95% of Real Matters revenue will be generated in the U.S.

#### **Executive Commentary**

"We are extremely pleased to announce this acquisition, which will enable Solidifi to bring our demonstrated excellence in using technology to improve the customer and field-agent experience to the large and growing title and closing market ... Linear represents a great fit with our existing business and we look forward to working with them to bring the innovation Solidifi is known for to mortgage closings."



- Jason Smith, CEO of Solidifi

"The management team of Linear has long been seeking like-minded partners focused on building scalable software services for the mortgage closing space ... Linear has a tradition of developing services for its clients that improve operating profitability and enhance customer outcomes. We could not be more excited to collaborate on these initiatives with Solidifi, which will benefit our clients, our field agents, the industry and Linear's partners."





- Nick Liuzza, CEO of Linear

"Solidifies industry leading technology and network management expertise will bring an unparalleled level of innovation and customer service to the title and closing market, just as Solidifi has done in the appraisal market ... This is an incredible opportunity to better serve our clients by using our technology to improve the experience in what has been historically one of the most challenging aspects of completing a mortgage loan."





- Kevin Walton, EVP of Corporate Development at Solidifi





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#### **Real Matters Overview**

Real Matters Overview			Transaction History			
CEO:	Jason Smith	Date	Size (\$ mm)	Туре	Counterparty	
Headquarters:	Markham, ON, Canada					
Founded:	2004					
<ul> <li>Real Matters leverages a cloud-based technology platform to provide customers with property valuation, collateral risk management and data / analytics services</li> </ul>		04/01/16	\$77	Financing	Undisclosed investors	
<ul> <li>Focuses on the mortgage and casualty insurance industry</li> </ul>		05/04/15	60	Financing	Whitecap VENTURE PARTNERS	
<ul> <li>The Company's customers include 60 of the top 100 lenders and some of the largest insurance companies in the U.S.</li> </ul>						
<ul> <li>Real Matters has over 33,500 field agents working with its cloud-based platform</li> </ul>		05/04/15	na	M&A	Acquired	
Subsidiaries					SOUTHWEST Financial Services, Ltd.	
Real Matters implements Redihive, a proprietary cloud- based platform through:						
sol <mark>idif</mark> i	$i \vee 3$ CUS	12/16/13	40	Financing	Undisclosed investors	
Independent Appraiser	Insurance Inspector					
<ul> <li>Solidifi, a subsidiary of Real Matters, is an independent provider of residential real estate appraisals</li> </ul>		02/08/12	22	Financing	Undisclosed investors	
<ul> <li>Solidifi has a partnership with more than 100,000 field agents and serves more than half of the top 100 lenders in the US</li> </ul>						
<ul> <li>The Company invested more than \$35 mm in its lending SaaS-based platform</li> </ul>		09/16/10	5	Debt Financing	<b>Wellington</b> FINANCIAL	







## Real Matters Secures \$77 mm / Acquires Linear Title & Closing

### **Linear Title & Closing Overview**

#### **Linear Title & Closing Overview**

CEO:

TITLE & CLOSING

Nick Liuzza

Headquarters:

Middletown, RI

Founded:

2004

Employees:

220

- Linear Title & Closing is a technical title agency delivering title & closing services for purchasers, refinances and REO transactions
- The Company also offers products such as O & E's, TSG's, scored foreclosure information reports & property reports to large lenders and default servicing companies
- Clients receive real time data to their platform allowing them to process business faster
- Linear Title & Closing receives data back, allowing the Company to customize and automate daily reports for better decision making
- The Company has aa "A" rating with the BBB and is also a member of the INC 5000 list
- Performance Title, a subsidiary of Linear Title & Closing, was founded in 2006 based out of Bay St. Louis, MS
  - The Company provides insurance and closing services

#### **Products and Services**

Mortgage Lenders

**Title Companies** 

**Investor Services** 

**Default Services** 

For Sale by Owner

**Commercial Services** 

Integrations

Linear has created and provides the consumer's IT staff with the following services



✓ Order Entry

- ✓ Custom Integrations
- ✓ Change of Circumstance
- ✓ Title Data Push
- ✓ Notes & Documents Push

#### Consumer Web Portals



- Web portal for consumers who have closed their real estate transaction
- Through portal consumers have free access to their database

#### **Operational Platform**



- Process build around ResWare, a task-driven workflow enterprise solution
- Tasks are administered and monitored by department, group, user and client

#### Latitude Loan Services



- Web portal that works standalone or alongside loan origination systems
- Delivers a streamlined, automated platform with ability to order and manage product flow





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## **Proven Track Record of Success Across Financial Technology**



















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