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**ARI to Hold Special Meeting of its Shareholders to Approve True Wind Capital Management Acquisition**

**Milwaukee, Wis., August 9, 2017** – ARI Network Services, Inc. (ARI) (NASDAQ: [ARIS](#)) announced today that it has set a Special Meeting for ARI shareholders to approve the proposed acquisition by an affiliate of True Wind Capital Management, LLC, a San Francisco-based private equity firm focused on investing in leading technology companies.

The meeting will be held August 28, 2017, at 9 a.m. CT, at the Company's corporate headquarters at 10850 West Park Place, Suite 1200, Milwaukee, Wis.

Shareholders or interested parties can listen via a live Internet webcast, available at the company's Investor Relations website at [investor.arinet.com](http://investor.arinet.com). To join the audio conference only, call 877.359.3639 and enter the Access Code 64641086.

**Additional Information and Where to Find It**

ARI has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and furnished its shareholders with a proxy statement in connection with the proposed transaction. SHAREHOLDERS OF ARI ARE URGED TO READ THESE MATERIALS (INCLUDING ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSACTION THAT ARI WILL FILE WITH THE SEC WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ARI AND THE TRANSACTION. Investors and shareholders can obtain free copies of these documents and other documents filed with the SEC by ARI through the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or by going to ARI's Investor Relations website at [investor.arinet.com](http://investor.arinet.com) and clicking on the "SEC Filings" tab.

This press release is neither a solicitation of proxy, an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell any securities, and it is not a substitute for any proxy statement or other filings that may be made with the SEC should the transaction proceed.

**Participants in the Solicitation**

The directors and executive officers of ARI may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of ARI in connection with the proposed acquisition. Information regarding the interests of these directors and executive officers in the transaction described herein will be included in the proxy statement described above. Additional information regarding ARI's directors and executive officers is also included in ARI's definitive proxy statement for its 2017 Annual Meeting of



Shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on November 28, 2016. These documents are available free of charge as described in the preceding paragraph.

### **About ARI**

ARI Network Services, Inc. (ARI) (NASDAQ: [ARIS](#)) offers an award-winning suite of SaaS, software tools, and marketing services to help dealers, equipment manufacturers and distributors in selected vertical markets Sell More Stuff!™ – online and in-store. Our innovative products are powered by a proprietary data repository of enriched original equipment and aftermarket electronic content spanning more than 17 million active part and accessory SKUs and 750,000 equipment models. Business is complicated, but we believe our customers' technology tools don't have to be. We remove the complexity of selling and servicing new and used vehicle inventory, parts, garments and accessories (PG&A) for customers in the automotive tire and wheel aftermarket, powersports, outdoor power equipment, marine, home medical equipment, recreational vehicles and appliance industries. More than 23,500 equipment dealers, 195 distributors and 3,360 brands worldwide leverage our web and eCatalog platforms to Sell More Stuff!™ For more information on ARI, visit [investor.arinet.com](http://investor.arinet.com).

### **About True Wind Capital Management, LLC**

True Wind Capital is a San Francisco-based private equity firm managing \$560 million. True Wind is focused on investing in leading technology companies. True Wind is a value-added partner, providing support and expertise that is rooted in 50+ years of collective investing experience. Visit [truewindcapital.com](http://truewindcapital.com) for more information.

### **Additional Information**

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### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements in this news release contain "forward-looking statements" regarding future events, including the transaction, and our future results that are subject to the safe harbors created under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical facts are statements that could be deemed to be forward-looking statements. These statements are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts, and projects about the markets in which we operate and the transaction, and the beliefs and assumptions of our management. Words such as "expects," "anticipates," "targets," "goals," "projects", "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," "endeavors," "strives," "may," or variations of such words, and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned that these forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict, estimate or verify, including but not limited to, (i) the risk that the proposed acquisition may not be completed in a timely manner or at all, which may adversely affect ARI's business and the price of the common stock of ARI, (ii) the failure to satisfy all of the conditions precedent to the consummation of the proposed acquisition, including, but not limited

to, the required approval of the stockholders of ARI and the receipt of certain governmental or regulatory approvals, (iii) the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstance or condition that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement, (iv) the effect of the announcement or pendency of the transaction on ARI's business relationships, operating results and business generally, (v) risks that the proposed transaction disrupts current plans and operations and the potential difficulties in employee retention as a result of the transaction, (vi) risks related to diverting management's attention from ARI's ongoing business operations, (vii) the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against us related to the merger agreement or the acquisition and (viii) such other risks and uncertainties as identified in ARI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2016, as filed with the SEC. Therefore, actual results may differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are made only as of the date hereof, and no person undertakes any obligation to publicly release the result of any revisions to these forward-looking statements except as required by law. For more information, please refer to the company's filings with the SEC.

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