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MELLANOX TECHNOLOGIES, LTD.
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

STARBOARD VALUE LP

STARBOARD VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY MASTER FUND LTD

Starboard Value and Opportunity S LLC

Starboard Value and Opportunity C LP

Starboard Value R LP

Starboard Value R GP LLC

STARBOARD LEADERS PAPA LLC

STARBOARD LEADERS FUND LP

STARBOARD VALUE A LP

STARBOARD VALUE A GP LLC

STARBOARD VALUE GP LLC

STARBOARD PRINCIPAL CO LP

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Starboard Value LP, together with the other participants named herein (collectively, "Starboard"), has filed a preliminary proxy statement and accompanying BLUE proxy card with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") to be used to solicit votes for the election of its slate of director nominees at the 2018 annual general meeting of shareholders of Mellanox Technologies, Ltd., a public company formed under the laws of Israel (the "Company").

On March 19, 2018, Starboard issued the following press release:

Starboard Comments on Mellanox's Decision to Delay the 2018 Annual Meeting

Disappointed that Mellanox Chose to Reject Starboard's Reasonable Proposal to Efficiently Implement the Proposed Voting Changes Without Even Engaging in Discussions

Believes that Mellanox's Actions Clearly Demonstrate the Extraordinary General Meeting is Merely an Entrenchment Tactic Meant to Delay Shareholders' Ability to Exercise their Rights

Convinced that Meaningful Change Is Needed to Ensure the Company Is Acting in the Best Interest of All Shareholders

NEW YORK, NY March 19, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Starboard Value LP (together with its affiliates, "Starboard"), the largest shareholder of Mellanox Technologies, Ltd. ("Mellanox" or the "Company") with a beneficial ownership interest of approximately 10.6% of the outstanding shares, issued a statement today in response to Mellanox's announcement on March 15, 2018, that it will continue to proceed with its plans to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") and delay its 2018 annual meeting of shareholders ("2018 Annual Meeting") until July 25, 2018.

"We are disappointed by Mellanox's decision to continue with its plans to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting in May and significantly delay its 2018 Annual Meeting until the last possible day allowed under Israeli law. We are further disappointed that Mellanox chose not to even engage in discussions with us regarding the reasonable proposal we submitted that would have allowed the Company to both hold its 2018 Annual Meeting on schedule and concurrently enact the exact same governance changes that are the purported purpose of the EGM. Rather than engage with us to allow shareholders to vote on directors in a timely manner, Mellanox has instead resorted to manipulating its corporate machinery for its own benefit under the thinly veiled guise of 'good corporate governance'.

These delays are totally unacceptable to us, and should be unacceptable to all shareholders. It further emphasizes our belief that meaningful change is needed at Mellanox."

About Starboard Value LP

Starboard Value LP is a New York-based investment adviser with a focused and differentiated fundamental approach to investing primarily in publicly traded U.S. companies. Starboard invests in deeply undervalued companies and actively engages with management teams and boards of directors to identify and execute on opportunities to unlock value for the benefit of all shareholders.

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CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PARTICIPANTS

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STARBOARD STRONGLY ADVISES ALL SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT AND OTHER PROXY MATERIALS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. SUCH PROXY MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE ON THE SEC’S WEB SITE AT [HTTP://WWW.SEC.GOV](http://www.sec.gov). IN ADDITION, THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS PROXY SOLICITATION WILL PROVIDE COPIES OF THE PROXY STATEMENT WITHOUT CHARGE, WHEN AVAILABLE, UPON REQUEST. REQUESTS FOR COPIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE PARTICIPANTS’ PROXY SOLICITOR.

The participants in the proxy solicitation are anticipated to be Starboard Value and Opportunity Master Fund Ltd (“Starboard V&O Fund”), Starboard Value and Opportunity S LLC (“Starboard S LLC”), Starboard Value and Opportunity C LP (“Starboard C LP”), Starboard Value R LP (“Starboard R LP”), Starboard Value R GP LLC (“Starboard R GP”), Starboard Leaders Papa LLC (“Starboard Papa LLC”), Starboard Leaders Fund LP (“Starboard Leaders Fund”), Starboard Value A LP (“Starboard A LP”), Starboard Value A GP LLC (“Starboard A GP”), Starboard Value LP, Starboard Value GP LLC (“Starboard Value GP”), Starboard Principal Co LP (“Principal Co”), Starboard Principal Co GP LLC (“Principal GP”), Jeffrey C. Smith, Mark R. Mitchell, Peter A. Feld, Mary B. Cranston, Jonathan Khazam, Thomas Lacey, Efrat Makov, Jon A. Olson, Jorge L. Titinger and Gregory Waters.

As of the date hereof, Starboard V&O Fund beneficially owns 3,758,713 Shares. As of the date hereof, Starboard S LLC beneficially owned 440,135 Shares. As of the date hereof, Starboard C LP beneficially owned 247,597 Shares. As of the date hereof, Starboard Papa LLC beneficially owned 456,609 Shares. As of the date hereof, 563,567 Shares were held in the Starboard Value LP Account. Starboard R LP, as the general partner of Starboard C LP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 247,597 Shares owned by Starboard C LP. Starboard R GP, as the general partner of Starboard R LP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 247,597 Shares owned by Starboard C LP. Starboard Leaders Fund, as a member of Starboard Papa LLC, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 456,609 Shares owned by Starboard Papa LLC. Starboard A LP, as the general partner of Starboard Leaders Fund and the managing member of Starboard Papa LLC, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 456,609 Shares owned by Starboard Papa LLC. Starboard A GP, as the general partner of Starboard A LP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 456,609 Shares owned by Starboard Papa LLC. Starboard Value LP, as the investment manager of Starboard V&O Fund, Starboard C LP, Starboard Papa LLC, and the Starboard Value LP Account and the manager of Starboard S LLC, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 3,758,713 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund, (ii) 440,135 Shares owned by Starboard S LLC, (iii) 247,597 Shares owned by Starboard C LP, (iv) 456,609 Shares owned by Starboard Papa LLC, and (v) 563,567 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Account. Starboard Value GP, as the general

partner of Starboard Value LP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 3,758,713 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund, (ii) 440,135 Shares owned by Starboard S LLC, (iii) 247,597 Shares owned by Starboard C LP, (iv) 456,609 Shares owned by Starboard Papa LLC, and (v) 563,567 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP. Principal Co, as a member of Starboard Value GP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 3,758,713 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund, (ii) 440,135 Shares owned by Starboard S LLC, (iii) 247,597 Shares owned by Starboard C LP, (iv) 456,609 Shares owned by Starboard Papa LLC, and (v) 563,567 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Account. Principal GP, as the general partner of Principal Co, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 3,758,713 Shares owned by Starboard V&O Fund, (ii) 440,135 Shares owned by Starboard S LLC, (iii) 247,597 Shares owned by Starboard C LP, (iv) 456,609 Shares owned by Starboard Papa LLC, and (v) 563,567 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Account. Each of Messrs. Smith, Mitchell and Feld, as a member of Principal GP and as a member of each of the Management Committee of Starboard Value GP and the Management Committee of Principal GP, may be deemed the beneficial owner of the (i) 3,758,713 Shares beneficially owned by Starboard V&O Fund, (ii) 440,135 Shares owned by Starboard S LLC, (iii) 247,597 Shares owned by Starboard C LP, (iv) 456,609 Shares owned by Starboard Papa LLC and (v) 563,567 Shares held in the Starboard Value LP Account.

As of the date hereof, Ms. Cranston beneficially owns 223 Shares. As of the date hereof, Mr. Khazam beneficially owns 400 Shares. As of the date hereof, Mr. Lacey beneficially owns 1,450 Shares. As of the date hereof, Ms. Makov beneficially owns 200 Shares. As of the date hereof, Mr. Olson beneficially owns 500 Shares. As of the date hereof, Mr. Titinger beneficially owns 192 Shares. As of the date hereof, Mr. Waters beneficially owns 2,500 Shares.