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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form 10-Q**

(Mark One)

- QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
For the quarterly period ended December 31, 2010
- Or
- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Commission file number 0-27038**

**NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**  
*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**  
*(State or Other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)*

**94-3156479**  
*(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)*

**1 Wayside Road**  
**Burlington, Massachusetts**  
*(Address of principal executive offices)*

**01803**  
*(Zip Code)*

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code:**  
**(781) 565-5000**

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

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Large accelerated filer       Accelerated filer       Non-accelerated filer       Smaller reporting  
(Do not check if a smaller reporting      company

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

The number of shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, outstanding as of January 31, 2011, was 300,573,739.

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## NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31, 2010                  2009 (Unaudited) (In thousands, except per share amounts)</b>	
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Product and licensing	\$ 133,856	\$ 113,227
Professional services and hosting	122,820	103,695
Maintenance and support	47,153	46,055
Total revenues	303,829	262,977
<b>Cost of revenues:</b>		
Product and licensing	17,146	12,591
Professional services and hosting	78,212	61,996
Maintenance and support	8,273	7,990
Amortization of intangible assets	13,291	11,018
Total cost of revenues	116,922	93,595
Gross profit	186,907	169,382
<b>Operating expenses:</b>		
Research and development	41,381	36,950
Sales and marketing	78,344	65,562
General and administrative	31,182	27,451
Amortization of intangible assets	22,677	22,126
Acquisition-related costs, net	3,001	12,805
Restructuring and other charges, net	2,051	615
Total operating expenses	178,636	165,509
Income from operations	8,271	3,873
<b>Other income (expense):</b>		
Interest income	827	436
Interest expense	(9,227)	(10,237)
Other income, net	6,141	1,990
Income (loss) before income taxes	6,012	(3,938)
Provision for income taxes	6,021	340
Net loss	\$ (9)	\$ (4,278)

**Net loss per share:**

Basic \$ (0.00) \$ (0.02)

Diluted \$ (0.00) \$ (0.02)

**Weighted average common shares outstanding:**

Basic 298,633 279,068

Diluted 298,633 279,068

See accompanying notes.

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**NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

	<b>December 31, 2010 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>September 30, 2010</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 554,389	\$ 516,630
Restricted cash (Note 9)	6,626	24,503
Marketable securities	5,032	5,044
Accounts receivable, less allowances for doubtful accounts of \$5,928 and \$6,301	235,718	217,587
Acquired unbilled accounts receivable	3,423	7,412
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	74,348	70,466
Total current assets	879,536	841,642
Land, building and equipment, net	64,452	62,083
Marketable securities	32,091	28,322
Goodwill	2,088,031	2,077,943
Intangible assets, net	655,354	685,865
Other assets	69,856	73,844
Total assets	\$ 3,789,320	\$ 3,769,699
 <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt and capital leases	\$ 7,443	\$ 7,764
Contingent and deferred acquisition payments	12,603	2,131
Accounts payable	76,944	78,616
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	134,297	151,621
Deferred revenue	164,075	142,340
Total current liabilities	395,362	382,472
Long-term portion of debt and capital leases	851,445	851,014
Deferred revenue, net of current portion	76,889	76,598
Deferred tax liability	64,131	63,731
Other liabilities	85,578	98,688
Total liabilities	1,473,405	1,472,503
Commitments and contingencies (Notes 5 and 18)		
Stockholders' equity:	4,631	4,631

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Series B preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 15,000 shares authorized; 3,562 shares issued and outstanding (liquidation preference \$4,631)		
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 560,000 shares authorized; 303,936 and 301,623 shares issued and 300,185 and 297,950 shares outstanding	304	302
Additional paid-in capital	2,601,829	2,581,901
Treasury stock, at cost (3,751 and 3,673 shares)	(16,788)	(16,788)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	7,303	8,505
Accumulated deficit	(281,364)	(281,355)
 Total stockholders' equity	 2,315,915	 2,297,196
 Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	 \$ 3,789,320	 \$ 3,769,699

See accompanying notes.



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	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net loss	\$ (9)	\$ (4,278)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	42,517	38,230
Stock-based compensation	32,098	20,066
Non-cash interest expense	3,192	3,279
Deferred tax provision	104	(311)
Other	(20)	691
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable	(13,273)	(6,267)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(4,996)	475
Accounts payable	(1,530)	(3,709)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	(17,190)	7,403
Deferred revenue	22,443	9,473
Net cash provided by operating activities	63,336	65,052
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Capital expenditures	(8,893)	(2,756)
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(13,310)	(141,721)
Payments for equity investment		(14,970)
Purchases of marketable securities	(10,776)	
Proceeds from sales of marketable securities	6,650	
Change in restricted cash balances	17,184	
Net cash used in investing activities	(9,145)	(159,447)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Payments of debt and capital leases	(2,069)	(1,740)
Payments on settlement of share-based derivatives	(972)	
Payments of other long-term liabilities	(2,589)	(2,256)
Excess tax benefits on employee equity awards	3,662	
Proceeds from issuance of common stock from employee stock plans	4,350	5,181
Cash used to net share settle employee equity awards	(18,403)	(7,616)
Net cash used in financing activities	(16,021)	(6,431)
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(411)	690

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Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	37,759	(100,136)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	516,630	527,038
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 554,389	\$ 426,902

See accompanying notes.

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**NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

**NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Organization and Presentation**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Nuance Communications, Inc. ( Nuance , we , or the Company ) and our wholly-owned subsidiaries. We prepared these unaudited interim consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for interim periods. In our opinion, these financial statements reflect all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of our financial position for the periods disclosed. Intercompany transactions have been eliminated.

Although we believe the disclosures in these financial statements are adequate to make the information presented not misleading, certain information normally included in the footnotes prepared in accordance with GAAP has been omitted. Accordingly, these financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and the notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for a full year.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

We have made no material changes to the significant accounting policies disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010.

***Adoption of new accounting standards***

Effective October 1, 2010, we adopted the provisions in the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) Accounting Standards Update ( ASU ) No. 2009-14, *Software (Topic 985): Certain Revenue Arrangements that Include Software Elements* and ASU 2009-13, *Revenue Recognition (Topic 605): Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements*. As summarized in ASU 2009-14, ASC Topic 985 has been amended to remove from the scope of industry specific revenue accounting guidance for software and software related transactions, tangible products containing software components and non-software components that function together to deliver the product 's essential functionality. The provisions of ASU 2009-13 apply to arrangements that are outside the scope of software revenue recognition guidance and amend ASC Topic 605 to (1) provide updated guidance on whether multiple deliverables exist, how the deliverables in an arrangement should be separated, and the consideration allocated; (2) require an entity to allocate revenue in an arrangement using estimated selling prices of deliverables if a vendor does not have vendor-specific objective evidence or third-party evidence of selling price; and (3) eliminate the use of the residual method and require an entity to allocate revenue using the relative selling price method. The adoption of these provisions did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

***Recently Issued Accounting Standards***

In January 2010, the FASB issued ASU No. 2010-06, *Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements (Topic 820) Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* to add additional disclosures about the different classes of assets and liabilities measured at fair value, the valuation techniques and inputs used, the activity in Level 3 fair value measurements, and transfers between Levels 1, 2, and 3. Levels 1, 2 and 3 of fair value measurements are defined in Note 8 below. ASU 2010-06 was effective for us for the interim reporting period beginning January 1, 2010, except for the provisions related to activity in Level 3 fair value measurements. Those provisions are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. ASU 2010-06 impacts disclosure only and therefore, did not, and is not expected to, have a material impact on our financial statements.

In December 2010, the FASB issued ASU No. 2010-28, *Intangibles – Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): When to Perform Step 2 of the Goodwill Impairment Test for Reporting Units with Zero or Negative Carrying Amounts*. ASU 2010-28 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010 and amends the criteria for performing Step 2 of the goodwill impairment test for reporting units with zero or negative carrying amounts and

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## NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

requires performing Step 2 if qualitative factors indicate that it is more likely than not that a goodwill impairment exists. We do not believe that this will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

**3. Comprehensive Loss**

The components of comprehensive loss are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Net loss	\$ (9)	\$ (4,278)
Other comprehensive income (loss):		
Foreign currency translation losses, net	(1,671)	(864)
Unrealized gains on cash flow hedge derivatives, net	507	811
Unrealized losses on marketable securities, net	(79)	
Recognition of pension loss amortization	41	
Net comprehensive loss adjustments	(1,202)	(53)
Comprehensive loss	\$ (1,211)	\$ (4,331)

**4. Business Acquisitions***Proforma Results*

On December 30, 2009, we acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of SpinVox Limited ( Spinvox ), a UK-based privately-held company engaged in the business of providing voicemail-to-text services. The following table shows unaudited pro forma results of operations as if we had acquired SpinVox on October 1, 2009 (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Revenue	\$ 303,829	\$ 274,953
Net loss	\$ (9)	\$ (35,840)
Net loss per share	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.13)

We have not furnished pro forma financial information related to our other fiscal 2011 and 2010 acquisitions because such information is not material, individually or in the aggregate, to our financial results. The unaudited pro forma results of operations are not necessarily indicative of the actual results that would have occurred had the transactions actually taken place at the beginning of the periods indicated.

*Acquisition-Related Costs, net*

The components of acquisition-related costs, net are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Transition and integration costs	\$ 957	\$ 3,453
Professional service fees	1,338	9,298
Acquisition-related adjustments	706	54
Total acquisition-related costs, net	\$ 3,001	\$ 12,805

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The decrease in acquisition-related costs, net for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2009, was primarily driven by a reduction in transition and integration costs and professional service fees. For the three months ended December 31, 2009, transition and integration costs consisted primarily of the costs associated with transitional employees from our fiscal 2009 acquisitions; professional services consisted of expenses related to our acquisition of SpinVox in December 2009 and approximately \$2.2 million that had been capitalized as of September 30, 2009 related to transaction costs incurred in prior periods that was required to be expensed upon our adoption of ASC 805, *Business Combinations*, in fiscal 2010.

**5. Contingent Acquisition Payments***Earn-out Payments*

For business combinations occurring subsequent to the adoption of ASC 805 in fiscal 2010, the fair value of any contingent consideration is established at the acquisition date and included in the total purchase price. The contingent consideration is then adjusted to fair value as an increase or decrease in current earnings in each reporting period. Contingent consideration related to acquisitions prior to our adoption of ASC 805 have been and will continue to be recorded as additional purchase price when the contingency is resolved and additional consideration is attributable.

The changes in the fair value of contingent consideration during the period are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Balance as of September 30	\$ 724	\$ 13,180
Charges to acquisition-related costs, net	623	
Goodwill adjustment		(2,830)
Balance as of December 31	\$ 1,347	\$ 10,350

Earn-out payments are generally payable based on achieving certain financial targets during defined post-acquisition time periods as specified in the purchase and sale agreement for each acquisition. Changes in the fair value during the three months ended December 31, 2010 resulted from improved revenue performance together with an increase in our stock price during the earn-out period. The prior year goodwill activity relates to the earn-out consideration for our acquisition of SNAPin prior to our adoption of ASC 805.

In connection with our acquisition of Vocada, Inc. ( *Vocada* ) in November 2007, we agreed to make contingent earn-out payments of up to \$21.0 million upon the achievement of certain financial targets measured over defined periods through December 31, 2010, in accordance with the merger agreement. We have notified the former shareholders of Vocada that the financial targets were not achieved. In December 2010, the former shareholders filed a demand for arbitration in accordance with their rights under the merger agreement. At December 31, 2010, we have not recorded any obligation relative to these earn-out provisions.

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In connection with the acquisition of Commissure, Inc. ( Commissure ) in September 2007, we agreed to make contingent earn-out payments of up to \$8.0 million payable in stock or cash, solely at our discretion, upon the achievement of certain financial targets for the fiscal years 2008, 2009 and 2010. Earn-out payments, if any, will be recorded as incremental purchase price and allocated to goodwill. We have provided the following notices to the former shareholders of Commissure:

The financial targets for the fiscal year 2008 earnout were not achieved and the related contingent earnout payment was not earned;



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The financial targets for the fiscal year 2009 earnout were not achieved and the related contingent earnout payment was not earned; and

The financial targets for the fiscal year 2010 earnout were partially achieved and, accordingly, a contingent earnout payment of \$1.0 million was earned.

We intend to pay the fiscal year 2010 earnout in cash on or before February 7, 2011 and the earnout payment will be recorded as incremental purchase price and allocated to goodwill.

***Escrow and Holdback Arrangements***

In connection with certain of our acquisitions, we have placed either cash or shares of our common stock in escrow to satisfy any claims we may have. If no claims are made, the escrowed amounts will be released to the former shareholders of the acquired companies. Historically, under the previous accounting guidance of SFAS No. 141, *Business Combinations* ( SFAS 141 ), we could not make a determination, beyond a reasonable doubt, whether the escrow would become payable to the former shareholders of these companies until the escrow period had expired. Accordingly, these amounts were treated as contingent purchase price until it was determined that the escrow was payable, at which time the escrowed amounts would be recorded as additional purchase price and allocated to goodwill. Under the revised accounting guidance of ASC 805, escrow payments are generally considered part of the initial purchase consideration and accounted for as goodwill.

During the quarter ended December 31, 2010, the last remaining escrowed amounts accounted for under previous accounting guidance expired. Payments totaling \$5.2 million were released to former shareholders of X-Solutions Group B.V. and eCopy and were recorded as an increase to goodwill during the period.

**6. Goodwill and Intangible Assets**

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill and intangible assets for the three months ended December 31, 2010, are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Goodwill</b>	<b>Intangible Assets</b>
Balance as of September 30, 2010	\$ 2,077,943	\$ 685,865
Acquisitions	7,860	5,300
Purchase accounting adjustments	3,404	874
Amortization		(35,968)
Effect of foreign currency translation	(1,176)	(717)
Balance as of December 31, 2010	\$ 2,088,031	\$ 655,354

During the quarter ended December 31, 2010, we made an immaterial acquisition of a business that provides voice biometric products for total cash consideration of \$12.6 million. Purchase accounting adjustments to goodwill

recorded during the three months ended December 31, 2010, consisted primarily of a \$5.2 million release of escrow cash related to our fiscal 2009 acquisitions. This increase in goodwill was partially offset by a \$1.1 million reduction resulting from the finalization of the Spinvox purchase accounting and a \$0.9 million reduction due to an increase in the fair value estimate of acquired intangible assets from a fourth quarter fiscal 2010 acquisition.

## **7. Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities**

### *Cash Flow Hedges*

#### *Forward Currency Contracts*

We enter into foreign currency contracts to hedge the variability of cash flows in Canadian Dollars (CAD) and Hungarian Forints (HUF) which are designated as cash flow hedges. These contracts settle monthly through

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October 2011. At December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010, the notional value and the aggregate cumulative unrealized gains on the outstanding contracts were as follows:

	Notional Value		Aggregate Cumulative Unrealized Gains	
	December 31, 2010	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2010	September 30, 2010
Canadian Dollars	\$ 9,613	\$ 13,032	\$ 505	\$ 286
Hungarian Forints	2,956	4,564	228	443
Total contracts designated as cash flow hedges	\$ 12,569	\$ 17,596	\$ 733	\$ 729

***Other Derivatives not Designated as Hedges******Forward Currency Contracts***

We operate our business in countries throughout the world and transact business in various foreign currencies. Our foreign currency exposures typically arise from transactions denominated in currencies other than the local functional currency of our operations. During the quarter ended December 31, 2010, we established a program that primarily utilizes foreign currency forward contracts to offset these risks associated with the effect of certain foreign currency exposures. We commenced this program so that increases or decreases in our foreign currency exposures are offset by gains or losses on the foreign currency forward contracts in order to mitigate the risks and volatility associated with our foreign currency transactions. Generally, we enter into contracts for less than 30 days, and at December 31, 2010 we had outstanding contracts with a total notional value of \$127.6 million.

We have not designated these forward contracts as hedging instruments pursuant to ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging* and accordingly, we recorded the fair value of these contracts at the end of each reporting period in our consolidated balance sheet, with changes in the fair value recorded in earnings as other income (expense), net in our consolidated statement of operations. During the three months ended December 31, 2010, we recorded \$1.9 million of losses associated with these contracts.

During fiscal 2010, we entered into a Euro 18 million foreign currency contract to offset the foreign currency exposure on a fixed obligation assumed in connection with our acquisition of SpinVox in December 2009.

During the three months ended December 31, 2008, we entered into foreign currency forward contracts to offset foreign currency exposure on the deferred acquisition payment of 44.3 million related to our acquisition of PSRS. The foreign currency contracts matured and were settled on October 22, 2009. The gain for the period from September 30, 2009 to settlement on October 22, 2009 was \$1.6 million, which was offset in other income (expense), net by the loss resulting from the corresponding change in the associated deferred acquisition payment liability.

***Security Price Guarantees***

From time to time we enter into agreements that allow us to issue shares of our common stock as part or all of the consideration related to partnering and technology acquisition activities. Generally these shares are issued subject to security price guarantees which are accounted for as derivatives. We have determined that these instruments would not be considered equity instruments if they were freestanding. The security price guarantees require payment from either us to a third party, or from a third party to us, based upon the difference between the price of our common stock on the issue date and an average price of our common stock approximately six months following the issue date. Changes in the fair value of these security price guarantees are reported in earnings in each period as other income (expense), net. During the three months ended December 31, 2010, we recorded \$7.2 million of gains associated with these contracts and made cash payments totaling \$1.0 million upon the settlement of agreements during the quarter.

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The following is a summary of the outstanding shares subject to security price guarantees at December 31, 2010 (dollars in thousands):

<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Number of Shares Issued</b>	<b>Settlement Date(a)</b>	<b>Total Value of Shares on Issue Date</b>
June 24, 2010	152,440	December 24, 2010	\$ 2,500
September 28, 2010	1,178,732	March 28, 2011	\$ 18,400
September 30, 2010	1,572,607	March 30, 2011	\$ 24,800

(a) The final cash payment is based on the weighted average stock price for the 10 days following the settlement date and we are subject to equity price risk during that time.

The following table provides a quantitative summary of the fair value of our hedged and non-hedged derivative instruments as of December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010 (dollars in thousands):

<b>Description</b>	<b>Balance Sheet Classification</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	
		<b>December 31, 2010</b>	<b>September 30, 2010</b>
<b>Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges:</b>			
Foreign currency contracts	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$	\$ 767
Foreign currency contracts	Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	(463)	
Security Price Guarantees	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	7,153	
Security Price Guarantees	Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		(982)
Net asset (liability) value of non-hedged derivative instruments		\$ 6,690	\$ (215)
<b>Derivatives Designated as Hedges:</b>			
Foreign currency contracts	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$ 733	\$ 729
Interest rate swaps	Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		(503)
		\$ 733	\$ 226

Net asset value of hedged derivative instruments

The following tables summarize the activity of derivative instruments for the three months ended December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively (dollars in thousands):

**Derivatives Designated as Hedges**

	<b>Amount of Gain (Loss)</b>			<b>Location and Amount of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income (Effective Portion)</b>	
	<b>Recognized in OCI</b>	<b>Recognized in OCI</b>		<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>		<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Foreign currency contracts	\$ 162	\$ 153	Other income (expense), net	\$ (158)	\$
Interest rate swaps	\$	\$ 657	Other income (expense), net	\$ 503	\$

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## NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges

	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income	
		2010	2009
Foreign currency contracts	Other income (expense), net	\$ (2,671)	\$ 1,614
Security price guarantees	Other income (expense), net	\$ 7,215	\$ 2,072

Other Financial Instruments

Financial instruments, including cash equivalents, restricted cash, marketable securities, accounts receivable, and derivative instruments, are carried in the consolidated financial statements at amounts that approximate their fair value.

The fair value of our long-term debt was estimated to be \$928.7 million and \$902.2 million at December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010, respectively. These fair value amounts represent the value at which our lenders could trade our debt within the financial markets, and do not represent the settlement value of these long-term debt liabilities to us at each reporting date. The fair value of the long-term debt issues will continue to vary each period based on fluctuations in market interest rates, as well as changes to our credit ratings. These fluctuations may have little to no correlation to our reported debt balances. The term loan portion of our Credit Facility is traded and the fair values are based upon traded prices as of the reporting dates. The fair values of the 2.75% Convertible Debentures at each respective reporting date were estimated using the averages of the December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010 bid and ask trading quotes. We had no outstanding balance on the revolving credit line portion of our Credit Facility. Our capital lease obligations and other debt are not traded and the fair values of these instruments are assumed to approximate their carrying values as of December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010.

**8. Fair Value Measures**

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received for an asset, or paid to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Valuation techniques must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. When determining the fair value measurements for assets and liabilities required to be recorded at fair value, we consider the principal or most advantageous market in which we would transact and consider assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, such as inherent risk, transfer restrictions, and risk of nonperformance.

ASC 820, *Fair Value Measures and Disclosures*, establishes a value hierarchy based on three levels of inputs, of which the first two are considered observable and the third is considered unobservable:

*Level 1.* Quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets which we can access.

*Level 2.* Observable inputs other than those described as Level 1.

*Level 3.* Unobservable inputs.





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Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010 consisted of (dollars in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2010</b>			<b>Total</b>
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	
<b>Assets:</b>				
Money market funds(a)	\$ 480,021	\$	\$	\$ 480,021
US government agency securities(a)	1,000			1,000
Marketable securities, \$37,172 at cost(b)		37,123		37,123
Foreign currency exchange contracts(b)		733		733
Security price guarantees(c)		7,153		7,153
<b>Total assets at fair value</b>	<b>\$ 481,021</b>	<b>\$ 45,009</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 526,030</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Foreign currency exchange contracts(b)		463		463
Contingent earn-out(d)			1,347	1,347
<b>Total liabilities at fair value</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 463</b>	<b>\$ 1,347</b>	<b>\$ 1,810</b>
	<b>September 30, 2010</b>			<b>Total</b>
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	
<b>Assets:</b>				
Money market funds(a)	\$ 470,845	\$	\$	\$ 470,845
US government agency securities(a)	1,000			1,000
Marketable securities, \$33,337 at cost(b)		33,366		33,366
Foreign currency exchange contracts(b)		1,496		1,496
<b>Total assets at fair value</b>	<b>\$ 471,845</b>	<b>\$ 34,862</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 506,707</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Security price guarantees(c)	\$	\$ 982	\$	\$ 982
Interest rate swaps(e)		503		503
Contingent earn-out(d)			724	724
<b>Total liabilities at fair value</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 1,485</b>	<b>\$ 724</b>	<b>\$ 2,209</b>

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- (a) Money market funds and US government agency securities, included in cash and cash equivalents in the accompanying balance sheet, are valued at quoted market prices in active markets.
- (b) The fair value of our marketable securities and foreign currency exchange contracts is based on the most recent observable inputs for similar instruments in active markets or quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active or are directly or indirectly observable.
- (c) The fair values of the security price guarantees are determined using a modified Black-Scholes model, derived from observable inputs such as US treasury interest rates, our common stock price, and the volatility of our common stock. The valuation model values both the put and call components of the guarantees simultaneously, with the net value of those components representing the fair value of each instrument.
- (d) The fair value of our contingent consideration arrangement is determined based on the Company's evaluation as to the probability and amount of any earn-out that will be achieved based on expected future performance by the acquired entity, as well as our common stock price since the contingent consideration arrangement is

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payable in shares of our common stock. Refer to Note 5 for additional information including the summary of changes in fair value during the period.

- (e) The fair values of the interest rate swaps are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses that factor in observable market inputs such as LIBOR based yield curves, forward rates, and credit spreads.

**9. Current Liabilities**

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2010</b>	<b>September 30, 2010</b>
Compensation	\$ 62,167	\$ 56,047
Sales and marketing incentives(a)	15,794	40,780
Cost of revenue related liabilities	10,694	10,028
Accrued business combination costs	10,049	10,197
Professional fees	9,354	9,908
Sales and other taxes payable	7,355	5,211
Acquisition costs and liabilities	4,886	4,970
Income taxes payable	2,417	4,357
Security price guarantee		1,034
Other	11,581	9,089
Total	\$ 134,297	\$ 151,621

- (a) The decrease in accrued sales and marketing incentives was driven by an EUR 18.0 million (\$23.4 million equivalent) payment in December 2010 for a fixed obligation assumed in connection with our acquisition of SpinVox. The related EUR 18.0 million of restricted cash was placed in an irrevocable standby letter of credit account at the end of fiscal year 2010 and was released upon satisfaction of the liability in December 2010. At December 31, 2010, we have an additional EUR 5.0 million (\$6.6 million equivalent) of restricted cash that has been placed in an irrevocable standby letter of credit for a related liability.

**10. Deferred Revenues**

Deferred revenue consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

<b>December 31, 2010</b>	<b>September 30, 2010</b>
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**Current Liabilities:**

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Deferred maintenance revenue	\$	93,737	\$	90,969
Unearned revenue		70,338		51,371
Total current deferred revenue	\$	164,075	\$	142,340
<b>Long-term Liabilities:</b>				
Deferred maintenance revenue	\$	13,537	\$	12,902
Unearned revenue		63,352		63,696
Total long-term deferred revenue	\$	76,889	\$	76,598

Deferred maintenance revenue consists of prepaid fees received for post-contract customer support for our products, including telephone support and the right to receive unspecified upgrades/enhancements on a

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when-and-if-available basis. Unearned revenue includes upfront fees for setup and implementation activities related to hosted offerings; certain software arrangements for which we do not have fair value of post-contract customer support, resulting in ratable revenue recognition for the entire arrangement on a straight-line basis; and fees in excess of estimated earnings on percentage-of-completion service contracts.

**11. Business Combination Costs**

The activity for the three months ended December 31, 2010, relating to all facilities and personnel recorded in accrued business combination costs, is as follows (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance at September 30, 2010	\$ 23,871	\$ 159	\$ 24,030
Charged to restructuring and other charges, net	118		118
Charged to interest expense	248		248
Cash payments, net of sublease receipts	(2,881)	(4)	(2,885)
Balance at December 31, 2010	\$ 21,356	\$ 155	\$ 21,511

	<b>December 31, 2010</b>	<b>September 30, 2010</b>
Reported as:		
Other current liabilities	\$ 10,049	\$ 10,197
Other liabilities	11,462	13,833
Total	\$ 21,511	\$ 24,030

**12. Restructuring and Other Charges, net**

The following table sets forth the three months ended December 31, 2010 accrual activity relating to restructuring and other charges (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance at September 30, 2010	\$ 1,838	\$ 283	\$ 2,121
Restructuring and other charges, net	670	1,263	1,933
Cash payments	(1,721)	(329)	(2,050)
Balance at December 31, 2010	\$ 787	\$ 1,217	\$ 2,004

For the three months ended December 31, 2010, we recorded net restructuring and other charges of \$1.9 million, which consisted primarily of \$1.3 million related to facilities that we no longer occupy.

### **13. Credit Facilities and Debt**

#### ***2.75% Convertible Debentures***

We have \$250 million of 2.75% convertible senior debentures due in August 2027. As of December 31, 2010, no conversion triggers were met. If the conversion triggers were met, we could be required to repay all or some of the principal amount in cash prior to maturity.

#### ***Credit Facility***

We have a credit facility which consists of a \$75 million revolving credit line, reduced by outstanding letters of credit, a \$355 million term loan entered into on March 31, 2006, a \$90 million term loan entered into on April 5,

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2007 and a \$225 million term loan entered into on August 24, 2007 (collectively the Credit Facility ). The term loans are due March 2013 and the revolving credit line is due March 2012. As of December 31, 2010, \$641.9 million remained outstanding under the term loans, there were \$15.8 million of letters of credit issued under the revolving credit line and there were no other outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit line. As of December 31, 2010, we were in compliance with the covenants under the Credit Facility.

As of December 31, 2010, based on our leverage ratio, the applicable margin for our term loan was 0.75% for base rate borrowings and 1.75% for LIBOR-based borrowings. This results in an effective interest rate of 2.01%. No payments under the excess cash flow sweep provision were due in the first quarter of fiscal 2011 as no excess cash flow, as defined, was generated in fiscal 2010. At the current time, we are unable to predict the amount of the outstanding principal, if any, that we may be required to repay in future fiscal years pursuant to the excess cash flow sweep provisions.

**14. Net Loss Per Share**

Common equivalent shares are excluded from the computation of diluted net loss per share if their effect is anti-dilutive. Potentially dilutive common equivalent shares aggregating to 17.1 million and 24.4 million shares for the three months ended December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively, have been excluded from the computation of diluted net loss per share because their inclusion would be anti-dilutive.

**15. Stockholders Equity**

We have, from time to time, entered into stock and warrant agreements with Warburg Pincus. In connection with these agreements, we granted Warburg Pincus the right to request that we use commercially reasonable efforts to register some or all of the shares of common stock issued to them pursuant to the purchase agreements, including shares of common stock underlying the warrants. At December 31, 2010, Warburg Pincus holds the following warrants to purchase shares of our common stock:

<b>Issuance Date</b>	<b>Price per Share</b>	<b>Total Shares</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
January 29, 2009	\$ 11.57	3,862,422	January 29, 2013
May 20, 2008	20.00	3,700,000	May 20, 2012

**16. Stock-Based Compensation**

We recognize stock-based compensation expense over the requisite service period. Our share-based awards are accounted for as equity instruments. The amounts included in the consolidated statements of operations relating to stock-based compensation are as follows (dollars in thousands):

<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
<b>December 31,</b>	
<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>

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Cost of product and licensing	\$ 6	\$ 9
Cost of professional services and hosting	5,688	2,648
Cost of maintenance and support	390	215
Research and development	4,867	2,030
Selling and marketing	10,310	8,519
General and administrative	10,837	6,645
Total	\$ 32,098	\$ 20,066

Included in stock-based compensation for the three months ended December 31, 2010 is \$6.2 million of expense related to awards that will be made as part of the fiscal 2011 annual bonus plan to employees. The annual bonus pool is



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determined by management and approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors based on financial performance targets approved at the beginning of the year. If these targets are achieved, the awards will be settled in shares based on the total bonus earned and the grant date fair value of the shares awarded to each employee.

*Stock Options*

The table below summarizes activity relating to stock options for the three months ended December 31, 2010:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value(1)
Outstanding at September 30, 2010	10,703,237	\$ 8.44		
Granted	1,000,000	\$ 16.44		
Exercised	(678,413)	\$ 6.41		
Forfeited	(27,319)	\$ 10.06		
Expired	(22,683)	\$ 14.98		
Outstanding at December 31, 2010	10,974,822	\$ 9.27	3.6 years	\$ 97.9 million
Exercisable at December 31, 2010	8,591,537	\$ 7.77	2.9 years	\$ 89.6 million
Exercisable at December 31, 2009	9,774,756	\$ 6.51	3.1 years	\$ 89.3 million

(1) The aggregate intrinsic value in this table was calculated based on the positive difference, if any, between the closing market value of our common stock on December 31, 2010 (\$18.18) and the exercise price of the underlying options.

As of December 31, 2010, the total unamortized fair value of stock options was \$10.7 million with a weighted average remaining recognition period of 1.3 years. A summary of weighted-average grant-date fair value of stock options granted and intrinsic value of stock options exercised is as follows:

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2010	2009
Weighted-average grant-date fair value per share	\$ 6.13	\$ 5.90
Total intrinsic value of stock options exercised (in millions)	\$ 7.9	\$ 11.2

We use the Black-Scholes option pricing model to calculate the grant-date fair value of an award. The fair value of the stock options granted and unvested options assumed from acquisitions during the three months ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 were calculated using the following weighted-average assumptions:

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%
Expected volatility	46.1%	51.0%
Average risk-free interest rate	1.2%	2.4%
Expected term (in years)	4.1	4.2

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*Restricted Units*

Restricted Units are not included in issued and outstanding common stock until the shares are vested and released. The table below summarizes activity relating to Restricted Units for the three months ending December 31, 2010:

	<b>Number of Shares Underlying Restricted Units Contingent Awards</b>	<b>Number of Shares Underlying Restricted Units Time-Based Awards</b>
Outstanding at September 30, 2010	2,867,840	7,795,114
Granted	894,450	2,388,248
Earned/released	(1,188,803)	(1,253,573)
Forfeited	(177,667)	(134,858)
Outstanding at December 31, 2010	2,395,820	8,794,931
Weighted average remaining contractual term of outstanding Restricted Units	1.3 years	1.2 years
Aggregate intrinsic value of outstanding Restricted Units(1)	\$ 43.6 million	\$ 159.9 million
Restricted Units vested and expected to vest	2,170,320	8,118,902
Weighted average remaining contractual term of Restricted Units vested and expected to vest	1.3 years	1.2 years
Aggregate intrinsic value of Restricted Units vested and expected to vest(1)	\$ 39.5 million	\$ 147.6 million

(1) The aggregate intrinsic value in this table was calculated based on the positive difference between the closing market value of our common stock on December 31, 2010 (\$18.18) and the exercise price of the underlying Restricted Units.

The purchase price for vested Restricted Units is \$0.001 per share. As of December 31, 2010, unearned stock-based compensation expense related to all unvested Restricted Units is \$151.8 million, which will, based on expectations of future performance vesting criteria, where applicable, be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.7 years.

A summary of weighted-average grant-date fair value, including those assumed in respective periods, and intrinsic value of all Restricted Units vested is as follows:

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Weighted-average grant-date fair value per share	\$ 17.00	\$ 14.58

Total intrinsic value of shares vested (in millions)	\$ 42.0	\$ 25.3
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## 17. Income Taxes

The effective income tax rate was 100.1% and (8.6)% for the three months ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Included in the tax provision for the three months ended December 31, 2010 was a U.S tax provision of \$4.8 million and a foreign income tax provision of \$1.2 million. Included in the tax provision for the three months ended December 31, 2009 was foreign income tax provision, as well as a \$1.5 million tax benefit resulting from the favorable settlement of a state tax penalty related to the eScription acquisition. No tax benefit was recognized on the U.S. losses for the three months ended December 31, 2009 as the realization of such benefit was not more likely than not.

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At December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010, the liability for income taxes associated with uncertain tax positions was \$13.0 million and \$12.8 million, respectively. We do not expect a significant change in the amount of unrecognized tax benefits within the next 12 months.

**18. Commitments and Contingencies**

***Litigation and Other Claims***

Like many companies in the software industry, we have, from time to time, been notified of claims that we may be infringing, or contributing to the infringement of, the intellectual property rights of others. These claims have been referred to counsel, and they are in various stages of evaluation and negotiation. If it appears necessary or desirable, we may seek licenses for these intellectual property rights. There is no assurance that licenses will be offered by all claimants, that the terms of any offered licenses will be acceptable to us or that in all cases the dispute will be resolved without litigation, which may be time consuming and expensive, and may result in injunctive relief or the payment of damages by us.

Vianix LLC has filed three legal actions against us, consisting of two breach of contract actions and a copyright infringement claim. We believe that our maximum potential exposure related to these claims is immaterial and we have not accrued any settlement liability for these actions.

We do not believe that the final outcome of the above litigation matters will have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations. However, even if our defense is successful, the litigation could require significant management time and will be costly. Should we not prevail, our operating results, financial position and cash flows could be adversely impacted.

***Guarantees and Other***

We include indemnification provisions in the contracts we enter into with customers and business partners. Generally, these provisions require us to defend claims arising out of our products infringement of third-party intellectual property rights, breach of contractual obligations and/or unlawful or otherwise culpable conduct. The indemnity obligations generally cover damages, costs and attorneys fees arising out of such claims. In most, but not all, cases, our total liability under such provisions is limited to either the value of the contract or a specified, agreed upon amount. In some cases our total liability under such provisions is unlimited. In many, but not all cases, the term of the indemnity provision is perpetual. While the maximum potential amount of future payments we could be required to make under all the indemnification provisions is unlimited, we believe the estimated fair value of these provisions is minimal due to the low frequency with which these provisions have been triggered.

We indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by law. These agreements, among other things, indemnify directors and officers for expenses, judgments, fines, penalties and settlement amounts incurred by such persons in their capacity as a director or officer of the company, regardless of whether the individual is serving in any such capacity at the time the liability or expense is incurred. Additionally, in connection with certain acquisitions we have agreed to indemnify the former officers and members of the boards of directors of those companies, on similar terms as described above, for a period of six years from the acquisition date. In certain cases we purchase director and officer insurance policies related to these obligations, which fully cover the six year periods. To the extent that we do not purchase a director and officer insurance policy for the full period of any contractual indemnification, we would

be required to pay for costs incurred, if any, as described above.

**19. Segment and Geographic Information and Significant Customers**

We follow the provisions of ASC 280, *Segment Reporting*, which establishes standards for reporting information about operating segments. ASC 280 also established standards for disclosures about products, services and geographic areas. Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise for which separate financial information is available and evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate

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resources and in assessing performance. Our chief operating decision maker ( CODM ) is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

We have several customer-facing market groups that oversee the core markets where we conduct business. These groups are referred to as Healthcare, Mobile and Consumer, Enterprise and Imaging. These groups do not directly manage centralized or shared resources or make allocation decisions regarding the activities related to these functions, which include sales and sales operations, certain research and development initiatives, business development and all general and administrative activities. Our CODM oversees these groups as well as each of the functions that provide the shared and centralized activities noted above. To manage the business, allocate resources and assess performance, the CODM regularly reviews revenue data by market group, while reviewing gross margins, operating margins, and other measures of income or loss on a consolidated basis. Thus, we have determined that we operate in one segment.

The following table presents revenue information for our four core markets (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Healthcare	\$ 117,437	\$ 105,526
Mobile and Consumer	86,115	64,093
Enterprise	71,048	75,365
Imaging	29,229	17,993
Total Revenue	\$ 303,829	\$ 262,977

No country outside of the United States provided greater than 10% of our total revenue. Revenue, classified by the major geographic areas in which our customers are located, was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
United States	\$ 231,690	\$ 186,499
International	72,139	76,478
Total Revenue	\$ 303,829	\$ 262,977

No country outside of the United States held greater than 10% of our long-lived or total assets. Our long-lived assets, including intangible assets and goodwill, were located as follows (dollars in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2010</b>	<b>September 30, 2010</b>
United States	\$ 2,468,575	\$ 2,479,952
International	441,209	448,105
Total	\$ 2,909,784	\$ 2,928,057



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**Item 2. *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations***

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis is intended to help the reader understand the results of operations and financial condition of our business. Management's Discussion and Analysis is provided as a supplement to, and should be read in conjunction with, our consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that, if they never materialize or if they prove incorrect, could cause our consolidated results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include predictions regarding:

our future revenues, cost of revenues, research and development expenses, selling, general and administrative expenses, amortization of intangible assets and gross margin;

our strategy relating to our core markets;

the potential of future product releases;

our product development plans and investments in research and development;

future acquisitions, and anticipated benefits from acquisitions;

international operations and localized versions of our products; and

legal proceedings and litigation matters.

You can identify these and other forward-looking statements by the use of words such as may, will, should, expects, plans, anticipates, believes, estimates, predicts, intends, potential, continue or the negative of such term or comparable terminology. Forward-looking statements also include the assumptions underlying or relating to any of the foregoing statements. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements for many reasons, including the risks described in Item 1A Risk Factors and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. We undertake no obligation to publicly release any revisions to the forward-looking statements or reflect events or circumstances after the date of this document.

**OVERVIEW**

Nuance Communications, Inc. is a leading provider of voice and language solutions for businesses and consumers around the world. Our technologies, applications and services make the user experience more compelling by transforming the way people interact with devices and systems. Our solutions are used every day by millions of people and thousands of businesses for tasks and services such as requesting information from a phone-based self-service solution, dictating medical records, searching the mobile Web by voice, entering a destination into a navigation system, or working with PDF documents. Our solutions help make these interactions, tasks and experiences more

productive, compelling and efficient.

Our technologies address our four core markets:

*Healthcare.* We provide comprehensive dictation and transcription solutions and services that automate the input and management of medical information. Our hosted and on-premise solutions provide platforms to generate and distribute clinical documentation through the use of advanced dictation and transcription features, and allow us to deliver scalable, highly productive medical transcription solutions. Our solutions also enable us to accelerate future innovation to transform the way healthcare providers document patient care, through improved interface with electronic medical records and extraction of clinical information to support the billing and insurance reimbursement processes. We also offer speech recognition solutions for radiology, cardiology, pathology and related specialties, that help healthcare providers dictate, edit and sign reports without manual transcription.

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*Mobile and Consumer.* Our portfolio of mobile and consumer solutions and services includes an integrated suite of voice control and text-to-speech solutions, dictation applications, predictive text technologies, mobile messaging services and emerging services such as dictation, Web search and voicemail-to-text. Our suite of Dragon general purpose desktop and portable computer dictation applications increases productivity by using speech to create documents, streamline repetitive and complex tasks, input data, complete forms and automate manual transcription processes. In particular, we have focused in recent quarters on integrating our Dragon technology and brand initiatives across mobile and consumer markets.

*Enterprise.* We deliver a portfolio of customer service business intelligence and authentication solutions that are designed to help companies better support, understand and communicate with their customers. Our hosted and on-premise solutions include the use of technologies such as speech recognition, natural language understanding, text-to-speech, biometric voice recognition and analytics to automate caller identification and authorization, call steering, completion of tasks such as updates, purchases and information retrieval, and automated outbound notifications. In addition, we offer solutions that can meet customer care needs through direct interaction with thin-client applications on cell phones, enabling customers to very quickly retrieve relevant information. Our solutions improve the customer experience, increase the use of self-service and enable new revenue opportunities.

*Imaging.* Our imaging solutions offer comprehensive PDF applications designed specifically for business users, optical character recognition technology to deliver highly accurate document and PDF conversion, and applications that combine PDF creation with network scanning to quickly enable distribution of documents to users desktops or to enterprise applications, as well as software development toolkits for independent software vendors.

We leverage our global professional services organization and our extensive network of partners to design and deploy innovative solutions for businesses and organizations around the globe. We market and sell our products directly through a dedicated sales force and through our e-commerce website, and also through a global network of resellers, including system integrators, independent software vendors, value-added resellers, hardware vendors, telecommunications carriers and distributors.

Confronted by dramatic increases in electronic information, consumers, business personnel and healthcare professionals must use a variety of resources to retrieve information, transcribe patient records, conduct transactions and perform other job-related functions. We believe that the power of our solutions can transform the way people use the Internet, telecommunications systems, electronic medical records, wireless and mobile networks and related corporate infrastructure to conduct business.

We have built a world-class portfolio of intellectual property, technologies, applications and solutions through both internal development and acquisitions. We expect to continue to pursue opportunities to broaden these assets and expand our customer base through acquisitions. In evaluating the financial condition and operating performance of our business, management focuses on revenue, earnings, gross margins, operating margins and cash flow from operations. A summary of these key financial metrics for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2009, is as follows:

Total revenue increased by \$40.8 million to \$303.8 million;

Net loss decreased by \$4.3 million;

Gross margins decreased by 2.9 percentage points to 61.5%;

Operating margins increased by 1.2 percentage points to 2.7%; and

Cash provided by operating activities decreased by \$1.7 million to \$63.3 million.

### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (GAAP) require us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates, assumptions and judgments, including those related to: revenue recognition; allowance for doubtful accounts and returns; the costs to complete the development of custom software applications; the valuation of goodwill, intangible assets and tangible long-lived assets;

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accounting for business combinations; share-based payments; valuation of derivative instruments; accounting for income taxes and related valuation allowances and loss contingencies. Our management bases its estimates on historical experience, market participant fair value considerations and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Information about those accounting policies we deem to be critical to our financial reporting may be found in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010. There have been no significant changes or additions to our critical accounting policies from those disclosed in our annual report other than those changes in our policies for the adoption of new revenue accounting standards, as described in Note 2 to the unaudited consolidated financial statements included in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

**RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

Refer to Note 2 to the unaudited consolidated financial statements included in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following table presents, as a percentage of total revenue, certain selected financial data for the three months ended December 31, 2010 and 2009.

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Revenues:		
Product and licensing	44.1%	43.1%
Professional services and hosting	40.4	39.4
Maintenance and support	15.5	17.5
Total revenue	100.0	100.0
Cost of revenues:		
Cost of product and licensing	5.6	4.8
Cost of professional services and hosting	25.7	23.6
Cost of maintenance and support	2.8	3.0
Cost of revenue from amortization of intangible assets	4.4	4.2
Gross profit	61.5	64.4
Operating expenses:		
Research and development	13.6	14.1
Sales and marketing	25.8	24.9
General and administrative	10.3	10.4
Amortization of intangible assets	7.5	8.4
Acquisition-related costs, net	0.9	4.9
Restructuring and other charges, net	0.7	0.2

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Total operating expenses	58.8	62.9
Income from operations	2.7	1.5
Other expenses	(0.7)	(3.0)
Income (loss) before income taxes	2.0	(1.5)
Provision for income taxes	2.0	0.1
Net loss	(0.0)%	(1.6)%

**Table of Contents****Total Revenues**

The following tables show total revenue from our four core market groups and revenue by geographic location, based on the location of our customers, in dollars and percentage change (dollars in millions):

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>		<b>Dollar</b>	<b>Percent</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
Healthcare	\$ 117.4	\$ 105.5	\$ 11.9	11.3%
Mobile and Consumer	86.1	64.1	22.0	34.3%
Enterprise	71.1	75.4	(4.3)	(5.7)%
Imaging	29.2	18.0	11.2	62.2%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 303.8</b>	<b>\$ 263.0</b>	<b>\$ 40.8</b>	<b>15.5%</b>
United States	\$ 231.7	\$ 186.5	\$ 45.2	24.2%
International	72.1	76.5	(4.4)	(5.8)%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 303.8</b>	<b>\$ 263.0</b>	<b>\$ 40.8</b>	<b>15.5%</b>

The increase in total revenue for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2009, was driven by a combination of organic growth and contributions from fiscal 2010 acquisitions. Healthcare revenue increased primarily as a result of contributions from our fourth quarter fiscal 2010 acquisitions as well as growth in sales of our Dragon Medical solutions. Mobile and Consumer revenue increased primarily driven by our holiday campaign related to the new versions of Dragon NaturallySpeaking for Windows and Dragon Dictate for Mac and growth in our hosted mobile services, primarily related to SpinVox. Enterprise revenue had decreases in both product and licensing revenue as well as professional services and hosting revenue. Imaging revenue increased primarily as a result of contributions from our eCopy products.

**Product and Licensing Revenue**

Product and licensing revenue primarily consists of sales and licenses of our technology. The following table shows product and licensing revenue, in dollars and as a percentage of total revenue (dollars in millions):

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>		<b>Dollar</b>	<b>Percent</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
Product and licensing revenue	\$ 133.8	\$ 113.2	\$ 20.6	18.2%
As a percentage of total revenue	44.1%	43.1%		

The increase in product and licensing revenue for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2009, consisted of a \$10.3 million increase in Mobile and Consumer revenue primarily driven by growth in sales of our Dragon NaturallySpeaking 11 for Windows and Dragon Dictate for Mac. Imaging product and licensing revenue increased by \$10.3 million, which included \$2.8 million from the effect of our adoption of the new revenue recognition rules as disclosed in Note 2 of our consolidated financial statements. The remaining increase was primarily driven by sales of our eCopy products.

### **Professional Services and Hosting Revenue**

Professional services revenue primarily consists of consulting, implementation and training services for speech customers. Hosting revenue primarily relates to delivering hosted transcription and dictation services over a



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specified term, as well as self-service, hosting offerings to carriers and enterprises. The following table shows professional services and hosting revenue, in dollars and as a percentage of total revenue (dollars in millions):

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Dollar Change</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
	<b>December 31, 2010</b>	<b>2009</b>		
Professional services and hosting revenue	\$ 122.8	\$ 103.7	\$ 19.1	18.4%
As a percentage of total revenue	40.4%	39.4%		

The increase in professional services and hosting revenue for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2009, consisted of a \$12.1 million increase in Mobile and Consumer revenue primarily as a result of growth in our hosted mobile services, driven by SpinVox. Healthcare revenue increased \$10.0 million primarily as a result of growth of our hosting solutions, including the impact from our fourth quarter fiscal 2010 acquisitions. In the first quarter of fiscal 2011, the annualized line run-rate in our healthcare hosting business was approximately 3.425 billion lines per year, up 14% from 3.010 billion lines per year during the first quarter of fiscal 2010. The annualized line run-rate is determined by the number of lines actually billed in a given quarter, multiplied by four. Our backlog hours in enterprise professional services were 335,000 hours as of December 31, 2010, compared to 250,000 hours as of December 31, 2009. Enterprise professional services backlog hours reflect the accumulated estimated hours necessary to fulfill all of our existing, executed professional services contracts within the enterprise business, including those that are cancelable by customers, based on the original estimate of hours sold.

The estimated 3-year value of total on-demand contracts was \$1,174.4 million at December 31, 2010, up 21.2% from \$968.6 million at December 31, 2009. We determine this value by using our best estimate of all anticipated future revenue streams under signed on-demand contracts currently in place, whether or not they are guaranteed through a minimum commitment clause. Our best estimate is based on assumptions about launch dates, volumes and renewal rates within the three year period. Most of these contracts are priced by volume of usage and typically have no or low minimum commitments. Actual revenue could vary from our estimates due to factors such as cancellations, non-renewals or volume fluctuations.

**Maintenance and Support Revenue**

Maintenance and support revenue primarily consists of technical support and maintenance services. The following table shows maintenance and support revenue, in dollars and as a percentage of total revenue (dollars in millions):

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Dollar Change</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
	<b>December 31, 2010</b>	<b>2009</b>		
Maintenance and support revenue	\$ 47.2	\$ 46.1	\$ 1.1	2.4%
As a percentage of total revenue	15.5%	17.5%		

The increase in maintenance and support revenue for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2009, consisted primarily of a \$1.0 million increase in Healthcare maintenance and support revenue, driven by organic growth.

Table of Contents**COSTS AND EXPENSES****Cost of Product and Licensing Revenue**

Cost of product and licensing revenue primarily consists of material and fulfillment costs, manufacturing and operations costs and third-party royalty expenses. The following table shows cost of product and licensing revenue, in dollars and as a percentage of product and licensing revenue (dollars in millions):

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>			
	<b>December 31, 2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Dollar Change</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Cost of product and licensing revenue	\$ 17.1	\$ 12.6	\$ 4.5	35.7%
As a percentage of product and licensing revenue	12.8%	11.1%		

The increase in cost of product and licensing revenue for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2009, was primarily due to a \$3.1 million increase in Mobile and Consumer costs driven by sales growth related to the new versions of Dragon NaturallySpeaking for Windows and Dragon Dictate for Mac. In addition, Imaging costs increased \$1.9 million as a result of our eCopy products.

**Cost of Professional Services and Hosting Revenue**

Cost of professional services and hosting revenue primarily consists of compensation for consulting personnel, outside consultants and overhead, as well as the hardware and communications fees that support our hosted, hosting solutions. The following table shows cost of professional services and hosting revenue, in dollars and as a percentage of professional services and hosting revenue (dollars in millions):

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>			
	<b>December 31, 2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Dollar Change</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Cost of professional services and hosting revenue	\$ 78.2	\$ 62.0	\$ 16.2	26.1%
As a percentage of professional services and hosting revenue	63.7%	59.8%		

The increase in cost of professional services and hosting revenue for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2009, was primarily due to a \$7.3 million increase in Mobile and Consumer costs which included the effect of our acquisition of SpinVox, a \$4.5 million increase in Healthcare costs and a \$3.0 million increase in stock-based compensation expense.

**Cost of Maintenance and Support Revenue**

Cost of maintenance and support revenue primarily consists of compensation for product support personnel and overhead. The following table shows cost of maintenance and support revenue, in dollars and as a percentage of maintenance and support revenue (dollars in millions):

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Dollar Change</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
	<b>December 31, 2010</b>	<b>December 31, 2009</b>		
Cost of maintenance and support revenue	\$ 8.3	\$ 8.0	\$ 0.3	3.8%
As a percentage of maintenance and support revenue	17.5%	17.3%		

The overall increase of \$0.3 million in cost of maintenance and support revenue for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2009, is consistent with the growth in revenue for each of the core businesses.

**Table of Contents****Research and Development Expense**

Research and development expense primarily consists of salaries, benefits and overhead relating to engineering staff. The following table shows research and development expense, in dollars and as a percentage of total revenue (dollars in millions):

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>		<b>Dollar</b>	<b>Percent</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total research and development expense	\$ 41.4	\$ 37.0	\$ 4.4	11.9%
As a percentage of total revenue	13.6%	14.1%		

The increase in research and development expense for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2009, was primarily attributable to an increase in headcount as we continue to invest in our research and development organization.

**Sales and Marketing Expense**

Sales and marketing expense includes salaries and benefits, commissions, advertising, direct mail, public relations, tradeshow costs and other costs of marketing programs, travel expenses associated with our sales organization and overhead. The following table shows sales and marketing expense, in dollars and as a percentage of total revenue (dollars in millions):

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>		<b>Dollar</b>	<b>Percent</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
Total sales and marketing expense	\$ 78.3	\$ 65.6	\$ 12.7	19.4%
As a percentage of total revenue	25.8%	24.9%		

The increase in sales and marketing expense for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2009, was primarily attributable to an \$8.1 million increase in marketing and channel program spending to drive overall revenue growth, as well as a \$4.0 million increase in compensation and other variable costs, such as commissions and travel expenses. The increase in compensation and other variable costs was attributable to the additional headcount from our acquisitions during the second half of fiscal 2010.

**General and Administrative Expense**

General and administrative expense primarily consists of personnel costs for administration, finance, human resources, information systems, facilities and general management, fees for external professional advisors including

accountants and attorneys, insurance, and provisions for doubtful accounts. The following table shows general and administrative expense, in dollars and as a percentage of total revenue (dollars in millions):

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>		<b>Dollar Change</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>		
Total general and administrative expense	\$ 31.2	\$ 27.5	\$ 3.7	13.5%
As a percentage of total revenue	10.3%	10.4%		

The increase in general and administrative expense for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2009, was primarily attributable to a \$4.4 million increase in compensation expense from an increase in stock-based compensation and partially offset by a \$0.9 million decrease in professional services expense as a result of cost containment efforts.

**Table of Contents****Amortization of Intangible Assets**

Amortization of acquired patents and core and completed technology are included in cost of revenue and the amortization of acquired customer and contractual relationships, non-compete agreements, acquired tradenames and trademarks, and other intangibles are included in operating expenses. Customer relationships are amortized on an accelerated basis based upon the pattern in which the economic benefits of the customer relationships are being realized. Other identifiable intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Amortization expense was recorded as follows (dollars in millions):

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Dollar Change</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
	<b>December 31, 2010</b>	<b>2009</b>		
Cost of Revenue	\$ 13.3	\$ 11.0	\$ 2.3	20.9%
Operating Expenses	22.7	22.1	0.6	2.7%
Total Amortization expense	\$ 36.0	\$ 33.1	\$ 2.9	8.8%
As a percentage of total revenue	11.9%	12.6%		

The increase in amortization of intangible assets for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2009, was primarily attributable to the amortization of acquired intangible assets from our business acquisitions during fiscal 2010 and our acquisitions of patents and technology from other third-parties during fiscal 2010. This increase was partially offset by a reduction in amortization of customer relationships that are recognized over the period of expected economic benefit.

**Acquisition-Related Costs, Net**

Acquisition-related costs include those costs related to business and other acquisitions, including potential acquisitions. These costs consist of transition and integration costs, including retention payments, transitional employee costs and earn-out payments treated as compensation expense, as well as the costs of integration-related services provided by third-parties; professional service fees, including direct third-party costs of the transaction and post-acquisition legal and other professional service fees associated with disputes and regulatory matters related to acquired entities; and adjustments to acquisition-related items that are required to be marked to fair value each reporting period, such as contingent consideration, and other items related to acquisitions for which the measurement period has ended. Acquisition-related costs were recorded as follows (dollars in millions):

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Dollar Change</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
	<b>December 31, 2010</b>	<b>2009</b>		
Transition and integration costs	\$ 1.0	\$ 3.4	\$ (2.4)	(70.6)%
Professional service fees	1.3	9.3	(8.0)	(86.0)%
Acquisition-related adjustments	0.7	0.1	0.6	600.0%

Total Acquisition-related costs, net	\$ 3.0	\$ 12.8	\$ (9.8)	(76.6)%
As a percentage of total revenue	0.9%	4.9%		

The decrease in acquisition-related costs, net for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2009, was primarily driven by a reduction in transition and integration costs and professional service fees. For the three months ended December 31, 2009, transition and integration costs consisted primarily of the costs associated with transitional employees from our fiscal 2009 acquisitions; professional services consisted of expenses related to our acquisition of SpinVox in December 2009 and approximately \$2.2 million that had been capitalized as of September 30, 2009 related to transaction costs incurred in prior periods that was required to be expensed upon our adoption of ASC 805, *Business Combinations*, in fiscal 2010.



**Table of Contents****Restructuring and Other Charges, Net**

The following table sets forth the activity relating to the restructuring accruals for the three months ended December 31, 2010 (dollars in millions):

	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance at September 30, 2010	\$ 1.8	\$ 0.3	\$ 2.1
Restructuring and other charges	0.7	1.2	1.9
Cash payments	(1.7)	(0.3)	(2.0)
Balance at December 31, 2010	\$ 0.8	\$ 1.2	\$ 2.0

For the three months ended December 31, 2010, we recorded net restructuring and other charges of \$1.9 million, which consisted primarily of \$1.3 million related to facilities we no longer occupy.

For the three months ended December 31, 2009, we recorded net restructuring and other charges of \$0.6 million, which consisted of \$1.2 million related to the elimination of approximately 40 personnel across multiple functions, partially offset by \$0.6 million reduction in expense resulting from change in sublease income assumptions.

**Other Income (Expense), Net**

The following table shows other income (expense), net in dollars and as a percentage of total revenue (dollars in millions):

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>			
	<b>December 31, 2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Dollar Change</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Interest income	\$ 0.8	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.4	100.0%
Interest expense	(9.2)	(10.2)	1.0	9.8%
Other income, net	6.1	2.0	4.1	205.0%
Total other income (expense), net	\$ (2.3)	\$ (7.8)	\$ 5.5	70.5%
As a percentage of total revenue	(0.7)%	(3.0)%		

The change in other income (expense), net for the three months ended December 31, 2010, as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2009, was primarily driven by a \$7.2 million gain on our outstanding security price guarantees derivatives, which was partially offset by a \$0.9 million of foreign exchange losses, including the impact of our foreign exchange forward contracts.

**Provision for Income Taxes**

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The following table shows the provision for income taxes and the effective income tax rate (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31,</b>		<b>Dollar</b>	<b>Percent</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
Income tax provision	\$ 6.0	\$ 0.3	\$ 5.7	1,900.0%
Effective income tax rate	100.1%	(8.6)%		

Our effective income tax rate was 100.1% and (8.6)% for the three months ended December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. The change in the effective tax rate primarily relates to the \$4.8 million U.S. tax provision recognized in the three months ended December 31, 2010. During the three months ended December 31, 2009, no U.S. tax benefit was recorded on the U.S. losses, as the realization of such benefit was not more likely than not.

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**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$554.4 million as of December 31, 2010, an increase of \$37.8 million as compared to \$516.6 million as of September 30, 2010. Our working capital was \$484.2 million as of December 31, 2010, as compared to \$459.2 million as of September 30, 2010. In addition, we had \$32.1 million of non-current marketable securities as of December 31, 2010, an increase of \$3.8 million as compared to \$28.3 million as of September 30, 2010. Cash and marketable securities held by our international operations totaled \$54.6 million and \$40.5 million at December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010, respectively. We expect the cash held overseas will continue to be used for our international operations and therefore do not anticipate repatriating these funds. If we were to repatriate these funds, we do not believe there would be a material impact to our liquidity. As of December 31, 2010, our total accumulated deficit was \$281.4 million. We do not expect our accumulated deficit to impact our future ability to operate the business given our strong cash and operating cash flow positions, and believe our current cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities on-hand are sufficient to meet our operating needs for at least the next twelve months.

**Cash Provided by Operating Activities**

Cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended December 31, 2010 was \$63.3 million, a decrease of \$1.8 million, or 2.8%, as compared to cash provided by operating activities of \$65.1 million for the three months ended December 31, 2009. The decrease was primarily driven by the following factors:

A decrease in cash of \$25.0 million from change in working capital primarily driven by an EUR 18.0 million (\$23.4 million equivalent) payment for a fixed obligation assumed in connection with our acquisition of SpinVox;

An increase in cash resulting from an increase in net income, exclusive of non-cash adjustment items, of approximately \$20.2 million; and

An increase in cash of \$13.0 million from deferred revenue primarily attributable to upfront billings for set-up and implementation activities related to our hosted offerings.

**Cash Used in Investing Activities**

Cash used in investing activities for the three months ended December 31, 2010 was \$9.1 million, a decrease of \$150.3 million, or 94.3%, as compared to cash used in investing activities of \$159.4 million for the three months ended December 31, 2009. The net decrease was primarily driven by the following factors:

A decrease of \$128.4 million in cash payments related to business acquisitions, primarily driven by the cash paid in the acquisition of SpinVox and the PSRS deferred acquisition payment during the three months ended December 31, 2009;

A cash inflow of \$17.2 million in restricted cash in December 2010 related to the release of cash placed in an irrevocable standby letter of credit account for payment of a fixed obligation in connection with our acquisition of SpinVox; and

A decrease of \$15.0 million in cash payments for equity investments in a non-public company made during the three months ended December 31, 2009.

**Cash Used in Financing Activities**

Cash used in financing activities for the three months ended December 31, 2010 was \$16.0 million, an increase of \$9.6 million, or 149.1%, as compared to cash used in financing activities of \$6.4 million for the three months ended December 31, 2009. The net increase was primarily driven by the following factors:

An \$10.8 million decrease in cash as a result of the increase in cash payments to net share settle employee equity awards, due to an increase in intrinsic value of the shares vested as a result of the overall increase in our stock price during the three months ended December 31, 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009; and

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A \$3.7 million cash inflow resulting from excess tax benefits on employee equity awards during the first quarter of 2011

***2.75% Convertible Debentures***

We have \$250 million of 2.75% convertible senior debentures due in August 2027. As of December 31, 2010, no conversion triggers were met. If the conversion triggers were met, we could be required to repay all or some of the principal amount in cash prior to maturity.

***Credit Facility***

As of December 31, 2010, \$641.9 million remained outstanding under our term loan. There were \$15.8 million of letters of credit issued under the revolving credit line and there were no other outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit line. As of December 31, 2010, we are in compliance with the covenants under the Credit Facility.

As of December 31, 2010, based on our leverage ratio, the applicable margin for our term loan was 1.00% for base rate borrowings and 1.75% for LIBOR-based borrowings. This results in an effective interest rate of 2.01%. No payments under the excess cash flow sweep provision were due in the first quarter of fiscal 2011 as no excess cash flow, as defined, was generated in fiscal 2010. At the current time, we are unable to predict the amount of the outstanding principal, if any, that we may be required to repay in future fiscal years pursuant to the excess cash flow sweep provisions. If only the minimum required repayments are made, the annual aggregate principal amount of the term loans repaid would be as follows (dollars in thousands):

<b>Year Ending September 30,</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2011 (January 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011)	\$ 5,025
2012	6,700
2013 (maturity)	630,163
Total	\$ 641,888

We believe that cash flows from future operations in addition to cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities on-hand will be sufficient to meet our working capital, investing, financing and contractual obligations and the contingent payments for acquisitions, if any are realized, as they become due for at least the next twelve months. We also believe that in the event future operating results are not as planned, that we could take actions, including restructuring actions and other cost reduction initiatives, to reduce operating expenses to levels which, in combination with expected future revenue, will continue to generate sufficient operating cash flow. In the event that these actions are not effective in generating operating cash flows we may be required to issue equity or debt securities on terms that may be less favorable.

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements, Contractual Obligations*****Contingent Liabilities and Commitments***

In connection with certain of our acquisitions, we have agreed to make contingent cash payments to the former shareholders of certain of the acquired companies. The following represents the contingent cash payments that we may be required to make.

In connection with our acquisition of SNAPin Software, Inc. ( SNAPin ), we agreed to make a contingent earn-out payment of up to \$45.0 million in cash to be paid, if at all, based on the business achieving certain performance targets that are measurable from the acquisition date to December 31, 2009. In April 2010, the Company and the former shareholders of SNAPin agreed on a final earn-out payment of \$21.2 million and we issued 593,676 shares of our common stock, valued at \$10.2 million, as our first payment under the earn-out agreement. The remaining balance is payable in cash or stock, solely at our option, on or before October 1, 2011 and is included in short-term liabilities as of December 31, 2010.

In connection with our acquisition of Vocada, Inc. ( Vocada ) in November 2007, we agreed to make contingent earn-out payments of up to \$21.0 million upon the achievement of certain financial targets measured

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over defined periods through December 31, 2010, in accordance with the merger agreement. We have notified the former shareholders of Vocada that the financial targets were not achieved. In December 2010, the former shareholders filed a demand for arbitration in accordance with their rights under the merger agreement. At December 31, 2010, we have not recorded any obligation relative to these earn-out provisions.

In connection with the acquisition of Commissure, Inc. ( Commissure ), we agreed to make contingent earn-out payments of up to \$8.0 million, payable in stock, or cash, solely at our discretion, upon the achievement of certain financial targets for the fiscal years 2008, 2009 and 2010. Earn-out payments, if any, will be recorded as incremental purchase price and allocated to goodwill. We have provided the following notices to the former shareholders of Commissure:

The financial targets for the fiscal year 2008 earnout were not achieved and the related contingent earnout payment was not earned;

The financial targets for the fiscal year 2009 earnout were not achieved and the related contingent earnout payment was not earned; and

The financial targets for the fiscal year 2010 earnout were partially achieved and, accordingly, a contingent earnout payment of \$1.0 million was earned.

We intend to pay the fiscal year 2010 earnout in cash on or before February 7, 2011.

### ***Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements***

Through December 31, 2010, we have not entered into any off-balance sheet arrangements or material transactions with unconsolidated entities or other persons.

### ***Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk***

We are exposed to market risk from changes in foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices which could affect operating results, financial position and cash flows. We manage our exposure to these market risks through our regular operating and financing activities and, when appropriate, through the use of derivative financial instruments.

#### **Exchange Rate Sensitivity**

We are exposed to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Any foreign currency transaction, defined as a transaction denominated in a currency other than the U.S. dollar, will be reported in U.S. dollars at the applicable exchange rate. Assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars at exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date and income and expense items are translated at average rates for the period. The primary foreign currency denominated transactions include revenue and expenses and the resulting accounts receivable and accounts payable balances reflected on our balance sheet. Therefore, the change in the value of the U.S. dollar compared to foreign currencies will have either a positive or negative effect on our financial position and results of operations. Historically, our primary exposure has related to transactions denominated in the Euro, British Pound, Canadian Dollar, Japanese Yen, Indian Rupee and Hungarian Forint.

A hypothetical change of 10% in appreciation or depreciation in foreign currency exchange rates from the quoted foreign currency exchange rates at December 31, 2010 would not have a material impact on our revenue, operating results or cash flows in the coming year.

Periodically, we enter into forward exchange contracts to hedge against foreign currency fluctuations. These contracts may or may not be designated as cash flow hedges for accounting purposes. At December 31, 2010, we have foreign currency contracts with a total notional value of approximately \$12.6 million designated as cash flow hedges. These contracts all mature within the next twelve months. During the quarter ended December 31, 2010, we established a program that primarily uses forward contracts to offset the risks associated with foreign currency exposures that arise from transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currencies of our worldwide operations. We commenced this program so that increases or decreases in our foreign currency exposures are offset by gain or losses on the foreign currency forward contracts. These contracts are not designated



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as accounting hedges and generally are for periods less than 30 days. The notional contract amount of outstanding foreign currency exchange contracts not designated as cash flow hedges was \$127.6 million at December 31, 2010. Based on the nature of the transaction for which the contracts were purchased, a hypothetical change of 10% in exchange rates would not have a material impact on our financial results.

### **Interest Rate Sensitivity**

We are exposed to interest rate risk as a result of our significant cash and cash equivalents, and the outstanding debt under the Credit Facility.

At December 31, 2010, we held approximately \$554.4 million of cash and cash equivalents primarily consisting of cash and money-market funds. Due to the low current market yields and the short-term nature of our investments, a hypothetical change in market rates of one percentage point would not have a material effect on the fair value of our portfolio or results of operations.

At December 31, 2010, our total outstanding debt balance exposed to variable interest rates was \$641.9 million. To partially offset this variable interest rate exposure, we may use interest rate swaps to convert specific variable-rate debt into fixed-rate debt. During the three months ended December 31, 2010, our two interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedges expired. A hypothetical change in market rates would have a significant impact on interest expense and amounts payable. Assuming a one percentage point increase in interest rates, our interest expense relative to our outstanding debt would increase \$6.4 million per annum.

### **Equity Price Risk**

We are exposed to equity price risk as a result of security price guarantees that we enter in to from time to time. Generally, these price guarantees are for a period of six months or less, and require payment from either us to a third party, or from the third party to us, based upon changes in our stock price during the contract term. As of December 31, 2010, we have security price guarantees outstanding for approximately 2.9 million shares of our common stock. A 10% change in our stock price during the next six months would result in a reduction of cash inflows of up to \$5.3 million for a decrease in the stock price or additional cash inflows of up to \$5.3 million for an increase in the stock price.

## **Item 4. *Controls and Procedures***

### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act )) designed to ensure that information we are required to disclose in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by an issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the issuer's management, including its principal executive officer or officers and principal financial officer or officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

We have evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures under the supervision of, and with the participation of, management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and

Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to meet the requirements of Rule 13a-15 under the Exchange Act.

**Changes in internal control over financial reporting**

There were no changes to our internal controls over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation required by paragraph (d) of Exchange Act Rules 13a-15 or 15d-15 that occurred during the fiscal quarter covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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**Part II. Other Information**

**Item 1. *Legal Proceedings***

This information is included in Note 18, Commitments and Contingencies, in the accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements and is incorporated herein by reference from Item 1 of Part I.

**Item 1A. *Risk Factors***

*You should carefully consider the risks described below when evaluating our company and when deciding whether to invest in our company. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we do not currently believe are important to an investor may also harm our business operations. If any of the events, contingencies, circumstances or conditions described in the following risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition or our results of operations could be seriously harmed. If that happens, the trading price of our common stock could decline and you may lose part or all of the value of any of our shares held by you.*

**Risks Related to Our Business**

***Our operating results may fluctuate significantly from period to period, and this may cause our stock price to decline.***

Our revenue and operating results have fluctuated in the past and are expected to continue to fluctuate in the future. Given this fluctuation, we believe that quarter to quarter comparisons of revenue and operating results are not necessarily meaningful or an accurate indicator of our future performance. As a result, our results of operations may not meet the expectations of securities analysts or investors in the future. If this occurs, the price of our stock would likely decline. Factors that contribute to fluctuations in operating results include the following:

- slowing sales by our distribution and fulfillment partners to their customers, which may place pressure on these partners to reduce purchases of our products;
- volume, timing and fulfillment of customer orders;
- our efforts to generate additional revenue from our intellectual property portfolio;
- customers delaying their purchasing decisions in anticipation of new versions of our products;
- customers delaying, canceling or limiting their purchases as a result of the threat or results of terrorism;
- introduction of new products by us or our competitors;
- seasonality in purchasing patterns of our customers;
- reduction in the prices of our products in response to competition, market conditions or contractual obligations;
- returns and allowance charges in excess of accrued amounts;

timing of significant marketing and sales promotions;

impairment charges against goodwill and intangible assets;

delayed realization of synergies resulting from our acquisitions;

write-offs of excess or obsolete inventory and accounts receivable that are not collectible;

increased expenditures incurred pursuing new product or market opportunities;

general economic trends as they affect retail and corporate sales; and

higher than anticipated costs related to fixed-price contracts with our customers.

Due to the foregoing factors, among others, our revenue and operating results are difficult to forecast. Our expense levels are based in significant part on our expectations of future revenue and we may not be able to reduce

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our expenses quickly to respond to a shortfall in projected revenue. Therefore, our failure to meet revenue expectations would seriously harm our operating results, financial condition and cash flows.

*We have grown, and may continue to grow, through acquisitions, which could dilute our existing stockholders.*

As part of our business strategy, we have in the past acquired, and expect to continue to acquire, other businesses and technologies. In connection with past acquisitions, we issued a substantial number of shares of our common stock as transaction consideration and also incurred significant debt to finance the cash consideration used for our acquisitions. We may continue to issue equity securities for future acquisitions, which would dilute existing stockholders, perhaps significantly depending on the terms of such acquisitions. We may also incur additional debt in connection with future acquisitions, which, if available at all, may place additional restrictions on our ability to operate our business.

*Our ability to realize the anticipated benefits of our acquisitions will depend on successfully integrating the acquired businesses.*

Our prior acquisitions required, and our recently completed acquisitions continue to require, substantial integration and management efforts and we expect future acquisitions to require similar efforts. Acquisitions of this nature involve a number of risks, including:

- difficulty in transitioning and integrating the operations and personnel of the acquired businesses;
- potential disruption of our ongoing business and distraction of management;
- potential difficulty in successfully implementing, upgrading and deploying in a timely and effective manner new operational information systems and upgrades of our finance, accounting and product distribution systems;
- difficulty in incorporating acquired technology and rights into our products and technology;
- potential difficulties in completing projects associated with in-process research and development;
- unanticipated expenses and delays in completing acquired development projects and technology integration;
- management of geographically remote business units both in the United States and internationally;
- impairment of relationships with partners and customers;
- assumption of unknown material liabilities of acquired companies;
- accurate projection of revenue plans of the acquired entity in the due diligence process;
- customers delaying purchases of our products pending resolution of product integration between our existing and our newly acquired products;
- entering markets or types of businesses in which we have limited experience; and
- potential loss of key employees of the acquired business.

As a result of these and other risks, if we are unable to successfully integrate acquired businesses, we may not realize the anticipated benefits from our acquisitions. Any failure to achieve these benefits or failure to successfully integrate

acquired businesses and technologies could seriously harm our business.

***Accounting treatment of our acquisitions could decrease our net income or expected revenue in the foreseeable future, which could have a material and adverse effect on the market value of our common stock.***

Under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, we record the market value of our common stock or other form of consideration issued in connection with the acquisition and, for transactions which closed prior to October 1, 2009, the amount of direct transaction costs as the cost of acquiring the company or

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business. We have allocated that cost to the individual assets acquired and liabilities assumed, including various identifiable intangible assets such as acquired technology, acquired tradenames and acquired customer relationships based on their respective fair values. Intangible assets are generally amortized over a five to ten year period. Goodwill and certain intangible assets with indefinite lives, are not subject to amortization but are subject to an impairment analysis, at least annually, which may result in an impairment charge if the carrying value exceeds its implied fair value. As of December 31, 2010, we had identified intangible assets of approximately \$655.4 million, net of accumulated amortization, and goodwill of approximately \$2.1 billion. In addition, purchase accounting limits our ability to recognize certain revenue that otherwise would have been recognized by the acquired company as an independent business. As a result, the combined company may delay revenue recognition or recognize less revenue than we and the acquired company would have recognized as independent companies.

***Our significant debt could adversely affect our financial health and prevent us from fulfilling our obligations under our credit facility and our convertible debentures.***

We have a significant amount of debt. As of December 31, 2010, we had a total of \$893.0 million of gross debt outstanding, including \$641.9 million in term loans due in March 2013 and \$250.0 million in convertible debentures which investors may require us to redeem in August 2014. We also have a \$75.0 million revolving credit line available to us through March 2012. As of December 31, 2010, there were \$15.8 million of letters of credit issued under the revolving credit line but there were no other outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit line. Our debt level could have important consequences, for example it could:

require us to use a large portion of our cash flow to pay principal and interest on debt, including the convertible debentures and the credit facility, which will reduce the availability of our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, research and development expenditures and other business activities;

restrict us from making strategic acquisitions or exploiting business opportunities;

place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt; and

limit, along with the financial and other restrictive covenants related to our debt, our ability to borrow additional funds, dispose of assets or pay cash dividends.

Our ability to meet our payment and other obligations under our debt instruments depends on our ability to generate significant cash flow in the future. This, to some extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative and regulatory factors as well as other factors that are beyond our control. We cannot assure you that our business will generate cash flow from operations, or that additional capital will be available to us, in an amount sufficient to enable us to meet our payment obligations under the convertible debentures and our other debt and to fund other liquidity needs. If we are not able to generate sufficient cash flow to service our debt obligations, we may need to refinance or restructure our debt, including the convertible debentures, sell assets, reduce or delay capital investments, or seek to raise additional capital. If we are unable to implement one or more of these alternatives, we may not be able to meet our payment obligations under the convertible debentures and our other debt.

In addition, a substantial portion of our debt bears interest at variable rates. If market interest rates increase, our debt service requirements will increase, which would adversely affect our cash flows. While we have entered into interest rate swap agreements limiting our exposure for a portion of our debt, the agreements do not offer complete protection from this risk.

***Our debt agreements contain covenant restrictions that may limit our ability to operate our business.***

The agreement governing our senior credit facility contains, and any of our other future debt agreements may contain, covenant restrictions that limit our ability to operate our business, including restrictions on our ability to:

incur additional debt or issue guarantees;

create liens;



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make certain investments;

enter into transactions with our affiliates;

sell certain assets;

redeem capital stock or make other restricted payments;

declare or pay dividends or make other distributions to stockholders; and

merge or consolidate with any entity.

Our ability to comply with these covenants is dependent on our future performance, which will be subject to many factors, some of which are beyond our control, including prevailing economic conditions. As a result of these covenants, our ability to respond to changes in business and economic conditions and to obtain additional financing, if needed, may be significantly restricted, and we may be prevented from engaging in transactions that might otherwise be beneficial to us. In addition, our failure to comply with these covenants could result in a default under our debt agreements, which could permit the holders to accelerate our obligation to repay the debt. If any of our debt is accelerated, we may not have sufficient funds available to repay the accelerated debt.

***We have a history of operating losses, and may incur losses in the future, which may require us to raise additional capital on unfavorable terms.***

We reported net losses of \$19.1 million, \$19.4 million and \$37.0 million for the fiscal years 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively. If we are unable to achieve and maintain profitability, the market price for our stock may decline, perhaps substantially. We cannot assure you that our revenue will grow or that we will achieve or maintain profitability in the future. If we do not achieve and maintain profitability, we may be required to raise additional capital to maintain or grow our operations. Additional capital, if available at all, may be highly dilutive to existing investors or contain other unfavorable terms, such as a high interest rate and restrictive covenants.

***Voice and language technologies may not achieve widespread acceptance, which could limit our ability to grow our voice and language business.***

We have invested and expect to continue to invest heavily in the acquisition, development and marketing of voice and language technologies. The market for voice and language technologies is relatively new and rapidly evolving. Our ability to increase revenue in the future depends in large measure on the acceptance of these technologies in general and our products in particular. The continued development of the market for our current and future voice and language solutions will also depend on:

consumer and business demand for speech-enabled applications;

development by third-party vendors of applications using voice and language technologies; and

continuous improvement in voice and language technology.

Sales of our voice and language products would be harmed if the market for these technologies does not continue to develop or develops slower than we expect, and, consequently, our business could be harmed and we may not recover the costs associated with our investment in these technologies.

***The markets in which we operate are highly competitive and rapidly changing and we may be unable to compete successfully.***

There are a number of companies that develop or may develop products that compete in our targeted markets. The individual markets in which we compete are highly competitive, and are rapidly changing. Within voice and language, we compete with AT&T, Microsoft, Google, and other smaller providers. Within healthcare, we compete with Medquist and other smaller providers. Within imaging, we compete with ABBYY, Adobe, I.R.I.S. and NewSoft. In voice and language, some of our partners such as Avaya, Cisco, Edify, Genesys and Nortel develop and market products that can be considered substitutes for our solutions. In addition, a number of smaller companies in voice, language and imaging produce technologies or products that are in some markets competitive with our

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solutions. Current and potential competitors have established, or may establish, cooperative relationships among themselves or with third parties to increase the ability of their technologies to address the needs of our prospective customers.

The competition in these markets could adversely affect our operating results by reducing the volume of the products we license or the prices we can charge. Some of our current or potential competitors, such as Adobe, Microsoft and Google, have significantly greater financial, technical and marketing resources than we do. These competitors may be able to respond more rapidly than we can to new or emerging technologies or changes in customer requirements. They may also devote greater resources to the development, promotion and sale of their products than we do.

Some of our customers, such as Microsoft and Google, have developed or acquired products or technologies that compete with our products and technologies. These customers may give higher priority to the sale of these competitive products or technologies. To the extent they do so, market acceptance and penetration of our products, and therefore our revenue, may be adversely affected. Our success will depend substantially upon our ability to enhance our products and technologies and to develop and introduce, on a timely and cost-effective basis, new products and features that meet changing customer requirements and incorporate technological enhancements. If we are unable to develop new products and enhance functionalities or technologies to adapt to these changes, or if we are unable to realize synergies among our acquired products and technologies, our business will suffer.

***The failure to successfully maintain the adequacy of our system of internal control over financial reporting could have a material adverse impact on our ability to report our financial results in an accurate and timely manner.***

The SEC, as directed by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, adopted rules requiring public companies to include a report of management on internal control over financial reporting in their annual reports on Form 10-K that contains an assessment by management of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. In addition, our independent registered public accounting firm must attest to and report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. Any failure in the effectiveness of our system of internal control over financial reporting could have a material adverse impact on our ability to report our financial statements in an accurate and timely manner, could subject us to regulatory actions, civil or criminal penalties, shareholder litigation, or loss of customer confidence, which could result in an adverse reaction in the financial marketplace due to a loss of investor confidence in the reliability of our financial statements, which ultimately could negatively impact our stock price.

***A significant portion of our revenue is derived, and a significant portion of our research and development activities are based, outside the United States. Our results could be harmed by economic, political, regulatory and other risks associated with these international regions.***

Because we operate worldwide, our business is subject to risks associated with doing business internationally. We anticipate that revenue from international operations could increase in the future. Most of our international revenue is generated by sales in Europe and Asia. In addition, some of our products are developed and manufactured outside the United States and we have a large number of employees in India that provide transcription services. A significant portion of the development and manufacturing of our voice and language products is conducted in Belgium and Canada, and a significant portion of our imaging research and development is conducted in Hungary. We also have significant research and development resources in Aachen, Germany, and Vienna, Austria. Accordingly, our future results could be harmed by a variety of factors associated with international sales and operations, including:

changes in a specific country's or region's economic conditions;

geopolitical turmoil, including terrorism and war;

trade protection measures and import or export licensing requirements imposed by the United States or by other countries;

compliance with foreign and domestic laws and regulations;

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negative consequences from changes in applicable tax laws;

difficulties in staffing and managing operations in multiple locations in many countries;

difficulties in collecting trade accounts receivable in other countries; and

less effective protection of intellectual property than in the United States.

***We are exposed to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates.***

Because we have international subsidiaries and distributors that operate and sell our products outside the United States, we are exposed to the risk of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. In certain circumstances, we have entered into forward exchange contracts to hedge against foreign currency fluctuations. We use these contracts to reduce our risk associated with exchange rate movements, as the gains or losses on these contracts are intended to offset any exchange rate losses or gains on the hedged transaction. We do not engage in foreign currency speculation. Forward exchange contracts hedging firm commitments qualify for hedge accounting when they are designated as a hedge of the foreign currency exposure and they are effective in minimizing such exposure. With our increased international presence in a number of geographic locations and with international revenue and costs projected to increase, we are exposed to changes in foreign currencies including the Euro, British Pound, Canadian Dollar, Japanese Yen, Indian Rupee, Singapore Dollar, Australian Dollar, Chinese Yuan, Israel Shekel, and the Hungarian Forint. Changes in the value of the Euro or other foreign currencies relative to the value of the U.S. dollar could adversely affect future revenue and operating results.

***Impairment of our intangible assets could result in significant charges that would adversely impact our future operating results.***

We have significant intangible assets, including goodwill and intangibles with indefinite lives, which are susceptible to valuation adjustments as a result of changes in various factors or conditions. The most significant intangible assets are patents and core technology, completed technology, customer relationships and trademarks. Customer relationships are amortized on an accelerated basis based upon the pattern in which the economic benefits of customer relationships are being utilized. Other identifiable intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. We assess the potential impairment of identifiable intangible assets on an annual basis, as well as whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Factors that could trigger an impairment of such assets, include the following:

significant underperformance relative to historical or projected future operating results;

significant changes in the manner of or use of the acquired assets or the strategy for our overall business;

significant negative industry or economic trends;

significant decline in our stock price for a sustained period;

changes in our organization or management reporting structure that could result in additional reporting units, which may require alternative methods of estimating fair values or greater disaggregation or aggregation in our analysis by reporting unit; and

a decline in our market capitalization below net book value.

Future adverse changes in these or other unforeseeable factors could result in an impairment charge that would impact our results of operations and financial position in the reporting period identified.

***Our sales to government clients subject us to risks, including early termination, audits, investigations, sanctions and penalties.***

We derive a portion of our revenues from contracts with the United States government, as well as various state and local governments, and their respective agencies. Government contracts are generally subject to audits and investigations which could identify violations of these agreements. Government contract violations could result in a range of consequences including, but not limited to, contract price adjustments, civil and criminal penalties,

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contract termination, forfeiture of profit and/or suspension of payment, and suspension or debarment from future government contracts. We could also suffer serious harm to our reputation if we were found to have violated the terms of our government contracts.

We conducted an analysis of our compliance with the terms and conditions of certain contracts with the U.S. General Services Administration ( GSA ). Based upon our analysis, we voluntarily notified GSA of non-compliance with the terms of two contracts. The final resolution of this matter may adversely impact our financial position.

***If we are unable to attract and retain key personnel, our business could be harmed.***

If any of our key employees were to leave, we could face substantial difficulty in hiring qualified successors and could experience a loss in productivity while any successor obtains the necessary training and experience. Our employment relationships are generally at-will and we have had key employees leave in the past. We cannot assure you that one or more key employees will not leave in the future. We intend to continue to hire additional highly qualified personnel, including software engineers and operational personnel, but may not be able to attract, assimilate or retain qualified personnel in the future. Any failure to attract, integrate, motivate and retain these employees could harm our business.

***Our medical transcription services may be subject to legal claims for failure to comply with laws governing the confidentiality of medical records.***

Healthcare professionals who use our medical transcription services deliver to us health information about their patients including information that constitutes a record under applicable law that we may store on our computer systems. Numerous federal and state laws and regulations, the common law and contractual obligations govern collection, dissemination, use and confidentiality of patient-identifiable health information, including:

state and federal privacy and confidentiality laws;

our contracts with customers and partners;

state laws regulating healthcare professionals;

Medicaid laws; and

the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and related rules proposed by the Health Care Financing Administration.

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 establishes elements including, but not limited to, federal privacy and security standards for the use and protection of protected health information. Any failure by us or by our personnel or partners to comply with applicable requirements may result in a material liability. Although we have systems and policies in place for safeguarding protected health information from unauthorized disclosure, these systems and policies may not preclude claims against us for alleged violations of applicable requirements. There can be no assurance that we will not be subject to liability claims that could have a material adverse affect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

***Adverse changes in general economic or political conditions in any of the major countries in which we do business could adversely affect our operating results.***

As our business has grown, we have become increasingly subject to the risks arising from adverse changes in domestic and global economic and political conditions. For example, the direction and relative strength of the

U.S. and global economies have recently been increasingly uncertain due to softness in housing markets, extreme volatility in security prices, severely diminished liquidity and credit availability, rating downgrades of certain investments and declining valuations of others and continuing geopolitical uncertainties. If economic growth in the United States and other countries in which we do business is slowed, customers may delay or reduce technology purchases and may be unable to obtain credit to finance the purchase of our products. This could result in reduced sales of our products, longer sales cycles, slower adoption of new technologies and increased price competition. Any of these events would likely harm our business, results of operations and financial condition. Political



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instability in any of the major countries in which we do business would also likely harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

***Current uncertainty in the global financial markets and the global economy may negatively affect our financial results.***

Current uncertainty in the global financial markets and economy may negatively affect our financial results. These macroeconomic developments could negatively affect our business, operating results or financial condition in a number of ways which, in turn, could adversely affect our stock price. A prolonged period of economic decline could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition and exacerbate some of the other risk factors described herein. Our customers may defer purchases of our products, licenses, and services in response to tighter credit and negative financial news or reduce their demand for them. Our customers may also not be able to obtain adequate access to credit, which could affect their ability to make timely payments to us or ultimately cause the customer to file for protection from creditors under applicable insolvency or bankruptcy laws. If our customers are not able to make timely payments to us, our accounts receivable could increase.

Our investment portfolio, which includes short-term debt securities, is generally subject to credit, liquidity, counterparty, market and interest rate risks that may be exacerbated by the recent global financial crisis. If the banking system or the fixed income, credit or equity markets deteriorate or remain volatile, our investment portfolio may be impacted and the values and liquidity of our investments could be adversely affected.

In addition, our operating results and financial condition could be negatively affected if, as a result of economic conditions, either:

the demand for, and prices of, our products, licenses, or services are reduced as a result of actions by our competitors or otherwise; or

our financial counterparties or other contractual counterparties are unable to, or do not, meet their contractual commitments to us.

***Security and privacy breaches in our systems may damage client relations and inhibit our growth.***

The uninterrupted operation of our hosted solutions and the confidentiality and security of third-party information is critical to our business. Any failures in our security and privacy measures could have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations. If we are unable to protect, or our clients perceive that we are unable to protect, the security and privacy of our electronic information, our growth could be materially adversely affected. A security or privacy breach may:

cause our clients to lose confidence in our solutions;

harm our reputation;

expose us to liability; and

increase our expenses from potential remediation costs.

While we believe we use proven applications designed for data security and integrity to process electronic transactions, there can be no assurance that our use of these applications will be sufficient to address changing market conditions or the security and privacy concerns of existing and potential clients.

**Risks Related to Our Intellectual Property and Technology**

*Unauthorized use of our proprietary technology and intellectual property could adversely affect our business and results of operations.*

Our success and competitive position depend in large part on our ability to obtain and maintain intellectual property rights protecting our products and services. We rely on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, confidentiality provisions and licensing arrangements to establish and protect our intellectual property and proprietary rights. Unauthorized parties may attempt to copy aspects of our products or to

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obtain, license, sell or otherwise use information that we regard as proprietary. Policing unauthorized use of our products is difficult and we may not be able to protect our technology from unauthorized use. Additionally, our competitors may independently develop technologies that are substantially the same or superior to our technologies and that do not infringe our rights. In these cases, we would be unable to prevent our competitors from selling or licensing these similar or superior technologies. In addition, the laws of some foreign countries do not protect our proprietary rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States. Although the source code for our proprietary software is protected both as a trade secret and as a copyrighted work, litigation may be necessary to enforce our intellectual property rights, to protect our trade secrets, to determine the validity and scope of the proprietary rights of others, or to defend against claims of infringement or invalidity. Litigation, regardless of the outcome, can be very expensive and can divert management efforts.

***Third parties have claimed and may claim in the future that we are infringing their intellectual property, and we could be exposed to significant litigation or licensing expenses or be prevented from selling our products if such claims are successful.***

From time to time, we are subject to claims that we or our customers may be infringing or contributing to the infringement of the intellectual property rights of others. We may be unaware of intellectual property rights of others that may cover some of our technologies and products. If it appears necessary or desirable, we may seek licenses for these intellectual property rights. However, we may not be able to obtain licenses from some or all claimants, the terms of any offered licenses may not be acceptable to us, and we may not be able to resolve disputes without litigation. Any litigation regarding intellectual property could be costly and time-consuming and could divert the attention of our management and key personnel from our business operations. In the event of a claim of intellectual property infringement, we may be required to enter into costly royalty or license agreements. Third parties claiming intellectual property infringement may be able to obtain injunctive or other equitable relief that could effectively block our ability to develop and sell our products.

***We may incur substantial costs enforcing or acquiring intellectual property rights and defending against third-party claims as a result of litigation or other proceedings.***

In connection with the enforcement of our own intellectual property rights, the acquisition of third-party intellectual property rights, or disputes relating to the validity or alleged infringement of third-party intellectual property rights, including patent rights, we have been, are currently, and may in the future be, subject to claims, negotiations or complex, protracted litigation. Intellectual property disputes and litigation are typically very costly and can be disruptive to our business operations by diverting the attention and energy of management and key technical personnel. Although we have successfully defended or resolved past litigation and disputes, we may not prevail in any ongoing or future litigation and disputes. In addition, we may incur significant costs in acquiring the necessary third party intellectual property rights for use in our products. Third party intellectual property disputes could subject us to significant liabilities, require us to enter into royalty and licensing arrangements on unfavorable terms, prevent us from manufacturing or licensing certain of our products, cause severe disruptions to our operations or the markets in which we compete, or require us to satisfy indemnification commitments with our customers including contractual provisions under various license arrangements. Any of these could seriously harm our business.

***Our software products may have bugs, which could result in delayed or lost revenue, expensive correction, liability to our customers and claims against us.***

Complex software products such as ours may contain errors, defects or bugs. Defects in the solutions or products that we develop and sell to our customers could require expensive corrections and result in delayed or lost revenue, adverse customer reaction and negative publicity about us or our products and services. Customers who are not satisfied with any of our products may also bring claims against us for damages, which, even if unsuccessful, would

likely be time-consuming to defend, and could result in costly litigation and payment of damages. Such claims could harm our reputation, financial results and competitive position.

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**Risks Related to our Corporate Structure, Organization and Common Stock**

***The holdings of our largest stockholder may enable it to influence matters requiring stockholder approval.***

As of December 31, 2010, Warburg Pincus, a global private equity firm, beneficially owned approximately 23% of our outstanding common stock, including warrants exercisable for up to 7,562,422 shares of our common stock, and 3,562,238 shares of our outstanding Series B Preferred Stock, each of which is convertible into one share of our common stock. Because of its large holdings of our capital stock relative to other stockholders, this stockholder has a strong influence over matters requiring approval by our stockholders.

***The market price of our common stock has been and may continue to be subject to wide fluctuations, and this may make it difficult for you to resell the common stock when you want or at prices you find attractive.***

Our stock price historically has been, and may continue to be, volatile. Various factors contribute to the volatility of our stock price, including, for example, quarterly variations in our financial results, new product introductions by us or our competitors and general economic and market conditions. Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock by our largest stockholders, or the perception that such sales could occur, could also contribute to the volatility of our stock price. While we cannot predict the individual effect that these factors may have on the market price of our common stock, these factors, either individually or in the aggregate, could result in significant volatility in our stock price during any given period of time. Moreover, companies that have experienced volatility in the market price of their stock often are subject to securities class action litigation. If we were the subject of such litigation, it could result in substantial costs and divert management's attention and resources.

***Compliance with changing regulation of corporate governance and public disclosure may result in additional expenses.***

Changing laws, regulations and standards relating to corporate governance and public disclosure, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, new regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the rules of The Nasdaq Global Select Market, are resulting in increased general and administrative expenses for companies such as ours. These new or changed laws, regulations and standards are subject to varying interpretations in many cases, and as a result, their application in practice may evolve over time as new guidance is provided by regulatory and governing bodies, which could result in higher costs necessitated by ongoing revisions to disclosure and governance practices. We are committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance and public disclosure. As a result, we intend to invest resources to comply with evolving laws, regulations and standards, and this investment may result in increased general and administrative expenses and a diversion of management time and attention from revenue-generating activities to compliance activities. If our efforts to comply with new or changed laws, regulations and standards differ from the activities intended by regulatory or governing bodies, our business may be harmed.

***Future sales of our common stock in the public market could adversely affect the trading price of our common stock and our ability to raise funds in new stock offerings.***

Future sales of substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market, or the perception that such sales could occur, could adversely affect prevailing trading prices of our common stock and could impair our ability to raise capital through future offerings of equity or equity-related securities. In connection with past acquisitions, we issued a substantial number of shares of our common stock as transaction consideration. We may continue to issue equity securities for future acquisitions, which would dilute existing stockholders, perhaps significantly depending on the terms of such acquisitions. For example, we issued, and registered for resale, approximately 2.3 million shares of our common stock in connection with our December 2009 acquisition of SpinVox. No prediction can be made as to the effect, if any, that future sales of shares of common stock, or the availability of shares of common stock for future

sale, will have on the trading price of our common stock.

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***We have implemented anti-takeover provisions, which could discourage or prevent a takeover, even if an acquisition would be beneficial to our stockholders.***

Provisions of our certificate of incorporation, bylaws and Delaware law, as well as other organizational documents could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us, even if doing so would be beneficial to our stockholders. These provisions include:

authorized blank check preferred stock;

prohibiting cumulative voting in the election of directors;

limiting the ability of stockholders to call special meetings of stockholders;

requiring all stockholder actions to be taken at meetings of our stockholders; and

establishing advance notice requirements for nominations of directors and for stockholder proposals.

**Item 2. *Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds***

None

**Item 3. *Defaults Upon Senior Securities***

None.

**Item 5. *Other Information***

None.

**Item 6. *Exhibits***

The exhibits listed on the Exhibit Index are filed or incorporated by reference (as stated therein) as part of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the Town of Burlington, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on February 9, 2011.

Nuance Communications, Inc.

By: /s/ Thomas L. Beaudoin

Thomas L. Beaudoin  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer



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Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Incorporated by Reference				Filed Herewith
		Form	File No.	Exhibit	Filing Date	
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant.	10-Q	0-27038	3.2	5/11/2001	
3.2	Certificate of Amendment of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant.	10-Q	0-27038	3.1	8/9/2004	
3.3	Certificate of Ownership and Merger.	8-K	0-27038	3.1	10/19/2005	
3.4	Certificate of Amendment of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant.	S-3	333-142182	3.3	4/18/2007	
3.5	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant.	10-K	0-27038	3.2	3/15/2004	
10.1*	Letter, dated September 9, 2010, to Bruce Bowden regarding certain employment matters.					X
10.2*	Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Plan, as amended.					X
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a).					X
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a).					X
32.1	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.					X
101	The following materials from Nuance Communications, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2010, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Consolidated Statements of Operations, (ii) the Consolidated Balance Sheets, (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (iv) Notes of Consolidated Financial Statements.					X

\* Denotes management compensatory plan or arrangement