

CONEXANT SYSTEMS INC

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

**FORM 10-Q**

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**For the Quarterly Period Ended January 2, 2009**

**OR**

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Commission file number: 000-24923  
CONEXANT SYSTEMS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of incorporation)

**25-1799439**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**4000 MacArthur Boulevard**  
**Newport Beach, California 92660-3095**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

**(949) 483-4600**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 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):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

(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

As of January 30, 2009, there were 49,759,643 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

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**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This document contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Any statements that do not relate to historical or current facts or matters are forward-looking statements. You can identify some of the forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking words, such as may, will, could, project, believe, anticipate, expect, estimate, continue, potential, plan, forecasts, and the like, the negatives of such expressions, or the use of future tense. Statements concerning current conditions may also be forward-looking if they imply a continuation of current conditions. Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning:

our beliefs, subject to the qualifications expressed, regarding the sufficiency of our existing sources of liquidity and cash to fund our operations, research and development, anticipated capital expenditures and our working capital needs for at least the next 12 months and that we will be able to repatriate cash from our foreign operations on a timely and cost effective basis and that we will be able to sustain the recoverability of our goodwill, intangible and tangible long-term assets.

expectations that we will have sufficient capital needed to remain in business and repay our indebtedness as it becomes due;

expectation that we will be able to continue to meet NASDAQ listing requirements;

expectations regarding the market share of our products, growth in the markets we serve and our market opportunities;

expectations regarding price and product competition;

continued demand and future growth in demand for our products in the communications, PC and consumer markets we serve;

our plans and expectations regarding the transition of our semiconductor products to smaller line width geometries;

our product development plans;

our expectation that our largest customers will continue to account for a substantial portion of our revenue;

expectations regarding our contractual obligations and commitments;

expectation that we will be able to protect our products and services with proprietary technology and intellectual property protection;

expectation that we will be able to meet our lease obligations (and other financial commitments); and

expectation that we will be able to continue to rely on third party manufacturers to manufacture, assemble and test our products to meet our customers' demands.

Forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. You are urged to carefully review the disclosures we make concerning risks and other factors that may affect our business and operating results, including those made in Part II, Item 1A of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and any of those made in our other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this document. We do not intend, and undertake no obligation, to publish revised

forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this document or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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(unaudited, in thousands, except par value)**

	<b>January 2, 2009</b>	<b>October 3, 2008</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 110,327	\$ 105,883
Restricted cash	20,500	26,800
Receivables, net of allowances of \$868 and \$834	40,514	48,997
Inventories, net	26,014	36,439
Other current assets	40,885	38,537
Total current assets	238,240	256,656
Property, plant and equipment, net	21,332	24,912
Goodwill	111,360	110,412
Intangible assets, net	9,910	14,971
Other assets	39,010	39,452
Total assets	\$ 419,852	\$ 446,403
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS DEFICIT</b>		
<b>Current liabilities:</b>		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	\$ 17,707
Short-term debt	32,868	40,117
Accounts payable	22,783	34,894
Accrued compensation and benefits	11,952	14,989
Other current liabilities	41,829	44,385
Total current liabilities	109,432	152,092
Long-term debt	391,400	373,693
Other liabilities	71,985	57,352
Total liabilities	572,817	583,137
Commitments and contingencies (Note 6)		
<b>Shareholders deficit:</b>		
Preferred and junior preferred stock		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value: 100,000 shares authorized; 49,665 and 49,601 shares issued and outstanding	497	496
Additional paid-in capital	4,746,395	4,744,140

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Accumulated deficit	(4,896,894)	(4,879,208)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(2,884)	(2,083)
Shareholder notes receivable	(79)	(79)
Total shareholders' deficit	(152,965)	(136,734)
Total liabilities and shareholders' deficit	\$ 419,852	\$ 446,403

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**CONEXANT SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**  
**(unaudited, in thousands, except per share amounts)**

	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended</b>	
	<b>January 2, 2009</b>	<b>December 28, 2007</b>
Net revenues	\$ 86,498	\$ 145,933
Cost of goods sold <sup>(1)</sup>	40,348	63,812
Gross margin	46,150	82,121
Operating expenses:		
Research and development <sup>(1)</sup>	26,313	37,823
Selling, general and administrative <sup>(1)</sup>	19,483	20,014
Amortization of intangible assets	3,371	4,571
Gain on sale of intellectual property	(12,858)	
Special charges	10,209	4,349
Total operating expenses	46,518	66,757
Operating (loss) income	(368)	15,364
Interest expense	6,054	9,449
Other expense, net	2,295	5,345
(Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes and (loss) gain on equity method investments	(8,717)	570
Provision for income taxes	912	862
Loss from continuing operations before (loss) gain on equity method investments	(9,629)	(292)
(Loss) gain on equity method investments	(846)	3,773
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(10,475)	3,481
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax <sup>(1)</sup>	(7,214)	(12,699)
Net loss	\$ (17,689)	\$ (9,218)
(Loss) income per share from continuing operations    basic and diluted	\$ (0.21)	\$ 0.07

Loss per share from discontinued operations – basic and diluted	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.26)
Net loss per share – basic and diluted	\$ (0.36)	\$ (0.19)
Shares used in computing basic per-share computations	49,657	49,236
Shares used in computing diluted per-share computations	49,657	49,399

(1) These captions include non-cash employee stock-based compensation expense as follows (see Note 7):

	<b>Fiscal quarter Ended</b>	
	<b>January 2, 2009</b>	<b>December 28, 2007</b>
Cost of goods sold	\$ 43	\$ 114
Research and development	511	1,612
Selling, general and administrative	1,819	958
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax		600

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**CONEXANT SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
**(unaudited, in thousands)**

	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended</b>	
	<b>January</b>	<b>December</b>
	<b>2,</b>	<b>28,</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net loss	\$ (17,689)	\$ (9,218)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities, net of effects of acquisitions:		
Depreciation	2,649	5,709
Amortization of intangible assets	3,371	4,781
Asset impairments		130
Reversal of provision for bad debts, net		(95)
Charges for inventory provisions, net	340	2,598
Deferred income taxes	(171)	5,593
Stock-based compensation	2,373	3,284
Decrease in fair value of derivative instruments	988	8,160
Losses (gains) of equity method investments	846	(542)
Other-than-temporary impairment of marketable securities	2,635	
Gain on sale of intellectual property	(12,858)	
Other items, net	600	32
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	8,483	9,274
Inventories	10,983	(323)
Accounts payable	(12,111)	(5,054)
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	(4,458)	(21,765)
Accrued restructuring expenses	11,146	2,795
Other, net	(2,590)	3,387
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(5,463)	8,746
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(181)	(1,614)
Payments for acquisitions	(1,953)	
Purchases of equity securities		(755)
Release of restricted cash	6,300	
Proceeds from sale of intellectual property, net of expenses of \$132	14,548	
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	18,714	(2,369)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Repayments of short-term debt, including debt costs of \$651 and \$818	(7,900)	(9,845)

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Proceeds from issuance of common stock		4
Interest rate swap security deposit	(907)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(8,807)	(9,841)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	4,444	(3,464)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	105,883	235,605
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 110,327	\$ 232,141

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**CONEXANT SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**(unaudited)**

**1. Description of Business**

Conexant Systems, Inc. (Conexant or the Company) designs, develops and sells semiconductor system solutions, comprised of semiconductor devices, software and reference designs for use in broadband communications applications that enable high-speed transmission, processing and distribution of audio, video, voice and data to and throughout homes and business enterprises worldwide. The Company's access solutions connect people through personal communications access products, such as personal computers (PCs), to audio, video, voice and data services over wireless and wire line broadband connections as well as over dial-up Internet connections. The Company's central office solutions are used by service providers to deliver high-speed audio, video, voice and data services over copper telephone lines and optical fiber networks to homes and businesses around the globe. In addition, media processing products enable the capture, display, storage, playback and transfer of audio and video content in applications throughout home and small office environments. These solutions enable broadband connections and network content to be shared throughout a home or small office-home office environment using a variety of communications devices.

**2. Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies**

**Interim Reporting** The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 3, 2008. The financial information presented in the accompanying statements reflects all adjustments that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair statement of the periods indicated. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. The year-end condensed balance sheet data was derived from the audited consolidated financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Fiscal Periods** The Company's fiscal year is the 52- or 53-week period ending on the Friday closest to September 30. In a 52-week year, each fiscal quarter consists of 13 weeks. The additional week in a 53-week year is added to the fourth quarter, making such quarter consist of 14 weeks. Fiscal 2009 is a 52-week year and fiscal 2008 consisted of 53 weeks.

**Revenue Recognition** The Company recognizes revenue when (i) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, (ii) delivery has occurred, (iii) the sales price and terms are fixed and determinable, and (iv) the collection of the receivable is reasonably assured. These terms are typically met upon shipment of product to the customer. The majority of the Company's distributors have limited stock rotation rights, which allow them to rotate up to 10% of product in their inventory two times per year. The Company recognizes revenue to these distributors upon shipment of product to the distributor, as the stock rotation rights are limited and the Company believes that it has the ability to reasonably estimate and establish allowances for expected product returns in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 48, Revenue Recognition When Right of Return Exists. Development revenue is recognized when services are performed and was not significant for any periods presented.

Prior to the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008, revenue with respect to sales to certain distributors was deferred until the products were sold by the distributors to third parties. During the fiscal quarter ended October 3, 2008, the Company evaluated three distributors for which revenue has historically been recognized when the purchased products are sold by the distributor to a third party due to the Company's inability in prior years to enforce the contractual terms related to any right of return. The Company's evaluation revealed that it is able to enforce the contractual right of return for the three distributors in an effective manner similar to that experienced with the other distributor customers. As a result, in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008, the Company commenced the recognition of revenue on these three distributors upon shipment which is consistent with the revenue recognition point of other distributor customers. As a result, in the fiscal quarter ended October 3, 2008, the Company recognized \$3.9 million of revenue on sales to these

three distributors related to the change to revenue recognition upon shipment with a corresponding

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charge to cost of goods sold of \$1.8 million. At January 2, 2009 and October 3, 2008, there is no significant deferred revenue related to sales to the Company's distributors.

Revenue with respect to sales to customers to whom the Company has significant obligations after delivery is deferred until all significant obligations have been completed. At January 2, 2009 there was no deferred revenue. At October 3, 2008, deferred revenue related to shipments of products for which the Company had on-going performance obligations was \$0.2 million. Deferred revenue is included in other current liabilities on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2008, the Company recorded approximately \$14.7 million of non-recurring revenue from the buyout of a future royalty stream.

**Liquidity** The Company has a \$50.0 million credit facility with a bank, under which it had borrowed \$32.9 million as of January 2, 2009. This credit facility matures on November 27, 2009 and is subject to additional 364-day extensions at the discretion of the bank.

The Company believes that its existing sources of liquidity, together with cash expected to be generated from product sales, will be sufficient to fund its operations, research and development, anticipated capital expenditures and working capital for at least the next twelve months. However, additional operating losses or lower than expected product sales will adversely affect the Company's cash flow and financial condition and could impair its ability to satisfy its indebtedness obligations as such obligations come due.

Recent unfavorable economic conditions have led to a tightening in the credit markets, a low level of liquidity in many financial markets and extreme volatility in the credit and equity markets. If the economy or markets in which we operate continue to be subject to adverse economic conditions, our business, financial condition, cash flow and results of operations will be adversely affected. If the credit markets remain difficult to access or worsen or our performance is unfavorable due to economic conditions or for any other reasons, we may not be able to obtain sufficient capital to repay amounts due under (i) our credit facility expiring November 2009 (ii) our \$141.4 million floating rate senior secured notes when they become due in November 2010 or earlier as a result of a mandatory offer to repurchase, and (iii) our \$250.0 million convertible subordinated notes when they become due in March 2026 or earlier as a result of the mandatory repurchase requirements. The first mandatory repurchase date for our convertible subordinated notes is March 1, 2011. In the event we are unable to satisfy or refinance our debt obligations as the obligations are required to be paid, we will be required to consider strategic and other alternatives, including, among other things, the negotiation of revised terms of our indebtedness, the exchange of new securities for existing indebtedness obligations and the sale of assets to generate funds. There is no assurance that we would be successful in completing any of these alternatives.

**Restricted Cash** The Company's short-term debt credit agreement requires that the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries maintain minimum levels of cash on deposit with the bank throughout the term of the agreement. The Company classified \$8.5 million and \$8.8 million as restricted cash with respect to this credit agreement as of January 2, 2009 and October 3, 2008, respectively. See Note 5 for further information on the Company's short-term debt.

As of January 2, 2009, the Company had one irrevocable stand-by letter of credit outstanding. The irrevocable stand-by letter of credit is collateralized by restricted cash balances of \$12.0 million to secure inventory purchases from a vendor. The letter of credit expires on

May 31, 2009. The restricted cash balance securing the letter of credit is classified as current restricted cash on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. In addition, the Company has letters of credit collateralized by restricted cash aggregating \$6.7 million to secure various long-term operating leases and the Company's self-insured worker's compensation plan. The restricted cash associated with these letters of credit is classified as other long-term assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

As of October 3, 2008, the Company had one irrevocable stand-by letter of credit outstanding. The irrevocable stand-by letter of credit is collateralized by restricted cash balances of \$18.0 million to secure inventory purchases from a vendor. The restricted cash balance securing the letter of credit is classified as current restricted cash on the consolidated balance sheet. In addition, the Company has letters of credit collateralized by restricted cash aggregating \$6.8 million to secure various long-term operating leases and the Company's self-insured worker's compensation plan. The restricted cash associated with these letters of credit is classified as other long term assets on the consolidated

balance sheets.

**Income Taxes** The Company utilizes the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes as set forth in Statement of Financial Accounting Standard ( SFAS ) No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes , or SFAS 109. SFAS No. 109 establishes financial accounting and reporting standards for the effect of income taxes. The objectives of accounting for income taxes are to recognize the amount of taxes payable or refundable for the current year and deferred tax

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liabilities and assets for the future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in an entity's financial statements or tax returns. A valuation allowance is recorded to reduce deferred tax assets when it is more likely than not that some of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

In July 2006 the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income

Taxes an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 , or FIN 48. Under FIN 48, which the Company adopted effective September 29, 2007, the Company may recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such a position are measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. FIN 48 also provides guidance on derecognition of income tax assets and liabilities, classification of current and deferred income tax assets and liabilities, accounting for interest and penalties associated with tax positions, and income tax disclosures. The Company recognizes potential accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits within operations as income tax expense. Judgment is required in assessing the future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in the Company's financial statements or tax returns. Variations in the actual outcome of these future tax consequences could materially impact our financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

**Review of Accounting for Research and Development Costs** During the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007, the Company reviewed its methodology of capitalizing photo mask costs used in product development. Photo mask designs are subject to significant verification and uncertainty regarding the final performance of the related part. Due to these uncertainties, the Company reevaluated its prior practice of capitalizing such costs and concluded that these costs should have been expensed as research and development costs as incurred. As a result, in the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007, the Company recorded a correcting adjustment of \$5.3 million, representing the unamortized portion of the capitalized photo mask costs as of September 29, 2007. Based upon an evaluation of all relevant quantitative and qualitative factors, and after considering the provisions of Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 28 Interim Financial Reporting, ( APB 28 ), paragraph 29, and SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin Nos. 99 Materiality ( SAB 99 ) and 108 Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements ( SAB 108 ), the Company believes that this correcting adjustment was not material to its estimated full-year results for 2008. In addition, the Company does not believe the correcting adjustment is material to the amounts reported in previous periods.

**Derivative Financial Instruments** The Company's derivative financial instruments as of January 2, 2009 principally consist of (i) the Company's warrant to purchase six million shares of Mindspeed Technologies, Inc. (Mindspeed) common stock and (ii) interest rate swaps. See Note 5 for information regarding the Mindspeed warrant.

**Interest Rate Swaps** During fiscal 2008, the Company entered into three interest rate swap agreements with Bear Stearns Capital Markets, Inc. (counterparty) for a combined notional amount of \$200 million to mitigate interest rate risk on \$200 million of its Floating Rate Senior Secured Notes due 2010. In December 2008, the interest rate swap agreements were assigned, without modification, to J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.. Under the terms of the swaps, the Company will pay a fixed rate of 2.98% and receive a floating rate equal to three-month LIBOR, which will offset the floating rate paid on the Notes. The interest rate swaps meet the criteria for designation as cash flow hedges in accordance with SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities ( SFAS 133 ). As a result of the repurchase of \$80 million of the Company's Floating Rate Senior Secured Notes in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008, one of the swap contracts with a notional amount of \$100 million was terminated. As a result of the swap contract termination, the Company recognized a \$0.3 million gain based on the fair value of the contract on the termination date. The remaining two swap agreements require the Company to post cash collateral with the counterparty in a minimum amount of \$2.1 million. The amount of collateral will adjust monthly based on a mark-to-market of the swaps. At January 2, 2009, the Company was required to post \$3.5 million of cash collateral with the counterparty, which is included in other non-current assets on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet. Based on the fair value of the swap agreements, the Company recorded a derivative liability of \$2.1 million at January 2, 2009, which is included in other liabilities on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet. The gain or loss is recognized immediately in other (income) expense, net, in the statements of

operations when a designated hedging instrument is either terminated early or an improbable or ineffective portion of the hedge is identified.





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	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended December 28, 2007</b>
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities, before reclassification	\$ (18,970)
Accrued restructuring expenses	(2,795)
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities, after reclassification	\$ (21,765)
Other, net, before reclassification	\$ 2,569
Expenses related to short-term debt	818
Other, net, after reclassification	\$ 3,387
Repayments of short-term debt, net of expenses, before reclassification	\$ (9,027)
Expenses related to short-term debt	(818)
Repayments of short-term debt, net of expenses, after reclassification	\$ (9,845)

**Business Enterprise Segments** The Company operates in one reportable segment, broadband communications. SFAS No. 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information, establishes standards for the way that public business enterprises report information about operating segments in condensed consolidated financial statements. Although the Company had two operating segments at January 2, 2009, under the aggregation criteria set forth in SFAS No. 131, it only operates in one reportable segment, broadband communications. The Company's reporting units, which are also the Company's operating units, Imaging and PC Media ( IPM ) and Broadband Access Products ( BBA ) were identified based upon the availability of discrete financial information and the chief operating decision maker's regular review of the financial information for these operating segments. The Company evaluated these reporting units for components and noted that there are none below the IPM and BBA reporting units.

Under SFAS No. 131, two or more operating segments may be aggregated into a single operating segment for financial reporting purposes if aggregation is consistent with the objective and basic principles of SFAS No. 131, if the segments have similar economic characteristics, and if the segments are similar in each of the following areas:

the nature of their products and services;

the nature of their production processes;

the type or class of customer for their products and services; and

the methods used to distribute their products or provide their services.

The Company meets each of the aggregation criteria for the following reasons:

the sale of semiconductor products is the only material source of revenue for each of the Company's two operating segments;

the products sold by each of the Company's operating segments use the same standard manufacturing process;

the products marketed by each of the Company's operating segments are sold to similar customers; and

all of the Company's products are sold through its internal sales force and common distributors.

Because the Company meets each of the criteria set forth above and each of its operating segments has similar economic characteristics, the Company aggregates its results of operations in one reportable segment.

**Goodwill** Goodwill is not amortized. Instead, goodwill is tested for impairment on an annual basis and between annual tests whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable, in accordance with SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. Under SFAS No. 142, goodwill is tested at the reporting unit level, which is defined as an operating segment or one level below the operating segment. Goodwill impairment testing is a two-step process.

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The first step of the goodwill impairment test, used to identify potential impairment, compares the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount, including goodwill. For estimating fair values for purposes the goodwill impairment tests, the Company uses a weighted-average of present value techniques, specifically discounted cash flows and the use of multiples of revenues and earnings associated with comparable companies. The discounted cash flow technique considers the estimated internal value based upon the Company's marketing and investment strategies. The use of revenues and earnings multiples of comparable companies considers external performance metrics. The Company applies a weighted-average of the two models, with the internal discounted cash flow model weighted more heavily than the revenue and earnings multiple model. The Company believes the resulting fair value provides a balance of both internal and external measurement components.

If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the second step of the goodwill impairment test must be performed to measure the amount of impairment loss, if any. The second step of the goodwill impairment test, used to measure the amount of impairment loss, compares the implied fair value of reporting unit goodwill with the carrying amount of that goodwill. If the carrying amount of reporting unit goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of that goodwill, an impairment loss must be recognized in an amount equal to that excess. Goodwill impairment testing requires significant judgment and management estimates, including, but not limited to, the determination of (i) the number of reporting units, (ii) the goodwill and other assets and liabilities to be allocated to the reporting units and (iii) the fair values of the reporting units. The estimates and assumptions described above, along with other factors such as discount rates, will significantly affect the outcome of the impairment tests and the amounts of any resulting impairment losses.

Goodwill is tested at the reporting unit level annually and, if necessary, whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. The global decline in consumer confidence and spending has dramatically impacted the Company's financial performance as well as many of our competitors, peers, customers, and suppliers. This impact resulted in the Company's evaluation of the recoverability of Goodwill during the first quarter of fiscal 2009.

The Company's IPM business unit accounted for approximately 57 percent of the Company's total revenues in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 and is associated with \$110 million of goodwill as of January 2, 2009. Overall financial performance declines in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 resulted in an interim test for goodwill impairment. Based upon the results of the testing for the quarter ended January 2, 2009, the Company determined that despite recent declines in the IPM business unit, performance levels remain sufficient to support the current IPM related goodwill. The Company's fair value methods used for purposes of the goodwill impairment tests incorporated a weighted-average of present value techniques, specifically discounted cash flows and the use of multiples of revenues and earnings associated with comparable companies.

***Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements***

On October 4, 2008, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standard ( SFAS ) No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ( SFAS No. 157 ), for its financial assets and liabilities. The Company's adoption of SFAS No. 157 did not have a material impact on its financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

SFAS No. 157 provides a framework for measuring fair value and requires expanded disclosures regarding fair value measurements.

SFAS No. 157 defines fair value as the price that would be received for an asset or the exit price that would be paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. SFAS No. 157 also establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs, where available. The following summarizes the three levels of inputs required by the standard that the Company uses to measure fair value.

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the related assets or liabilities.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

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SFAS No. 157 requires the use of observable market inputs (quoted market prices) when measuring fair value and requires a Level 1 quoted price to be used to measure fair value whenever possible.

In accordance with FASB Staff Position ( FSP ) No. FAS 157-2, Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157 ( FSP FAS 157-2 ), the Company elected to defer until October 3, 2009 the adoption of SFAS No. 157 for all nonfinancial assets and liabilities that are not recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis. The adoption of SFAS No. 157 for those assets and liabilities within the scope of FSP FAS 157-2 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

On October 4, 2008, the Company adopted SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 ( SFAS No. 159 ), which permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The Company already records marketable securities at fair value in accordance with SFAS No. 115, Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities. The adoption of SFAS No. 159 did not have an impact on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements as management did not elect the fair value option for any other financial instruments or certain other assets and liabilities.

***Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements***

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (revised 2007), Business Combinations ( SFAS No. 141R ), which replaces SFAS No 141. The statement retains the purchase method of accounting for acquisitions, but requires a number of changes, including changes in the way assets and liabilities are recognized in the purchase accounting. It also changes the recognition of assets acquired and liabilities assumed arising from contingencies, requires the capitalization of in-process research and development at fair value, and requires the expensing of acquisition-related costs as incurred. The Company will adopt SFAS No. 141R no later than the first quarter of fiscal 2010 and it will apply prospectively to business combinations completed on or after that date.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements, an amendment of ARB 51, ( SFAS No. 160 ) which changes the accounting and reporting for minority interests. Minority interests will be recharacterized as noncontrolling interests and will be reported as a component of equity separate from the parent's equity, and purchases or sales of equity interests that do not result in a change in control will be accounted for as equity transactions. In addition, net income attributable to the noncontrolling interest will be included in consolidated net income on the face of the income statement and, upon a loss of control, the interest sold, as well as any interest retained, will be recorded at fair value with any gain or loss recognized in earnings. The Company will adopt

SFAS No. 160 no later than the first quarter of fiscal 2010 and it will apply prospectively, except for the presentation and disclosure requirements, which will apply retrospectively. The Company is currently assessing the potential impact that adoption of SFAS No. 160 would have on its financial position and results of operations.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities ( SFAS No. 161 ).

SFAS No. 161 requires expanded disclosures regarding the location and amount of derivative instruments in an entity's financial statements, how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS No. 133 and how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, operating results and cash flows. SFAS No. 161 is effective for periods beginning on or after November 15, 2008. The Company does not believe that the adoption of SFAS No. 161 will have a material impact on its financial statement disclosures.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 142-3, Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets ( FSP 142-3 ). FSP 142-3 amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS No. 142. This change is intended to improve the consistency between the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS No. 142 and the period of expected cash flows used to measure the fair value of the asset under SFAS No. 141R and other generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The requirement for determining useful lives must be applied prospectively to intangible assets acquired after the effective date and the disclosure requirements must be applied prospectively to all intangible assets recognized as of, and subsequent to, the effective date. FSP 142-3 is effective

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for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years, which will require the Company to adopt these provisions in the first quarter of fiscal 2010. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting FSP 142-3 on its condensed consolidated financial statements.

In May 2008, the FASB issued FSP APB 14-1, *Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement)* ( FSP APB 14-1 ). FSP APB 14-1 requires the issuer to separately account for the liability and equity components of convertible debt instruments in a manner that reflects the issuer's nonconvertible debt borrowing rate. The guidance will result in companies recognizing higher interest expense in the statement of operations due to amortization of the discount that results from separating the liability and equity components. FSP APB 14-1 will be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Based on its initial analysis, the Company expects that the adoption of FSP APB 14-1 will result in an increase in the interest expense recognized on its convertible subordinated notes. See Note 5 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for further information on long-term debt.

In December 2008, the FASB issued FSP (FSP) FAS 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8, *Disclosures by Public Entities (Enterprises) about Transfers of Financial Assets and Interests in Variable Interest Entities* (FSP 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8). FSP 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8 amends FASB Statement No. 140, *Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities*, to require public entities to provide additional disclosures about transfers of financial assets. It also amends FASB Interpretation No. 46 (revised December 2003), *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities*, to require public enterprises, including sponsors that have a variable interest in a variable interest entity, to provide additional disclosures about their involvement with variable interest entities. Additionally, this FSP requires certain disclosures to be provided by a public enterprise that is (a) a sponsor of a qualifying special purpose entity (SPE) that holds a variable interest in the qualifying SPE but was not the transferor (nontransferor) of financial assets to the qualifying SPE and (b) a servicer of a qualifying SPE that holds a significant variable interest in the qualifying SPE but was not the transferor (nontransferor) of financial assets to the qualifying SPE. FSP 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8 is effective for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The Company does not believe that the adoption of FSP 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8 will have a material impact on its financial statement disclosures.

**3. Sale of Assets and Discontinued Operations**

On August 11, 2008, the Company announced that it had completed the sale of its Broadband Media Processing ( BMP ) product lines to NXP B.V. ( NXP ). Pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement ( the agreement ), NXP acquired certain assets including, among other things, specified patents, inventory and contracts, and assumed certain employee-related liabilities. Pursuant to the agreement, the Company obtained a license to utilize technology that was sold to NXP and NXP obtained a license to utilize certain intellectual property that the Company retained. In addition, NXP agreed to provide employment to approximately 700 of the Company's employees at locations in the United States, Europe, Israel, Asia-Pacific and Japan.

In accordance with SFAS No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*, the Company determined that the BMP business, which constituted an operating segment of the Company, qualifies as a discontinued operation. The results of the BMP business are being reported as discontinued operations in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for all periods presented. In accordance with the provisions of EITF No. 87-24, *Allocation of Interest to Discontinued Operations*, interest expense is allocated to discontinued operations based on the expected proceeds from the sale, net of any expected permitted investments, over the next twelve months. For the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007, interest expense allocated to discontinued operations was \$2.1 million.

For the fiscal quarters ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007, BMP revenues and pretax loss classified as discontinued operations were \$1.0 million and \$7.2 million and \$51.0 million and \$12.7 million, respectively.

**Table of Contents****4. Fair Value of Certain Financial Assets and Liabilities**

In accordance with SFAS No. 157, the following represents the Company's fair value hierarchy for its financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of January 2, 2009:

	Level 1	Level 2	Total
<b>Assets:</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 110,327	\$	\$ 110,327
Restricted cash	20,500		20,500
Marketable securities	403		403
Mindspeed warrant		63	63
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 131,230</b>	<b>\$ 63</b>	<b>\$ 131,293</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Interest rate swap financial instruments	\$	\$ 2,135	\$ 2,135
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 2,135</b>	<b>\$ 2,135</b>

Level 2 assets consist of the Company's warrant to purchase six million shares of Mindspeed common stock at an exercise price of \$17.04 per share through June 2013. At January 2, 2009, the warrant was valued using the Black-Scholes-Merton model with expected terms for portions of the warrant varying from one to five years, expected volatility of 64%, a weighted average risk-free interest rate of 1.05% and no dividend yield (see Note 5).

Level 2 liabilities consist of the Company's interest rate swap derivatives. The fair value of interest rate swap derivatives is primarily based on third-party pricing service models. These models use discounted cash flows that utilize the appropriate market-based forward swap curves commensurate with the terms of the underlying instruments.

**5. Supplemental Financial Information****Inventories**

Inventories consist of the following (in thousands):

	January 2, 2009	October 3, 2008
Work-in-process	\$ 13,656	\$ 16,082
Finished goods	12,358	20,357
	<b>\$ 26,014</b>	<b>\$ 36,439</b>

At January 2, 2009 and October 3, 2008, inventories were net of excess and obsolete (E&O) inventory reserves of \$14.6 million and \$17.6 million, respectively.

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

Intangible assets consist of the following (in thousands):

	January 2, 2009			October 3, 2008		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Book Value	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Book Value
Developed technology	\$ 53,928	\$ (50,898)	\$ 3,030	\$ 67,724	\$ (62,285)	\$ 5,439
Product licenses	3,510	(1,357)	2,153	11,032	(7,105)	3,927
Other intangible assets	7,240	(2,513)	4,727	8,240	(2,635)	5,605
	\$ 64,678	\$ (54,768)	\$ 9,910	\$ 86,996	\$ (72,025)	\$ 14,971

Intangible assets are amortized over a weighted-average period of approximately five years. Annual amortization expense is expected to be as follows (in thousands):

	Remainder of 2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Thereafter
Amortization expense	\$ 4,035	\$ 1,353	\$ 1,237	\$ 1,237	\$ 1,031	\$ 1,017

In October 2008, the Company sold intellectual property to a third party (see Note 10).

**Goodwill**

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The Company's IPM business unit accounted for approximately 57 percent of the Company's total revenues in the first quarter and is associated with \$110 million of goodwill as of January 2, 2009. Overall financial performance declines in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 resulted in an interim test for goodwill impairment. Based upon the results of the testing for the quarter ended January 2, 2009, the Company determined that despite recent declines in the IPM business unit, performance levels remain sufficient to support the current IPM related goodwill balance. The Company's fair value methods used for purposes the goodwill impairment tests incorporates a weighted average of present value techniques, specifically discounted cash flows and the use of multiples of revenues and earnings associated with comparable companies.

The changes in the carrying amounts of goodwill were as follows (in thousands):

Goodwill at October 3, 2008	\$ 110,412
Additions	1,000
Other adjustments	(52)
Goodwill at January 2, 2009	\$ 111,360

In October 2006, we acquired the assets of Zarlink Semiconductor Inc.'s packet switching business for \$5.0 million. Under the terms of the Zarlink acquisition, we were required to pay additional amounts based upon the achievement of certain revenue targets. In the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 we recorded an additional and final purchase payment of \$1.0 million paid in January 2009.

**Mindspeed Warrant**

The Company has a warrant to purchase six million shares of Mindspeed common stock at an exercise price of \$17.04 per share through June 2013. At January 2, 2009 and October 3, 2008, the market value of Mindspeed common stock

was \$0.92 and \$2.08 per share, respectively. The Company accounts for the Mindspeed warrant as a derivative instrument, and changes in the fair value of the warrant are included in other (expense) income, net each period. At January 2, 2009 and October 3, 2008, the aggregate fair value of the Mindspeed warrant included on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets was \$0.1 million and \$0.5 million, respectively. At January 2, 2009, the warrant was valued using the Black-Scholes-Merton model with expected terms for portions of the warrant varying from one to five years, expected volatility of 64%, a weighted average risk-free interest rate of 1.05% and

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no dividend yield. The aggregate fair value of the warrant is reflected as a long-term asset on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets because the Company does not intend to liquidate any portion of the warrant in the next twelve months.

The valuation of this derivative instrument is subjective, and option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected stock price volatility. Changes in these assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate. The Company could, at any point in time, ultimately realize amounts significantly different than the carrying value.

**Short-Term Debt**

On November 29, 2005, the Company established an accounts receivable financing facility whereby it sells, from time to time, certain accounts receivable to Conexant USA, LLC (Conexant USA), a special purpose entity which is a consolidated subsidiary of the Company. Under the terms of the Company's agreements with Conexant USA, the Company retains the responsibility to service and collect accounts receivable sold to Conexant USA and receives a weekly fee from Conexant USA for handling administrative matters which is equal to 1.0%, on a per annum basis, of the uncollected value of the accounts receivable.

Concurrent with the Company's agreements with Conexant USA, Conexant USA entered into a credit facility which is secured by the assets of Conexant USA. Conexant USA is required to maintain certain minimum amounts on deposit (restricted cash) with the bank during the term of the credit agreement. Borrowings under the credit facility, which cannot exceed the lesser of \$50.0 million and 85% of the uncollected value of purchased accounts receivable that are eligible for coverage under an insurance policy for the receivables, bear interest equal to 7-day LIBOR (reset weekly) plus 1.25% and was approximately 1.65% at January 2, 2009. In addition, Conexant USA pays a fee of 0.2% per annum for the unused portion of the line of credit. The credit agreement matures in November 2009 and remains subject to additional 364-day renewal periods at the discretion of the bank. In connection with the renewal in November 2008, the interest rate applied to borrowings under the credit facility increased from 7-day LIBOR plus 0.6% to 7-day LIBOR plus 1.25%.

The credit facility requires the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries to maintain minimum levels of shareholders equity and cash and cash equivalents. Further, any failure by the Company or Conexant USA to pay their respective debts as they become due would allow the bank to terminate the credit agreement and cause all borrowings under the credit facility to immediately become due and payable. At January 2, 2009, Conexant USA had borrowed \$32.9 million under this credit facility and the Company was in compliance with all credit facility requirements.

**Long-Term Debt**

Long-term debt consists of the following (in thousands):

	<b>January 2, 2009</b>	<b>October 3, 2008</b>
Floating rate senior secured notes due November 2010	\$ 141,400	\$ 141,400
4.00% convertible subordinated notes due March 2026 with a conversion price of \$49.20	250,000	250,000
Total	391,400	391,400
Less: current portion of long-term debt		(17,707)
Long-term debt	\$ 391,400	\$ 373,693

**Floating rate senior secured notes due November 2010** In November 2006, the Company issued \$275.0 million aggregate principal amount of floating rate senior secured notes due November 2010. Proceeds from this issuance, net of fees paid or payable, were approximately \$264.8 million. The senior secured notes bear interest at three-month LIBOR (reset quarterly) plus 3.75%, and interest is payable in arrears quarterly on each February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15, beginning on February 15, 2007. The senior secured notes are redeemable in whole or in part, at the option of the Company, at any time on or after November 15, 2008 at varying redemption prices that

generally include premiums, which are defined in the indenture for the notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The

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Company is required to offer to repurchase, for cash, notes at a price of 100% of the principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest, with the net proceeds of certain asset dispositions if such proceeds are not used within 360 days to invest in assets (other than current assets) related to the Company's business. In addition, upon a change of control, the Company is required to make an offer to redeem all of the senior secured notes at a redemption price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest. The floating rate senior secured notes rank equally in right of payment with all of the Company's existing and future senior debt and senior to all of its existing and future subordinated debt. The notes are guaranteed by certain of the Company's U.S. subsidiaries (the Subsidiary Guarantors). The guarantees rank equally in right of payment with all of the Subsidiary Guarantors' existing and future senior debt and senior to all of the Subsidiary Guarantors' existing and future subordinated debt. The notes and guarantees (and certain hedging obligations that may be entered into with respect thereto) are secured by first-priority liens, subject to permitted liens, on substantially all of the Company's and the Subsidiary Guarantors' assets (other than accounts receivable and proceeds therefrom and subject to certain exceptions), including, but not limited to, the intellectual property, real property, plant and equipment now owned or hereafter acquired by the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors. See Note 15 for financial information regarding the Subsidiary Guarantors. The indenture governing the senior secured notes contains a number of covenants that restrict, subject to certain exceptions, the Company's ability and the ability of its restricted subsidiaries to: incur or guarantee additional indebtedness or issue certain redeemable or preferred stock; repurchase capital stock; pay dividends on or make other distributions in respect of its capital stock or make other restricted payments; make certain investments; create liens; redeem junior debt; sell certain assets; consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets; enter into certain types of transactions with affiliates; and enter into sale-leaseback transactions.

The sale of the Company's investment in Jazz Semiconductor, Inc. (Jazz) in February 2007 and the sale of two other equity investments in January 2007 qualified as asset dispositions requiring the Company to make offers to repurchase a portion of the notes no later than 361 days following the February 2007 asset dispositions. Based on the proceeds received from these asset dispositions and the Company's cash investments in assets (other than current assets) related to the Company's business made within 360 days following the asset dispositions, the Company was required to make an offer to repurchase not more than \$53.6 million of the senior secured notes, at 100% of the principal amount plus any accrued and unpaid interest in February 2008. As a result of 100% acceptance of the offer by the Company's bondholders, \$53.6 million of the senior secured notes were repurchased during the second quarter of fiscal 2008. The Company recorded a pretax loss on debt repurchase of \$1.4 million during the second quarter of fiscal 2008 which included the write-off of deferred debt issuance costs.

Following the sale of the BMP business unit in August 2008 (see Note 3), the Company made an offer to repurchase \$80.0 million of the senior secured notes at 100% of the principal amount plus any accrued and unpaid interest in September 2008. As a result of the 100% acceptance of the offer by the Company's bondholders, \$80.0 million of the senior secured notes were repurchased during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008. The Company recorded a pretax loss on debt repurchase of \$1.6 million during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008 which included the write-off of deferred debt issuance costs. The pretax loss on debt repurchase of \$1.6 million has been included in net loss from discontinued operations. During the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009, we did not have additional sufficient asset dispositions to trigger another required repurchase offer.

***4.00% convertible subordinated notes due March 2026*** In March 2006, the Company issued \$200.0 million principal amount of 4.00% convertible subordinated notes due March 2026 and, in May 2006, the initial purchaser of the notes exercised its option to purchase an additional \$50.0 million principal amount of the 4.00% convertible subordinated notes due March 2026. Total proceeds to the Company from these issuances, net of issuance costs, were \$243.6 million. The notes are general unsecured obligations of the Company. Interest on the notes is payable in arrears semiannually on each March 1 and September 1, beginning on September 1, 2006. The notes are convertible, at the option of the holder upon satisfaction of certain conditions, into shares of the Company's common stock at a conversion price of \$49.20 per share, subject to adjustment for certain events. Upon conversion, the Company has the right to deliver, in lieu of common stock, cash or a combination of cash and common stock. Beginning on March 1, 2011, the notes may be redeemed at the Company's option at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest. Holders may require the Company to repurchase, for cash, all or part



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of their notes on March 1, 2011, March 1, 2016 and March 1, 2021 at a price of 100% of the principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest.

**6. Commitments and Contingencies****Legal Matters**

Certain claims have been asserted against the Company, including claims alleging the use of the intellectual property rights of others in certain of the Company's products. The resolution of these matters may entail the negotiation of a license agreement, a settlement, or the adjudication of such claims through arbitration or litigation. The outcome of litigation cannot be predicted with certainty and some lawsuits, claims or proceedings may be disposed of unfavorably for the Company. Many intellectual property disputes have a risk of injunctive relief and there can be no assurance that a license will be granted. Injunctive relief could have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company. Based on its evaluation of matters which are pending or asserted and taking into account the Company's reserves for such matters, management believes the disposition of such matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

***IPO Litigation*** In November 2001, Collegeware Asset Management, LP, on behalf of itself and a putative class of persons who purchased the common stock of GlobeSpan, Inc. (GlobeSpan, Inc. later became GlobespanVirata, Inc., and is now the Company's Conexant, Inc. subsidiary) between June 23, 1999 and December 6, 2000, filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York alleging violations of federal securities laws by the underwriters of GlobeSpan, Inc.'s initial and secondary public offerings as well as by certain GlobeSpan, Inc. officers and directors. The complaint alleges that the defendants violated federal securities laws by issuing and selling GlobeSpan, Inc.'s common stock in the initial and secondary offerings without disclosing to investors that the underwriters had (1) solicited and received undisclosed and excessive commissions or other compensation and (2) entered into agreements requiring certain of their customers to purchase the stock in the aftermarket at escalating prices. The complaint seeks unspecified damages. The complaint was consolidated with class actions against approximately 300 other companies making similar allegations regarding the public offerings of those companies from 1998 through 2000. A tentative settlement of the claims against issuers and their officers and directors, including the GlobeSpan, Inc. officers and directors, was reached in 2004, but the settlement was never finally approved, and was abandoned after the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit ruled, in an appeal by the underwriter defendants, that certification of similarly-defined classes was improper. The tentative settlement was abandoned in 2007, in light of a decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit vacating orders certifying similarly-defined classes in cases against the underwriters. The Company does not believe the ultimate outcome of this litigation will have a material adverse impact on its financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

***Class Action Suit*** In February 2005, the Company and certain of its current and former officers and the Company's Employee Benefits Plan Committee were named as defendants in *Graden v. Conexant, et al.*, a lawsuit filed on behalf of all persons who were participants in the Company's 401(k) Plan (Plan) during a specified class period. This suit was filed in the U.S. District Court of New Jersey and alleges that the defendants breached their fiduciary duties under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, as amended, to the Plan and the participants in the Plan. The plaintiff filed an amended complaint on August 11, 2005. The amended complaint alleged that plaintiff lost money in the Plan due to (i) poor Company merger-related performance, (ii) misleading disclosures by the Company regarding the merger, (iii) breaches of fiduciary duty regarding management of Plan assets, (iv) being encouraged to invest in Conexant Stock Fund, (v) being unable to diversify out of said fund and (vi) having the Company make its matching contributions in said fund. On October 12, 2005, the defendants filed a motion to dismiss this case. The plaintiff responded to the motion to dismiss on December 30, 2005, and the defendants' reply was filed on February 17, 2006. On March 31, 2006, the judge dismissed this case and ordered it closed. Plaintiff filed a notice of appeal on April 17, 2006. The appellate argument was held on April 19, 2007. On July 31, 2007, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals vacated the District Court's order dismissing Graden's complaint and remanded the case for further proceedings. On August 27, 2008, the motion to dismiss was granted in part and denied in part. The judge left in claims against all of the individual defendants as well as against the Company. In January 2009, the Company and plaintiff agreed in principle to settle all outstanding claims in the litigation for \$3.25 million. The Company recorded a Special Charge of \$3.7 million as of January 2, 2009, to cover this settlement and any



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associated costs. The settlement remains subject to the negotiation of a definitive settlement agreement, confirmatory discovery, and approval by the District Court.

Based on its evaluation of legal matters which are pending or asserted, management believes the disposition of such matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

**Guarantees and Indemnifications**

The Company has made guarantees and indemnities, under which it may be required to make payments to a guaranteed or indemnified party, in relation to certain transactions. In connection with the Company's spin-off from Rockwell International Corporation, the Company assumed responsibility for all contingent liabilities and then-current and future litigation (including environmental and intellectual property proceedings) against Rockwell or its subsidiaries in respect of the operations of the semiconductor systems business of Rockwell. In connection with the Company's contribution of certain of its manufacturing operations to Jazz Semiconductors, Inc., the Company agreed to indemnify Jazz for certain environmental matters and other customary divestiture-related matters. In connection with the sales of its products, the Company provides intellectual property indemnities to its customers. In connection with certain facility leases, the Company has indemnified its lessors for certain claims arising from the facility or the lease. The Company indemnifies its directors and officers to the maximum extent permitted under the laws of the State of Delaware.

The durations of the Company's guarantees and indemnities vary, and in many cases are indefinite. The guarantees and indemnities to customers in connection with product sales generally are subject to limits based upon the amount of the related product sales. The majority of other guarantees and indemnities do not provide for any limitation of the maximum potential future payments the Company could be obligated to make. The Company has not recorded any liability for these guarantees and indemnities in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets as they are not estimated to be material. Product warranty costs are not significant.

**7. Stock Option Plans**

The Company has stock option plans and long-term incentive plans under which employees and directors may be granted options to purchase shares of the Company's common stock. As of January 2, 2009, approximately 7.7 million shares of the Company's common stock are available for grant under the stock option and long-term incentive plans. Stock options are granted with exercise prices of not less than the fair market value at grant date, generally vest over four years and expire eight or ten years after the grant date. The Company settles stock option exercises with newly issued shares of common stock. The Company has also assumed stock option plans in connection with business combinations.

The Company accounts for its stock option plans in accordance with SFAS No. 123(R), Share-Based Payment. Under SFAS No. 123(R), the Company is required to measure compensation cost for all stock-based awards at fair value on the date of grant and recognize compensation expense in its condensed consolidated statements of operations over the service period that the awards are expected to vest. The Company measures the fair value of service-based awards and performance-based awards on the date of grant. Performance-based awards are evaluated for vesting probability each reporting period. Awards with market conditions are valued on the date of grant using the Monte Carlo Simulation Method giving consideration to the range of various vesting probabilities.

The following weighted average assumptions were used in the estimated grant date fair value calculations for share-based payments. There were no stock purchase plan grants in the quarters ended January 2, 2009 or December 28, 2007.

	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended</b>	
	<b>January 2,</b>	<b>December</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>28,</b>
		<b>2007</b>
Stock option plans:		
Expected dividend yield	\$	\$
Expected stock price volatility	75%	66%

Risk free interest rate		2.5%	4.0%
Average expected life (in years)		5.25	4.88

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The expected stock price volatility rates are based on the historical volatility of the Company's common stock. The risk free interest rates are based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant for periods corresponding with the expected life of the option or award. The average expected life represents the weighted average period of time that options or awards granted are expected to be outstanding, as calculated using the simplified method described in the SEC's Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 110.

A summary of stock option activity is as follows (shares in thousands):

	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>
Outstanding, October 3, 2008	7,357	\$ 23.54
Granted	20	1.97
Exercised		
Forfeited	(978)	22.74
Outstanding, January 2, 2009	6,399	23.60
Shares vested and expected to vest, January 2, 2009	6,239	23.80
Exercisable, January 2, 2009	5,447	24.95

At January 2, 2009, of the 6.4 million stock options outstanding, approximately 5.1 million options were held by current employees and directors of the Company, and approximately 1.3 million options were held by employees of former businesses of the Company (i.e., Mindspeed and Skyworks Solutions, Inc.) who remain employed by one of these businesses. At January 2, 2009, stock options outstanding had an immaterial aggregate intrinsic value and a weighted-average remaining contractual term of 3.2 years. At January 2, 2009, exercisable stock options had an immaterial aggregate intrinsic value and a weighted-average remaining contractual term of 2.7 years. The total intrinsic value of options exercised and total cash received from employees as a result of stock option exercises during the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007 was immaterial.

**Directors Stock Plan**

The Company has a Directors Stock Plan (DSP) that provides for each non-employee director to receive specified levels of stock option grants upon election to the Board of Directors and periodically thereafter. Under the DSP, each non-employee director may elect to receive all or a portion of the cash retainer to which the director is entitled through the issuance of common stock. During the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009, no grants were awarded under the DSP. At January 2, 2009, approximately 0.1 million shares of the Company's common stock are available for grant under the DSP.

**Employee Stock Purchase Plan**

The Company has an employee stock purchase plan (ESPP) that allows eligible employees to purchase shares of the Company's common stock at six-month intervals during an offering period at 85% of the lower of the fair market value on the first day of the offering period or the purchase date. Under the ESPP, employees may authorize the Company to withhold up to 15% of their compensation for each pay period to purchase shares under the plan, subject to certain limitations, and employees are limited to the purchase of 200 shares per offering period. Offering periods generally commence on the first trading day of February and August of each year and are generally six months in duration, but may be terminated earlier under certain circumstances. No shares were issued under the ESPP during the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009. At January 2, 2009, approximately 2.0 million shares of the Company's common stock are reserved for future issuance under the ESPP, of which 1.3 million shares will become available in 0.3 million share

annual increases, subject to the Board of Directors selecting a lower amount. Effective January 31, 2009, the Company has suspended the ESPP plan for domestic (U.S.) employees.

During the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007, the Company recognized compensation expense of \$1.4 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, for stock options, and \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million for stock purchase plans in its condensed consolidated statements of operations. The Company classified stock-based

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compensation expense of \$0.6 million to discontinued operations for the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007. At January 2, 2009, the total unrecognized fair value compensation cost related to non-vested stock options and employee stock purchase plan awards was \$7.9 million, which is expected to be recognized over a remaining weighted average period of approximately 1.4 years.

**2001 Performance Share Plan and 2004 New Hire Equity Incentive Plan**

The Company's long-term incentive plans also provide for the issuance of share-based awards to officers and other employees and certain non-employees of the Company. These awards are subject to forfeiture if employment terminates during the prescribed vesting period (generally within four years of the date of award) or, in certain cases, if prescribed performance criteria are not met. The Company has the 2001 Performance Share Plan (Performance Plan), under which it originally reserved 0.4 million shares for issuance as well as the 2004 New Hire Equity Incentive Plan (New Hire Plan), under which it originally reserved 1.2 million shares for issuance.

*Performance Plan*

The performance-based awards may be settled, at the Company's election at the time of payment, in cash, shares of common stock or any combination of cash and common stock. A summary of share-based award activity under the Performance Plan is as follows (shares in thousands):

	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding, October 3, 2008	400	\$ 6.49
Granted		
Vested	(100)	5.30
Forfeited		
Outstanding, January 2, 2009	300	\$ 6.88

During the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009, the Company recognized expense of \$0.6 million related to the Performance Plan. During the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007, the Company recorded a reversal of previously recognized stock based compensation expense of \$1.1 million related to the non-achievement of certain performance criteria and stock based compensation expense of \$0.1 million related to award grants that were still outstanding. At January 2, 2009, the total unrecognized fair value compensation cost related to non-vested Performance Plan share awards was \$0.7 million, which is expected to be recognized in fiscal 2009. As of January 2, 2009, no performance criteria apply to any unvested shares. At January 2, 2009, approximately 0.2 million shares of the Company's common stock are available for issuance under the Performance Plan.

*2004 New Hire Plan*

The New Hire Plan contains service-based awards as well as awards which vest based on the achievement of certain stock price appreciation conditions. A summary of share-based award activity under the New Hire Plan is as follows (shares in thousands):

	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding, October 3, 2008	74	\$ 10.59
Granted		
Vested		
Forfeited	(25)	13.70

Outstanding, January 2, 2009	49	\$	9.01
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Shares of the market condition awards may vest based upon two years of service and certain stock price appreciation conditions. The Company measures share awards with market conditions at fair value on the grant-date using valuation techniques in accordance with SFAS No. 123(R), which gives consideration to the range of various vesting probabilities.

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During the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007, the Company recognized \$0.1 million and \$0.5 million in stock based compensation expense related to the New Hire Plan, respectively. In addition, due to the termination of the Company's former CFO during the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009, the vesting period of 24 service-based awards was accelerated and 25 market condition awards were forfeited due to non-achievement of performance criteria resulting in the recognition of \$0.3 million of stock based compensation and the reversal of \$0.1 million of stock based compensation, respectively. The 24 service based awards will fully vest in February 2009. At January 2, 2009, the total unrecognized fair value compensation cost related to non-vested New Hire Plan was \$0.1 million, which is expected to be recognized in fiscal 2009.

**8. Comprehensive Loss**

Comprehensive loss consists of the following (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended</b>	
	<b>January</b>	<b>December</b>
	<b>2,</b>	<b>28,</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2007</b>
Net loss	\$ (17,689)	\$ (9,218)
Other comprehensive (loss) income:		
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(1,095)	299
Unrealized losses on marketable securities	(14)	
Unrealized losses on foreign currency forward hedge contracts	(153)	(377)
Unrealized losses on interest rate swap contracts	(2,184)	
Other-than-temporary impairment of marketable securities	1,986	
Gains on settlement of foreign currency forward hedge contracts	659	
Minimum pension liability adjustments		(1,110)
Other comprehensive loss	(801)	(1,189)
Comprehensive loss	\$ (18,490)	\$ (10,407)

Accumulated other comprehensive loss consists of the following (in thousands):

	<b>January 2,</b>	<b>October 3,</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Foreign currency translation adjustments	\$ (787)	\$ 308
Unrealized gains (losses) on marketable securities	38	(1,934)
Unrealized losses on derivative instruments	(2,135)	(457)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ (2,884)	\$ (2,083)

**9. Income Taxes**

The Company recorded a tax provision of \$0.9 million for the quarter ended January 2, 2009 and the quarter ended December 28, 2007, primarily reflecting income taxes imposed on our foreign subsidiaries. All of our U.S. Federal income taxes and the majority of our state income taxes are offset by fully reserved deferred tax assets.

**10. Gain on Sale of Intellectual Property**

In October 2008, the Company sold a portfolio of patents including patents related to its prior wireless networking technology to a third party for cash of \$14.5 million, net of costs, and recognized a gain of \$12.9 million on the transaction. In accordance with the terms of the agreement with the third party, the Company retains a cross-license to

this portfolio of patents.

**11. Special Charges**

For the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009, special charges primarily consist of \$6.6 million of restructuring charges related to revised sublease assumptions associated with vacated facilities and a \$3.7 million charge for a legal settlement (See Note 6). For the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007, special charges consisted of \$5.2

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million of restructuring charges offset by the reversal of a \$0.9 million reserve for the settlement of a proposed tax assessment related to an acquired foreign subsidiary.

**Restructuring Charges**

The Company has implemented a number of cost reduction initiatives since fiscal 2005 to improve its operating cost structure. The cost reduction initiatives included workforce reductions and the closure or consolidation of certain facilities, among other actions.

As of January 2, 2009, the Company has remaining restructuring accruals of \$40.0 million, of which \$0.1 million relates to workforce reductions and \$39.9 million relates to facility and other costs. Of the \$40.0 million of restructuring accruals at January 2, 2009, \$7.9 million is included in other current liabilities and \$32.1 million is included in other non-current liabilities in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. The Company expects to pay the amounts accrued for the workforce reductions through fiscal 2009 and expects to pay the obligations for the non-cancelable lease and other commitments over their respective terms, which expire at various dates through fiscal 2021. The facility charges were determined in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 146,

Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities. The Company's accrued liabilities include the net present value of the future lease obligations of \$67.8 million, net of contracted sublease income of \$10.3 million, and projected sublease income of \$17.6 million, and will accrete the remaining amounts into expense over the remaining terms of the non-cancellable leases. Cash payments to complete the restructuring actions will be funded from available cash reserves and funds from product sales, and are not expected to significantly impact the Company's liquidity.

*Fiscal 2008 Restructuring Actions* During fiscal 2008, the Company announced its decision to discontinue investments in standalone wireless networking solutions and other product areas. In relation to these announcements in fiscal 2008, the Company recorded \$6.3 million of total charges for the cost of severance benefits for the affected employees. Additionally, the Company recorded charges of \$1.8 million relating to the consolidation of certain facilities under non-cancelable leases that were vacated. Restructuring charges in the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 related to the fiscal 2008 restructuring actions included \$0.6 million of additional severance charges. Activity and liability balances recorded as part of the Fiscal 2008 Restructuring Actions through January 2, 2009 were as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Workforce Reductions</b>	<b>Facility and Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Charged to costs and expenses	\$ 6,254	\$ 1,762	\$ 8,016
Cash payments	(6,161)	(731)	(6,892)
Restructuring balance, October 3, 2008	93	1,031	1,124
Charged to costs and expenses	600	196	796
Reclassification to other current liabilities and other liabilities		(175)	(175)
Cash payments	(561)	(118)	(679)
Restructuring balance, January 2, 2009	\$ 132	\$ 934	\$ 1,066

*Fiscal 2007 Restructuring Actions* During fiscal 2007, the Company announced several facility closures and workforce reductions. In total, the Company has notified approximately 670 employees of their involuntary termination and recorded \$9.5 million of total charges for the cost of severance benefits for the affected employees. Additionally, the Company recorded charges of \$2.0 million relating to the consolidation of certain facilities under non-cancelable leases which were vacated. The non-cash facility accruals resulted from the reclassification of deferred gains on the previous sale-leaseback of two facilities totaling \$8.0 million in fiscal 2008 and \$4.9 million in fiscal 2007. As a result of the Company's sale of its BMP business unit in fiscal 2008, \$2.9 million and \$2.2 million, incurred in fiscal 2008 and 2007, respectively, related to fiscal 2007 restructuring actions were reclassified to discontinued operations in the condensed consolidated statements of operations. Restructuring charges in the fiscal quarter ended

January 2, 2009 related to the fiscal 2007 restructuring actions included \$9.1 million due to a decrease in estimated future rental income from sub-tenants resulting from declines in sublease activity. Of the \$9.1 million charge, \$7.0 million related to facilities associated with the sale of the BMP business and have been included in discontinued operations for the quarter ended January 2, 2009.

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Activity and liability balances recorded as part of the Fiscal 2007 Restructuring Actions through January 2, 2009 were as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Workforce Reductions</b>	<b>Facility and Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Charged to costs and expenses	\$ 9,477	\$ 2,040	\$ 11,517
Non-cash items		4,868	4,868
Cash payments	(5,841)	(268)	(6,109)
Restructuring balance, September 28, 2007	3,636	6,640	10,276
Charged to costs and expenses	11	6,312	6,323
Non-cash items		8,039	8,039
Cash payments	(3,631)	(4,309)	(7,940)
Restructuring balance, October 3, 2008	16	16,682	16,698
Charged to costs and expenses	(1)	9,125	9,124
Cash payments	(15)	(1,206)	(1,221)
Restructuring balance, January 2, 2009	\$	\$ 24,601	\$ 24,601

*Fiscal 2006 and 2005 Restructuring Actions* During fiscal years 2006 and 2005, the Company announced operating site closures and workforce reductions. In total, the Company notified approximately 385 employees of their involuntary termination. During fiscal 2006 and 2005, the Company recorded total charges of \$24.1 million based on the estimates of the cost of severance benefits for the affected employees and the estimated relocation benefits for those employees who were offered and accepted relocation assistance. Additionally, the Company recorded charges of \$21.3 million relating to the consolidation of certain facilities under non-cancelable leases that were vacated. Restructuring charges in the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 related to the fiscal 2006 and 2005 restructuring actions included \$3.7 million due to a decrease in estimated future rental income from sub-tenants resulting from declines in sub lease activity.

Activity and liability balances recorded as part of the Fiscal 2006 and 2005 Restructuring Actions through January 2, 2009 were as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Workforce Reductions</b>	<b>Facility and Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Restructuring balance, October 1, 2005	\$ 3,609	\$ 25,220	\$ 28,829
Charged to costs and expenses	1,852	1,407	3,259
Reclassification from accrued compensation and benefits and other	1,844	55	1,899
Cash payments	(5,893)	(8,031)	(13,924)
Restructuring balance, September 29, 2006	1,412	18,651	20,063
Reclassification to other current liabilities and other liabilities		(2,687)	(2,687)
Charged to costs and expenses	55	559	614
Cash payments	(1,336)	(4,007)	(5,343)
Restructuring balance, September 28, 2007	131	12,516	12,647
Reclassification from other current liabilities and other liabilities		3,359	3,359
Charged to costs and expenses	(130)	285	155
Cash payments	(1)	(5,123)	(5,124)

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Restructuring balance, October 3, 2008		11,037	11,037
Charged to costs and expenses		3,738	3,738
Cash payments		(431)	(431)
Restructuring balance, January 2, 2009	\$	\$ 14,344	\$ 14,344

**Litigation**

In the quarter ended January 2, 2009, the Company recorded \$3.7 million in litigation charges related to the settlement of its class action suit discussed in Note 6 regarding legal matters.

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Other expense, net consists of the following (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended</b>	
	<b>January 2, 2009</b>	<b>December 28, 2007</b>
Investment and interest income	\$ (857)	\$ (2,771)
Other-than-temporary impairment of marketable securities	2,635	
Decrease in the fair value of derivative instruments	482	8,364
Other	35	(248)
Other expense, net	\$ 2,295	\$ 5,345

Other expense, net during the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 was primarily comprised of an other-than-temporary impairment of marketable securities of \$2.6 million and a \$0.5 million decrease in the fair value of the Company's warrant to purchase six million shares of Mindspeed common stock, offset by \$0.9 million of investment and interest income on invested cash balances.

Other expense, net during the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007 was primarily comprised of an \$8.3 million decrease in the fair value of the Company's warrant to purchase six million shares of Mindspeed common stock mainly due to a decrease in Mindspeed's stock price during the period, offset by \$2.8 million of investment and interest income on invested cash balances.

**13. Related Party Transactions****Mindspeed Technologies, Inc.**

As of January 2, 2009, the Company holds a warrant to purchase six million shares of Mindspeed common stock at an exercise price of \$17.04 per share exercisable through June 2013. In addition, two members of the Company's Board of Directors also serve on the Board of Mindspeed. No significant amounts were due to or receivable from Mindspeed at January 2, 2009.

**Lease Agreement** The Company subleases an office building to Mindspeed. Under the sublease agreement, Mindspeed pays amounts for rental expense and operating expenses, which include utilities, common area maintenance, and security services. During each of the three-month periods ended January 2, 2009, and December 28, 2007, the Company recorded income related to the Mindspeed sublease agreement of \$0.4 million. Additionally, Mindspeed made payments directly to the Company's landlord totaling \$0.8 million during each of the three-month periods ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007.

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Net revenues by geographic area, based upon country of destination, were as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended</b>	
	<b>January 2, 2009</b>	<b>December 28, 2007</b>
United States	\$ 4,830	\$ 6,363
Other Americas	1,645	3,372
Total Americas	6,475	9,735
China	54,495	87,488
Taiwan	6,931	8,306
Japan	3,834	7,078
Malaysia	3,465	3,832
Thailand	2,973	4,148
Singapore	2,625	13,891
South Korea	1,347	3,973
Other Asia-Pacific	792	189
Total Asia-Pacific	76,462	128,905
Europe, Middle East and Africa	3,561	7,293
	\$ 86,498	\$ 145,933

The Company believes a portion of the products sold to original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and third-party manufacturing service providers in the Asia-Pacific region are ultimately shipped to end-markets in the Americas and Europe. One distributor accounted for 13% and 14% of net revenues for the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007, respectively. Sales to the Company's twenty largest customers represented approximately 69% and 74% of net revenues for the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007, respectively.

Long-lived assets consist of property, plant and equipment and certain other long-term assets. Long-lived assets by geographic area were as follows (in thousands):

	<b>January 2, 2009</b>	<b>October 3, 2008</b>
United States	\$ 50,735	\$ 52,515
India	3,747	4,499
Other Asia-Pacific	5,683	6,766
Europe, Middle East and Africa	30	34
	\$ 60,195	\$ 63,814

**15. Supplemental Guarantor Financial Information**

In November 2006, the Company issued \$275.0 million of floating rate senior secured notes due November 2010. The floating rate senior secured notes rank equally in right of payment with all of the Company's (the Parent's) existing and future senior debt and senior to all of its existing and future subordinated debt. The notes are also jointly, severally and unconditionally guaranteed, on a senior basis, by three of the Parent's wholly owned U.S. subsidiaries: Conexant,

Inc., Brooktree Broadband Holding, Inc., and Ficon Technology, Inc. (collectively, the Subsidiary Guarantors). The guarantees rank equally in right of payment with all of the Subsidiary Guarantors' existing and future senior debt and senior to all of the Subsidiary Guarantors' existing and future subordinated debt.

The notes and guarantees (and certain hedging obligations that may be entered into with respect thereto) are secured by first-priority liens, subject to permitted liens, on substantially all of the Parent's and the Subsidiary Guarantors' assets (other than accounts receivable and proceeds therefrom and subject to certain exceptions), including, but not limited to, the intellectual property, owned real property, plant and equipment now owned or hereafter acquired by the Parent and the Subsidiary Guarantors.

In lieu of providing separate financial statements for the Subsidiary Guarantors, the Company has included the accompanying condensed consolidating financial statements. These condensed consolidating financial statements are presented on the equity method of accounting. Under this method, the Parent's and Subsidiary Guarantors

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investments in their subsidiaries are recorded at cost and adjusted for their share of the subsidiaries' cumulative results of operations, capital contributions and distributions and other equity changes. The financial information of the three Subsidiary Guarantors has been combined in the condensed consolidating financial statements.

The following guarantor financial information has been adjusted to reflect the Company's discontinued operations. See Note 3 for further information regarding the sale of the Company's BMP product line during fiscal 2008.

In addition, subsequent to the issuance of the Company's condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007, the Company has corrected its guarantor financial information to: (1) properly apply the equity method of accounting to its condensed consolidating statements of operations for the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007; and (2) properly present the results of its intercompany transactions within its condensed consolidating statements of cash flows (as financing activities rather than operating activities) for the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007 in accordance with SEC Regulation S-X, Rule 3-10(f).

The following tables present the Company's condensed consolidating balance sheets as of January 2, 2009 and October 3, 2008 (in thousands):

	<b>January 2, 2009</b>				
	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Guarantors</b>	<b>Non-Guarantors</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
<b>Current assets:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 77,877	\$	\$ 32,450	\$	\$ 110,327
Restricted cash	12,000		8,500		20,500
Receivables, net		169,158	43,948	(172,592)	40,514
Inventories	26,014				26,014
Other current assets	35,032	3	5,850		40,885
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>150,923</b>	<b>169,161</b>	<b>90,748</b>	<b>(172,592)</b>	<b>238,240</b>
Property and equipment, net	12,512		8,820		21,332
Goodwill	18,911	89,352	3,097		111,360
Intangible assets, net	7,341	2,150	419		9,910
Other assets	36,517		2,493		39,010
Investments in subsidiaries	286,981	19,728		(306,709)	
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 513,185</b>	<b>\$ 280,391</b>	<b>\$ 105,577</b>	<b>\$ (479,301)</b>	<b>\$ 419,852</b>
<b>Current liabilities:</b>					
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Short-term debt			32,868		32,868
Accounts payable	157,460		37,915	(172,592)	22,783
Accrued compensation and benefits	8,629		3,323		11,952
Other current liabilities	38,326	933	2,570		41,829
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>204,415</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>76,676</b>	<b>(172,592)</b>	<b>109,432</b>
Long-term debt	391,400				391,400
Other liabilities	70,335		1,650		71,985
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>666,150</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>78,326</b>	<b>(172,592)</b>	<b>572,817</b>

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Shareholders (deficit) equity	(152,965)	279,458	27,251	(306,709)	(152,965)
Total liabilities and equity (deficit)	\$ 513,185	\$ 280,391	\$ 105,577	\$ (479,301)	\$ 419,852

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	<b>October 3, 2008</b>				
	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Guarantors</b>	<b>Non-Guarantors</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
<b>Current assets:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 69,738	\$	\$ 36,145	\$	\$ 105,883
Restricted cash	18,000		8,800		26,800
Receivables		169,158	57,584	(177,745)	48,997
Inventories	36,439				36,439
Other current assets	33,543	3	4,991		38,537
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>157,720</b>	<b>169,161</b>	<b>107,520</b>	<b>(177,745)</b>	<b>256,656</b>
Property and equipment, net	14,366		10,546		24,912
Goodwill	17,911	89,404	3,097		110,412
Intangible assets, net	8,527	5,992	452		14,971
Other assets	36,955		2,497		39,452
Investments in subsidiaries	291,511	19,188		(310,699)	
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 526,990</b>	<b>\$ 283,745</b>	<b>\$ 124,112</b>	<b>\$ (488,444)</b>	<b>\$ 446,403</b>
<b>Current liabilities:</b>					
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 17,707	\$	\$	\$	\$ 17,707
Short-term debt			40,117		40,117
Accounts payable	164,057		48,582	(177,745)	34,894
Accrued compensation and benefits	12,078		2,911		14,989
Other current liabilities	40,479	932	2,974		44,385
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>234,321</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>94,584</b>	<b>(177,745)</b>	<b>152,092</b>
Long-term debt	373,693				373,693
Other liabilities	55,710		1,642		57,352
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>663,724</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>96,226</b>	<b>(177,745)</b>	<b>583,137</b>
Shareholders (deficit) equity	(136,734)	282,813	27,886	(310,699)	(136,734)
<b>Total liabilities and equity (deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 526,990</b>	<b>\$ 283,745</b>	<b>\$ 124,112</b>	<b>\$ (488,444)</b>	<b>\$ 446,403</b>

The following tables present the Company's condensed consolidating statements of operations for the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007 (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended January 2, 2009</b>				
	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Guarantors</b>	<b>Non-Guarantors</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Net revenues	\$ 82,710	\$ 5,894	\$ 3,788	\$ (5,894)	\$ 86,498
Cost of goods sold	36,760		3,588		40,348
<b>Gross margin</b>	<b>45,950</b>	<b>5,894</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>(5,894)</b>	<b>46,150</b>

Operating expenses:					
Research and development	26,313				26,313
Selling, general and administrative	18,303		1,180		19,483
Amortization of intangible assets	1,185	2,152	34		3,371
Gain on sale of intellectual property	(12,858)				(12,858)
Special charges	10,157		52		10,209
Total operating expenses	43,100	2,152	1,266		46,518
Operating income (loss)	2,850	3,742	(1,066)	(5,894)	(368)
(Loss) equity in income of subsidiaries	(1,896)	539		1,357	
Interest expense	5,474		580		6,054
Other expense (income), net	4,368		(2,073)		2,295
Income (loss) before income taxes and gain (loss) on equity method investments	(8,888)	4,281	427	(4,537)	(8,717)
Provision for income taxes	667		245		912
(Loss) income before loss on equity method investments	(9,555)	4,281	182	(4,537)	(9,629)
Loss on equity method investments	(846)				(846)
Net (loss) income from continuing operations	(10,401)	4,281	182	(4,537)	(10,475)
Net (loss) gain from discontinued operations	(7,288)		74		(7,214)
Net (loss) income	\$ (17,689)	\$ 4,281	\$ 256	\$ (4,537)	\$ (17,689)

## Fiscal Quarter Ended December 28, 2007

	Parent	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net revenues	\$ 119,969	\$ 11,196	\$ 25,964	\$ (11,196)	\$ 145,933
Cost of goods sold	40,223		23,589		63,812
Gross margin	79,746	11,196	2,375	(11,196)	82,121

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	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended December 28, 2007</b>				
	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Guarantors</b>	<b>Non-Guarantors</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Operating expenses:					
Research and development	37,648		175		37,823
Selling, general and administrative	16,516		3,498		20,014
Amortization of intangible assets	466	244	3,861		4,571
Special charges	3,977		372		4,349
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>58,607</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>7,906</b>		<b>66,757</b>
Operating income (loss)	21,139	10,952	(5,531)	(11,196)	15,364
Equity in (loss) income of subsidiaries	(2,115)	1,641		474	
Interest expense	7,659		1,790		9,449
Other expense (income), net	11,183		(5,838)		5,345
Income (loss) before income taxes and gain (loss) on equity method investments	182	12,593	(1,483)	(10,722)	570
Provision for income taxes	474		388		862
Income (loss) before gain (loss) on equity method investments	(292)	12,593	(1,871)	(10,722)	(292)
Gain on equity method investments	3,773				3,773
Net income from continuing operations	3,481	12,593	(1,871)	(10,722)	3,481
Net loss from discontinued operations	(12,699)				(12,699)
Net (loss) income	\$ (9,218)	\$ 12,593	\$ (1,871)	\$ (10,722)	\$ (9,218)

The following tables present the Company's condensed consolidating statements of cash flows for the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007 (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended January 2, 2009</b>				
	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Guarantors</b>	<b>Non-Guarantors</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$(19,686)	\$ 1,017	\$ 5,389	\$ 7,817	\$ (5,463)
Cash flows from investing activities:	(111)		(70)		(181)

Purchases of property plant and equipment				
Payments for acquisitions	(1,953)			(1,953)
Purchases of accounts receivable		(67,360)	67,360	
Proceeds from collection of purchased accounts receivable		75,177	(75,177)	
Release of restricted cash	6,000	300		6,300
Proceeds from sale of intellectual property, net	14,548			14,548
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	18,484	8,047	(7,817)	18,714
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Repayment of short-term debt, net of expenses			(7,900)	(7,900)
Intercompany, net	10,248	(1,017)	(9,231)	
Interest rate swap security deposit	(907)			(907)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	9,341	(1,017)	(17,131)	(8,807)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	8,139		(3,695)	4,444
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	69,738		36,145	105,883
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 77,877	\$	\$ 32,450	\$ 110,327

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	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended December 28, 2007</b>				
	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Guarantors</b>	<b>Non-Guarantors</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 10,712	\$ (458)	\$ (7,340)	\$ 5,832	\$ 8,746
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Purchases of property plant and equipment	(566)		(1,048)		(1,614)
Purchases of accounts receivable			(145,848)	145,848	
Proceeds from collection of purchased accounts receivable			151,680	(151,680)	
Purchases of equity securities and other assets	(755)				(755)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(1,321)		4,784	(5,832)	(2,369)
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Repayment of short-term debt, net of expenses			(9,845)		(9,845)
Intercompany, net	(5,136)	458	4,678		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	4				4
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(5,132)	458	(5,167)		(9,841)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	4,259		(7,723)		(3,464)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	199,263		36,342		235,605
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 203,522	\$	\$ 28,619	\$	\$ 232,141

**16. Subsequent Events**

Subsequent to January 2, 2009, the Company completed actions that resulted in the elimination of approximately 140 positions worldwide. In the second fiscal quarter of 2009, the Company recorded a charge for \$2.2 million related to the headcount reduction. The Company has also suspended the company match for the domestic 401(k) plan.

**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in Part I Item 1 of this Quarterly Report, as well as other cautionary statements and risks described elsewhere in this Quarterly Report, and our audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 3, 2008.

**Overview**

We design, develop and sell semiconductor system solutions, comprised of semiconductor devices, software and reference designs for use in broadband communications applications that enable high-speed transmission, processing and distribution of audio, video, voice and data to and throughout homes and business enterprises worldwide. Our access solutions connect people through personal communications access products, such as personal computers (PCs), to audio, video, voice and data services over wireless and wire line broadband connections as well as over dial-up Internet connections. Our central office solutions are used by service providers to deliver high-speed audio, video, voice and data services over copper telephone lines and optical fiber networks to homes and businesses around the globe. In addition, media processing products enable the capture, display, storage, playback and transfer of audio and video content in applications throughout home and small office environments. These solutions enable broadband connections and network content to be shared throughout a home or small office-home office environment using a variety of communications devices.

We market and sell our semiconductor products and system solutions directly to leading original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) of communication electronics products, and indirectly through electronic components distributors. We also sell our products to third-party electronic manufacturing service providers, who manufacture

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products incorporating our semiconductor products for OEMs. Sales to distributors and other resellers accounted for approximately 25% of our net revenues in the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009, compared to 25% of our net revenues in the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007. One distributor accounted for 13% and 14% of net revenues for the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007, respectively. Our top 20 customers accounted for approximately 69% and 74% of net revenues for the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007, respectively. Revenues derived from customers located in the Americas, the Asia-Pacific region and Europe (including the Middle East and Africa) were 7%, 88% and 4%, respectively, of our net revenues for the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 and were 7%, 88% and 5%, respectively, of our net revenues for the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007. We believe a portion of the products we sell to OEMs and third-party manufacturing service providers in the Asia-Pacific region are ultimately shipped to end-markets in the Americas and Europe.

**Critical Accounting Policies**

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which require us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the condensed consolidated financial statements, revenues and expenses during the periods reported and related disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Information with respect to our critical accounting policies that we believe have the most significant effect on our reported results and require subjective or complex judgments of management is contained on pages 38-43 of the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 3, 2008. Management believes that at January 2, 2009, there has been no material change to this information.

**Business Enterprise Segments**

We operate in one reportable segment, broadband communications. Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information, establishes standards for the way that public business enterprises report information about operating segments in annual condensed consolidated financial statements. Although we had two operating segments at January 2, 2009, under the aggregation criteria set forth in SFAS No. 131, we only operate in one reportable segment, broadband communications. The Company's reporting units, which are also the Company's operating units, Imaging and PC Media (IPM) and Broadband Access Products (BBA) were identified based upon the availability of discrete financial information and the chief operating decision maker's regular review of the financial information for these operating segments. The Company evaluated these reporting units for components and noted that there are none below the IPM and BBA reporting units. Under SFAS No. 131, two or more operating segments may be aggregated into a single operating segment for financial reporting purposes if aggregation is consistent with the objective and basic principles of SFAS No. 131, if the segments have similar economic characteristics, and if the segments are similar in each of the following areas:

- the nature of their products and services;

- the nature of their production processes;

- the type or class of customer for their products and services; and

- the methods used to distribute their products or provide their services.

We meet each of the aggregation criteria for the following reasons:

- the sale of semiconductor products is the only material source of revenue for each of our two operating segments;

- the products sold by each of our operating segments use the same standard manufacturing process;

- the products marketed by each of our operating segments are sold to similar customers; and

- all of our products are sold through our internal sales force and common distributors.



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Because we meet each of the criteria set forth above and each of our operating segments has similar economic characteristics, we aggregate our results of operations in one reportable segment.

In early fiscal 2008, we decided to discontinue our investments in stand-alone wireless networking products and technologies. As a result, we have moved gateway-oriented embedded wireless networking products and technologies, which enable and support our DSL gateway solutions, into our BBA product line beginning in fiscal 2008. In August 2008, we completed the sale of our Broadband Media Processing ( BMP ) product lines to NXP. As a result, the revenues generated by sales of BMP products have been reported as discontinued operations for all periods presented. Net revenues from continuing operations by product line are as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended</b>	
	<b>January 2, 2009</b>	<b>December 28, 2007</b>
Imaging and PC Media	\$ 49,662	\$ 75,445
Broadband Access Products	36,836	70,488
	<b>\$ 86,498</b>	<b>\$ 145,933</b>

**Results of Operations*****Net Revenues***

We recognize revenue when (i) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, (ii) delivery has occurred, (iii) the sales price and terms are fixed and determinable, and (iv) the collection of the receivable is reasonably assured. These terms are typically met upon shipment of product to the customer. The majority of our distributors have limited stock rotation rights, which allow them to rotate up to 10% of product in their inventory two times per year. We recognize revenue to these distributors upon shipment of product to the distributor, as the stock rotation rights are limited and we believe that we have the ability to reasonably estimate and establish allowances for expected product returns in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 48, Revenue Recognition When Right of Return Exists. Development revenue is recognized when services are performed and was not significant for any periods presented.

Prior to the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008, revenue with respect to sales to certain distributors was deferred until the products were sold by the distributors to third parties. During the fourth fiscal quarter ended October 3, 2008, we evaluated three distributors for which revenue has historically been recognized when the purchased products are sold by the distributor to a third party due to our inability in prior years to enforce the contractual terms related to any right of return. Our evaluation revealed that we are able to enforce the contractual right of return for the three distributors in an effective manner similar to that experienced with the other distributor customers. As a result, in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008, we commenced the recognition of revenue on these three distributors upon shipment, which is consistent with the revenue recognition point of other distributor customers. At January 2, 2009 and October 3, 2008, there is no significant deferred revenue related to sales to our distributors.

Revenue with respect to sales to customers to whom we have significant obligations after delivery is deferred until all significant obligations have been completed. At January 2, 2009, there was no deferred revenue. At October 3, 2008, deferred revenue related to shipments of products for which the Company had on-going performance obligations was \$0.2 million.

Our net revenues decreased 41% to \$86.5 million in the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 from \$145.9 million in the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007. The fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007 included approximately \$14.7 million of non-recurring revenue from the buyout of a future royalty stream. The decline in net revenues, excluding the impact of the non-recurring revenue, was driven by a 34% decrease in net revenues generated by our Imaging and PC Media (IPM) business, which comprises 57% of our total net revenues. The decrease in our IPM business was attributable to a 37% decrease in unit volume shipments which was offset slightly by a 4% increase in average selling price (ASPs). In addition, net revenues generated by our Broadband Access (BBA) business decreased 48%. BBA revenue, which comprises 43% of our total net revenues, decreased a result of a 46% decline in unit

volume shipments coupled with a 21% decrease in ASPs.

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The global economic recession severely dampened semiconductor industry sales in the first quarter of fiscal 2009, historically a strong quarter for the industry. Weakening demand for the major drivers of semiconductor sales which includes automotive products, personal computers, cell phones, and corporate information technology products, resulted in a sharp drop in semiconductor industry sales. More than 50% of semiconductor demand and the fortunes of the semiconductor industry are increasingly linked to macroeconomic conditions such as gross domestic product, consumer confidence, and disposable income. Demand for all of our products has experienced significant decline in line with the industry decline. We expect revenues to further decline in the fiscal quarter ended April 3, 2009 as compared to the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 as a result of the effects of the overall economic environment. Facing these challenges, the Company has been working to reduce operating costs and actively managing working capital, while continuing to focus on delivering innovative products to gain market share when a market recovery commences.

**Gross Margin**

Gross margin represents net revenues less cost of goods sold. As a fabless semiconductor company, we use third parties for wafer production and assembly and test services. Our cost of goods sold consists predominantly of purchased finished wafers, assembly and test services, royalties, other intellectual property costs, labor and overhead associated with product procurement and non-cash stock-based compensation charges for procurement personnel. Our gross margin percentage for the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 was 53.4% compared with 56.3% for the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007. Excluding the \$14.7 million royalty buy-out in the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007, our gross margin percentage would have been 51.4% compared to 53.4% for the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009. The two point gross margin percentage increase in the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 is primarily attributable to a shift in product mix.

We assess the recoverability of our inventories on a quarterly basis through a review of inventory levels in relation to foreseeable demand, generally over the following twelve months. Foreseeable demand is based upon available information, including sales backlog and forecasts, product marketing plans and product life cycle information. When the inventory on hand exceeds the foreseeable demand, we write down the value of those inventories which, at the time of our review, we expect to be unable to sell. The amount of the inventory write-down is the excess of historical cost over estimated realizable value. Once established, these write-downs are considered permanent adjustments to the cost basis of the excess inventory. Demand for our products may fluctuate significantly over time, and actual demand and market conditions may be more or less favorable than those projected by management. In the event that actual demand is lower than originally projected, additional inventory write-downs may be required. Similarly, in the event that actual demand exceeds original projections, gross margins may be favorably impacted in future periods. During the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007, we recorded \$0.3 million and \$2.7 million, respectively, of net charges for excess and obsolete (E&O) inventory. Activity in our E&O inventory reserves for the applicable periods in fiscal 2008 and 2007 was as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended</b>	
	<b>January 2, 2009</b>	<b>December 28, 2007</b>
<i>(in thousands)</i>		
E&O reserves at beginning of period	\$ 17,579	\$ 17,139
Additions	1,096	3,535
Release upon sales of product	(809)	(870)
Scrap	(3,006)	(1,353)
Standards adjustments and other	(256)	94
E&O reserves at end of period	\$ 14,604	\$ 18,545

We review our E&O inventory balances at the product line level on a quarterly basis and regularly evaluate the disposition of all E&O inventory products. It is possible that some of these reserved products will be sold, which will

benefit our gross margin in the period sold. During the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007, we sold \$0.8 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, of reserved products.

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Our products are used by communications electronics OEMs that have designed our products into communications equipment. For many of our products, we gain these design wins through a lengthy sales cycle, which often includes providing technical support to the OEM customer. Moreover, once a customer has designed a particular supplier's components into a product, substituting another supplier's components often requires substantial design changes, which involve significant cost, time, effort and risk. In the event of the loss of business from existing OEM customers, we may be unable to secure new customers for our existing products without first achieving new design wins. When the quantities of inventory on hand exceed foreseeable demand from existing OEM customers into whose products our products have been designed, we generally will be unable to sell our excess inventories to others, and the estimated realizable value of such inventories to us is generally zero.

On a quarterly basis, we also assess the net realizable value of our inventories. When the estimated ASP, less costs to sell our inventory, falls below our inventory cost, we adjust our inventory to its current estimated market value. During the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007, credits to adjust certain products to their estimated market values were immaterial. Increases to the lower of cost or market (LCM) inventory reserves may be required based upon actual ASPs and changes to our current estimates, which would impact our gross margin percentage in future periods.

***Research and Development***

Our research and development (R&D) expenses consist principally of direct personnel costs to develop new semiconductor products, allocated indirect costs of the R&D function, photo mask and other costs for pre-production evaluation and testing of new devices, and design and test tool costs. Our R&D expenses also include the costs for design automation advanced package development and non-cash stock-based compensation charges for R&D personnel.

R&D expense decreased \$11.5 million, or 30%, in the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 compared to the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007. The decrease is due to a 35% reduction in R&D headcount from December 2007 to December 2008, restructuring activities and cost cutting measures, lower non-cash stock compensation of \$1.1 million and a correcting adjustment of \$5.3 million in the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007, representing the unamortized portion of the capitalized photo mask costs as of September 29, 2007. Based upon an evaluation of all relevant quantitative and qualitative factors, and after considering the provisions of APB 28, paragraph 29, and SAB Nos. 99 and 108, we believe that this correcting adjustment is not material to our full year results for fiscal 2008. In addition, we do not believe the correcting adjustment is material to the amounts reported in previous periods.

***Selling, General and Administrative***

Our selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses include personnel costs, sales representative commissions, advertising and other marketing costs. Our SG&A expenses also include costs of corporate functions including legal, accounting, treasury, human resources, customer service, sales, marketing, field application engineering, allocated indirect costs of the SG&A function, and non-cash stock-based compensation charges for SG&A personnel.

SG&A expense decreased \$0.5 million, or 3%, in the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 compared to the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007. The decrease is primarily due to the 22% decline in SG&A headcount from December 2007 to December 2008, as well as restructuring measures and other cost cutting efforts, partially offset by an increase in non-cash stock compensation expense of \$0.9 million.

***Amortization of Intangible Assets***

Amortization of intangible assets consists of amortization expense for intangible assets acquired in various business combinations. Our intangible assets are being amortized over a weighted-average period of approximately two years. Amortization expense decreased \$1.2 million, or 26%, in the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 compared to the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007. The decrease in amortization expense is primarily attributable to the

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intangible assets we sold to a third party in October 2008 and other intangible assets that became fully amortized in fiscal 2008.

**Gain on Sale of Intellectual Property**

In October 2008, the Company sold a portfolio of patents including patents related to its prior wireless networking technology to a third party for cash of \$14.5 million, net of costs, and recognized a gain of \$12.9 million on the transaction. In accordance with the terms of the agreement with the third party, the Company retains a cross-license to this portfolio of patents.

**Special Charges**

Special charges in the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 included \$6.6 million of restructuring charges related to our fiscal 2008, 2007, 2006 and 2005 restructuring actions primarily due to a decrease in estimated future rental income from sub-tenants based on tenant defaults in the fiscal quarter and a review of subleasing assumptions and a charge of \$3.7 million related to a legal settlement.

Special charges in the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007 were comprised of \$3.4 million of restructuring charges that were attributable to employee severance and termination benefit costs related to our fiscal 2008, 2007 and 2006 restructuring actions and \$1.8 million of facilities related charges resulting from the accretion of rent expense related to our prior restructuring actions. These special charges were offset by the reversal of a \$0.9 million reserve related to the settlement of a proposed tax assessment for an acquired foreign subsidiary.

**Interest Expense**

Interest expense decreased \$3.4 million, or 36%, in the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 compared to the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007. The decrease is primarily attributable to the repurchase of \$53.6 million and \$80.0 million of our senior secured notes in March and September 2008, respectively, debt refinancing activities implemented in fiscal 2007, and declines in interest rates on our variable rate debt.

**Other expense (income), net**

	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended</b>	
	<b>January 2, 2009</b>	<b>December 28, 2007</b>
<i>(in thousands)</i>		
Investment and interest income	\$ (857)	\$ (2,771)
Other-than-temporary impairment of marketable securities	2,635	
Decrease in the fair value of derivative instruments	482	8,364
Other	35	(248)
Other expense (income), net	\$ 2,295	\$ 5,345

Other expense, net during the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 was primarily comprised of an other-than-temporary impairment of marketable securities of \$2.6 million and a \$0.5 million decrease in the fair value of the Company's warrant to purchase six million shares of Mindspeed common stock, offset by \$0.9 million of investment and interest income on invested cash balances.

Other expense, net during the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007 was primarily comprised of an \$8.3 million decrease in the fair value of the Company's warrant to purchase six million shares of Mindspeed common stock mainly due to a decrease in Mindspeed's stock price during the period, offset by \$2.8 million of investment and interest income on invested cash balances.

**Provision for Income Taxes**

We recorded a tax provision of \$0.9 million for the quarter ended January 2, 2009 and the quarter ended December 28, 2007, primarily reflecting income taxes imposed on our foreign subsidiaries. All of our U.S. Federal income taxes and the majority of our state income taxes are offset by fully reserved deferred tax assets

**Table of Contents****Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our principal sources of liquidity are our cash and cash equivalents, sales of non-core assets and operating cash flow. We believe that our existing sources of liquidity, together with cash expected to be generated from product sales, will be sufficient to fund our operations, research and development, anticipated capital expenditures and working capital for at least the next twelve months. However, additional operating losses or lower than expected product sales will adversely affect our cash flow and financial condition and could impair our ability to satisfy our indebtedness obligations as such obligations come due.

Recent unfavorable economic conditions have led to a tightening in the credit markets, a low level of liquidity in many financial markets and extreme volatility in the credit and equity markets. If the economy or markets in which we operate continue to be subject to adverse economic conditions, our business, financial condition, cash flow and results of operations will be adversely affected. If the credit markets remain difficult to access or worsen or our performance is unfavorable due to economic conditions or for any other reasons, we may not be able to obtain sufficient capital to repay amounts due under (i) our credit facility expiring November 2009 (ii) our \$141.4 million floating rate senior secured notes when they become due in November 2010 or earlier as a result of a mandatory offer to repurchase, and (iii) our \$250.0 million convertible subordinated notes when they become due in March 2026 or earlier as a result of the mandatory repurchase requirements. The first mandatory repurchase date for our convertible subordinated notes is March 1, 2011. In the event we are unable to satisfy or refinance our debt obligations as the obligations are required to be paid, we will be required to consider strategic and other alternatives, including, among other things, the negotiation of revised terms of our indebtedness, the exchange of new securities for existing indebtedness obligations and the sale of assets to generate funds. There is no assurance that we would be successful in completing any of these alternatives. Our cash and cash equivalents increased \$4.4 million between October 3, 2008 and January 2, 2009. The increase was primarily due to \$14.5 million in net cash proceeds from the sale of intellectual property related to our prior wireless networking technology, \$6.3 million released from a standby letter of credit, offset by \$5.5 million of cash used in operations and \$7.9 million of net repayments on the credit facility.

At January 2, 2009, we had a total of \$250.0 million aggregate principal amount of convertible subordinated notes outstanding. These notes are due in March 2026, but the holders may require us to repurchase, for cash, all or part of their notes on March 1, 2011, March 1, 2016 and March 1, 2021 at a price of 100% of the principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest.

At January 2, 2009, we also had a total of \$141.4 million aggregate principal amount of floating rate senior secured notes outstanding. These notes are due in November 2010, but we are required to offer to repurchase, for cash, the notes at a price of 100% of the principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest, with the net proceeds of certain asset dispositions if such proceeds are not used within 360 days to invest in assets (other than current assets) related to our business. The sale of our investment in Jazz Semiconductor, Inc. (Jazz) in February 2007 and the sale of two other equity investments in January 2007 qualified as asset dispositions requiring us to make offers to repurchase a portion of the notes no later than 361 days following the February 2007 asset dispositions. Based on the proceeds received from these asset dispositions and our cash investments in assets (other than current assets) related to our business made within 360 days following the asset dispositions, we were required to make an offer to repurchase not more than \$53.6 million of the senior secured notes, at 100% of the principal amount plus any accrued and unpaid interest in February 2008. As a result of 100% acceptance of the offer by our bondholders, \$53.6 million of the senior secured notes were repurchased during the second quarter of fiscal 2008. We recorded a pretax loss on debt repurchase of \$1.4 million during the second quarter of fiscal 2008, which included the write-off of deferred debt issuance costs.

The sale of the Company's investment in Jazz Semiconductor, Inc. (Jazz) in February 2007 and the sale of two other equity investments in January 2007 qualified as asset dispositions requiring the Company to make offers to repurchase a portion of the notes no later than 361 days following the February 2007 asset dispositions. Based on the proceeds received from these asset dispositions and the Company's cash investments in assets (other than current assets) related to the Company's business made within 360 days following the asset dispositions, the Company was required to make an offer to repurchase not more than \$53.6 million of the senior secured notes, at 100% of the



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principal amount plus any accrued and unpaid interest in February 2008. As a result of 100% acceptance of the offer by the Company's bondholders, \$53.6 million of the senior secured notes were repurchased during the second quarter of fiscal 2008. The Company recorded a pretax loss on debt repurchase of \$1.4 million during the second quarter of fiscal 2008 which included the write-off of deferred debt issuance costs.

Following the sale of the BMP business unit, we made an offer to repurchase \$80.0 million of the senior secured notes at 100% of the principal amount plus any accrued and unpaid interest in September 2008. As a result of the 100% acceptance of the offer by our bondholders, \$80.0 million of the senior secured notes were repurchased during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008. We recorded a pretax loss on debt repurchase of \$1.6 million during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008, which included the write-off of deferred debt issuance costs. The pretax loss on debt repurchase of \$1.6 million has been included in net loss from discontinued operations. During the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009, we did not have additional sufficient asset dispositions to trigger another required repurchase offer.

We also have a \$50.0 million credit facility with a bank, under which we had borrowed \$ 32.9 million as of January 2, 2009. The term of this credit facility has been extended through November 27, 2009, and the facility remains subject to additional 364-day extensions at the discretion of the bank.

Cash flows are as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended</b>	
	<b>January 2, 2009</b>	<b>December 28, 2007</b>
<i>(in thousands)</i>		
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	\$ (5,463)	\$ 8,746
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	18,714	(2,369)
Net cash used in financing activities	(8,807)	(9,841)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,444	\$ (3,464)

Cash used in operating activities was \$5.5 million for the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 compared to cash provided by operations of \$8.7 million for the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007. During the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009, we used \$12.9 million of cash from operations and generated \$7.4 million in working capital improvements (accounts receivable, inventories and accounts payable). The cash generated from working capital was primarily driven by a \$8.5 million decrease in accounts receivable and an \$10.4 million decrease in inventory levels due to the overall lower business volumes and the general economic downturn.

Cash provided by investing activities was \$18.7 million for the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 compared to cash used in investing activities of \$2.4 million for the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007. In the first quarter of fiscal 2009, we sold intellectual property for net proceeds of \$14.5 million related to our prior wireless networking technology and \$6.3 million of restricted cash was released associated with a standby letter of credit.

Cash used in financing activities was \$8.8 million for the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 compared to \$9.8 million for the fiscal quarter ended December 28, 2007, and in both periods were primarily attributable to scheduled debt payments.

**Contractual Commitments**

There have been no material changes to our contractual commitments from those previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ended October 3, 2008. For a summary of the contractual commitments at October 3, 2008, see Part II, Item 7, page 36 in our 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We have made guarantees and indemnities, under which we may be required to make payments to a guaranteed or indemnified party, in relation to certain transactions. In connection with our spin-off from Rockwell International Corporation (Rockwell), we assumed responsibility for all contingent liabilities and then-current and future litigation

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(including environmental and intellectual property proceedings) against Rockwell or its subsidiaries in respect of the operations of the semiconductor systems business of Rockwell. In connection with our contribution of certain of our manufacturing operations to Jazz, we agreed to indemnify Jazz for certain environmental matters and other customary divestiture-related matters. In connection with the sales of our products, we provide intellectual property indemnities to our customers. In connection with certain facility leases, we have indemnified our lessors for certain claims arising from the facility or the lease. We indemnify our directors and officers to the maximum extent permitted under the laws of the State of Delaware.

The durations of our guarantees and indemnities vary, and in many cases are indefinite. The guarantees and indemnities to customers in connection with product sales generally are subject to limits based upon the amount of the related product sales. The majority of other guarantees and indemnities do not provide for any limitation of the maximum potential future payments we could be obligated to make. We have not recorded any liability for these guarantees and indemnities in our condensed consolidated balance sheets. Product warranty costs are not significant.

**Special Purpose Entities**

We have one special purpose entity, Conexant USA, LLC, which was formed in September 2005 in anticipation of establishing the credit facility. This special purpose entity is a wholly-owned, consolidated subsidiary of ours. Conexant USA, LLC is not permitted, nor may its assets be used, to guarantee or satisfy any of our obligations or those of our subsidiaries.

On November 29, 2005, we established an accounts receivable financing facility whereby we will sell, from time to time, certain insured accounts receivable to Conexant USA, LLC, and Conexant USA, LLC entered into a revolving credit agreement with a bank that is secured by the assets of the special purpose entity. The revolving credit facility currently matures on November 27, 2009 and is subject to annual renewal. Our borrowing limit on the revolving credit agreement is \$50.0 million, of which \$32.9 million is outstanding at January 2, 2009.

***Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements***

On October 4, 2008, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standard ( SFAS ) No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ( SFAS No. 157 ), for its financial assets and liabilities. The Company's adoption of SFAS No. 157 did not have a material impact on its financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

SFAS No. 157 provides a framework for measuring fair value and requires expanded disclosures regarding fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 defines fair value as the price that would be received for an asset or the exit price that would be paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. SFAS No. 157 also establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs, where available. The following summarizes the three levels of inputs required by the standard that the Company uses to measure fair value.

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the related assets or liabilities.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

SFAS No. 157 requires the use of observable market inputs (quoted market prices) when measuring fair value and requires a Level 1 quoted price to be used to measure fair value whenever possible.

In accordance with FASB Staff Position ( FSP ) No. FAS 157-2, Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157 ( FSP FAS 157-2 ), the Company elected to defer until October 3, 2009 the adoption of SFAS No. 157 for all nonfinancial assets and liabilities that are not recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a

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recurring basis. The adoption of SFAS No. 157 for those assets and liabilities within the scope of FSP FAS 157-2 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or liquidity. On October 4, 2008, the Company adopted SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 ( SFAS No. 159 ), which permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The Company already records marketable securities at fair value in accordance with SFAS No. 115, Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities. The adoption of SFAS No. 159 did not have an impact on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements as management did not elect the fair value option for any other financial instruments or certain other assets and liabilities.

***Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements***

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (revised 2007), Business Combinations ( SFAS No. 141R ), which replaces SFAS No 141. The statement retains the purchase method of accounting for acquisitions, but requires a number of changes, including changes in the way assets and liabilities are recognized in the purchase accounting. It also changes the recognition of assets acquired and liabilities assumed arising from contingencies, requires the capitalization of in-process research and development at fair value, and requires the expensing of acquisition-related costs as incurred. The Company will adopt SFAS No. 141R no later than the first quarter of fiscal 2010 and it will apply prospectively to business combinations completed on or after that date.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements, an amendment of ARB 51, ( SFAS No. 160 ) which changes the accounting and reporting for minority interests. Minority interests will be recharacterized as noncontrolling interests and will be reported as a component of equity separate from the parent's equity, and purchases or sales of equity interests that do not result in a change in control will be accounted for as equity transactions. In addition, net income attributable to the noncontrolling interest will be included in consolidated net income on the face of the income statement and, upon a loss of control, the interest sold, as well as any interest retained, will be recorded at fair value with any gain or loss recognized in earnings. The Company will adopt SFAS No. 160 no later than the first quarter of fiscal 2010 and it will apply prospectively, except for the presentation and disclosure requirements, which will apply retrospectively. The Company is currently assessing the potential impact that adoption of SFAS No. 160 would have on its financial position and results of operations.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities ( SFAS No. 161 ). SFAS No. 161 requires expanded disclosures regarding the location and amount of derivative instruments in an entity's financial statements, how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS No. 133 and how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, operating results and cash flows. SFAS No. 161 is effective for periods beginning on or after November 15, 2008. The Company does not believe that the adoption of SFAS No. 161 will have a material impact on its financial statement disclosures.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 142-3, Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets ( FSP 142-3 ). FSP 142-3 amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS No. 142. This change is intended to improve the consistency between the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS No. 142 and the period of expected cash flows used to measure the fair value of the asset under SFAS No. 141R and other generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The requirement for determining useful lives must be applied prospectively to intangible assets acquired after the effective date and the disclosure requirements must be applied prospectively to all intangible assets recognized as of, and subsequent to, the effective date. FSP 142-3 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years, which will require the Company to adopt these provisions in the first quarter of fiscal 2010. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting FSP 142-3 on its condensed consolidated financial statements.

In May 2008, the FASB issued FSP APB 14-1, Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement) ( FSP APB 14-1 ). FSP APB 14-1 requires the issuer



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to separately account for the liability and equity components of convertible debt instruments in a manner that reflects the issuer's nonconvertible debt borrowing rate. The guidance will result in companies recognizing higher interest expense in the statement of operations due to amortization of the discount that results from separating the liability and equity components. FSP APB 14-1 will be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Based on its initial analysis, the Company expects that the adoption of FSP APB 14-1 will result in an increase in the interest expense recognized on its convertible subordinated notes. See Note 5 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for further information on long-term debt.

In December 2008, the FASB issued FSP (FSP) FAS 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8, Disclosures by Public Entities (Enterprises) about Transfers of Financial Assets and Interests in Variable Interest Entities (FSP 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8). FSP 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8 amends FASB Statement No. 140, Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities, to require public entities to provide additional disclosures about transfers of financial assets. It also amends FASB Interpretation No. 46 (revised December 2003), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, to require public enterprises, including sponsors that have a variable interest in a variable interest entity, to provide additional disclosures about their involvement with variable interest entities. Additionally, this FSP requires certain disclosures to be provided by a public enterprise that is (a) a sponsor of a qualifying special purpose entity (SPE) that holds a variable interest in the qualifying SPE but was not the transferor (nontransferor) of financial assets to the qualifying SPE and (b) a servicer of a qualifying SPE that holds a significant variable interest in the qualifying SPE but was not the transferor (nontransferor) of financial assets to the qualifying SPE. FSP 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8 is effective for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The Company does not believe that the adoption of FSP 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8 will have a material impact on its financial statement disclosures.

**ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

Our financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, the Mindspeed warrant, short-term debt and long-term debt. Our main investment objectives are the preservation of investment capital and the maximization of after tax returns on our investment portfolio. Consequently, we invest with only high credit quality issuers, and we limit the amount of our credit exposure to any one issuer.

Our cash and cash equivalents are not subject to significant interest rate risk due to the short maturities of these instruments. As of January 2, 2009, the carrying value of our cash and cash equivalents approximates fair value.

We hold a warrant to purchase six million shares of Mindspeed common stock at an exercise price of \$17.04 per share through June 2013. For financial accounting purposes, this is a derivative instrument and the fair value of the warrant is subject to significant risk related to changes in the market price of Mindspeed's common stock. As of January 2, 2009, a 10% decrease in the market price of Mindspeed's common stock would result in an immaterial decrease in the fair value of this warrant. At January 2, 2009, the market price of Mindspeed's common stock was \$0.92 per share. During the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009, the market price of Mindspeed's common stock ranged from a low of \$0.56 per share to a high of \$2.17 per share.

Our short-term debt consists of borrowings under a 364-day credit facility. Interest related to our short-term debt is at 7-day LIBOR plus 1.25%, which is reset weekly and was approximately 1.65% at January 2, 2009. In connection with our extension of the term of this credit facility through November 27, 2009, the interest rate applied to our borrowings under the facility increased from 7-day LIBOR plus 0.6% to 7-day LIBOR plus 1.25%. We do not believe our short-term debt is subject to significant market risk.

Our long-term debt consists of convertible subordinated notes with interest at fixed rates and floating rate senior secured notes. Interest related to our floating rate senior secured notes is at three-month LIBOR plus 3.75%, which is reset quarterly and was approximately 5.90% at January 2, 2009. At January 2, 2009, we are party to two interest rate swap agreements for a combined notional amount of \$100 million to eliminate interest rate risk on \$100 million of our floating rate senior secured notes due 2010. Under the terms of the swaps, we will pay a fixed rate of 2.98% and receive a floating rate equal to three-month LIBOR, which will offset the floating rate paid on the notes. The

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fair value of our convertible subordinated notes is subject to significant fluctuation due to their convertibility into shares of our common stock.

The following table shows the fair values of our financial instruments as of January 2, 2009 (in thousands):

	<b>Carrying Value</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 110,327	\$ 110,327
Restricted cash	27,261	27,261
Marketable available-for-sale securities	403	403
Other equity securities	7,976	7,976
Mindspeed warrant	63	63
Short-term debt	32,868	32,868
Interest rate swap financial instruments	2,135	2,135
Long-term debt: senior secured notes	141,400	134,330
Long-term debt: convertible subordinated notes	250,000	112,500

**Exchange Rate Risk**

We consider our direct exposure to foreign exchange rate fluctuations to be minimal. Currently, sales to customers and arrangements with third-party manufacturers provide for pricing and payment in United States dollars, and, therefore, are not subject to exchange rate fluctuations. Increases in the value of the United States dollar relative to other currencies could make our products more expensive, which could negatively impact our ability to compete.

Conversely, decreases in the value of the United States dollar relative to other currencies could result in our suppliers raising their prices to continue doing business with us. Fluctuations in currency exchange rates could affect our business in the future.

**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended January 2, 2009 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION****ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

*IPO Litigation* In November 2001, Collegeware Asset Management, LP, on behalf of itself and a putative class of persons who purchased the common stock of GlobeSpan, Inc. (GlobeSpan, Inc. later became GlobespanVirata, Inc., and is now the Company's Conexant, Inc. subsidiary) between June 23, 1999 and December 6, 2000, filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York alleging violations of federal securities laws by the underwriters of GlobeSpan, Inc.'s initial and secondary public offerings as well as by certain GlobeSpan, Inc. officers and directors. The complaint alleges that the defendants violated federal securities laws by issuing and selling GlobeSpan, Inc.'s common stock in the initial and secondary offerings without disclosing to investors that the underwriters had (1) solicited and received undisclosed and excessive commissions or other compensation and (2) entered into agreements requiring certain of their customers to purchase the stock in the aftermarket at escalating prices. The complaint seeks unspecified damages. The complaint was consolidated with class actions against approximately 300 other companies making similar allegations regarding the public offerings of those companies from 1998 through 2000. A tentative settlement of the claims against issuers and their officers and directors, including the GlobeSpan, Inc. officers and directors, was reached in 2004, but the settlement was never finally approved, and was abandoned after the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit ruled, in



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an appeal by the underwriter defendants, that certification of similarly-defined classes was improper. The tentative settlement was abandoned in 2007, in light of a decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit vacating orders certifying similarly-defined classes in cases against the underwriters. The Company does not believe the ultimate outcome of this litigation will have a material adverse impact on its financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

*Class Action Suit* In February 2005, the Company and certain of its current and former officers and the Company's Employee Benefits Plan Committee were named as defendants in *Graden v. Conexant, et al.*, a lawsuit filed on behalf of all persons who were participants in the Company's 401(k) Plan (Plan) during a specified class period. This suit was filed in the U.S. District Court of New Jersey and alleges that the defendants breached their fiduciary duties under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, as amended, to the Plan and the participants in the Plan. The plaintiff filed an amended complaint on August 11, 2005. The amended complaint alleged that plaintiff lost money in the Plan due to (i) poor Company merger-related performance, (ii) misleading disclosures by the Company regarding the merger, (iii) breaches of fiduciary duty regarding management of Plan assets, (iv) being encouraged to invest in Conexant Stock Fund, (v) being unable to diversify out of said fund and (vi) having the Company make its matching contributions in said fund. On October 12, 2005, the defendants filed a motion to dismiss this case. The plaintiff responded to the motion to dismiss on December 30, 2005, and the defendants' reply was filed on February 17, 2006. On March 31, 2006, the judge dismissed this case and ordered it closed. Plaintiff filed a notice of appeal on April 17, 2006. The appellate argument was held on April 19, 2007. On July 31, 2007, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals vacated the District Court's order dismissing Graden's complaint and remanded the case for further proceedings. On August 27, 2008, the motion to dismiss was granted in part and denied in part. The judge left in claims against all of the individual defendants as well as against the Company. In January 2009, the Company and plaintiff agreed in principle to settle all outstanding claims in the litigation for \$3.25 million. The Company recorded a Special Charge of \$3.7 million as of January 2, 2009, to cover this settlement and any associated costs. The settlement remains subject to the negotiation of a definitive settlement agreement, confirmatory discovery, and approval by the District Court.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

Our business, financial condition and results of operations can be impacted by a number of risk factors, any one of which could cause our actual results to vary materially from recent results or from our anticipated future results. Any of these risks could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations, which in turn could materially and adversely affect the price of our common stock or other securities.

We have updated the risk factors discussed in Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 3, 2008, as set forth below. We do not believe any of the updates constitute material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 3, 2008.

References in this section to our fiscal year refer to the fiscal year ending on the Friday nearest September 30 of each year. References in this section to our fiscal quarter refer to the fiscal quarter ending on the Friday nearest December 31 of each year.

***We face a risk that capital needed for our business and to repay our debt obligations will not be available when we need it.***

At January 2, 2009, we had \$141.4 million aggregate principal amount of floating rate senior secured notes outstanding due November 2010 and \$250.0 million aggregate principal amount of convertible subordinated notes outstanding. The convertible notes are due in March 2026, but the holders may require us to repurchase, for cash, all or part of their notes on March 1, 2011, March 1, 2016 and March 1, 2021 at a price of 100% of the principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest.

We also have a \$50.0 million credit facility with a bank, under which we had borrowed \$32.9 million as of January 2, 2009. The term of this credit facility has been extended through November 27, 2009, and the facility remains subject to additional 364-day extensions at the discretion of the bank.

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Recent unfavorable economic conditions have led to a tightening in the credit markets, a low level of liquidity in many financial markets and extreme volatility in the credit and equity markets. In addition, if the economy or markets in which we operate continue to be subject to adverse economic conditions, our business, financial condition, cash flow and results of operations will be adversely affected. If the credit markets remain difficult to access or worsen or our performance is unfavorable due to economic conditions or for any other reasons, we may not be able to obtain sufficient capital to repay amounts due under (i) our credit facility expiring November 2009 (ii) our \$141.4 million floating rate senior secured notes when they become due in November 2010 or earlier as a result of a mandatory offer to repurchase, and (iii) our \$250.0 million convertible subordinated notes when they become due in March 2026 or earlier as a result of the mandatory repurchase requirements. The first mandatory repurchase date for our convertible subordinated notes is March 1, 2011. In the event we are unable to satisfy or refinance our debt obligations as the obligations are required to be paid, we will be required to consider strategic and other alternatives, including, among other things, the negotiation of revised terms of our indebtedness, the exchange of new securities for existing indebtedness obligations and the sale of assets to generate funds. There is no assurance that we would be successful in completing any of these alternatives. Further, we may not be able to refinance any portion of this debt on favorable terms or at all. Our failure to satisfy or refinance any of our indebtedness obligations as they come due would result in a cross default and potential acceleration of our remaining indebtedness obligations, and would have a material adverse effect on our business.

In addition, in the future, we may need to make strategic investments and acquisitions to help us grow our business, which may require additional capital resources. We cannot assure you that the capital required to fund these investments and acquisitions will be available in the future.

***Our operating and financing flexibility is limited by the terms of our senior notes and our credit facility.***

The terms of our credit facility and floating rate senior notes contain financial and other covenants that may limit our ability or prevent us from taking certain actions that we believe are in the best interests of our business and our stockholders. For example, our floating rate secured senior notes indenture contains covenants that restrict, subject to certain exceptions, the Company's ability and the ability of its restricted subsidiaries to: incur or guarantee additional indebtedness or issue certain redeemable or preferred stock; repurchase capital stock; pay dividends on or make other distributions in respect of its capital stock or make other restricted payments; make certain investments; create liens; redeem junior debt; sell certain assets; consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets; enter into certain types of transactions with affiliates; and enter into sale-leaseback transactions. These restrictions may prevent us from taking actions that could help to grow our business or increase the value of our securities.

***If we fail to continue to meet all applicable continued listing requirements of The NASDAQ Global Market and NASDAQ determines to delist our common stock, the market liquidity and market price of our common stock could decline.***

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. In order to maintain that listing, we must satisfy minimum financial and other continued listing requirements. For example, NASDAQ rules require that we maintain a minimum bid price of \$1.00 per share for our common stock. Our common stock is currently and has in the past fallen below this minimum bid price requirement and it may do so again in the future. NASDAQ has currently suspended this bid price requirement through April 20, 2009. However, if NASDAQ does not further extend this suspension and our stock price is below \$1.00 at the time the suspension is lifted or falls below \$1.00 after that time or if we in the future fail to meet other requirements for continued listing on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, our common stock could be delisted from The NASDAQ Global Select Market if we are unable to cure the events of noncompliance in a timely or effective manner. If our common stock were threatened with delisting from The NASDAQ Global Market, we may, depending on the circumstances, seek to extend the period for regaining compliance with NASDAQ listing requirements by moving our common stock to the NASDAQ Capital Market. For example, if appropriate, we may request, as we have done in the past, approval by our stockholders to implement a reverse stock split in order to regain compliance with NASDAQ's minimum bid price requirement. If our common stock is not eligible for quotation on another market or exchange, trading of our common stock could be conducted in the over-the-counter market or on an electronic bulletin board established for unlisted securities such as the Pink Sheets or the OTC Bulletin Board. In such

event, it could become more difficult to dispose of, or obtain accurate quotations for the price of our common stock, and there would likely also be a reduction in our coverage by security

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analysts and the news media, which could cause the price of our common stock to decline further. In addition, in the event that our common stock is delisted, we would be in default under the terms and conditions of our floating rate senior secured notes as well as our convertible subordinated notes.

***The value of our common stock may be adversely affected by market volatility and other factors.***

The trading price of our common stock fluctuates significantly and may be influenced by many factors, including: our operating and financial performance and prospects;

our ability to repay our debt;

the depth and liquidity of the market for our common stock;

investor perception of us and the industry and markets in which we operate;

our inclusion in, or removal from, any equity market indices;

the level of research coverage of our common stock;

changes in earnings estimates or buy/sell recommendations by analysts;

judgments favorable or adverse to us; and

general financial, domestic, international, economic and other market conditions

***We are subject to the risks of doing business internationally.***

For the fiscal quarters ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007, net revenues from customers located outside of the United States, primarily in the Asia-Pacific region represented 94% and 96% of our total net revenues, respectively. In addition, a significant portion of our workforce and many of our key suppliers are located outside of the United States. Our international operations consist of research and development, sales offices, and other general and administrative functions. Our international operations are subject to a number of risks inherent in operating abroad. These include, but are not limited to, risks regarding:

difficulty in obtaining distribution and support;

limitations on our ability under local laws to protect our intellectual property;

currency exchange rate fluctuations;

local economic and political conditions;

disruptions of commerce and capital or trading markets due to or related to terrorist activity or armed conflict;

restrictive governmental actions, such as restrictions on the transfer or repatriation of funds and trade protection measures, including export duties and quotas and customs duties and tariffs;

changes in legal or regulatory requirements;

the laws and policies of the United States and other countries affecting trade, foreign investment and loans, and import or export licensing requirements; and

tax laws, including the cost of services provided and products sold between us and our subsidiaries which are subject to review by taxing authorities.



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***We operate in the highly cyclical semiconductor industry, which is subject to significant downturns that may negatively impact our business, financial condition, cash flow and results of operations.***

The semiconductor industry is highly cyclical and is characterized by constant and rapid technological change, rapid product obsolescence and price erosion, evolving technical standards, short product life cycles (for semiconductors and for the end-user products in which they are used) and wide fluctuations in product supply and demand. Recent domestic and global economic conditions have presented unprecedented and challenging conditions reflecting continued concerns about the availability and cost of credit, the U.S. mortgage market, declining real estate values, increased energy costs, decreased consumer confidence and spending and added concerns fueled by the U.S. federal government's interventions in the U.S. financial and credit markets. These conditions have contributed to instability in both U.S. and international capital and credit markets and diminished expectations for the U.S. and global economy. In addition, these conditions make it extremely difficult for our customers to accurately forecast and plan future business activities and could cause our U.S. and foreign businesses to slow spending on our products, which could cause our sales to decrease or result in an extension of our sales cycles. Further, given the current unfavorable economic environment, our customers may have difficulties obtaining capital at adequate or historical levels to finance their ongoing business and operations, which could impair their ability to make timely payments to us. If that were to occur, we may be required to increase our allowance for doubtful accounts and our days sales outstanding would be negatively impacted. We cannot predict the timing, strength or duration of any economic slowdown or subsequent economic recovery, worldwide or within our industry. If the economy or markets in which we operate continue to be subject to these adverse economic conditions, our business, financial condition, cash flow and results of operations will be adversely affected.

***We are subject to intense competition.***

The communications semiconductor industry in general and the markets in which we compete in particular are intensely competitive. We compete worldwide with a number of United States and international semiconductor providers that are both larger and smaller than us in terms of resources and market share. We continually face significant competition in our markets. This competition results in declining average selling prices for our products. We also anticipate that additional competitors will enter our markets as a result of expected growth opportunities, technological and public policy changes and relatively low barriers to entry in certain markets of the industry. Many of our competitors have certain advantages over us, such as significantly greater sales and marketing, manufacturing, distribution, technical, financial and other resources.

We believe that the principal competitive factors for semiconductor suppliers in our addressed markets are:

time-to-market;

product quality, reliability and performance;

level of integration;

price and total system cost;

compliance with industry standards;

design and engineering capabilities;

strategic relationships with customers;

customer support;

new product innovation; and

access to manufacturing capacity.



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Many of our competitors have certain advantages over us, such as significantly greater sales and marketing, manufacturing, distribution, technical, financial and other resources. Many of our current and potential competitors have a stronger financial position, less indebtedness and greater financial resources than we do. These competitors may be able to devote greater financial resources to the development, promotion and sale of their products than we can. In addition, the financial stability of suppliers is an important consideration in our customers' purchasing decisions. Our relationship with existing and potential customers could be adversely affected if our customers perceive that we lack an appropriate level of financial stability.

Current and potential competitors also have established or may establish financial or strategic relationships among themselves or with our existing or potential customers, resellers or other third parties. These relationships may affect customers' purchasing decisions. Accordingly, it is possible that new competitors or alliances could emerge and rapidly acquire significant market share. We cannot assure you that we will be able to compete successfully against current and potential competitors.

***We own or lease a significant amount of space in which we do not conduct operations and doing so exposes us to the financial risks of default by our tenants and subtenants.***

As a result of our various reorganization and restructuring related activities, we lease or own a number of domestic facilities in which we do not operate. At January 2, 2009, we had 602,000 square feet of vacant leased space and 456,000 square feet of owned space, of which approximately 88% is being sub-leased to third parties and 12% is currently vacant and offered for sublease. Included in these amounts are 389,000 square feet of owned space in Newport Beach that we have leased to Jazz Semiconductor, Inc. and 126,000 square feet of leased space in Newport Beach that we have sub-leased to Mindspeed Technologies, Inc.

The aggregate amount owed to landlords under space we lease but do not operate over the remaining terms of the leases is approximately \$107 million and, of this amount, we have subtenants that currently have lease obligations to us in the aggregate amount of \$29 million. The space we have subleased to others is, in some cases, at rates less than the amounts we are required to pay landlords and, of the aggregate obligations we have to landlords for unused space, approximately \$33 million is attributable to space we are attempting to sublease. In the event one or more of our subtenants fails to make lease payments to us or otherwise defaults on their obligations to us, we could incur substantial unanticipated payment obligations to landlords. In addition, in the event tenants of space we own fail to make lease payments to us or otherwise default on their obligations to us, we could be required to seek new tenants and we cannot assure that our efforts to do so would be successful or that the rates at which we could do so would be attractive. In the event our estimates regarding our ability to sublet our available space are incorrect, we would be required to adjust our restructuring reserves which could have a material impact on our financial results in the future.

***Our success depends on our ability to timely develop competitive new products and reduce costs.***

Our operating results depend largely on our ability to introduce new and enhanced semiconductor products on a timely basis. Successful product development and introduction depends on numerous factors, including, among others, our ability to:

anticipate customer and market requirements and changes in technology and industry standards;

accurately define new products;

complete development of new products and bring our products to market on a timely basis;

differentiate our products from offerings of our competitors;

achieve overall market acceptance of our products;

coordinate product development efforts between and among our sites, particularly in India and China, to manage the development of products at remote geographic locations.

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We may not have sufficient resources to make the substantial investment in research and development in order to develop and bring to market new and enhanced products. We cannot assure you that we will be able to develop and introduce new or enhanced products in a timely and cost-effective manner, that our products will satisfy customer requirements or achieve market acceptance, or that we will be able to anticipate new industry standards and technological changes. We also cannot assure you that we will be able to respond successfully to new product announcements and introductions by competitors.

In addition, prices of established products may decline, sometimes significantly and rapidly, over time. We believe that in order to remain competitive we must continue to reduce the cost of producing and delivering existing products at the same time that we develop and introduce new or enhanced products. We cannot assure you that we will be successful and as a result gross margins may decline in future periods.

***Our revenues, cash flow from operations and results of operations have fluctuated in the past and may fluctuate in the future, particularly given adverse domestic and global economic conditions.***

Our revenues, cash flow and results of operations have fluctuated in the past and may fluctuate in the future. These fluctuations are due to a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control. These factors include, among others:

- changes in end-user demand for the products manufactured and sold by our customers;
- the timing of receipt, reduction or cancellation of significant orders by customers;
- adverse economic conditions, including the unavailability or high cost of credit to our customers;
- the inability of our customers to forecast demand based on adverse economic conditions;
- seasonal customer demand;
- the gain or loss of significant customers;
- market acceptance of our products and our customers' products;
- our ability to develop, introduce and market new products and technologies on a timely basis;
- the timing and extent of product development costs;
- new product and technology introductions by competitors;
- changes in the mix of products we develop and sell;
- fluctuations in manufacturing yields;
- availability and cost of products from our suppliers;
- intellectual property disputes; and
- the effect of competitive pricing pressures, including decreases in average selling prices of our products.

The foregoing factors are difficult to forecast, and these as well as other factors could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, cash flow and results of operations.

***We have recently incurred substantial losses and may incur additional future losses.***

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Our net loss from continuing operations for the fiscal quarter ended January 2, 2009 was \$10.5 million. Our net losses from continuing operations for fiscal 2008, 2007 and 2006 were \$133.4 million, \$221.2 million, and \$97.1 million, respectively. These results have had a negative impact on our financial condition and operating cash flows. Our primary sources of liquidity include borrowing under our credit facility, available cash and cash equivalents. We believe that our existing sources of liquidity, together with cash expected to be generated from product sales, will be sufficient to fund our operations, research and development, anticipated capital expenditures and working capital for at least the next twelve months. However, we cannot provide any assurance that our business will become profitable or that we will not incur additional substantial losses in the future. Additional operating losses or lower than expected product sales will adversely affect our cash flow and financial condition and could impair our ability to satisfy our indebtedness obligations as such obligations come due. If at a future date we are unable to demonstrate that we have sufficient cash to meet our obligations for at least the following twelve months, we may no longer be able to use the going concern basis of presentation in our financial statements. The receipt of a going concern qualification in future financial statements would likely adversely impact our ability to access the capital and credit markets and impede our ability to conduct business with suppliers and customers.

***We have significant goodwill and intangible assets, and future impairment of our goodwill and intangible assets could have a material negative impact on our financial condition and results of operations.***

At January 2, 2009, we had \$111.4 million of goodwill and \$9.9 million of intangible assets, net, which together represented approximately 28.9% of our total assets. In periods subsequent to an acquisition, at least on an annual basis or when indicators of impairment exist, we must evaluate goodwill and acquisition-related intangible assets for impairment. When such assets are found to be impaired, they will be written down to estimated fair value, with a charge against earnings. If our market capitalization drops below our book value for a prolonged period of time, if our assumptions regarding our future operating performance change or if other indicators of impairment are present, we may be required to write-down the value of our goodwill and acquisition-related intangible assets by taking a non-cash charge against earnings. Because of the significance of our remaining goodwill and intangible asset balances, any future impairment of these assets could also have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations, although, as a non-cash charge, it would have no effect on our cash flow. Significant impairments may also impact shareholders equity.

***The loss of a key customer could seriously impact our revenue levels and harm our business. In addition, if we are unable to continue to sell existing and new products to our key customers in significant quantities or to attract new significant customers, our future operating results could be adversely affected.***

We have derived a substantial portion of our past revenue from sales to a relatively small number of customers. As a result, the loss of any significant customer could materially and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Sales to our twenty largest customers, including distributors, represented approximately 69% and 74% of our net revenues in the fiscal quarters ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007, respectively. For the fiscal quarters ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007, there was one distribution customer that accounted for 13% and 14% of our net revenues, respectively. We expect that our largest customers will continue to account for a substantial portion of our net revenue in future periods. The identities of our largest customers and their respective contributions to our net revenue have varied and will likely continue to vary from period to period. We may not be able to maintain or increase sales to certain of our key customers for a variety of reasons, including the following:

- most of our customers can stop incorporating our products into their own products with limited notice to us and suffer little or no penalty;

- our agreements with our customers typically do not require them to purchase a minimum quantity of our products;

- many of our customers have pre-existing or concurrent relationships with our current or potential competitors that may affect the customers decisions to purchase our products;



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our customers face intense competition from other manufacturers that do not use our products;

some of our customers offer or may offer products that compete with our products;

some of our customers' liquidity may be negatively affected by the recent domestic and global credit crisis; and;

customers' perceptions of our liquidity may have a negative impact on their decisions to incorporate our products into their own products.

In addition, our longstanding relationships with some larger customers may also deter other potential customers who compete with these customers from buying our products. To attract new customers or retain existing customers, we may offer certain customers favorable prices on our products. The loss of a key customer, a reduction in sales to any key customer or our inability to attract new significant customers could seriously impact our revenue and materially and adversely affect our results of operations.

Further, our product portfolio consists predominantly of semiconductor solutions for the communications, PC, and consumer markets. Current unfavorable domestic and global economic conditions are likely to have an adverse impact on demand in these end-user markets by reducing overall consumer spending or shifting consumer spending to products other than those made by our customers. Reduced sales by our customers in these end-markets will adversely impact demand by our customers for our products and could also slow new product introductions by our customers and by us. Lower net sales of our product would have an adverse effect on our revenue, cash flow and results of operations.

Approximately \$32.2 million of our \$110.3 million of cash and cash equivalents at January 2, 2009 is located in foreign countries where we conduct business, including approximately \$19.6 million in India and \$3.4 million in China. These amounts are not freely available for dividend repatriation to the United States without the imposition and payment, where applicable, of local taxes. Further, the repatriation of these funds is subject to compliance with applicable local government laws and regulations, and in some cases, requires governmental consent, including in India and China. Our inability to repatriate these funds quickly and without any required governmental consents may limit the resources available to us to fund our operations in the United States and other locations or to pay indebtedness.

Because most of our international sales are currently denominated in U.S. dollars, our products could become less competitive in international markets if the value of the U.S. dollar increases relative to foreign currencies.

From time to time, we may enter into foreign currency forward exchange contracts to minimize risk of loss from currency exchange rate fluctuations for foreign currency commitments entered into in the ordinary course of business. We have not entered into foreign currency forward exchange contracts for other purposes. Our financial condition and results of operations could be affected (adversely or favorably) by currency fluctuations.

We also conduct a significant portion of our international sales through distributors. Sales to distributors and other resellers accounted for approximately 25% and 25% of our net revenues in the fiscal quarters ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007. Our arrangements with these distributors are terminable at any time, and the loss of these arrangements could have an adverse effect on our operating results.

***We may not be able to keep abreast of the rapid technological changes in our markets.***

The demand for our products can change quickly and in ways we may not anticipate because our markets generally exhibit the following characteristics:

rapid technological developments;

rapid changes in customer requirements;

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frequent new product introductions and enhancements;

short product life cycles with declining prices over the life cycle of the products; and

evolving industry standards.

For example, a portion of our analog modem business that is bundled into PCs is becoming debundled as broadband communications become more ubiquitous. Several of our PC OEM customers have indicated that the trend toward debundling may become more significant, which may have an adverse effect on both our revenues and profitability. Further, our products could become obsolete sooner than anticipated because of a faster than anticipated change in one or more of the technologies related to our products or in market demand for products based on a particular technology, particularly due to the introduction of new technology that represents a substantial advance over current technology. Currently accepted industry standards are also subject to change, which may contribute to the obsolescence of our products.

***We may be subject to claims of infringement of third-party intellectual property rights or demands that we license third-party technology, which could result in significant expense and loss of our ability to use, make, sell, export or import our products or one or more components comprising our products.***

The semiconductor industry is characterized by vigorous protection and pursuit of intellectual property rights. From time to time, third parties have asserted and may in the future assert patent, copyright, trademark and other intellectual property rights to technologies that are important to our business and have demanded and may in the future demand that we license their patents and technology. Any litigation to determine the validity of claims that our products infringe or may infringe these rights, including claims arising through our contractual indemnification of our customers, regardless of their merit or resolution, could be costly and divert the efforts and attention of our management and technical personnel. We cannot assure you that we would prevail in litigation given the complex technical issues and inherent uncertainties in intellectual property litigation. We have incurred substantial expense settling certain intellectual property litigation in the past, such as our \$70.0 million charge in fiscal 2006 related to the settlement of our patent infringement litigation with Texas Instruments Incorporated. If litigation results in an adverse ruling we could be required to:

pay substantial damages;

cease the manufacture, use or sale of infringing products, processes or technologies;

discontinue the use of infringing technology;

expend significant resources to develop non-infringing technology; or

license technology from the third party claiming infringement, which license may not be available on commercially reasonable terms, or at all.

***If OEMs of communications electronics products do not design our products into their equipment, we will be unable to sell those products. Moreover, a design win from a customer does not guarantee future sales to that customer.***

Our products are components of other products. As a result, we rely on OEMs of communications electronics products to select our products from among alternative offerings to be designed into their equipment. We may be unable to achieve these design wins. Without design wins from OEMs, we would be unable to sell our products. Once an OEM designs another supplier's semiconductors into one of its product platforms, it will be more difficult for us to achieve future design wins with that OEM's product platform because changing suppliers involves significant cost, time, effort and risk. Achieving a design win with a customer does not ensure that we will receive significant revenues from that customer and we may be unable to convert design wins into actual sales. Even after a design win, the customer is not obligated to purchase our products and can choose at any time to stop using our products if, for example, it or its own products are not commercially successful.



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***Because of the lengthy sales cycles of many of our products, we may incur significant expenses before we generate any revenues related to those products.***

Our customers may need six months or longer to test and evaluate our products and an additional six months or more to begin volume production of equipment that incorporates our products. The lengthy period of time required also increases the possibility that a customer may decide to cancel or change product plans, which could reduce or eliminate sales to that customer. Thus, we may incur significant research and development, and selling, general and administrative expenses before we generate the related revenues for these products, and we may never generate the anticipated revenues if our customer cancels or changes its product plans.

***Uncertainties involving the ordering and shipment of our products could adversely affect our business.***

Our sales are typically made pursuant to individual purchase orders and we generally do not have long-term supply arrangements with our customers. Generally, our customers may cancel orders until 30 days prior to shipment. In addition, we sell a portion of our products through distributors and other resellers, some of whom have a right to return unsold products to us. Sales to distributors and other resellers accounted for approximately 25% and 25% of our net revenues in the fiscal quarters ended January 2, 2009 and December 28, 2007. Our distributors may offer products of several different suppliers, including products that may be competitive with ours. Accordingly, there is a risk that the distributors may give priority to other suppliers' products and may not sell our products as quickly as forecasted, which may impact the distributors' future order levels. We routinely purchase inventory based on estimates of end-market demand for our customers' products, which is difficult to predict. This difficulty may be compounded when we sell to OEMs indirectly through distributors and other resellers or contract manufacturers, or both, as our forecasts of demand are then based on estimates provided by multiple parties. In addition, our customers may change their inventory practices on short notice for any reason. The cancellation or deferral of product orders, the return of previously sold products or overproduction due to the failure of anticipated orders to materialize could result in our holding excess or obsolete inventory, which could result in write-downs of inventory.

***We are dependent upon third parties for the manufacture, assembly and test of our products.***

We are entirely dependent upon outside wafer fabrication facilities (known as foundries or fabs). Therefore, our revenue growth is dependent on our ability to obtain sufficient external manufacturing capacity, including wafer production capacity. If the semiconductor industry experiences a shortage of wafer fabrication capacity in the future, we risk experiencing delays in access to key process technologies, production or shipments and increased manufacturing costs. Moreover, our foundry partners often require significant amounts of financing in order to build or expand wafer fabrication facilities. However, current unfavorable economic conditions have also resulted in a tightening in the credit markets, decreased the level of liquidity in many financial markets and resulted in significant volatility in the credit and equity markets. These conditions may make it difficult for foundries to obtain adequate or historical levels of capital to finance the building or expansion of their wafer fabrication facilities, which would have an adverse impact on their production capacity and could in turn negatively impact our wafer output. In addition, certain of our suppliers have required that we keep in place standby letters of credit for all or part of the products we order. Such requirement, or a requirement that we shorten our payment cycle times in the future, may negatively impact our liquidity and cash position, or may not be available to us due to our then current liquidity or cash position, and would have a negative impact on our ability to produce and deliver products to our customers on a timely basis. The foundries we use may allocate their limited capacity to fulfill the production requirements of other customers that are larger and better financed than us. If we choose to use a new foundry, it typically takes several months to redesign our products for the process technology and intellectual property cores of the new foundry and to complete the qualification process before we can begin shipping products from the new foundry.

We are also dependent upon third parties for the assembly and testing of our products. Our reliance on others to assemble and test our products subjects us to many of the same risks that we have with respect to our reliance on outside wafer fabrication facilities.

Wafer fabrication processes are subject to obsolescence, and foundries may discontinue a wafer fabrication process used for certain of our products. In such event, we generally offer our customers a last time buy program to satisfy

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their anticipated requirements for our products. The unanticipated discontinuation of wafer fabrication processes on which we rely may adversely affect our revenues and our customer relationships.

In the event of a disruption of the operations of one or more of our suppliers, we may not have a second manufacturing source immediately available. Such an event could cause significant delays in shipments until we could shift the products from an affected facility or supplier to another facility or supplier. The manufacturing processes we rely on are specialized and are available from a limited number of suppliers. Alternate sources of manufacturing capacity, particularly wafer production capacity, may not be available to us on a timely basis. Even if alternate wafer production capacity is available, we may not be able to obtain it on favorable terms, or at all. All such delays or disruptions could impair our ability to meet our customers' requirements and have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

In addition, the highly complex and technologically demanding nature of semiconductor manufacturing has caused foundries from time to time to experience lower than anticipated manufacturing yields, particularly in connection with the introduction of new products and the installation and start-up of new process technologies. Lower than anticipated manufacturing yields may affect our ability to fulfill our customers' demands for our products on a timely basis and may adversely affect our cost of goods sold and our results of operations.

***We may experience difficulties in transitioning to smaller geometry process technologies or in achieving higher levels of design integration, which may result in reduced manufacturing yields, delays in product deliveries, increased expenses and loss of design wins to our competitors.***

To remain competitive, we expect to continue to transition our semiconductor products to increasingly smaller line width geometries. This transition requires us to modify the manufacturing processes for our products and to redesign some products, as well as standard cells and other integrated circuit designs that we may use in multiple products. We periodically evaluate the benefits, on a product-by-product basis, of migrating to smaller geometry process technologies to reduce our costs. In the past, we have experienced some difficulties in shifting to smaller geometry process technologies or new manufacturing processes, which resulted in reduced manufacturing yields, delays in product deliveries and increased expenses. We may face similar difficulties, delays and expenses as we continue to transition our products to smaller geometry processes. We are dependent on our relationships with our foundries to transition to smaller geometry processes successfully. We cannot assure you that our foundries will be able to effectively manage the transition or that we will be able to maintain our existing foundry relationships or develop new ones. If our foundries or we experience significant delays in this transition or fail to implement this transition efficiently, we could experience reduced manufacturing yields, delays in product deliveries and increased expenses, all of which could negatively affect our relationships with our customers and result in the loss of design wins to our competitors, which in turn would adversely affect our results of operations. As smaller geometry processes become more prevalent, we expect to continue to integrate greater levels of functionality, as well as customer and third party intellectual property, into our products. However, we may not be able to achieve higher levels of design integration or deliver new integrated products on a timely basis, or at all. Moreover, even if we are able to achieve higher levels of design integration, such integration may have a short-term adverse impact on our operating results, as we may reduce our revenue by integrating the functionality of multiple chips into a single chip.

***If we are not successful in protecting our intellectual property rights, it may harm our ability to compete.***

We use a significant amount of intellectual property in our business. We rely primarily on patent, copyright, trademark and trade secret laws, as well as nondisclosure and confidentiality agreements and other methods, to protect our proprietary technologies and processes. At times, we incorporate the intellectual property of our customers into our designs, and we have obligations with respect to the non-use and non-disclosure of their intellectual property. In the past, we have engaged in litigation to enforce our intellectual property rights, to protect our trade secrets or to determine the validity and scope of proprietary rights of others, including our customers. We may engage in future litigation on similar grounds, which may require us to expend significant resources and to divert the efforts and attention of our management from our business operations. We cannot assure you that:

the steps we take to prevent misappropriation or infringement of our intellectual property or the intellectual property of our customers will be successful;



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any existing or future patents will not be challenged, invalidated or circumvented; or

any of the measures described above would provide meaningful protection.

Despite these precautions, it may be possible for a third party to copy or otherwise obtain and use our technology without authorization, develop similar technology independently or design around our patents. If any of our patents fails to protect our technology, it would make it easier for our competitors to offer similar products. In addition, effective patent, copyright, trademark and trade secret protection may be unavailable or limited in certain countries.

***Our success depends, in part, on our ability to effect suitable investments, alliances, acquisitions and where appropriate, divestitures and restructurings.***

Although we invest significant resources in research and development activities, the complexity and speed of technological changes make it impractical for us to pursue development of all technological solutions on our own. On an ongoing basis, we review investment, alliance and acquisition prospects that would complement our existing product offerings, augment our market coverage or enhance our technological capabilities. However, we cannot assure you that we will be able to identify and consummate suitable investment, alliance or acquisition transactions in the future.

Moreover, if we consummate such transactions, they could result in:

large initial one-time write-offs of in-process research and development;

the incurrence of substantial debt and assumption of unknown liabilities;

the potential loss of key employees from the acquired company;

amortization expenses related to intangible assets; and

the diversion of management's attention from other business concerns.

Integrating acquired organizations and their products and services may be expensive, time-consuming and a strain on our resources and our relationships with employees and customers, and ultimately may not be successful. The process of integrating operations could cause an interruption of, or loss of momentum in, the activities of one or more of our product lines and the loss of key personnel. The diversion of management's attention and any delays or difficulties encountered in connection with acquisitions and the integration of multiple operations could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition. Moreover, in the event that we have unprofitable operations or product lines we may be forced to restructure or divest such operations or product lines. There is no guarantee that we will be able to restructure or divest such operations or product lines on a timely basis or at a value that will avoid further losses or that will successfully mitigate the negative impact on our overall operations or financial results.

***We are required to use proceeds of certain asset dispositions to offer to repurchase our Floating Rate Senior Secured Notes due November 2010 if we do not use the proceeds within 360 days to invest in assets (other than current assets), and this requirement limits our ability to use asset sale proceeds to fund our operations.***

At January 2, 2009, we had \$141.4 million aggregate principal amount of floating rate senior secured notes outstanding. We are required to repurchase, for cash, notes at a price of 100% of the principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest, with the net proceeds of certain asset dispositions if such proceeds are not used within 360 days to invest in assets (other than current assets) related to our business. The sale of our Broadband Media Processing business in August 2008 qualified as an asset disposition requiring us to make offers to repurchase a portion of the notes no later than 361 days following the respective asset dispositions. In September 2008, we completed a tender offer for \$80 million of the senior secured notes. Based on the proceeds received from this asset disposition and our estimates of cash investments in assets (other than current assets) related to our business to be made within 360 days following the asset dispositions, we estimate that we will be required to make offers to repurchase approximately \$17.6 million of the senior secured notes, at 100% of the principal amount plus any

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accrued and unpaid interest, in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009. This requirement limits our ability to use existing and future asset sale proceeds to fund our operations.

***We may not be able to attract and retain qualified management, technical and other personnel necessary for the design, development and sale of our products. Our success could be negatively affected if key personnel leave.***

Our future success depends on our ability to attract and to retain the continued service and availability of skilled personnel at all levels of our business. As the source of our technological and product innovations, our key technical personnel represent a significant asset. The competition for such personnel can be intense. While we have entered into employment agreements with some of our key personnel, we cannot assure you that we will be able to attract and retain qualified management and other personnel necessary for the design, development and sale of our products.

***Uncertainties involving litigation could adversely affect our business.***

We and certain of our current and former officers and our Employee Benefits Plan Committee have been named as defendants in a purported breach of fiduciary duties class action lawsuit. While the parties have reached a settlement in principle, this or other lawsuits may divert management's attention and resources from other matters, which could also adversely affect our business, financial position and results of operations.

***We currently operate under tax holidays and favorable tax incentives in certain foreign jurisdictions.***

While we believe we qualify for these incentives that reduce our income taxes and operating costs, the incentives require us to meet specified criteria which are subject to audit and review. We cannot assure that we will continue to meet such criteria and enjoy such tax holidays and incentives. If any of our tax holidays or incentives are terminated, our results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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*	Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CONEXANT SYSTEMS, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: February 11, 2009

By /s/ JEAN HU  
Jean Hu  
Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice  
President,  
Business Development  
(principal financial officer)

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