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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 December 31, 2008**
- or**
- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Commission file number 0-27038

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

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

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

**1 Wayside Road
Burlington, MA 01803**
(Address of principal executive office)

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant 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 of 1934). Yes No

263,185,133 shares of the registrant's Common Stock, \$0.001 par value, were outstanding as of January 31, 2009.

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	Three Months Ended	
	December 31,	December 31,
	2008	2007
	(Unaudited)	
	(In thousands, except per share amounts)	
Revenue:		
Product and licensing	\$ 85,575	\$ 97,936
Professional services, subscription and hosting	90,192	62,420
Maintenance and support	41,067	34,668
Total revenue	216,834	195,024
Cost of revenue:		
Product and licensing	8,757	11,585
Professional services, subscription and hosting	58,482	44,824
Maintenance and support	7,043	7,445
Amortization	8,018	4,987
Total cost of revenue	82,300	68,841
Gross profit	134,534	126,183
Operating expenses:		
Research and development	31,013	27,846
Sales and marketing	61,246	56,007
General and administrative	30,257	25,235
Amortization	17,348	11,499
Restructuring and other charges (credits), net	2,098	2,152
Total operating expenses	141,962	122,739
Income (loss) from operations	(7,428)	3,444
Other income (expense):		
Interest income	1,420	1,654
Interest expense	(13,158)	(15,285)
Other income (expense), net	6,227	(613)

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Loss before income taxes	(12,939)	(10,800)
Provision for income taxes	11,611	4,625
Net loss	\$ (24,550)	\$ (15,425)
Net loss per share:		
Basic and diluted	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.08)
Weighted average common shares outstanding:		
Basic and diluted	236,237	194,528

See accompanying notes.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	December 31, 2008 (Unaudited)	September 30, 2008
(In thousands, except per share amounts)		
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 239,359	\$ 261,540
Marketable securities		56
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$8,186 and \$6,925	183,846	203,542
Acquired unbilled accounts receivable	11,990	14,457
Inventories, net	7,897	7,152
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	35,610	26,833
Deferred tax assets	1,695	1,703
Total current assets	480,397	515,283
Land, building and equipment, net	52,666	46,485
Goodwill	1,789,024	1,655,773
Intangible assets, net	670,188	585,023
Other assets	39,749	43,635
Total assets	\$ 3,032,024	\$ 2,846,199
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt and capital leases	\$ 6,944	\$ 7,006
Contingent and deferred acquisition payments	84,100	113,074
Accounts payable	55,066	31,517
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	109,602	102,099
Accrued business combination costs	10,620	9,166
Deferred maintenance revenue	79,667	80,521
Unearned revenue and customer deposits	74,504	38,381
Total current liabilities	420,503	381,764
Long-term portion of debt and capital leases	892,725	894,184
Long-term portion of accrued business combination costs	29,507	32,012
Long-term deferred revenue	18,548	18,134
Deferred tax liability	41,189	46,745
Other long-term liabilities	57,609	48,452

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Total liabilities	1,460,081	1,421,291
Commitments and contingencies (Notes 4, 5 and 18)		
Stockholders' equity:		
Series B preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 15,000 shares authorized; 3,562 shares issued and outstanding (liquidation preference \$4,631)	4,631	4,631
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 560,000 shares authorized; 245,379 and 232,592 shares issued and 242,149 and 229,370 shares outstanding	245	229
Additional paid-in capital	1,846,158	1,658,515
Treasury stock, at cost (3,230 and 3,222 shares)	(16,136)	(16,070)
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(3,269)	12,739
Accumulated deficit	(259,686)	(235,136)
Total stockholders' equity	1,571,943	1,424,908
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 3,032,024	\$ 2,846,199

See accompanying notes.

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	Three Months Ended	
	December 31,	December 31,
	2008	2007
	(Unaudited)	
	(In thousands)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (24,550)	\$ (15,425)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation of property and equipment	4,570	3,708
Amortization of intangible assets	25,366	16,486
Bad debt provision	1,627	725
Share-based payments	16,987	15,175
Unrealized gain on foreign currency forward contracts	(8,049)	
Deferred tax provision	6,420	2,812
Other	1,366	1,307
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable	22,735	21,202
Inventories	(766)	1,066
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(4,698)	4,354
Accounts payable	21,883	(7,581)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	10,878	1,274
Deferred maintenance revenue, unearned revenue and customer deposits	6,993	(4,112)
Net cash provided by operating activities	80,762	40,991
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(8,608)	(3,264)
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(37,353)	(16,957)
Proceeds from maturities of marketable securities	56	1,999
Payments for equity investment	(159)	(2,172)
Payments for purchase or license of technology and capitalized patent defense costs	(50,000)	(2,188)
Change in restricted cash balances		297
Net cash used in investing activities	(96,064)	(22,285)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Payments of debt and capital leases	(1,766)	(2,330)
Purchases of treasury stock	(66)	(652)
Payments of other long-term liabilities	(2,369)	(2,931)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net of issuance costs		131,455
Proceeds from issuance of common stock from employee stock options and purchase plan	737	3,236

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Cash used to net share settle employee equity awards	(2,652)	(8,802)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(6,116)	119,976
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(763)	691
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(22,181)	139,373
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	261,540	184,335
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 239,359	\$ 323,708

See accompanying notes.

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Organization and Presentation

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

Certain amounts presented in prior periods consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current periods presentation. Proceeds from employee stock options and purchase plans and cash used to net share settle employee equity awards are now presented as two separate line items in the Statement of Cash Flows, whereas they were previously presented within net proceeds from issuance of common stock under employee share-based payment plans.

On October 1, 2008, we acquired SNAPin Software, Inc., a developer of self service software for mobile devices. Refer to Note 4 for additional information.

Although we believe the disclosures in these financial statements are adequate to make the information presented not misleading, certain information normally included in the footnotes prepared in accordance with GAAP has been omitted. Accordingly, these financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for a full year.

2. Accounting Changes

We made no material changes to the significant accounting policies disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008, other than our adoption of Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* and related FASB staff positions. We have provided more information about our application of SFAS 157 in Note 8.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In June 2008, the Emerging Issues Task Force issued EITF 07-5, *Determining Whether an Instrument (or Embedded Feature) Is Indexed to an Entity's Own Stock*. It provides guidance in assessing whether these instruments are indexed to our own stock, and therefore whether to account for the instruments under SFAS 133, *Accounting For Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* and/or EITF 00-19, *Accounting For Derivative Financial Instruments Indexed to, and Potentially Settled in, a Company's Own Stock*. EITF 07-5 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. We are evaluating the potential impact of EITF 07-5.

In May 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position No. 14-1, *Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments that may be Settled in Cash upon Conversion*. This FSP requires us to separately account for the liability (debt) and equity (conversion option) components of the instrument in a manner that reflects our nonconvertible debt borrowing rate. FSP 14-1 will significantly affect the accounting for convertible debt instruments that require or permit settlement in cash and/or shares at the issuer's option. FSP 14-1 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008 and may not be adopted early. FSP 14-1 must be applied retrospectively to all periods presented. We are evaluating the

potential impact of FSP 14-1.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FSP 142-3 *Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets*. It 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 142. This FSP is intended to improve consistency between the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS 142 and the period of expected cash flows used to measure the fair value of the asset under SFAS 141 and other standards. FSP 142-3 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008 and may not be adopted early. We are evaluating the potential impact of FSP 142-3.

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In February 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position 157-2, *Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157*. FSP 157-2 delays the effective date of SFAS 157 for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except for certain items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis. This FSP will be effective in the first quarter of fiscal 2010. We believe FSP 157-2 will not have a material impact on our financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 141R, *Business Combinations*. It changes the accounting for business combinations including the measurement of acquirer shares issued in consideration for a business combination, the recognition of contingent consideration, the accounting for pre-acquisition gain and loss contingencies, the recognition of capitalized in-process research and development, the accounting for acquisition-related restructuring cost accruals, the treatment of acquisition related transaction costs and the recognition of changes in the acquirer's income tax valuation allowance. SFAS 141R is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008 and may not be adopted early.

3. Comprehensive Loss

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

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007
Net loss	\$ (24,550)	\$ (15,425)
Other comprehensive income:		
Foreign currency translation adjustment	11,790	3,485
Net unrealized gain (loss) on cash flow hedge derivatives	4,219	(691)
Net unrealized gains on investments		2
Other comprehensive income	16,009	2,796
Total comprehensive loss	\$ (8,541)	\$ (12,629)

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4. Business Acquisitions*Acquisition of SNAPin*

On October 1, 2008, we acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of SNAPin, a developer of self service software for mobile devices, to expand our Mobile-Enterprise offerings. The results of operations of SNAPin have been included in our financial statements since the date of acquisition. The assets acquired and liabilities assumed must be recorded at the date of acquisition at their respective estimated fair values, with any excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair values of the net assets acquired recorded as goodwill. We are finalizing the valuation of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed and therefore the fair values set forth below are subject to adjustment as additional information is obtained. A summary of the preliminary purchase price allocation is as follows (table in thousands):

Total purchase consideration:	
Common stock(a)	\$ 150,638
Stock options and restricted stock units assumed	11,523
Transaction costs	2,876
Total purchase consideration	\$ 165,037
Allocation of the purchase consideration:	
Current assets	\$ 6,084
Other assets	2,971
Deferred tax asset(c)	15,913
Identifiable intangible assets	60,700
Goodwill	125,483
Total assets acquired	211,151
Current liabilities	(1,918)
Deferred tax liability(c)	(15,913)
Deferred revenue(b)	(28,283)
Total liabilities assumed	(46,114)
Net assets acquired	\$ 165,037

(a) Approximately 9.5 million shares of our common stock were issued and valued at \$15.81 per share. Additionally, 1.1 million shares of our common stock valued, at \$17.5 million, have been placed in escrow and have been excluded from purchase consideration until the satisfaction of the contingency. See additional discussion in Note 5.

(b)

We assumed significant legal performance obligations related to acquired customer contracts. We estimate the fair market value of the obligations in accordance with the provision of EITF 01-03, *Accounting in a Business Combination for Deferred Revenue of Acquiree*. The fair value of the legal performance obligations remaining to be delivered was approximately \$56.8 million at the date of acquisition, and the remaining cash to be collected on these contracts was approximately \$28.5 million.

- (c) We recorded a deferred tax liability as a result of purchase accounting associated with SNAPin. This results in an increase of the net deferred tax asset and a reduction of the corresponding valuation allowance in the consolidated group. Therefore, there is no impact on goodwill related to the deferred tax liability.

We assumed vested and unvested stock awards to receive options for the purchase of 1,258,708 shares of our common stock and restricted stock units that were converted into 299,446 shares of our common stock. The fair value of the assumed vested stock options and restricted stock units as of the date of acquisition are included in the purchase price above. The fair value of the assumed vested stock options is calculated under the Black-Scholes option pricing model, with the following weighted-average assumptions: dividend yield of 0.0%; expected volatility of 55.5%; average risk-free interest rate of 2.8%; and an expected term of 4.8 years. Assumed unvested

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stock options and restricted stock units as of the date of acquisition will be recorded as shared-based compensation expense over the requisite service period as disclosed in Note 15.

Customer relationships are amortized based upon patterns in which the economic benefits are expected to be realized. Other finite-lived identifiable intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis. The following are the identifiable intangible assets acquired and their respective weighted average lives (table in thousands):

	Amount	Weighted Average Life (In years)
Customer relationships	\$ 21,100	10.8
Core and completed technology	39,000	10.0
Non-compete agreements	600	5.0
Total	\$ 60,700	

Acquisition of PSRS

On September 26, 2008, we acquired Philips Speech Recognition Systems GMBH (PSRS), a business unit of Royal Philips Electronics, for total consideration of \$102.5 million, consisting of: cash consideration of 66.0 million, which equates to \$96.6 million based on the exchange rate as of the acquisition date, and transaction costs of \$5.9 million. \$31.6 million was paid on the acquisition date and the remaining 44.3 million (\$64.0 million based on the exchange rate as of September 30, 2008) is due on September 21, 2009. The purchase price is subject to adjustment (increase or decrease), based on a working capital adjustment provision contained in the share purchase agreement. We are currently discussing the final working capital adjustment with the former shareholders of PSRS and expect that the final measurement will be completed in fiscal 2009. We are finalizing the valuation of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed which are subject to adjustment as additional information is obtained.

The following table shows unaudited pro forma results of operations as if we had acquired SNAPin, PSRS, eScripton, Inc., and Viecore, Inc. on October 1, 2007 (table in thousands, except per share data):

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007
Revenue	\$ 216,834	\$ 229,861
Net loss	(24,550)	(26,948)
Net loss per basic and diluted share	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.12)

5. Deferred and Contingent Acquisition Payments

Earnout Payments

In connection with our acquisition of Phonetic Systems Ltd. we agreed to pay up to \$35.0 million of additional consideration if certain financial and performance targets were met. We have notified the former shareholders of Phonetic that these targets were not achieved. Accordingly, we have not recorded any obligations relative to these measures. The former shareholders of Phonetic have objected to this determination and have filed for arbitration.

During fiscal 2008, we amended the earnout provisions set forth in the merger agreement related to the acquisition of Mobile Voice Control, Inc. such that the former shareholders of MVC were eligible to earn the remaining calendar 2007 earnout amount, consists of 188,962 shares, if certain conditions were met at December 31, 2008. As of December 31, 2008, we determined that 188,962 shares had been earned. The total value of the shares was \$3.0 million, of which \$1.0 million was recorded to goodwill as incremental purchase price during fiscal 2008, and the remaining \$2.0 million was amortized as compensation expense from May 2008 to December 2008. In November 2008, a second amendment to the merger agreement was signed pursuant to which the earnout period for

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the calendar 2008 earnout was extended, such that 377,964 and 755,929 shares may now be earned based on the achievement of calendar 2008 and 2009 targets, respectively. The stock payments, if any, that are made based on the provisions of this second amendment will be recorded to goodwill, as incremental purchase price. As of December 31, 2008, we have not recorded any obligation relative to the second amendment.

During the three months ended December 31, 2008, we paid to the former shareholders of BeVocal, Inc. \$46.1 million, of which \$40.2 million was paid in cash and \$5.9 million was paid in stock to satisfy our contingent earnout obligations as disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008.

In connection with the acquisition of Commissure, Inc. we agreed to make contingent earnout payments of up to \$8.0 million upon the achievement of certain financial targets for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008, 2009 and 2010. Any payments may be made in the form of cash or shares of our common stock, at our sole discretion. As of December 31, 2008, we have not recorded any obligation relative to these measures.

In connection with our acquisition of Vocada, Inc. we agreed to make contingent earnout payments of up to \$21.0 million upon the achievement of certain financial targets measured over defined periods through December 31, 2010. Any payments may be made in the form of cash or shares of our common stock at our sole discretion. As of December 31, 2008, we have not recorded any obligation relative to these measures.

In connection with our acquisition of Multi-Vision Communications, Inc. we agreed to make contingent earnout payments of up to \$15.0 million upon the achievement of certain financial targets for the period from August 1, 2008 to July 31, 2009. \$10.0 million of the earnout is further conditioned on the continued employment of certain Multi-Vision employees. Accordingly, up to \$10.0 million of any earnout payments will be recorded as compensation expense, and up to \$5.0 million will be recorded as additional purchase price and allocated to goodwill. Any payments may be made in the form of cash or shares of our common stock, at our sole discretion. As of December 31, 2008, we have not recorded any obligation or related compensation expense relative to these measures.

In connection with our acquisition of SNAPin, we agreed to make a contingent earnout payment of up to \$45.0 million in cash to be paid, if at all, based on the business achieving certain performance targets that are measurable from the acquisition date to December 31, 2009. Additionally, we would be required to issue earnout consideration to SNAPin option holders. This option earnout consideration, if earned, is payable at our sole discretion, in cash, stock or additional options to purchase common stock. The total value of this option earnout consideration may aggregate up to \$2.5 million which will be recorded as compensation expense over the service period, if earned. These earnout payments, if any, would be payable upon the final measurement of the performance targets. As of December 31, 2008, we have not recorded any obligation or related compensation expense relative to these measures.

Escrow Arrangements

The following escrow arrangements have not been released as of December 31, 2008 (table in thousands):

Scheduled Escrow Release Date	Cash Payment	Shares to be Issued
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Focus(a)	March 26, 2008	\$	5,800	n/a
BeVocal(b)	July 24, 2008		n/a	1,225
Vocada	February 2, 2009		n/a	56
Viecore	February 26, 2009		n/a	585
eScription	May 20, 2009		n/a	1,124
SNAPin	October 1, 2009		n/a	1,107
Total		\$	5,800	4,097

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The following amounts are being held in escrow after their initially scheduled release date:

(a) We filed a claim against the Focus escrow related to the breach of certain representations and warranties made in the share purchase agreement. We determined that the entire escrow will be paid to either satisfy liabilities indemnified under the agreement or paid to the former shareholders. Accordingly, the escrow was reclassified to goodwill during fiscal 2008.

(b) We filed a claim against the BeVocal escrow related to the breach of certain representations and warranties made in the merger agreement. We expect the entire amount to remain in escrow until the settlement of the contingent liabilities is finalized. At that time, any shares distributable to the former BeVocal shareholders would be accounted for as an increase to purchase price.

We guaranteed a minimum market value of the shares held in escrow in connection with our acquisitions of Viecore and eScription. When the Viecore escrow shares are released, if the market value of our stock is less than \$20.43 per share, we must pay the difference in cash, up to a maximum of \$1.8 million. When the eScription escrow shares are released, if the market value of our stock is less than \$17.7954 per share, we must pay the difference in cash, up to a total of \$5.0 million. Based on the closing market value of our stock on December 31, 2008, \$10.36, we would be required to pay a total of \$6.8 million, which would be recorded as a reduction of additional paid in capital.

In connection with our acquisition of Multi-Vision, we may be required to pay an additional \$1.0 million pursuant to holdback provisions which are scheduled to end on October 31, 2009. This amount is payable in stock or cash solely at our discretion. If paid in stock, the number of shares payable is based on a formula, as defined in the share purchase agreement, which will approximate our stock price at that time.

6. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill during the three months ended December 31, 2008, are as follows (table in thousands):

Balance as of September 30, 2008	\$ 1,655,773
Goodwill acquired SNAPin	125,483
Other purchase accounting adjustments	18,189
Effect of foreign currency translation	(10,421)
Balance as of December 31, 2008	\$ 1,789,024

Goodwill adjustments recorded during the three months ended December 31, 2008 consisted primarily of the following increases: \$18.7 million of additional purchase price upon our election to treat our acquisition of eScription as an asset purchase under provisions contained in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, \$7.3 million related to the estimated fair value of contingent liabilities assumed in connection with our acquisition of Viecore and \$4.6 million related to the recording of escrow shares in connection with our acquisitions of Commissure and Vocada. These increases to goodwill were partially offset by a \$9.7 million reversal of assumed deferred tax liabilities as a

result of our election to treat eScription as an asset purchase and a \$2.2 million decrease in accrued transaction costs.

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Intangible assets consist of the following (table in thousands):

	At December 31, 2008			Weighted Average Remaining Life (Years)
	Gross Carrying	Accumulated	Net Carrying	
	Amount	Amortization	Amount	
Customer relationships	\$ 521,333	\$ (108,503)	\$ 412,830	7.4
Technology and patents	282,490	(62,477)	220,013	13.1
Tradenames and trademarks	9,528	(3,920)	5,608	6.0
Non-compete agreements	5,668	(1,731)	3,937	3.0
Subtotal	819,019	(176,631)	642,388	
Tradename, indefinite life	27,800		27,800	n/a
Total	\$ 846,819	\$ (176,631)	\$ 670,188	

Estimated amortization expense for intangible assets for each succeeding year is as follows (table in thousands):

Year Ending September 30,	Cost of Revenue	Other Operating Expenses	Total
2009 (January 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009)	\$ 27,854	\$ 55,560	\$ 83,414
2010	35,271	70,715	105,986
2011	34,119	64,842	98,961
2012	30,531	56,992	87,523
2013	25,609	48,769	74,378
2014	18,996	43,510	62,506
Thereafter	47,633	81,987	129,620
Total	\$ 220,013	\$ 422,375	\$ 642,388

In December 2008, we acquired a speech-related patent portfolio from a third party and a royalty free paid-up perpetual license providing us with access to and use of the party's speech-related source code for an aggregate purchase price of \$50 million. The weighted average useful life related to these acquired assets is 8.7 years. At the same time, we entered into an arrangement to procure the services of certain engineers to support the integration of the acquired technology into our products. We agreed to pay an additional license fee of up to \$20 million if certain

revenue growth targets are met in calendar 2009. Any additional license fee is payable in cash or stock at our sole discretion on March 1, 2010. As of December 31, 2008, we have not recorded any obligation relative to these additional license fees.

7. Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities

We use financial instruments to manage our interest rates and foreign exchange risk. We follow SFAS 133, as amended by SFAS 138, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, for certain designated forward contracts and interest rate swaps.

Interest Rate Swap Agreements

In conjunction with the \$355 million term loan entered into on March 31, 2006, we entered into a \$100 million interest rate swap. During the three months ended December 31, 2008, we entered into two additional interest rate swaps. On December 31, 2008, we held three interest rate swap agreements, all of which have been designated as cash flow hedges. These swaps have an aggregate notional amount of \$300 million, interest rates ranging from

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2.09% to 5.19% and expire in March 2009, October 2010 and November 2010, respectively. There are aggregate cumulative unrealized losses of \$5.1 million and \$0.9 million as of December 31, 2008 and September 30, 2008, respectively, related to these interest swap agreements. These unrealized losses are included in other current and long-term liabilities in our balance sheets with the offset recorded in other comprehensive income (loss).

Forward Currency Contracts Designated as Cash Flow Hedges

On December 31, 2008, we entered into foreign currency contracts to hedge exposure on the variability of cash flows in Canadian dollars. These contracts are designated as cash flow hedges and have an aggregate notional amount of 22.4 million Canadian Dollars. The contracts settle each month starting February 11, 2009 through September 11, 2009. There were no cumulative gains or losses as of December 31, 2008.

Other Derivative Activities

We also have foreign currency contracts that are not designated as hedges under SFAS 133. Changes in fair value of foreign currency contracts not qualifying as hedges are reported in net earnings as part of other income (expense), net. During the three months ended December 31, 2008, we entered into foreign currency forward contracts to offset foreign currency exposure on the deferred acquisition payment of 44.3 million related to our acquisition of PSRS, resulting in a gain of \$8.1 million which is recorded in other income (expense), net in the accompanying statements of operations. The foreign currency contracts mature on September 21, 2009.

8. Fair Value Measures

We adopted the provisions of SFAS 157 *Fair Value Measurements* on October 1, 2008. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and enhances disclosures about fair value measurements. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received for an asset, or paid to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Valuation techniques must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

SFAS 157 establishes a value hierarchy based on three levels of inputs, of which the first two are considered observable and the third is considered unobservable:

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

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

Level 3. Unobservable inputs.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2008 consisted of (table in thousands):

	December 31, 2008			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total

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Assets:				
Money Market(a)	\$ 131,185	\$	\$	\$ 131,185
US government agency securities(a)	50,136			50,136
Foreign currency exchange contracts(b)		62,449		62,449
Total assets at fair value	\$ 181,321	\$ 62,449	\$	\$ 243,770
Liabilities:				
Interest rate swaps(c)	\$	\$ 5,097	\$	\$ 5,097
Total liabilities at fair value	\$	\$ 5,097	\$	\$ 5,097

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- (a) Money market funds and US government agency securities are valued at quoted market prices in active markets.
- (b) The fair value of our foreign currency exchange contracts are based on observable inputs for similar derivative instruments in active markets or quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active or are directly or indirectly observable.
- (c) The fair value of interest rate swaps are based on our current settlement values.

Items Measured at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis

Certain assets, including our cost-method investments, are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. These assets are recognized at fair value when they are deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired. We did not record any impairment charges for these assets during the three months ending December 31, 2008.

9. Inventories

Inventories, net of allowances, consist of (table in thousands):

	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2008
Components and parts	\$ 5,147	\$ 4,429
Inventory at customers	1,440	1,585
Finished products	1,310	1,138
Total	\$ 7,897	\$ 7,152

10. Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities

Accrued expenses consist of (table in thousands):

	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2008
Compensation	\$ 43,097	\$ 45,316
Sales and marketing incentives	4,988	16,047
Professional fees	7,743	8,574
Acquisition costs and liabilities	4,779	5,009
Income taxes payable	10,503	4,705
Other	38,492	22,448

Total	\$	109,602	\$	102,099
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Activity related to accrued business combination costs for the three months ended December 31, 2008, is as follows (table in thousands):

	Facilities	Personnel	Total
Balance at September 30, 2008	\$ 41,178	\$	\$ 41,178
Charged to restructuring and other expense	87		87
Imputed interest expense	462		462
Charged to goodwill	(527)	1,529	1,002
Cash payments, net of sublease receipts	(2,664)	62	(2,602)
Balance at December 31, 2008	\$ 38,536	\$ 1,591	\$ 40,127

During the three months ended December 31, 2008, we recorded a \$1.0 million increase in goodwill, consisting of \$1.9 million related to the elimination of personnel and facility in Austria in connection with our acquisition of PSRS, offset by \$0.9 million reduction in accrued business combination costs due to a change in the estimate of sublease income associated with a facility we assumed as part of the eScripton acquisition.

Accrued business combination costs are presented on the balance sheets as follows (table in thousands):

	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2008
Reported as:		
Current	\$ 10,620	\$ 9,166
Long-term	29,507	32,012
Total	\$ 40,127	\$ 41,178

12. Restructuring and Other Charges (Credits), net

In the first quarter of fiscal 2009, we recorded charges of \$2.1 million, of which \$2.0 million related to the elimination of approximately 80 personnel across multiple functions within our company and the remaining amount related to adjustments to fiscal 2008 restructuring programs based on actual payments.

Activity relating to restructuring and other charges (credit), net for the three months ended December 31, 2008 was as follows (table in thousands):

	Personnel	Facilities	Other	Total
Balance at September 30, 2008	\$ 366	\$ 759	\$ 1,393	\$ 2,518
Restructuring and other charges	1,990	26	(5)	2,011
Cash payments	(1,256)	(190)	(1,388)	(2,834)
Balance at December 31, 2008	\$ 1,100	\$ 595	\$	\$ 1,695

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Our borrowing obligations were comprised of (table in thousands):

	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2008
Expanded 2006 Credit Facility	\$ 655,288	\$ 656,963
2.75% Convertible Debentures (net of unamortized debt discount of \$6.0 million and \$6.3 million, respectively)	243,973	243,699
Obligations under capital leases	293	489
Other	115	39
Total long-term debt	899,669	901,190
Less: current portion	6,944	7,006
Non-current portion of long-term debt	\$ 892,725	\$ 894,184

Expanded 2006 Credit Facility

We have a credit facility which consists of a \$75 million revolving credit line, reduced by outstanding letters of credit, a \$355 million term loan entered into on March 31, 2006, a \$90 million term loan entered into on April 5, 2007 and a \$225 million term loan entered into on August 24, 2007 (the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility). The term loans are due March 2013 and the revolving credit line is due March 2012. As of December 31, 2008, there were \$16.8 million of letters of credit issued under the revolving credit line and there were no other outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit line. As of December 31, 2008, we are in compliance with the covenants under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility.

As of December 31, 2008, based on our leverage ratio, the applicable margin for our term loan was 1.00% for base rate borrowings and 2.00% for LIBOR-based borrowings. This results in an effective interest rate of 3.44%. No payments under the excess cash flow sweep provision were due in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 as no excess cash flow, as defined, was generated in fiscal 2008. At the current time, we are unable to predict the amount of the outstanding principal, if any, that we may be required to repay in future fiscal years pursuant to the excess cash flow sweep provisions. If only the baseline repayments are made, the annual aggregate principal amount of the term loans repaid would be as follows (table in thousands):

Year Ending September 30,	Amount
2009 (January 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009)	\$ 5,025
2010	6,700
2011	6,700

2012	6,700
2013 (maturity)	630,163
Total	\$ 655,288

2.75% Convertible Debentures

On August 13, 2007, we issued \$250 million of 2.75% convertible senior debentures due in August 2027. As of December 31, 2008, no conversion triggers were met. If the conversion triggers were met, we could be required to repay all or some of the principal amount in cash prior to maturity.

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14. Net Income (Loss) Per Share

Common equivalent shares are excluded from the computation of diluted net income (loss) per share if their effect is anti-dilutive. Potentially dilutive common equivalent shares aggregating to 18.8 million shares and 24.9 million shares for the three months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, have been excluded from the computation of diluted net loss per share because their inclusion would be anti-dilutive.

15. Share-Based Payments

The consolidated statements of operations includes the following share-based payments (table in thousands):

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007
Cost of revenue product and licensing	\$ 2	\$ 4
Cost of revenue professional services, subscription and hosting	1,780	1,604
Cost of revenue maintenance and support	150	326
Research and development	2,690	3,584
Sales and marketing	7,331	5,040
General and administrative	5,034	4,617
Total	\$ 16,987	\$ 15,175

Stock Options

The table below summarizes stock option activity for the three months ended December 31, 2008:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value(1)
Outstanding at September 30, 2008	14,996,514	\$ 7.47		
Assumed in acquisition of SNAPin	1,258,708	\$ 3.48		
Granted				
Exercised	(301,638)	\$ 2.44		
Forfeited	(758,370)	\$ 17.15		
Expired	(90,993)	\$ 10.33		

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Outstanding at December 31, 2008	15,104,221	\$	6.74	4.4 years	\$	68.6 million
Exercisable at December 31, 2008	11,246,958	\$	5.45	3.9 years	\$	59.9 million
Exercisable at December 31, 2007	11,123,315	\$	4.48	4.5 years	\$	157.9 million

(1) Aggregate intrinsic value was calculated based on the positive difference between the closing market value of our common stock on December 31, 2008 (\$10.36) and the exercise price of the underlying options.

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As of December 31, 2008, the total unamortized fair value of stock options was \$35.6 million with a weighted average remaining recognition period of 1.8 years. A summary of weighted-average grant-date (including assumed options) fair value and intrinsic value of stock options exercised is as follows:

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007
Weighted-average grant-date fair value per share	\$ 13.78	\$ 9.38
Total intrinsic value of stock options exercised (in millions)	\$ 2.17	\$ 11.02

We use the Black-Scholes option pricing model to calculate the grant-date fair value of options. The fair value of options granted and unvested options assumed from acquisition during the three months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 were calculated using the following weighted-average assumptions:

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%
Expected volatility	58.1%	50.1%
Average risk-free interest rate	3.1%	4.3%
Expected term (in years)	6.2	4.8

Restricted Awards

Restricted stock units are not included in issued and outstanding common stock until the shares are vested and released. The table below summarizes activity relating to restricted units for the three months ended December 31, 2008:

	Number of Shares Underlying Restricted Stock Units Contingent Awards	Number of Shares Underlying Restricted Stock Units Time Based Awards
Outstanding at September 30, 2008	2,414,524	6,857,524
Assumed in acquisition of SNAPin		299,446
Granted	390,667	1,338,943
Vested and released	(180,283)	(1,171,340)

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Forfeited	(509,374)	(549,883)
Outstanding at December 31, 2008	2,115,534	6,774,690
Weighted average remaining contractual term of outstanding restricted stock units	1.4 years	1.4 years
Aggregate intrinsic value of outstanding restricted stock units	\$ 21.9 million	\$ 70.2 million
Restricted stock units vested and expected to vest	1,851,420	6,005,639
Weighted average remaining contractual term of restricted stock units vested and expected to vest	1.4 years	1.3 years
Aggregate intrinsic value of restricted stock units vested and expected to vest(1)	\$ 19.2 million	\$ 62.2 million

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- (1) Aggregate intrinsic value was calculated based on the positive difference between the closing market value of our common stock on December 31, 2008 (\$10.36) and the purchase price of the underlying restricted stock units.

As of December 31, 2008, unearned share-based payment expense related to unvested restricted stock units is \$103.2 million, which will, based on expectations of future performance vesting criteria, where applicable, be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.8 years. A summary of weighted-average grant-date fair value, including those assumed in respective periods, and intrinsic value of restricted stock units vested is as follows:

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007
Weighted-average grant-date fair value per share	\$ 9.59	\$ 19.32
Total intrinsic value of shares vested (in millions)	\$ 13.60	\$ 19.94

Restricted stock is included in the issued and outstanding common stock at the date of grant. The table below summarizes activity relating to restricted stock for the three months ended December 31, 2008:

	Number of Shares Underlying Restricted Stock		Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding at September 30, 2008	625,070	\$	10.90
Granted			
Vested	(70)	\$	8.12
Forfeited			
Outstanding at December 31, 2008	625,000	\$	10.90

As of December 31, 2008, unearned share-based payment expense related to unvested restricted stock is \$1.0 million, which will, based on expectations of future performance vesting criteria, when applicable, be recognized over a weighted-average period of 0.6 years. A summary of weighted-average grant-date fair value and intrinsic value of restricted stock vested is as follows:

Three Months Ended December 31,	
2008	2007

Weighted-average grant-date fair value per share	n/a	n/a
Total intrinsic value of shares vested (in millions)	\$ 0.01	\$ 15.31

16. Pension and Other Post-retirement Benefit Plans

The net periodic benefit cost associated with pension and other post-retirement plans for the three months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 was composed of (table in thousands):

	Pension Benefits		Other Benefits	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Interest cost	279	333	10	10
Expected return on plan assets	(252)	(399)		
Amortization of unrecognized gain	11	(11)	(10)	(10)
Net period benefit cost	\$ 38	\$ (77)	\$	\$

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The effective tax rate was (89.7%) and (42.6%) for the three months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The change in the effective tax rate primarily relates to a tax provision charge resulting from an asset purchase tax election made in connection with the eScription acquisition.

The income tax provision of \$11.6 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 includes foreign and state income tax provisions. No tax benefit has been recognized for the U.S. losses as realization is not more likely than not. Included in the tax provision is a charge related to the reversal of an \$8.0 million tax benefit recorded in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008. This benefit related to a Massachusetts tax law change, which was previously required to be recorded when the eScription acquisition was treated as a stock purchase and is now reversed as a result of the asset purchase election.

At December 31, 2008 and September 30, 2008, the liability for income taxes associated with uncertain tax positions was \$2.7 million. Included in the liability is approximately \$0.8 million of unrecognized tax benefits, which if recognized, would impact the effective tax rate. The difference between the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits and the amount that would impact the effective tax rate consists of items that would be offset through goodwill. The Company does not expect a significant change in the amount of unrecognized tax benefits within the next 12 months.

As of December 31, 2008, we had cumulatively accrued \$0.4 million of interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions. Interest and penalties included in the provision for income taxes were not material in all periods presented.

18. Commitments and Contingencies***Operating Leases***

Gross future minimum payments under non-cancelable operating leases on December 31, 2008 (table in thousands):

Year Ending September 30,	Operating Leases	Leases Under Restructuring	Other Contractual Obligations Assumed	Total
2009 (January 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008)	\$ 12,496	\$ 2,045	\$ 10,301	\$ 24,842
2010	15,073	1,791	14,186	31,050
2011	13,703	1,031	14,733	29,467
2012	12,640	600	13,172	26,412
2013	11,867	313	3,102	15,282
2014	9,640		4,703	14,343
Thereafter	21,162		7,916	29,078
Total	\$ 96,581	\$ 5,780	\$ 68,113	\$ 170,474

At December 31, 2008, we had subleased certain office space included in the above table to third parties. Total sub-lease income under contractual terms is \$22.8 million and ranges from approximately \$1.7 million to \$4.6 million on an annual basis through February 2016.

Litigation and Other Claims

We have, from time to time, been notified of claims that we may be infringing, or contributing to the infringement of, the intellectual property rights of others. These claims have been referred to counsel, and they are in various stages of evaluation and negotiation. If it appears necessary or desirable, we may seek licenses for these intellectual property rights. There is no assurance that licenses will be offered by all claimants, that the terms of any

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offered licenses will be acceptable to us or that in all cases the dispute will be resolved without litigation, which may be time consuming and expensive, and may require us to pay damages.

In August 2001, the first of a number of complaints was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, on behalf of a purported class of persons who purchased former Nuance Communications, Inc., which we acquired in September 2005, stock between April 12, 2000 and December 6, 2000. Those complaints have been consolidated into one action. The complaint generally alleges that various investment bank underwriters engaged in improper and undisclosed activities related to the allocation of shares in Former Nuance's initial public offering of securities. The complaint makes claims for violation of several provisions of the federal securities laws against those underwriters, and also against Former Nuance and some of the Former Nuance's directors and officers. Similar lawsuits, concerning more than 250 other companies' initial public offerings, were filed in 2001. In February 2003, the Court denied a motion to dismiss with respect to the claims against Former Nuance. In the third quarter of 2003, a proposed settlement in principle was reached among the plaintiffs, issuer defendants (including Former Nuance) and the issuers' insurance carriers. The settlement called for the dismissal and release of claims against the issuer defendants, including Former Nuance, in exchange for a contingent payment to be paid, if necessary, by the issuer defendants' insurance carriers and an assignment of certain claims. The settlement was not expected to have any material impact upon the Company, as payments, if any, were expected to be made by insurance carriers, rather than by the Company. On December 5, 2006, the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit reversed the Court's order certifying a class in several test cases that had been selected by the underwriter defendants and plaintiffs in the coordinated proceeding. The plaintiffs petitioned the Second Circuit for rehearing of the Second Circuit's decision, however, on April 6, 2007, the Second Circuit denied the petition for rehearing. At a status conference on April 23, 2007, the district court suggested that the issuers' settlement could not be approved in its present form, given the Second Circuit's ruling. On June 25, 2007 the district court issued an order terminating the settlement agreement. The plaintiffs in the case have since filed amended master allegations and amended complaints. On March 26, 2008, the Court largely denied the defendant's motion to dismiss the amended complaints. We intend to defend the litigation vigorously and believe we have meritorious defenses to the claims against Former Nuance.

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

Guarantees and Other

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

We indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by law. These agreements, among other things, indemnify directors and officers for expenses, judgments, fines, penalties and settlement amounts incurred by such persons in their capacity as a director or officer of the company, regardless of whether the individual is serving in any such capacity at the time the liability or expense is incurred. Additionally, in connection with certain acquisitions we have agreed to indemnify the former officers and members of the boards of directors of those companies, on similar terms as described above, for a period of six years from the acquisition date. In certain cases

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we purchase director and officer insurance policies related to these obligations, which fully cover the six year periods. To the extent that we do not purchase a director and officer insurance policy for the full period of any contractual indemnification, we would be required to pay for costs incurred, if any, as described above.

At December 31, 2008, we had \$4.7 million of non-cancelable purchase commitments for inventory to fulfill customers' orders in backlog.

19. Segment and Geographic Information and Significant Customers

We follow the provisions of SFAS 131, *Disclosures About Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information*, which establishes standards for reporting information about operating segments. SFAS 131 also established standards for disclosures about products, services and geographic areas. Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise for which separate financial information is available and evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. Our chief operating decision maker is our chief executive officer.

We have several groups that oversee the core markets where we conduct business. Beginning in fiscal 2009, these groups were referred to as Mobile-Enterprise, Healthcare-Dictation, and Imaging. Each of these groups has a president who has direct responsibility and oversight relating to go-to-market strategies and plans, product management and product marketing activities. These groups do not directly manage centralized or shared resources or the allocation decisions regarding the activities related to these functions, which include sales and sales operations, certain research and development initiatives, business development and all general and administrative activities. The chief executive officer directly oversees each of the presidents, as well as each of the functions that provide the shared and centralized activities noted above. To manage the business, allocate resources and assess performance, the primary information used by the chief operating decision maker are revenue data by market, consolidated gross margins and consolidated operating margins. Based on our review, we have determined that we operate in one segment.

Revenue attributable to these groups was as follows (table in thousands):

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007
Mobile-Enterprise	\$ 99,834	\$ 98,325
Healthcare-Dictation	99,968	77,421
Imaging	17,032	19,278
Total	\$ 216,834	\$ 195,024

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

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007
United States	\$ 167,432	\$ 140,101
International	49,402	54,923
Total	\$ 216,834	\$ 195,024

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Our long-lived assets, including intangible assets and goodwill, were located as follows (table in thousands):

	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2008
United States	\$ 2,303,287	\$ 2,066,106
International	248,340	264,810
Total	\$ 2,551,627	\$ 2,330,916

The increase in long-lived assets in the United States is due to the acquisition of SNAPin and the decrease in long-lived assets in International is a result of foreign currency translation adjustments due to the U.S. dollar strengthening against certain of our subsidiaries' functional currencies.

20. Related Parties

A member of our Board of Directors is also a partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Professional Corporation, a law firm that provides services to us. These services may from time-to-time include contingent fee arrangements. For the three months ended December 31, 2008, we paid \$0.2 million to this firm for professional services. As of December 31, 2008 and September 30, 2008, we had \$5.5 million and \$2.6 million, respectively, included in accounts payable and accrued expenses to this firm.

Two members of our Board of Directors are employees of Warburg Pincus. On January 29, 2009, we consummated a stock purchase agreement with Warburg Pincus. Including the January 2009 stock purchase agreement, Warburg Pincus beneficially owns 26% of our common stock. See Note 21 for further information.

21. Subsequent Event

On January 13, 2009, we entered into a Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") by and among us, Warburg Pincus Private Equity X, L.P. and Warburg Pincus X Partners L.P. (together, "Warburg Pincus"), pursuant to which Warburg Pincus agreed to purchase, and we agreed to sell, 17,395,626 shares of our common stock at a purchase price of \$10.06 per share and warrants to purchase 3,862,422 shares of our common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$175.2 million. The warrants have an exercise price of \$11.57 and a term of four years. On January 29, 2009, the sale of the shares and the warrants pursuant to the Purchase Agreement was completed.

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

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis is intended to help you understand the results of operations and financial condition of our business. Management's Discussion and Analysis is provided as a supplement to, and should be read in conjunction with, our consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the Management's Discussion and Analysis included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Quarterly Report contains forward-looking statements, including predictions regarding:

- our future revenue, cost of revenue, research and development expenses, selling, general and administrative expenses, amortization of other intangible assets and gross margin;
- our strategy relating to our core markets;
- the potential of future product releases;
- our product development plans and investments in research and development;
- future acquisitions, and anticipated benefits from pending and prior acquisitions;
- international operations and localized versions of our products; and
- legal proceedings and litigation matters.

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

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

OVERVIEW

Nuance Communications, Inc. is a leading provider of speech, imaging and keypad solutions for businesses, organizations and consumers around the world. Our technologies, applications and services make the user experience more compelling by transforming the way people interact with information and how they create, share and use documents. Our solutions are used every day by millions of people and thousands of businesses for tasks and services such as requesting account information from a phone-based self-service solution, dictating records, searching the mobile web by voice, entering a destination into a navigation system, or working with PDF documents. Our solutions help make these interactions, tasks and experiences more productive, compelling and efficient.

We have three groups which address our core markets:

Mobile-Enterprise. We deliver a portfolio of solutions that improve the experience of customer communications, mobile interactions and personal productivity. Combining our expertise in enterprise and mobile solutions allows us to help consumers, businesses and manufacturers more effectively utilize mobile devices for accessing an array of content, services and capabilities. Our enterprise solutions help automate a wide range of customer services and business processes in a variety of information and process-intensive vertical markets such as telecommunications, financial services, utilities, travel and entertainment, and government. Our mobile solutions add voice control and texting capabilities to mobile devices and services, allowing

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people to more easily dial a mobile phone, enter destination information into an automotive navigation system, dictate a text message or have emails and screen information read aloud.

Healthcare-Dictation. Our healthcare solutions comprise a portfolio of speech-driven clinical documentation and communication solutions that help healthcare provider organizations to reduce operating costs, increase reimbursement, and enhance patient care and safety. Our solutions automate the input and management of medical information and are used by many of the largest hospitals in the United States. We offer a variety of different solutions and deployment options to address the specific requirements of different healthcare provider organizations. Our Dragon products help people and businesses increase productivity by using speech to create documents, streamline repetitive and complex tasks, input data, complete forms and automate manual transcription processes. Our Dragon Medical solution is a desktop application that provides front-end speech recognition for smaller groups of physicians and clinicians to create and navigate medical records.

Imaging. Our PDF and document imaging solutions reduce the time and cost associated with creating, using and sharing documents. Our solutions benefit from the widespread adoption of the PDF format and the increasing demand for networked solutions for managing electronic documents. Our solutions are used by millions of professionals and within large enterprises.

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

We have built a world-class portfolio of intellectual property, technologies, applications and solutions through both internal development and acquisitions. We expect to continue to pursue opportunities to broaden these assets and expand our customer base through acquisitions. On October 1, 2008, we acquired SNAPin Software, Inc., a developer of self service software for mobile devices. The SNAPin acquisition enhances our ability to deliver innovative, highly scalable mobile customer care solutions that improve the way mobile operators and enterprises interact with consumers in real-time on mobile devices.

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

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (GAAP) require us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates and judgments, in particular those related to: revenue recognition; the costs to complete the development of custom software applications; bad debt and other sales allowances; accounting for patent legal defense costs; the valuation of goodwill, other intangible assets and tangible long-lived assets; estimates used in the accounting for acquisitions; assumptions used in valuing stock-based compensation instruments; judgment with respect to interest rate swaps and foreign currency exchange contracts which are characterized as derivative instruments; evaluating loss contingencies; inputs used to measure fair value; and valuation allowances for deferred tax assets. Actual amounts could differ significantly from these estimates. Our management bases its

estimates and judgments on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities and the amounts of revenue and expenses that are not readily apparent from other sources.

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Additional information about these critical accounting policies may be found in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008. We made no material changes to the significant accounting policies disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008, other than our adoption of Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* and related FASB staff positions.

SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and enhances disclosures about fair value measurements. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Valuation techniques must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. At December 31, 2008 we reported our money market funds and US government agency securities at quoted market prices in active markets. We valued our foreign exchange contracts based on observable inputs for similar derivative instruments in active markets of quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active or are directly or indirectly unobservable. We valued our interest rate swaps based on our current settlement values. Certain assets, including our cost-method investments, are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. These assets are recognized at fair value when they are deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired. We did not record any impairment charges for these assets during the three months ending December 31, 2008.

RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In June 2008, the Emerging Issues Task Force issued EITF 07-5, *Determining Whether an Instrument (or Embedded Feature) Is Indexed to an Entity's Own Stock*. It provides guidance in assessing whether these instruments are indexed to our own stock, and therefore whether to account for the instruments under SFAS 133, *Accounting For Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* and/or EITF 00-19, *Accounting For Derivative Financial Instruments Indexed to, and Potentially Settled in, a Company's Own Stock*. EITF 07-5 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. We are evaluating the potential impact of EITF 07-5.

In May 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position No. 14-1, *Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments that may be Settled in Cash upon Conversion*. This FSP requires us to separately account for the liability (debt) and equity (conversion option) components of the instrument in a manner that reflects our nonconvertible debt borrowing rate. FSP 14-1 will significantly affect the accounting for convertible debt instruments that require or permit settlement in cash and/or shares at the issuer's option. FSP 14-1 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008 and may not be adopted early. FSP 14-1 must be applied retrospectively to all periods presented. We are evaluating the potential impact of FSP 14-1.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FSP 142-3 *Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets*. It 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 142. This FSP is intended to improve consistency between the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS 142 and the period of expected cash flows used to measure the fair value of the asset under SFAS 141 and other standards. FSP 142-3 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008 and may not be adopted early. We are evaluating the potential impact of FSP 142-3.

In February 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position 157-2, *Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157*. FSP 157-2 delays the effective date of SFAS 157 for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except for certain items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis. This FSP will be effective in the first quarter of fiscal 2010. We believe FSP 157-2 will not have a material impact on our financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 141R, *Business Combinations*. It changes the accounting for business combinations including the measurement of acquirer shares issued in consideration for a business combination, the

recognition of contingent consideration, the accounting for pre-acquisition gain and loss contingencies, the recognition of capitalized in-process research and development, the accounting for acquisition-related restructuring cost accruals, the treatment of acquisition related transaction costs and the recognition of changes in the acquirer's income tax valuation allowance. SFAS 141R is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008 and may not be adopted early.

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The following table presents certain selected financial data as a percentage of total revenue:

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007
Revenue:		
Product and licensing	39.5%	50.2%
Professional services, subscription and hosting	41.5	32.0
Maintenance and support	19.0	17.8
Total revenue	100.0	100.0
Costs and expenses:		
Cost of product and licensing	4.0	5.9
Cost of professional services, subscription and hosting	27.0	23.0
Cost of maintenance and support	3.3	3.8
Cost of revenue from amortization	3.7	2.6
Gross profit	62.0	64.7
Research and development	14.3	14.3
Sales and marketing	28.2	28.7
General and administrative	14.0	12.9
Amortization	8.0	5.9
Restructuring and other charges	1.0	1.1
Total operating expenses	65.5	62.9
Income (loss) from operations	(3.5)	1.8
Other expense, net	(2.5)	(7.3)
Loss before income taxes	(6.0)	(5.5)
Provision for income taxes	5.3	2.4
Net loss	(11.3)%	(7.9)%

Total Revenue

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

Three Months Ended	Dollar	Percent
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	December 31,			
	2008	2007	Change	Change
Mobile-Enterprise	\$ 99.8	\$ 98.3	\$ 1.5	1.5%
Healthcare-Dictation	100.0	77.4	22.6	29.2%
Imaging	17.0	19.3	(2.3)	(11.9)%
Total Revenue	\$ 216.8	\$ 195.0	\$ 21.8	11.2%

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	Three Months Ended			
	December 31, 2008	2007	Dollar Change	Percent Change
United States	\$ 167.4	\$ 140.1	\$ 27.3	19.5%
International	49.4	54.9	(5.5)	(10.0)%
Total Revenue	\$ 216.8	\$ 195.0	\$ 21.8	11.2%

The increase in total revenue was driven by a combination of organic growth and contributions from acquisitions. Healthcare-Dictation revenue increased \$22.6 million, primarily due to contributions from our acquisition of eScription. Imaging revenue decreased \$2.3 million due to a decline in Windows-based software sales and a general decline in corporate spending.

Based on the location of the customers, the geographic split for the three months ended December 31, 2008 was 77% of total revenue in the United States and 23% internationally as compared to 72% of total revenue in the United States and 28% internationally for the same period last year. The increase in proportion of revenue generated in the United States was primarily due to contributions from our acquisitions of Viecore and eScription. The decrease in International revenue was primarily due to a weaker Euro as well as decreased volume with our European enterprise business.

Product and Licensing Revenue

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

	Three Months Ended			
	December 31, 2008	2007	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Product and licensing revenue	\$ 85.6	\$ 97.9	\$ (12.3)	(12.6)%
As a percentage of total revenue	39.5%	50.2%		

The decrease in product and licensing revenue for the three months ended December 31, 2008, as compared to the same period last year, consisted of an \$11.4 million decrease in the volume of mobile-enterprise licenses, which was partially offset by a \$1.6 million increase from Healthcare-Dictation revenue primarily due to contributions from PSRS. Additionally, there was a \$2.6 million decrease in imaging revenue due to a decline in Windows-based software sales and a general decline in corporate spending. As a percentage of total revenue, product and licensing revenue decreased 10.7 percentage points primarily due to changes in revenue mix attributable to the accelerated growth in professional services, subscription and hosting revenue relative to product and licensing revenue.

Professional Services, Subscription and Hosting Revenue

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Professional services revenue primarily consists of consulting, implementation and training services for speech customers. Subscription and hosting revenue primarily relates to delivering hosted, transcription and dictation services over a specified term, as well as self-service, on-demand offerings to carriers and enterprises. The following table shows professional services, subscription and hosting revenue, in absolute dollars and as a percentage of total revenue (dollars in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Dollar	Percent
	December 31,	December 31,	Change	Change
	2008	2007		
Professional services, subscription and hosting revenue	\$ 90.2	\$ 62.4	\$ 27.8	44.6%
As a percentage of total revenue	41.5%	32.0%		

The increase in professional services, subscription and hosting revenue for the three months ended December 31, 2008, as compared to the same period last year, consisted primarily of a \$9.7 million increase in

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Mobile-Enterprise revenue, including contributions from our acquisition of Viecore, and growth in our hosted, on-demand solutions. Additionally, there was an \$18.1 million increase in Healthcare-Dictation revenue, including contributions from our acquisition of eScription and organic growth of our iChart transcription solution. The growth in these organic and acquired revenue streams outpaced the relative growth of our other revenue types, resulting in a 9.5 percentage point increase in professional services, subscription and hosting revenue as a percentage of total revenue.

Maintenance and Support Revenue

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

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Dollar Change	Percent Change
	2008	2007		
Maintenance and support revenue	\$ 41.1	\$ 34.7	\$ 6.4	18.4%
As a percentage of total revenue	19.0%	17.8%		

The increase in maintenance and support revenue for the three months ended December 31, 2008, as compared to the same period last year, consisted primarily of a \$3.2 million increase in Mobile-Enterprise maintenance and support revenue, driven by a combination of organic growth and growth from our acquisition of Viecore, and a \$2.9 million increase related to the expansion of the current installed based our Healthcare-Dictation solutions.

Cost of Product and Licensing Revenue

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

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Dollar Change	Percent Change
	2008	2007		
Cost of product and licensing revenue	\$ 8.8	\$ 11.6	\$ (2.8)	(24.1)%
As a percentage of product and licensing revenue	10.3%	11.8%		

The decrease in cost of product and licensing revenue for the three months ended December 31, 2008, as compared to the same period last year, was due to a reduction in healthcare product costs of \$2.1 million and lower costs related to our imaging and dictation products of \$1.7 million, both as a direct result of lower product revenues. This decrease was partially offset by a \$1.0 million increase in Mobile-Enterprise product costs related to a combination of organic growth and our acquisition of Viecore. Cost of product and licensing revenue decreased as a percentage of revenue

due to a change in the revenue mix towards products with higher margins.

Cost of Professional Services, Subscription and Hosting Revenue

Cost of professional services, subscription and hosting revenue primarily consists of compensation for consulting personnel, outside consultants and overhead, as well as the hardware and communications fees that support our subscription and hosted solutions. The following table shows cost of professional services, subscription

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and hosting revenue, in absolute dollars and as a percentage of professional services, subscription and hosting revenue (dollars in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Dollar	Percent
	December 31,	2007		
	2008			
Cost of professional services, subscription and hosting revenue	\$ 58.5	\$ 44.8	\$ 13.7	30.6%
As a percentage of professional services, subscription and hosting revenue	64.9%	71.8%		

The increase in cost of professional services, subscription and hosting revenue in the three months ended December 31, 2008, as compared to the same period last year, was primarily driven by an increase of \$9.3 million from the acquisitions of Viecore and eScription. Organic revenue growth contributed an additional \$4.4 million of increased costs. As a percentage of revenue, cost of product and licensing revenues decreased primarily due to faster growth in our higher margin hosted, on-demand solutions.

Cost of Maintenance and Support Revenue

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

	Three Months Ended		Dollar	Percent
	December 31,	2007		
	2008			
Cost of maintenance and support revenue	\$ 7.0	\$ 7.4	\$ (0.4)	(5.4)%
As a percentage of maintenance and support revenue	17.2%	21.3%		

The decrease in cost of maintenance and support revenue in the three months ended December 31, 2008, as compared to the same period last year, was primarily attributable to a \$0.9 million reduction in healthcare contractor services, as well as a \$0.2 million reduction in imaging related compensation expense. This was partially offset by a \$0.7 million increase in Mobile-Enterprise related costs primarily attributable to our acquisition of Viecore. As a percentage of total revenue, the cost of maintenance and support revenues decreased primarily due to strong growth and effective cost controls in our core business.

Research and Development Expense

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

	Three Months Ended			
	December 31,	December 31,	Dollar	Percent
	2008	2007	Change	Change
Total research and development expense	\$ 31.0	\$ 27.8	\$ 3.2	11.5%
As a percentage of total revenue	14.3%	14.3%		

The increase in research and development expense in the three months ended December 31, 2008, as compared to the same period last year, was primarily attributable to the increased costs associated our growing research and development infrastructure. As a percentage of revenue, the cost of research and development remained constant as compared to the same period last year.

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

	Three Months Ended		Dollar	Percent
	December 31,	December 31,	Change	Change
	2008	2007		
Total sales and marketing expense	\$ 61.2	\$ 56.0	\$ 5.2	9.3%
As a percentage of total revenue	28.2%	28.7%		

The increase in sales and marketing expense in the three months ended December 31, 2008, as compared to the same period last year, was primarily attributable to a \$4.8 million of increased compensation and other variable expenses, resulting from increased headcount and overall revenue growth. Sales and marketing expense as a percentage of revenue remained relatively flat compared to the same period last year.

General and Administrative Expense

General and administrative expense primarily consists of personnel costs, including overhead, for administration, finance, human resources, information systems, facilities and general management, fees for external professional advisors including accountants and attorneys, insurance, and provisions for doubtful accounts. The following table shows general and administrative expense, in absolute dollars and as a percentage of total revenue (dollars in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Dollar	Percent
	December 31,	December 31,	Change	Change
	2008	2007		
Total general and administrative expense	\$ 30.3	\$ 25.2	\$ 5.1	20.2%
As a percentage of total revenue	14.0%	12.9%		

The increase in general and administrative expense in the three months ended December 31, 2008, as compared to the same period last year, was primarily attributable to increased compensation costs due to higher headcount as a result of our fiscal 2008 and 2009 acquisitions, and increased legal and other professional services, primarily attributable to the acquisition and integration of PSRS.

Amortization of Intangible Assets

Amortization of acquired patents and core and completed technology are included in cost of revenue and the amortization of acquired customer and contractual relationships, non-compete agreements and acquired trade names

and trademarks are included in operating expenses. Customer relationships are amortized on an accelerated basis based upon the pattern in which the economic benefit of customer relationships are being realized. Other identifiable intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. We evaluate these assets for impairment and for appropriateness of their remaining life on an ongoing basis. Amortization expense was recorded as follows (dollars in millions):

	Three Months Ended			
	December 31,	December 31,	Dollar	Percent
	2008	2007	Change	Change
Cost of Revenue	\$ 8.0	\$ 5.0	\$ 3.0	60.0%
Operating Expenses	\$ 17.3	\$ 11.5	\$ 5.8	50.4%
Total Amortization expense	\$ 25.3	\$ 16.5	\$ 8.8	53.3%
As a percentage of total revenue	11.7%	5.9%		

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The increase in amortization of intangible assets for the three months ended December 31, 2008, as compared to the same period last year, was primarily attributable to the amortization of acquired customer relationships from our acquisitions of eScription in May 2008 and PSRS in September 2008.

Restructuring and Other Charges (Credits), Net

In the first quarter of fiscal 2009, we recorded restructuring and other charges of \$2.1 million, of which \$2.0 million related to the elimination of approximately 80 personnel across multiple functions within our company and the remaining amount related to adjustments to fiscal 2008 restructuring programs based on actual payments.

The following table sets forth the accrual activity relating to personnel related restructuring and other charges for the three months ended December 31, 2008, as follows (dollars in millions):

	Personnel	Facilities	Other	Total
Balance at September 30, 2008	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.8	\$ 1.4	\$ 2.6
Restructuring and other charges	2.0			2.0
Cash payments	(1.3)	(0.2)	(1.4)	(2.9)
Balance at December 31, 2008	\$ 1.1	\$ 0.6	\$	\$ 1.7

Other Income (Expense), Net

Other income (expense), consisted of (dollars in millions):

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Dollar	Percent
	2008	2007	Change	Change
Interest income	\$ 1.4	\$ 1.7	\$ (0.3)	(17.6)%
Interest expense	(13.2)	(15.3)	(2.1)	(13.7)%
Other income (expense), net	6.3	(0.6)	6.9	1150.0%
Total other income (expense), net	\$ (5.5)	\$ (14.2)	\$ (8.7)	(61.3)%
As a percentage of total revenue	(2.5)%	(7.3)%		

During the three months ended December 31, 2008, we entered into foreign currency forward contracts to manage exposure on our Euro denominated deferred acquisition payment obligation of 44.3 million related to our acquisition of PSRS. The deferred acquisition payment is due on September 21, 2009. These foreign currency contracts are not designated as hedges under SFAS 133 and changes in fair value of these contracts are reported in net earnings as other income (expenses). For the three months ended December 31, 2008, we recorded \$8.1 million as other income related to these contracts.

Provision for Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes and effective income tax rates were as follows (dollars in millions):

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Dollar	Percent
	2008	2007	Change	Change
Income tax provision	\$ 11.6	\$ 4.6	\$ 7.0	152.2%
Effective income tax rate	(89.7)%	(42.6)%		

The effective tax rate was (89.7%) and (42.6%) for the three months ended December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. The change in the effective tax rate primarily relates to a tax provision charge resulting from an asset purchase tax election made in connection with the eScription acquisition.

The income tax provision of \$11.6 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 includes foreign and state income tax provisions. No tax benefit has been recognized for the U.S. losses as realization is not more likely than

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not. Included in the tax provision is a charge related to the reversal of an \$8.0 million tax benefit recorded in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008. This benefit related to a Massachusetts tax law change, which was previously required to be recorded when the eScription acquisition was treated as a stock purchase and is now reversed as a result of the asset purchase election.

Valuation allowances have been established for the U.S. net deferred tax asset, which we believe do not meet the more likely than not realization criteria established by SFAS 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes* and that are not otherwise offset by deferred tax liabilities. Due to a history of cumulative losses in the United States, a full valuation allowance has been recorded against the net deferred assets of our U.S. entities. At December 31, 2008, we had a valuation allowance for U.S. net deferred tax assets of approximately \$156.0 million. The U.S. net deferred tax assets is composed of tax assets primarily related to net operating loss carryforwards (resulting both from business combinations and from operations) and tax credits, offset by deferred tax liabilities primarily related to intangible assets. Certain of these intangible assets have indefinite lives, and the resulting deferred tax liability associated with these assets is not allowed as an offset to our deferred tax assets for purposes of determining the required amount of our valuation allowance.

Our establishment of new deferred tax assets requires the establishment of valuation allowances based upon the SFAS 109 more likely than not realization criteria. The establishment of a valuation allowance relating to operating activities is recorded as an increase to tax expense. The establishment of valuation allowance related to a business combination is recorded as an increase to goodwill. Our utilization of deferred tax assets that were acquired in a business combination (primarily net operating loss carryforwards) will require the reversal of the tax asset in accordance with the manner in which the deferred tax asset was originally recorded and will vary based upon the business combination whose deferred tax assets are being utilized.

The tax provision also includes state and foreign tax expense as determined on a legal entity and tax jurisdiction basis.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$239.4 million as of December 31, 2008, a decrease of \$22.1 million compared to \$261.5 million as of September 30, 2008. Our working capital was \$59.9 million as of December 31, 2008, as compared to \$133.5 million at the end of fiscal 2008. As of December 31, 2008, our total accumulated deficit was \$259.7 million. We do not expect our retained deficit to impact our future ability to operate given our strong cash and operating cash flows position.

Cash provided by operating activities

Cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended December 31, 2008 was \$80.8 million, an increase of \$39.8 million, or 97%, as compared to net cash provided by operating activities of \$41.0 million for the three months ended December 31, 2007. The increase was primarily driven by the following factors:

An increase in non-cash adjustments of \$8.1 million primarily related to the increase in amortization expense and share-based payments offset by an unrealized gain on foreign currency contracts;

An increase in cash from deferred revenue of \$11.1 million related to new business generated from the recently acquired PSRS business;

An increase in cash from accounts payable and accrued expenses of \$39.1 million primarily attributable to timing of cash payments under our normal operating cycles; and

A decrease in cash of \$9.1 million from prepaid expenses and other assets primarily driven by an increase in deferred project costs related to SNAPin and an increase in other prepaid expenses related to our normal operations.

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Cash used in investing activities

Cash used in investing activities for the three months ended December 31, 2008 was \$96.1 million, an increase of \$73.8 million, or 331%, as compared to net cash used in investing activities of \$22.3 million for the three months ended December 31, 2007. The increase was primarily driven by the following factors:

An increase of \$20.4 million in cash used related to acquisitions, primarily driven by an earnout payment of \$40.2 million in connection with the BeVocal acquisition; and

A cash payment of \$50.0 million to acquire a speech-related patent portfolio and a royalty free paid-up perpetual license to speech-related source code.

Cash provided by financing activities

Cash used in financing activities for the three months ended December 31, 2008 was \$6.1 million, a change of \$126.1 million, as compared to net cash provided by financing activities of \$120.0 million for the three months ended December 31, 2007. The change was primarily driven by the following factors:

A \$131.5 million decrease in cash proceeds from the sale of our common stock as compared to the three months ended December 31, 2007; and

A \$6.2 million decrease in cash payments relating to cash paid to net share settle employee equity awards, due to a decrease in the number of restricted awards that vested in the three months ended December 31, 2008 as compared to the same period in 2007.

Credit Facilities and Debt

Expanded 2006 Credit Facility

As of December 31, 2008, \$655.3 million remained outstanding under our term loan, there were \$16.8 million of letters of credit issued under our revolving credit line and there were no other outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit line. As of December 31, 2008, we are in compliance with the covenants under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility.

As of December 31, 2008, based on our leverage ratio, our applicable margin for the term loan was 1.00% for base rate borrowings and 2.00% for LIBOR-based borrowings. This results in an effective interest rate of 3.44%. No payment under the excess cash flow sweep provision were due in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 as there was no excess cash flow generated in fiscal 2008. At the current time, we are unable to predict the amount of the outstanding principal, if any, that we may be required to repay in future fiscal years pursuant to the excess cash flow sweep provisions. If only the baseline repayments are made, the annual aggregate principal amount of the term loans repaid would be as follows (table in thousands):

Year Ending September 30,	Amount
2009 (January 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009)	\$ 5,025
2010	6,700
2011	6,700

2012	6,700
2013 (maturity)	630,163
Total	\$ 655,288

2.75% Convertible Debentures

As of December 31, 2008, no conversion triggers were met. If the conversion triggers were met, we could be required to repay all or some of the principal amount in cash prior to maturity.

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On January 13, 2009, we entered into a purchase agreement with Warburg Pincus Private Equity X, L.P. and Warburg Pincus X Partners L.P. (together "Warburg Pincus"), pursuant to which Warburg Pincus agreed to purchase, and we agreed to sell, 17,395,626 shares of our common stock at a purchase price of \$10.06 per share and warrants to purchase 3,862,422 shares of our common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$175.2 million. The warrants have an exercise price of \$11.57 and a term of four years. On January 29, 2009, the sale of the shares and the warrants pursuant to the purchase agreement was completed.

We believe cash and cash equivalents on hand, cash flows from future operations as well as the proceeds from the sale of common stock in January 2009 will be sufficient to meet our working capital and contractual obligations as they become due for the foreseeable future. We also believe that in the event future operating results are not as planned, that we could take actions, including restructuring actions and other cost reduction initiatives, to reduce operating expenses to levels which, in combination with expected future revenue, will continue to generate sufficient operating cash flow. In the event that these actions are not effective in generating operating cash flows we may be required to issue equity or debt securities on terms that may be less than favorable.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements, Contractual Obligations**Contractual Obligations**

The following table summarizes our outstanding contractual obligations as of December 31, 2008 (in millions):

Contractual Obligations	Total	Payments Due by Period				
		Remaining Fiscal 2009	Fiscal 2010	Fiscal 2011 and 2012	Fiscal 2013 and 2014	Thereafter
Expanded 2006 Credit Facility(2) 2.75% Convertible Senior Debenture(1)	\$ 655.3	\$ 5.0	\$ 6.7	\$ 13.4	\$ 630.2	\$
Interest on 2006 Expanded Credit Facility(2)	250.0				250.0	
Interest on 2.75% Convertible Senior Debentures(3)	93.9	16.9	22.3	43.9	10.8	
Lease obligations and other liabilities:	41.2	6.8	6.8	13.8	13.8	
Operating leases	96.6	12.5	15.1	26.3	21.5	21.2
Other lease obligations associated with the closing of duplicate facilities related to restructurings and acquisitions	5.7	2.0	1.8	1.6	0.3	
Pension, minimum funding requirement	3.5	0.9	1.3	1.3		
Purchase commitments	4.7	4.7				
Other liabilities assumed(4)	68.1	10.3	14.2	27.9	7.8	7.9

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Total contractual cash obligations \$ 1,219.0 \$ 59.1 \$ 68.2 \$ 128.2 \$ 934.4 \$ 29.1

- (1) Holders of 2.75% Convertible Senior Debentures can require us to repurchase the debentures on August 15, 2014, 2017 and 2022.
- (2) Interest is due and payable monthly, and principal is paid on a quarterly basis. The amounts included as interest payable in this table are based on the effective interest rate as of December 31, 2008 excluding the effect of our interest rate swaps.
- (3) Interest is due and payable semi-annually.

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- (4) Obligations include assumed long-term liabilities related to restructuring programs initiated by the predecessor entities prior to our acquisition of SpeechWorks International, Inc. in August 2003, and our acquisition of the former Nuance Communications, Inc. in September 2005. These restructuring programs relate to the closing of two facilities with lease terms set to expire in 2016 and 2012. Total contractual obligations under these two leases are \$75.1 million. As of December 31, 2008, we have sub-leased a portion of the office space related to these two facilities to unrelated third parties. Total sublease income under the remaining contractual terms is expected to be \$20.1 million, which ranges from \$1.5 million to \$3.9 million on an annualized basis through 2016.

Contingent Liabilities and Commitments

In connection with our acquisition of Phonetic Systems Ltd. we agreed to pay up to \$35.0 million of additional consideration if certain financial and performance targets were met. We notified the former shareholders of Phonetic that these targets were not achieved. Accordingly, we have not recorded any obligations relative to these measures. The former shareholders of Phonetic have objected to this determination and have filed for arbitration.

During fiscal 2008, we amended the earnout provisions set forth in the merger agreement related to the acquisition of Mobile Voice Control, Inc. such that the former shareholders of MVC were eligible to earn the remaining calendar 2007 earnout amount of 188,962 shares, if certain conditions are met at December 31, 2008. As of December 31, 2008, we determined that 188,962 shares had been earned. The total value of the shares was \$3.0 million of which \$1.0 million was recorded to goodwill as incremental purchase price during fiscal 2008, and the remaining \$2.0 million was amortized as compensation expense from May 2008 to December 2008. In November 2008, a second amendment to the MVC merger agreement was signed pursuant to which the earnout period for the calendar 2008 earnout was extended, such that 377,964 and 755,929 shares may now be earned based on the achievement of calendar 2008 and 2009 targets. The stock payments, if any, that are made based on the provisions of this second amendment will be recorded to goodwill, as incremental purchase price. As of December 31, 2008, we have not recorded any obligation relative to the second amendment.

During the three months ended December 31, 2008, we paid \$46.1 million, of which \$40.2 million was paid in cash and \$5.8 million was paid in stock, to the former shareholders of BeVocal to satisfy our contingent earnout obligations as disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008.

In connection with the acquisition of Commissure we agreed to make contingent earnout payments of up to \$8.0 million upon the achievement of certain financial targets for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008, 2009 and 2010. Any payments may be made in the form of cash or shares of our common stock, at our sole discretion. As of December 31, 2008, we have not recorded any obligation relative to these measures.

In connection with our acquisition of Vocada we agreed to make contingent earnout payments of up to \$21.0 million upon the achievement of certain financial targets measured over defined periods through December 31, 2010. Any payments may be made in the form of cash or shares of our common stock, at our sole discretion. As of December 31, 2008, we have not recorded any obligation relative to these measures.

In connection with our acquisition of Multi-Vision we agreed to make contingent earnout payments of up to \$15.0 million upon the achievement of certain financial targets for the period from August 1, 2008 to July 31, 2009. \$10.0 million of the earnout is further conditioned on the continued employment of certain Multi-Vision employees; accordingly, up to \$10.0 million of any earnout payments will be recorded as compensation expense, and up to \$5.0 million will be recorded as additional purchase price and allocated to goodwill. Any payments may be made in the form of cash or shares of our common stock, at our sole discretion. As of December 31, 2008, we have not recorded any obligation or related compensation expense relative to these measures.

In connection with our acquisition of SNAPin, we agreed to make a contingent earnout payment of up to \$45.0 million in cash to be paid, if at all, based on the business achieving certain performance targets that are measurable from the acquisition date to December 31, 2009. Additionally, we would be required to issue earnout consideration to SNAPin option holders. This option earnout consideration, if earned, is payable at our sole discretion, in cash, stock or additional options to purchase common stock. The total value of this option earnout contingent consideration may aggregate up to \$2.5 million, which will be recorded as compensation expense over

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the service period, if earned. These earnout payments, if any, would be payable upon the final measurement of the performance targets. As of December 31, 2008, we have not recorded any obligation or related compensation expense relative to these measures.

Financial Instruments

We use financial instruments to manage our interest rates and foreign exchange risk. We follow SFAS 133, as amended by SFAS 138, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, for certain designated forward contracts and interest rate swaps.

In conjunction with the \$355 million term loan entered into March 31, 2006, we entered into a \$100 million interest rate swap. During the three months ended December 31, 2008, we entered into two additional interest rate swaps. On December 31, 2008, we held three interest rate swap agreements, all of which have been designated as cash flow hedges. These swaps have an aggregate notional amount of \$300 million, interest rates ranging from 2.09% to 5.19% and expire in March 2009, October 2010 and November 2010, respectively. There are aggregate cumulative unrealized losses of \$5.1 million and \$0.9 million as of December 31, 2008 and September 30, 2008, respectively, related to these interest rate swap agreements. These unrealized losses are included in other current and long-term liabilities in our balance sheets with the offset recorded in other comprehensive income (loss).

On December 31, 2008, we entered into foreign currency contracts to hedge exposure on the variability of cash flows in Canadian dollars. These contracts are designated as cash flow hedges and have an aggregate notional amount of 22.4 million Canadian Dollars. The contracts settle each month starting February 11, 2009 through September 11, 2009. There were no cumulative gains or losses as of December 31, 2008.

We also have foreign currency contracts that are not designated as hedges under SFAS 133. Changes in fair value of foreign currency contracts not designated as hedges are reported in net earnings as part of other income (expense), net. During the three months ended December 31, 2008, we entered into foreign currency forward contracts to offset foreign currency exposure on the deferred acquisition payment of 44.3 million related to our acquisition of PSRS, resulting in a gain of \$8.1 million which is recorded in other income (expense), net in the accompanying statements of operations. The foreign currency contracts mature on September 21, 2009.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

Through December 31, 2008, we have not entered into any off balance sheet arrangements or transactions with unconsolidated entities or other persons.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Our exposure to market risk has not changed materially from that disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act)) designed to ensure that information we are required to disclose in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission s

rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by an issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the issuer's management, including its principal executive officer or officers and principal financial officer or officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

We have evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures under the supervision of, and with the participation of, management, including the Chief Executive Officer and

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Chief Financial Officer, as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure on controls and procedures are effective to meet the requirements of Rule 13a-15 under the Exchange Act.

Changes in internal control over financial reporting

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act) that occurred during the fiscal quarter covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Part II. Other Information

Item 1. *Legal Proceedings*

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

Item 1A. *Risk Factors*

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

Risks Related to Our Business

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

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

slowing sales by our distribution and fulfillment partners to their customers, which may place pressure on these partners to reduce purchases of our products;

volume, timing and fulfillment of customer orders;

our efforts to generate additional revenue from our intellectual property portfolio;

concentration of operations with one manufacturing partner and our inability to control expenses related to the manufacture, packaging and shipping of our boxed software products;

customers delaying their purchasing decisions in anticipation of new versions of our products;

customers delaying, canceling or limiting their purchases as a result of the threat or results of terrorism;

introduction of new products by us or our competitors;

seasonality in purchasing patterns of our customers;

reduction in the prices of our products in response to competition, market conditions or contractual obligations;

returns and allowance charges in excess of accrued amounts;

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timing of significant marketing and sales promotions;

impairment charges against goodwill and intangible assets;

in-process research and development expense relating to acquisitions;

delayed realization of synergies resulting from our acquisitions;

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

increased expenditures incurred pursuing new product or market opportunities;

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

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

Due to the foregoing factors, among others, our revenue and operating results are difficult to forecast. Our expense levels are based in significant part on our expectations of future revenue and we may not be able to reduce our expenses quickly to respond to a shortfall in projected revenue. Therefore, our failure to meet revenue expectations would seriously harm our operating results, financial condition and cash flows.

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

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

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

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

difficulty in transitioning and integrating the operations and personnel of the acquired businesses;

potential disruption of our ongoing business and distraction of management;

potential difficulty in successfully implementing, upgrading and deploying in a timely and effective manner new operational information systems and upgrades of our finance, accounting and product distribution systems;

difficulty in incorporating acquired technology and rights into our products and technology;

potential difficulties in completing projects associated with in-process research and development;

unanticipated expenses and delays in completing acquired development projects and technology integration;

management of geographically remote business units both in the United States and internationally;

impairment of relationships with partners and customers;

assumption of unknown material liabilities of acquired companies;

customers delaying purchases of our products pending resolution of product integration between our existing and our newly acquired products;

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entering markets or types of businesses in which we have limited experience; and

potential loss of key employees of the acquired business.

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

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

Under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, we record the market value of our common stock or other form of consideration issued in connection with the acquisition and the amount of direct transaction costs as the cost of acquiring the company or business. We have allocated that cost to the individual assets acquired and liabilities assumed, including various identifiable intangible assets such as acquired technology, acquired trade names and acquired customer relationships based on their respective fair values and also to in-process research and development. Intangible assets generally will be amortized over a five to ten year period. Goodwill and certain intangible assets with indefinite lives, are not subject to amortization but are subject to an impairment analysis, at least annually, which may result in an impairment charge if the carrying value exceeds its implied fair value. As of December 31, 2008, we had identified intangible assets of approximately \$670.2 million and goodwill of approximately \$1.8 billion. In addition, purchase accounting limits our ability to recognize certain revenue that otherwise would have been recognized by the acquired company as an independent business. The combined company may delay revenue recognition or recognize less revenue than we and the acquired company would have recognized as independent companies.

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

We have a significant amount of debt. As of December 31, 2008, we had a total of \$905.3 million of gross debt outstanding, including \$655.3 million in term loans due in March 2013 and \$250.0 million in convertible debentures which investors may require us to redeem in August 2014. We also have a \$75.0 million revolving credit line available to us through March 2012. As of December 31, 2008, there were \$16.8 million of letters of credit issued under the revolving credit line and there were no other outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit line. Our debt level could have important consequences, for example it could:

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

restrict us from making strategic acquisitions or exploiting business opportunities;

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

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

Our ability to meet our payment and other obligations under our debt instruments depends on our ability to generate significant cash flow in the future. This, to some extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive,

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

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

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

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

- incur additional debt or issue guarantees;
- create liens;
- make certain investments;
- enter into transactions with our affiliates;
- sell certain assets;
- redeem capital stock or make other restricted payments;
- declare or pay dividends or make other distributions to stockholders; and
- merge or consolidate with any entity.

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

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

We reported net losses of \$24.6 million for the three months ended December 31, 2008, and \$30.1 million and \$14.0 million for the fiscal years 2008 and 2007, respectively. If we are unable to achieve and maintain profitability, the market price for our stock may decline, perhaps substantially. We cannot assure you that our revenue will grow or that we will achieve or maintain profitability in the future. If we do not achieve profitability, we may be required to raise additional capital to maintain or grow our operations. The terms of any transaction to raise additional capital, if available at all, may be highly dilutive to existing investors or contain other unfavorable terms, such as a high interest rate and restrictive covenants.

Speech technologies may not achieve widespread acceptance, which could limit our ability to grow our speech business.

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

consumer and business demand for speech-enabled applications;

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

continuous improvement in speech technology.

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

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

There are a number of companies that develop or may develop products that compete in our targeted markets. The individual markets in which we compete are highly competitive, and are rapidly changing. Within speech, we compete with AT&T, IBM, Microsoft, Google, and other smaller providers. Within healthcare dictation and transcription, we compete with Spheris, Medquist and other smaller providers. Within imaging, we compete directly with ABBYY, Adobe, eCopy, I.R.I.S. and NewSoft. In speech, some of our partners such as Avaya, Cisco, Edify, Genesys and Nortel develop and market products that can be considered substitutes for our solutions. In addition, a number of smaller companies in both speech and imaging produce technologies or products that are in some markets competitive with our solutions. Current and potential competitors have established, or may establish, cooperative relationships among themselves or with third parties to increase the ability of their technologies to address the needs of our prospective customers.

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

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

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

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

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

Because we operate worldwide, our business is subject to risks associated with doing business internationally. We anticipate that revenue from international operations could increase in the future. Most of our international

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revenue is generated by sales in Europe and Asia. In addition, some of our products are developed and manufactured outside the United States and we have a large number of employees in India that provide transcription services. A significant portion of the development and manufacturing of our speech products are completed in Belgium, and a significant portion of our imaging research and development is conducted in Hungary. We also have significant research and development resources in Aachen, Germany, Montreal, Canada and Vienna, Austria. Accordingly, our future results could be harmed by a variety of factors associated with international sales and operations, including:

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

geopolitical turmoil, including terrorism and war;

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

compliance with foreign and domestic laws and regulations;

negative consequences from changes in applicable tax laws;

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

difficulties in collecting trade accounts receivable in other countries; and

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

We are exposed to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates.

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

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

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

could trigger an impairment of such assets, include the following:

significant underperformance relative to historical or projected future operating results;

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

significant negative industry or economic trends;

significant decline in our stock price for a sustained period;

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

a decline in our market capitalization below net book value.

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

We depend on limited or sole source suppliers for critical components of our healthcare-related products. The inability to obtain sufficient components as required, and under favorable purchase terms, could harm our business.

We are dependent on certain suppliers, including limited and sole source suppliers, to provide key components used in our healthcare-related products. We have experienced, and may continue to experience, delays in component deliveries, which in turn could cause delays in product shipments and require the redesign of certain products. In addition, if we are unable to procure necessary components under favorable purchase terms, including at favorable prices and with the order lead-times needed for the efficient and profitable operation of our business, our results of operations could suffer.

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

We derive revenue from contracts with the United States government, as well as various state and local governments, and their respective agencies. Our sales to government agencies have increased as a result of our acquisitions of Viecore and Dictaphone. Government contracts are generally subject to audits and investigations which could identify violations of these agreements. Government contract violations could result in a range of consequences including, but not limited to, contract price adjustments, civil and criminal penalties, contract termination, forfeiture of profit and/or suspension of payment, and suspension or debarment from future government contracts. We could also suffer serious harm to our reputation if we were found to have violated the terms of our government contracts.

We recently conducted an analysis of our compliance with the terms and conditions of certain contracts with the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA). Based upon our analysis, we voluntarily notified GSA of non-compliance with the terms of contracts entered into by Dictaphone Corporation, which we acquired in March 2006. The final resolution of this matter may adversely impact our financial position.

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

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

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

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

state and federal privacy and confidentiality laws;

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our contracts with customers and partners;

state laws regulating healthcare professionals;

Medicaid laws; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

cause our clients to lose confidence in our solutions;

harm our reputation;

expose us to liability; and

increase our expenses from potential remediation costs.

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

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Risks Related to Our Intellectual Property and Technology

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

Our success and competitive position depend in large part on our ability to obtain and maintain intellectual property rights protecting our products and services. We rely on a combination of patents, copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, confidentiality provisions and licensing arrangements to establish and protect our intellectual property and proprietary rights. Unauthorized parties may attempt to copy aspects of our products or to obtain, license, sell or otherwise use information that we regard as proprietary. Policing unauthorized use of our products is difficult and we may not be able to protect our technology from unauthorized use. Additionally, our competitors may independently develop technologies that are substantially the same or superior to our technologies and that do not infringe our rights. In these cases, we would be unable to prevent our competitors from selling or licensing these similar or superior technologies. In addition, the laws of some foreign countries do not protect our proprietary rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States. Although the source code for our proprietary software is protected both as a trade secret and as a copyrighted work, litigation may be necessary to enforce our intellectual property rights, to protect our trade secrets, to determine the validity and scope of the proprietary rights of others, or to defend against claims of infringement or invalidity. Litigation, regardless of the outcome, can be very expensive and can divert management efforts.

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

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

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

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

provisions under various license arrangements. Any of these could seriously harm our business.

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

Complex software products such as ours may contain errors, defects or bugs. Defects in the solutions or products that we develop and sell to our customers could require expensive corrections and result in delayed or lost revenue, adverse customer reaction and negative publicity about us or our products and services. Customers who are not satisfied with any of our products may also bring claims against us for damages, which, even if unsuccessful, would likely be time-consuming to defend, and could result in costly litigation and payment of damages. Such claims could harm our reputation, financial results and competitive position.

Risks Related to our Corporate Structure, Organization and Common Stock

The holdings of our two largest stockholders may enable them to influence matters requiring stockholder approval.

As of January 31, 2009, Warburg Pincus beneficially owned approximately 26% of our outstanding common stock, including warrants exercisable for up to 14,628,960 shares of our common stock, and 3,562,238 shares of our outstanding Series B Preferred Stock, each of which is convertible into one share of our common stock. As of January 31, 2009, Fidelity was our second largest stockholder, owning approximately 7% of our common stock. Because of their large holdings of our capital stock relative to other stockholders, each of these two stockholders acting individually, or together, have a strong influence over matters requiring approval by our stockholders.

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

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

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

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

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

Future sales of substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market, or the perception that such sales could occur, could adversely affect prevailing trading prices of our common stock and could impair our ability to raise capital through future offerings of equity or equity-related securities. In connection with past acquisitions, we issued a substantial number of shares of our common stock as transaction consideration. We may continue to issue equity securities for future acquisitions, which would dilute existing stockholders, perhaps significantly depending on the terms of such acquisitions. For example, we issued, and registered for resale, approximately 10.6 million shares of our common stock in connection with our recently completed acquisition of SNAPin. No prediction can be made as to the effect, if any, that future sales of shares of common stock, or the availability of shares of common stock for future sale, will have on the trading price of our common stock.

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

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

- authorized blank check preferred stock;
- prohibiting cumulative voting in the election of directors;
- limiting the ability of stockholders to call special meetings of stockholders;
- requiring all stockholder actions to be taken at meetings of our stockholders; and
- establishing advance notice requirements for nominations of directors and for stockholder proposals.

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

None.

Item 3. *Defaults Upon Senior Securities*

None.

Item 4. *Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders*

None.

Item 5. *Other Information*

None.

Item 6. *Exhibits*

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

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the Town of Burlington, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on February 9, 2009.

Nuance Communications, Inc.

By: /s/ Thomas L. Beaudoin

Thomas L. Beaudoin
Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

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Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Incorporated by Reference				Filed Herewith
		Form	File No.	Exhibit	Filing Date	
2.1	Share Purchase Agreement dated September 26, 2008, by and amount Nuance Communications, Inc. and Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V.	8-K	0-27038	2.1	10/3/2008	
2.2	Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among Nuance Communications, Inc., Speakeasy Acquisition Corporation, Speakeasy Acquisition LLC, SNAPin Software, Inc., U.S. Bank National Association, as Escrow Agent, and Thomas S. Huseby, as Stockholder Representative, dated as of August 13, 2008.	8-K	0-27038	2.1	10/3/2008	
2.3	Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among Nuance Communications, Inc., Speakeasy Acquisition Corporation, Speakeasy Acquisition LLC, SNAPin Software Inc., U.S. Bank National Association, as Escrow Agent and Thomas S. Huseby, as Stockholder Representative, dated as of September 24, 2008.	8-K	0-27038	2.2	10/3/2008	
2.4	Purchase Agreement dated as of January 13, 2009 by and among Nuance Communications, Inc., Warburg Pincus Private Equity X. L.P., and Warburg Pincus X Partners, L.P.	8-K	0-27038	2.1	1/16/2009	
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant.	10-Q	0-27038	3.2	5/11/2001	
3.2	Certificate of Amendment of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant.	10-Q	0-27038	3.1	8/9/2004	
3.3	Certificate of Ownership and Merger.	8-K	0-27038	3.1	10/19/2005	
3.4	Certificate of Amendment of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant.	S-8	333-142182	3.3	4/18/2007	
3.5	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant.	10-K	0-27038	3.2	3/15/2004	
4.1	Amended and Restated Shareholders Agreement, dated January 29, 2009, by and					X

	among Nuance Communications, Inc. and affiliates of Warburg Pincus identified therein.				
10.1	Purchase Agreement, dated January 13, 2009, by and among Nuance Communications, Inc., Warburg Pincus Private Equity, X. L.P. and Warburg Pincus X. Partners, L.P.	8-K	0-27038	2.1	1/16/2008
10.2	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement by and between Nuance Communications, Inc., and Paul A. Ricci.				X
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a).				X
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a).				X
32.1	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.				X