

Nuance Communications, Inc.

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

**Form 10-Q**

- QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2007**
- 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 Number)*

**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, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

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

184,592,695 shares of the registrant's Common Stock, \$0.001 par value, were outstanding as of July 31, 2007.

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|   | <b>June 30,<br/>2007</b>                                      | <b>September 30,<br/>2006</b> |
|---|---|-------------------------------|
|   | <b>(Unaudited)</b>  |                               |
|   | <b>(In thousands, except share<br/>and per share amounts)</b> |                               |
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |   |                               |
| Current assets:   |   |                               |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 168,031  | \$ 112,334                    |
| Marketable securities   | 7,846   |                               |
| Accounts receivable, less allowances of \$17,757 and \$20,207, respectively | 131,741   | 110,778                       |
| Acquired unbilled accounts receivable                                       | 8,213   | 19,748                        |
| Inventories, net  | 8,391   | 6,795                         |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets                                   | 15,233  | 13,245                        |
| Deferred tax assets   | 420   | 421                           |
| Total current assets  | 339,875   | 263,321                       |
| Land, building and equipment, net   | 37,018  | 30,700                        |
| Goodwill  | 882,987   | 699,333                       |
| Other intangible assets, net  | 259,826   | 220,040                       |
| Other long-term assets  | 36,650  | 21,680                        |
| Total assets  | \$ 1,556,356  | \$ 1,235,074                  |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>                                  |   |                               |
| Current liabilities:  |   |                               |
| Current portion of long-term debt and obligations under capital leases      | \$ 5,062  | \$ 3,953                      |
| Accounts payable  | 42,490  | 27,768                        |
| Accrued expenses  | 66,757  | 52,674                        |
| Current portion of accrued business combination costs                       | 13,402  | 14,810                        |
| Deferred maintenance revenue  | 67,301  | 63,269                        |
| Unearned revenue and customer deposits                                      | 31,563  | 30,320                        |
| Deferred acquisition payments, net  |   | 19,254                        |
| Total current liabilities   | 226,575   | 212,048                       |

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| Long-term debt and obligations under capital leases, net of current portion  | 436,461             | 349,990             |
| Accrued business combination costs, net of current portion   | 37,991              | 45,255              |
| Deferred maintenance revenue, net of current portion   | 11,286              | 9,800               |
| Deferred tax liability   | 32,161              | 19,926              |
| Other liabilities  | 62,267              | 21,459              |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>   | <b>806,741</b>      | <b>658,478</b>      |
| Commitments and contingencies  |                     |                     |
| Stockholders' equity:  |                     |                     |
| Series B preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 40,000,000 shares authorized; 3,562,238 shares issued and outstanding (liquidation preference \$4,631)  | 4,631               | 4,631               |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 560,000,000 and 280,000,000 shares authorized, respectively; 187,516,138 and 173,182,430 shares issued and 184,364,122 and 170,152,247 shares outstanding, respectively | 188                 | 174                 |
| Additional paid-in capital   | 954,265             | 773,120             |
| Treasury stock, at cost (3,152,016 and 3,030,183 shares, respectively)   | (14,694)            | (12,859)            |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income   | 5,950               | 1,656               |
| Accumulated deficit  | (200,725)           | (190,126)           |
| <b>Total stockholders' equity</b>  | <b>749,615</b>      | <b>576,596</b>      |
| <b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>  | <b>\$ 1,556,356</b> | <b>\$ 1,235,074</b> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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## NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

|   | Three Months Ended                       |           | Nine Months Ended |            |
|---|--|-----------|-------------------|------------|
|   | June 30,                                 |           | June 30,          |            |
|   | 2007                                     | 2006      | 2007              | 2006       |
|   | (Unaudited)                              |           |                   |            |
|   | (In thousands, except per share amounts) |           |                   |            |
| <b>Revenue:</b>   |  |           |                   |            |
| Product and licensing                                   | \$ 74,868                                | \$ 60,535 | \$ 220,931        | \$ 162,271 |
| Professional services, subscription and hosting         | 49,271                                   | 25,099    | 110,078           | 55,071     |
| Maintenance and support                                 | 32,500                                   | 27,462    | 91,113            | 43,035     |
| Total revenue   | 156,639                                  | 113,096   | 422,122           | 260,377    |
| <b>Costs and expenses:</b>                              |  |           |                   |            |
| Cost of revenue:  |  |           |                   |            |
| Cost of product and licensing                           | 9,448                                    | 8,553     | 31,734            | 18,290     |
| Cost of professional services, subscription and hosting | 32,339                                   | 19,824    | 75,458            | 41,846     |
| Cost of maintenance and support                         | 6,973                                    | 6,223     | 20,512            | 9,871      |
| Cost of revenue from amortization of intangible assets  | 3,367                                    | 2,468     | 9,209             | 7,419      |
| Total cost of revenue                                   | 52,127                                   | 37,068    | 136,913           | 77,426     |
| Gross margin  | 104,512                                  | 76,028    | 285,209           | 182,951    |
| Operating expenses:                                     |  |           |                   |            |
| Research and development                                | 19,661                                   | 16,457    | 53,748            | 41,516     |
| Sales and marketing                                     | 46,733                                   | 36,474    | 132,454           | 90,159     |
| General and administrative                              | 19,705                                   | 15,018    | 52,630            | 40,571     |
| Amortization of other intangible assets                 | 6,347                                    | 6,377     | 16,613            | 10,361     |
| Restructuring and other charges (credits), net          | (54)                                     | 67        | (54)              | (1,233)    |
| Total operating expenses                                | 92,392                                   | 74,393    | 255,391           | 181,374    |
| Income from operations                                  | 12,120                                   | 1,635     | 29,818            | 1,577      |
| Other income (expense):                                 |  |           |                   |            |
| Interest income   | 1,384                                    | 1,009     | 4,100             | 2,393      |
| Interest expense  | (9,119)                                  | (7,797)   | (24,301)          | (9,584)    |
| Other (expense) income, net                             | 364                                      | (79)      | (476)             | (861)      |
| Income (loss) before income taxes                       | 4,749                                    | (5,232)   | 9,141             | (6,475)    |
| Provision for income taxes                              | 12,384                                   | 4,168     | 19,740            | 8,524      |

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| Loss before cumulative effect of accounting change | (7,635)    | (9,400)    | (10,599)    | (14,999)    |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change             |            |            |             | (672)       |
| Net loss   | \$ (7,635) | \$ (9,400) | \$ (10,599) | \$ (15,671) |
| <b>Basic and diluted earnings per share:</b>       |            |            |             |             |
| Loss before cumulative effect of accounting change | \$ (0.04)  | \$ (0.06)  | \$ (0.06)   | \$ (0.10)   |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change             |            |            |             |             |
| Net loss per share                                 | \$ (0.04)  | \$ (0.06)  | \$ (0.06)   | \$ (0.10)   |
| <b>Weighted average common shares outstanding:</b> |            |            |             |             |
| Basic and diluted                                  | 180,356    | 167,482    | 173,786     | 162,400     |

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## NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

|   | Nine Months Ended<br>June 30,           |             |
|---|---|-------------|
|   | 2007                                    | 2006        |
|   | (Unaudited)                             |             |
|   | (In thousands, except share<br>amounts) |             |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                                     |   |             |
| Net loss  | \$ (10,599)                             | \$ (15,671) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities: |   |             |
| Depreciation of property and equipment  | 8,521                                   | 6,173       |
| Amortization of other intangible assets   | 25,822                                  | 17,780      |
| Accounts receivable allowances  | 1,199                                   | 953         |
| Share-based payments, including cumulative effect of accounting change          | 33,079                                  | 15,196      |
| Non-cash interest expense   | 3,025                                   | 2,722       |
| Deferred tax provision  | 14,152                                  | 5,681       |
| Normalization of rent expense   | 542                                     | 1,013       |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions:  |   |             |
| Accounts receivable   | 4,265                                   | 6,351       |
| Inventories   | (1,047)                                 | (1,996)     |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets   | (2,999)                                 | 4,001       |
| Accounts payable  | 9,449                                   | 3,613       |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities  | 791                                     | (5,637)     |
| Deferred maintenance revenue, unearned revenue and customer deposits            | 5,470                                   | (8,295)     |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                                       | 91,670                                  | 31,884      |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>                                     |   |             |
| Capital expenditures for property and equipment                                 | (8,987)                                 | (5,154)     |
| Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired                                 | (96,308)                                | (391,232)   |
| Proceeds from maturities of investments   | 494                                     | 29,608      |
| Payments for capitalized patent defense costs                                   | (3,400)                                 | (3,050)     |
| Decrease in restricted cash   | 709                                     |             |
| Net cash used in investing activities   | (107,492)                               | (369,828)   |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>                                     |   |             |
| Payments of notes payable and capital leases                                    | (4,922)                                 | (1,165)     |
| Deferred acquisition payments   | (18,650)                                | (14,433)    |
| Proceeds from bank debt, net of issuance costs                                  | 87,658                                  | 346,032     |
| Purchase of treasury stock  | (1,833)                                 | (1,069)     |
| Repurchase of shares from former MVC stockholders                               | (3,178)                                 |             |

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| Payments on other long-term liabilities   | (8,431)    | (8,620)   |
| Net proceeds from issuance of common stock under employee share-based payment plans                         | 20,176     | 28,076    |
| Net cash provided by financing activities   | 70,820     | 348,821   |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents   | 699        | 56        |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents   | 55,697     | 10,933    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period  | 112,334    | 71,687    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period  | \$ 168,031 | \$ 82,620 |
| <b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</b>  |            |           |
| Cash paid for income taxes  | \$ 2,663   | \$ 2,578  |
| Cash paid for interest  | \$ 21,276  | \$ 6,650  |
| <b>Non cash investing and financing activities:</b>   |            |           |
| Issuance of 8,204,436 shares of common stock in connection with the acquisition of BeVocal, Inc.            | \$ 122,738 | \$        |
| Issuance of 784,266 shares of common stock in connection with the acquisition of Mobile Voice Control, Inc. | \$ 8,300   | \$        |
| Issuance of 4,587,333 shares of common stock upon conversion of convertible debenture                       | \$         | \$ 27,524 |

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(Unaudited)**

**1. Organization and Presentation**

Nuance Communications, Inc. (the Company or Nuance ) offers businesses and consumers competitive and value-added speech, dictation and imaging solutions that facilitate the way people access, share, manage and use information in business and daily life. The Company was incorporated in 1992 as Visioneer, Inc. In 1999, the Company changed its name to ScanSoft, Inc., and changed its ticker symbol to SSFT. In October 2005, the Company changed its name to Nuance Communications, Inc. and changed its ticker symbol to NUAN in November 2005.

On April 24, 2007, the Company acquired BeVocal, Inc. ( BeVocal ), a provider of on-demand self-service customer care solutions that address the unique business requirements of the mobile communications market and its customers (Note 3).

On March 26, 2007, the Company acquired Bluestar Resources Limited, the parent of Focus Enterprises Limited and Focus India Private Limited (collectively Focus ), a provider of medical transcription services with operations in the United States and India (Note 3).

On December 29, 2006, the Company acquired Mobile Voice Control, Inc. ( MVC ), a provider of speech enabled mobile search and messaging services (Note 3).

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. In the opinion of management, these unaudited interim consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position of the Company at June 30, 2007, the results of operations for the three and nine month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, and cash flows for the nine month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006. Although the Company believes that 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 U.S. generally accepted accounting principles has been omitted as permitted by the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The accompanying financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 15, 2006. The results for the nine month period ended June 30, 2007 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, or any future period.

***Reclassification***

Certain amounts presented in the prior periods consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current periods presentation.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and the

disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. On an ongoing basis, the Company evaluates its estimates, assumptions and judgments, including those related to revenue recognition; allowance for doubtful accounts and returns; accounting for patent legal defense costs; the costs to complete the development of custom software applications; the valuation of goodwill, other intangible assets and tangible long-lived assets; accounting for acquisitions; share-based payments; the obligation relating to pension and post-retirement benefit plans; interest rate swaps which are characterized as derivative instruments; income tax reserves and valuation allowances; and

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loss contingencies. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual amounts could differ significantly from these estimates.

***Basis of Consolidation***

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. Intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

***Revenue Recognition***

The Company recognizes software revenue in accordance with Statement of Position ( SOP ) 97-2, Software Revenue Recognition, as amended by SOP 98-9 and all related interpretations. Non-software revenue is recognized in accordance with, the Securities and Exchange Commission's Staff Accounting Bulletin ( SAB ) 104, Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements and SOP 81-1, Accounting for Performance of Construction Type and Certain Performance Type Contracts. For revenue arrangements with multiple elements outside of the scope of SOP 97-2, the Company accounts for the arrangements in accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force ( EITF ) Issue 00-21, Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Elements, and allocates an arrangement's fees into separate units of accounting based on fair value. In select situations, we sell or license intellectual property in conjunction with, or in place of, embedding our intellectual property in software. In general, the Company recognizes revenue when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred, the fee is fixed or determinable, collectibility is probable, and vendor specific objective evidence ( VSOE ) of fair value exists for any undelivered elements. When contracts contain substantive customer acceptance provisions, revenue and related costs are deferred until such acceptance is obtained. The Company reduces recognized revenue for estimated future returns, price protection and rebates, and certain marketing allowances at the time the related revenue is recorded.

When products are sold through distributors or resellers, title and risk of loss generally passes upon shipment, at which time the transaction is invoiced and payment is due. Shipments to distributors and resellers without right of return are recognized as revenue upon shipment by the Company. Certain distributors and value-added resellers have been granted rights of return for as long as the distributors or resellers hold the inventory. The Company has not analyzed historical returns from these distributors and resellers to have a basis upon which to estimate future sales returns. As a result, the Company recognizes revenue from sales to these distributors and resellers when the products are sold through to retailers and end-users. Based on reports from distributors and resellers of their inventory balances at the end of each period, the Company records an allowance against accounts receivable and reduces revenue for all inventories subject to return at the sales price.

The Company also makes an estimate of sales returns from direct customers based on historical experience. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) 48, Revenue Recognition When Right of Return Exists, the provision for these estimated returns is recorded as a reduction of revenue and accounts receivable at the time that the related revenue is recorded. If actual returns differ significantly from the Company's estimates, such differences could have a material impact on the Company's results of operations for the period in which the actual returns become known.

Revenue from royalties on sales of the Company's products by original equipment manufacturers ( OEMs ), where no services are included, is recognized in the quarter earned so long as the Company has been notified by the OEM that such royalties are due, and provided that all other revenue recognition criteria are met.

Revenue from products offered on a subscription and/or hosting basis is recognized in the period the services are provided, based on a fixed minimum fee and/or variable fees based on the volume of activity. Subscription and hosting revenue is recognized as the Company is notified by the customer or through management reports that such revenue is due, provided that all other revenue recognition criteria are met.

When the Company provides maintenance and support services, it recognizes the revenue ratably over the term of the related contracts, typically one to three years. When maintenance and support contracts renew automatically,

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the Company provides a reserve based on historical experience for contracts expected to be cancelled for non-payment. All known and estimated cancellations are recorded as a reduction to revenue and accounts receivable.

Professional services are generally not considered essential to the functionality of the software and are recognized as revenue when the related services are performed. Professional services revenue is generally recognized based on the percentage-of-completion method in accordance with SOP 81-1. The Company generally determines the percentage-of-completion by comparing the labor hours incurred to date to the estimated total labor hours required to complete the project. The Company considers labor hours to be the most reliable, available measure of progress on these projects. Adjustments to estimates to complete are made in the periods in which facts resulting in a change become known. When the estimate indicates that a loss will be incurred, such loss is recorded in the period identified. Significant judgments and estimates are involved in determining the percent complete of each contract. Different assumptions could yield materially different results. When the Company provides services on a time and materials basis, it recognizes revenue as it performs the services based on actual time incurred.

The Company may sell, under one contract or related contracts, software licenses, professional services, and/or a maintenance and support arrangement. The total contract value is attributed first to the undelivered elements based on VSOE of their fair value. VSOE is established by the price charged when that element is sold separately. The remainder of the contract value is attributed to the delivered elements, typically software licenses, which are typically recognized as revenue upon delivery, provided all other revenue recognition criteria are met. When the Company provides professional services considered essential to the functionality of the software, such as custom application development for a fixed fee, it recognizes revenue from the services as well as any related software licenses on a percentage-of-completion basis.

The Company follows the guidance of EITF 01-09, Accounting for Consideration Given by a Vendor (Including a Reseller of the Vendor's Products), and records consideration given to a reseller as a reduction of revenue to the extent the Company has recorded cumulative revenue from the customer or reseller. However, when the Company receives an identifiable benefit in exchange for the consideration and can reasonably estimate the fair value of the benefit received, the consideration is recorded as an operating expense.

The Company follows the guidance of EITF 01-14, Income Statement Characterization of Reimbursements for Out-of-Pocket Expenses Incurred, and records reimbursements received for out-of-pocket expenses as revenue, with offsetting costs recorded as cost of revenue. Out-of-pocket expenses generally include, but are not limited to, expenses related to transportation, lodging and meals.

The Company follows the guidance of EITF 00-10, Accounting for Shipping and Handling Fees and Costs, and records shipping and handling costs billed to customers as revenue with offsetting costs recorded as cost of revenue.

***Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets***

The Company has significant long-lived tangible and intangible assets, including goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives, which are susceptible to valuation adjustments as a result of changes in various factors or conditions. The most significant long-lived tangible and other intangible assets are fixed assets, patents and core technology, completed technology, customer relationships and trademarks. All finite-lived intangible assets are amortized based upon patterns in which the economic benefits of such assets are expected to be utilized. The values of intangible assets, with the exception of goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives, were initially determined by a

risk-adjusted, discounted cash flow approach. The Company assesses the potential impairment of identifiable intangible assets and fixed assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying values may not be recoverable. Factors it considers important, which 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 the Company's overall business;

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significant negative industry or economic trends;

significant decline in the Company's stock price for a sustained period; and

a decline in the Company's market capitalization below net book value.

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

In accordance with SFAS 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*, goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives are tested for impairment on an annual basis as of July 1, and between annual tests if indicators of potential impairment exist. The impairment test compares the fair value of the reporting unit to its carrying amount, including goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives, to assess whether impairment is present. The Company has reviewed the provisions of SFAS 142 with respect to the criteria necessary to evaluate the number of reporting units that exist. Based on its review, the Company has determined that it operates in one reporting unit. Based on this assessment, the Company has not had any impairment charges during its history as a result of its impairment evaluation of goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets under SFAS 142.

In accordance with SFAS 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*, the Company periodically reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in business circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be fully recoverable or that the useful lives of those assets are no longer appropriate. Each impairment test is based on a comparison of the undiscounted cash flows to the recorded value for the asset. If impairment is indicated, the asset is written down to its estimated fair value based on a discounted cash flow analysis. No impairment charges were taken during the nine month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, based on the review of long-lived assets under SFAS 144. The Company may make business decisions in the future which may result in the impairment of intangible assets.

Significant judgments and estimates are involved in determining the useful lives and amortization patterns of long-lived assets, determining what reporting units exist and assessing when events or circumstances would require an interim impairment analysis of goodwill or other long-lived assets to be performed. Changes in the organization or the Company's management reporting structure, as well as other events and circumstances, including but not limited to technological advances, increased competition and changing economic or market conditions, could result in (a) shorter estimated useful lives, (b) additional reporting units, which may require alternative methods of estimating fair values or greater disaggregation or aggregation in our analysis by reporting unit, and/or (c) other changes in previous assumptions or estimates. In turn, this could have a significant impact on the consolidated financial statements through accelerated amortization and/or impairment charges.

***Capitalized Patent Defense Costs***

The Company monitors the anticipated outcome of legal actions, and if it determines that the success of the defense of a patent is probable, and so long as the Company believes that the future economic benefit of the patent will be increased, the Company capitalizes external legal costs incurred in the defense of these patents, up to the level of the expected increased future economic benefit. If changes in the anticipated outcome occur, the Company writes off any

capitalized costs in the period the change is determined. As of June 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006, capitalized patent defense costs totaled \$12.6 million and \$6.4 million, respectively.

***Comprehensive Income (Loss)***

Comprehensive income (loss) consists of net income (loss) and other comprehensive income (loss), which includes current period foreign currency translation adjustments, unrealized gains (losses) related to derivatives reported as cash flow hedges, and unrealized gains (losses) on marketable securities. For the purposes of comprehensive income (loss) disclosures, the Company does not record tax provisions or benefits for the net

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changes in the foreign currency translation adjustment, as the Company intends to reinvest undistributed earnings in its foreign subsidiaries permanently.

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

|   | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |                   | <b>Nine Months Ended</b> |                    |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
|   | <b>June 30,</b>           |                   | <b>June 30,</b>          |                    |
|   | <b>2007</b>               | <b>2006</b>       | <b>2007</b>              | <b>2006</b>        |
| Net loss  | \$ (7,635)                | \$ (9,400)        | \$ (10,599)              | \$ (15,671)        |
| Other comprehensive income (loss):                  |                           |                   |                          |                    |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment             | 1,705                     | 3,118             | 3,661                    | 2,514              |
| Net unrealized gains on cash flow hedge derivatives | 664                       | 731               | 633                      | 731                |
| Net unrealized gain on marketable securities        |                           | 3                 |                          | 40                 |
| Other comprehensive income                          | 2,369                     | 3,852             | 4,294                    | 3,285              |
| <b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>            | <b>\$ (5,266)</b>         | <b>\$ (5,548)</b> | <b>\$ (6,305)</b>        | <b>\$ (12,386)</b> |

***Net Income (Loss) Per Share***

The Company computes net income (loss) per share under the provisions of SFAS 128, Earnings per Share, and EITF 03-06, Participating Securities and Two Class Method under FASB Statement No. 128, Earnings per Share. Accordingly, basic net income (loss) per share is computed by dividing net income (loss) available to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period.

Diluted net income (loss) per share is computed by dividing net income (loss) available to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period plus the dilutive effect of common equivalent shares, which include outstanding stock options, warrants, unvested shares of restricted stock using the treasury stock method and the convertible debenture using the as converted method. 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 25.6 million and 21.6 million shares for the three month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively; and 25.4 million and 21.6 million shares for the nine month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, have been excluded from the computation of diluted net income (loss) per share because their inclusion would be anti-dilutive.

***Accounting for Share-Based Payments***

The Company adopted SFAS 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment, ( SFAS 123R ) effective October 1, 2005. The Company has several equity instruments that are required to be evaluated under SFAS 123R, including: stock option plans, an employee stock purchase plan, awards in the form of restricted shares ( Restricted Stock ) and awards in the form of units of stock purchase rights ( Restricted Units ). The Restricted Stock and Restricted Units are collectively

referred to as Restricted Awards. SFAS 123R requires the recognition of the fair value of share-based payments as a charge against earnings. The Company recognizes share-based payment expense over the requisite service period. Based on the provisions of SFAS 123R the Company's share-based payments awards are accounted for as equity instruments. In connection with the adoption of SFAS 123R, the Company is required to amortize stock-based instruments with performance-related vesting terms over the period from the grant date to the sooner of the date upon which the performance vesting condition will be met (when that condition is expected to be met), or the time-based vesting dates. The cumulative effect of the change in accounting as a result of the adoption

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of SFAS 123R in fiscal 2006 was \$0.7 million. The amounts included in the consolidated statements of operations relating to share-based payments are as follows (dollars in thousands):

|   | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |             | <b>Nine Months Ended</b> |             |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
|   | <b>June 30,</b>           |             | <b>June 30,</b>          |             |
|   | <b>2007</b>               | <b>2006</b> | <b>2007</b>              | <b>2006</b> |
| Cost of product and licensing                           | \$ 3                      | \$ 17       | \$ 15                    | \$ 65       |
| Cost of professional services, subscription and hosting | 962                       | 490         | 2,412                    | 1,199       |
| Cost of maintenance and support                         | 249                       | 186         | 716                      | 298         |
| Research and development                                | 1,887                     | 1,097       | 4,912                    | 3,157       |
| Sales and marketing                                     | 5,338                     | 2,081       | 13,640                   | 4,836       |
| General and administrative                              | 3,686                     | 1,682       | 11,384                   | 4,969       |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change                  |                           |             |                          | 672         |
|   | \$ 12,125                 | \$ 5,553    | \$ 33,079                | \$ 15,196   |

**Stock Options**

The Company has several share-based payment plans under which employees, officers, directors and consultants may be granted stock options to purchase the Company's common stock generally at the fair market value on the date of grant. Plans do not allow for options to be granted at below fair market value nor can they be re-priced at anytime. Options granted under original plans of the Company become exercisable over various periods, typically two to four years and have a maximum term of 7 years. The Company also assumed an option plan in connection with its acquisition of Nuance Communications, Inc. ( Former Nuance ) on September 15, 2005 and BeVocal on April 24, 2007. These stock options are governed by the original option agreements that they were issued under, but are now exercisable for shares of the Company. No further stock options may be issued under these assumed option plans. All stock options have been granted with exercise prices equal to or greater than the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. The table below summarizes activity relating to stock options for the nine months ended June 30, 2007:

|                                   | <b>Number of</b> | <b>Weighted</b> | <b>Weighted</b>    | <b>Aggregate</b> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
|                                   | <b>Shares</b>    | <b>Average</b>  | <b>Average</b>     | <b>Intrinsic</b> |
|                                   |                  | <b>Exercise</b> | <b>Remaining</b>   | <b>Value(1)</b>  |
|                                   |                  | <b>Price</b>    | <b>Contractual</b> |                  |
|                                   |                  |                 | <b>Term</b>        |                  |
| Outstanding at September 30, 2006 | 20,654,083       | \$ 4.80         |                    |                  |
| Granted                           | 2,802,450        | \$ 13.67        |                    |                  |
| Assumed from BeVocal              | 640,284          | \$ 4.93         |                    |                  |
| Exercised                         | (4,555,279)      | \$ 4.27         |                    |                  |

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|                              |            |    |      |           |                  |
|------------------------------|------------|----|------|-----------|------------------|
| Forfeited                    | (463,707)  | \$ | 7.09 |           |                  |
| Expired                      | (94,393)   | \$ | 3.22 |           |                  |
| Outstanding at June 30, 2007 | 18,983,438 | \$ | 6.19 | 5.3 years | \$ 200.1 million |
| Exercisable at June 30, 2007 | 11,122,652 | \$ | 4.24 | 4.8 years | \$ 139.0 million |

(1) The aggregate intrinsic value on this table was calculated based on the positive difference between the closing market value of the Company's common stock on June 30, 2007 (\$16.73) and the exercise price of the underlying options. Stock options to purchase 12,353,613 shares of common stock were exercisable as of June 30, 2006.

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As of June 30, 2007, the total unamortized fair value of stock options was \$37.3 million with a weighted average remaining recognition period of 2.5 years. During the three and nine month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, the following activity occurred under the Company's plans:

|  | Three Months Ended |         | Nine Months Ended |          |
|--|--------------------|---------|-------------------|----------|
|  | June 30,           |         | June 30,          |          |
|  | 2007               | 2006    | 2007              | 2006     |
| Weighted-average grant-date fair value per share               | \$ 8.49            | \$ 5.95 | \$ 7.08           | \$ 5.09  |
| Total intrinsic value of stock options exercised (in millions) | \$ 15.59           | \$ 6.28 | \$ 46.03          | \$ 34.98 |

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model to calculate the grant-date fair value of an award. The fair value of the stock options granted during the three and nine month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 were calculated using the following weighted-average assumptions:

|                                 | Three Months Ended |       | Nine Months Ended |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
|                                 | June 30,           |       | June 30,          |       |
|                                 | 2007               | 2006  | 2007              | 2006  |
| Dividend yield                  | 0.0%               | 0.0%  | 0.0%              | 0.0%  |
| Expected volatility             | 46.3%              | 63.5% | 49.2%             | 63.1% |
| Average risk-free interest rate | 4.6%               | 5.0%  | 4.7%              | 4.7%  |
| Expected term (in years)        | 3.8                | 4.6   | 3.8               | 4.6   |

The dividend yield of zero is based on the fact that the Company has never paid cash dividends and has no present intention to pay cash dividends. Expected volatility is based on the historical volatility of the Company's common stock over the period commensurate with the expected life of the options and the historical implied volatility from traded options with a term of 180 days or greater. The risk-free interest rate is derived from the average U.S. Treasury STRIPS rate during the period, which approximates the rate in effect at the time of grant, commensurate with the expected life of the instrument. Upon the adoption of SFAS 123R, the Company used the simplified method provided for under SEC's SAB 107, which averages the contractual term of the Company's options (7.0 years) with the vesting term (2.2 years). Beginning in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006 the Company has estimated the expected life based on the historical exercise behavior.

**Restricted Awards**

The Company is authorized to issue equity incentive awards in the form of Restricted Awards, including Restricted Units and Restricted Stock, which are individually discussed below. Unvested Restricted Awards may not be sold, transferred or assigned. The fair value of the Restricted Awards is measured based upon the market price of the

underlying common stock as of the date of grant, reduced by the purchase price of \$0.001 per share of the awards. The Restricted Awards generally are subject to vesting over a period of two to three years, and may have opportunities for acceleration for achievement of defined goals. Beginning in fiscal 2006, the Company began to issue certain Restricted Awards with vesting solely dependent on the achievement of specified performance targets. The fair value of the Restricted Awards is amortized to expense over its applicable vesting period using the straight-line method. In the event that the employees' employment with the Company terminates, or in the case of awards with only performance goals those goals are not met, any unvested shares are forfeited and revert to the Company.

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Restricted Units are not included in issued and outstanding common stock until the shares are vested. The table below summarizes activity relating to Restricted Units for the nine months ended June 30, 2007:

|                                   | <b>Number of<br/>Shares<br/>Underlying<br/>Restricted Units</b> | <b>Weighted<br/>Average<br/>Remaining<br/>Contractual<br/>Term</b> | <b>Aggregate<br/>Intrinsic Value(1)</b> |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Outstanding at September 30, 2006 | 2,750,054   |  |   |
| Granted                           | 4,453,237   |  |   |
| Vested                            | (730,128)   |  |   |
| Forfeited                         | (305,234)   |  |   |
| Outstanding at June 30, 2007      | 6,167,929   | 1.4 years  | \$ 103.2 million                        |
| Expected to become exercisable    | 5,429,179   | 1.4 years  | \$ 90.8 million                         |

(1) The aggregate intrinsic value on this table was calculated based on the positive difference between the closing market value of the Company's common stock on June 30, 2007 (\$16.73) and the exercise price of the underlying Restricted Units.

The purchase price for vested Restricted Units is \$0.001 per share. As of June 30, 2007, unearned share-based payment expense related to unvested Restricted Units is \$56.3 million, which will, based on expectations of future performance vesting criteria, when applicable, be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.6 years. 45% of the Restricted Units outstanding as of June 30, 2007 are subject to performance vesting acceleration conditions. During the three and nine month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 the following activity occurred related to Restricted Units:

|  | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2007</b> |          | <b>Nine Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2007</b> |         |
|--|---|----------|--|---------|
| Weighted-average grant-date fair value per share     | \$ 15.99  | \$ 10.66 | \$ 13.73                                       | \$ 9.22 |
| Total intrinsic value of shares vested (in millions) | \$ 0.93   | \$ 1.06  | \$ 9.32  | \$ 3.07 |

Restricted Stock is included in the issued and outstanding common stock in these financial statements at date of grant. The table below summarizes activity relating to Restricted Stock for the nine months ended June 30, 2007:

|   | <b>Number of Shares<br/>Underlying<br/>Restricted Stock</b> |    | <b>Weighted<br/>Average<br/>Grant Date<br/>Fair Value</b> |
|---|---|----|---|
| Nonvested balance at September 30, 2006 | 1,547,341   | \$ | 5.93  |
| Granted and assumed                     | 17,421  | \$ | 8.75  |
| Vested                                  | (368,103)   | \$ | 5.27  |
| Nonvested balance at June 30, 2007      | 1,196,659   | \$ | 6.18  |

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The purchase price for vested Restricted Stock is \$0.001 per share. As of June 30, 2007, unearned share-based payment expense related to unvested Restricted Stock is \$3.0 million, which will, based on expectations of future performance vesting criteria, when applicable, be recognized over a weighted-average period of 11.1 years. 78% of the Restricted Stock outstanding as of June 30, 2007 are subject to performance vesting acceleration conditions. During the three and nine month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 the following activity occurred related to Restricted Stock:

|  | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |             | <b>Nine Months Ended</b> |             |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
|  | <b>June 30,</b>           |             | <b>June 30,</b>          |             |
|  | <b>2007</b>               | <b>2006</b> | <b>2007</b>              | <b>2006</b> |
| Weighted-average grant-date fair value per share     | \$ 11.35                  | \$ 12.19    | \$ 8.75                  | \$ 12.19    |
| Total intrinsic value of shares vested (in millions) | \$ 0.97                   | \$ 0.12     | \$ 5.60                  | \$ 1.48     |

The Company has historically repurchased common stock upon its employees vesting in Restricted Awards, in order to allow the employees to cover their tax liability as a result of the Restricted Awards having vested. Assuming that the Company repurchased one-third of all vesting Restricted Awards outstanding as of June 30, 2007, such amount approximating a tax rate of its employees, and based on the weighted average recognition period of 1.5 years, the Company would repurchase approximately 1.0 million shares during the twelve month period ending June 30, 2008. During the nine months ended June 30, 2007, the Company repurchased 264,866 shares of restricted awards at a cost of \$3.7 million to cover employees tax obligations related to vesting of Restricted Awards.

***Employee Stock Purchase Plan***

The Company's 1995 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the Plan), as amended and restated on March 31, 2006, authorizes the issuance of a maximum of 3,000,000 shares of common stock in semi-annual offerings to employees at a price equal to the lower of 85% of the closing price on the applicable offering commencement date or 85% of the closing price on the applicable offering termination date. Compensation expense for the employee stock purchase plan is recognized in accordance with SFAS 123R. Compensation expense related to the employee stock purchase plan was \$0.5 million and \$1.5 million for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2007, respectively, and was \$0.3 million and \$0.7 million for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2006, respectively.

***Income Taxes***

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect in the years in which the differences are expected to reverse. The Company does not provide for U.S. income taxes on the undistributed earnings of its foreign subsidiaries, which the Company considers to be indefinitely reinvested outside of the U.S. in accordance with Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 23, Accounting for Income Taxes Special Areas.

The Company makes judgments regarding the realizability of its deferred tax assets. In accordance with SFAS 109, Accounting for Income Taxes, the carrying value of the net deferred tax assets is based on the belief that it is more likely than not that the Company will generate sufficient future taxable income to realize these deferred tax assets after

consideration of all available evidence. The Company regularly reviews its deferred tax assets for recoverability considering historical profitability, projected future taxable income, and the expected timing of the reversals of existing temporary differences and tax planning strategies.

Valuation allowances have been established for U.S. deferred tax assets, which the Company believes do not meet the more likely than not criteria established by SFAS 109. If the Company is subsequently able to utilize all or a portion of the deferred tax assets for which a valuation allowance has been established, then the Company may be required to recognize these deferred tax assets through the reduction of the valuation allowance which would result in a material benefit to its results of operations in the period in which the benefit is determined, excluding the recognition of the portion of the valuation allowance which relates to net deferred tax assets acquired in a business combination and created as a result of share-based payments. The recognition of the portion of the valuation allowance which relates to net deferred tax

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assets resulting from share-based payments will be recorded as additional paid-in-capital. The recognition of the portion of the valuation allowance which relates to net deferred tax assets acquired in a business combination will reduce goodwill, other intangible assets, and to the extent remaining, the provision for income taxes.

***Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities***

The Company follows the requirements of SFAS 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, which establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments. To achieve hedge accounting, the criteria specified in SFAS 133, must be met, including (i) ensuring at the inception of the hedge that formal documentation exists for both the hedging relationship and the entity's risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge and (ii) at the inception of the hedge and on an ongoing basis, the hedging relationship is expected to be highly effective in achieving offsetting changes in fair value attributed to the hedged risk during the period that the hedge is designated. Further, an assessment of effectiveness is required whenever financial statements or earnings are reported. Absent meeting these criteria, changes in fair value are recognized currently in other expense, net of tax, in the income statement. Once the underlying forecasted transaction is realized, the gain or loss from the derivative designated as a hedge of the transaction is reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income to the income statement, in the related revenue or expense caption, as appropriate. Any ineffective portion of the derivatives designated as cash flow hedges is recognized in current earnings. As of June 30, 2007, there was a \$100 million interest rate swap (the Swap) outstanding. The Swap was entered into in conjunction with a term loan on March 31, 2006. The Swap was designated as a cash flow hedge, and changes in the fair value of this cash flow hedge derivative are recorded in stockholders' equity as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). The fair value of the Swap was \$0.1 million and was included in other long-term assets in the Company's accompanying balance sheet as of June 30, 2007. The fair value of the Swap was \$0.6 million and was included in other liabilities in the Company's accompanying balance sheet as of September 30, 2006.

***Recently Issued Accounting Standards***

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*. SFAS 159 has as its objective to reduce both complexity in accounting for financial instruments and volatility in earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently. It also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between companies that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities. The statement is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year beginning after November 15, 2007. Early adoption is permitted as of the beginning of the previous fiscal year, provided that the entity makes that choice in the first 120 days of that fiscal year. The Company is evaluating the impact, if any, that SFAS 159 may have on its consolidated financial statements.

In December 2006, the FASB issued EITF 00-19-2, *Accounting for Registration Payment Arrangements*. EITF 00-19-2 specifies that the contingent obligation to make future payments or otherwise transfer consideration under a registration payment arrangement, whether issued as a separate agreement or included as a provision of a financial instrument or other agreement, should be separately recognized and measured in accordance with SFAS 5, *Accounting for Contingencies*. For registration payment arrangements and financial instruments subject to those arrangements that were entered into prior to the issuance of EITF 00-19-2, this guidance shall be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company is evaluating the impact, if any, that EITF 00-19-2 may have on its consolidated financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS 158, Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans, an amendment of FASB Statements 87, 88, 106 and 132(R). SFAS 158 requires an employer to recognize the over-funded or under-funded status of a defined benefit postretirement plan (other than a multi-employer plan) as an asset or liability in its statement of financial position and to recognize changes in that funded status in the year in which the changes occur through comprehensive income. SFAS 158 also requires the measurement of defined benefit plan assets and obligations as of the date of the employer's fiscal year-end statement of financial position (with limited exceptions). Under SFAS 158, the Company will be required to

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recognize the funded status of its defined benefit postretirement plan and to provide the required disclosures commencing as of September 30, 2007. The requirement to measure plan assets and benefit obligations as of the date of the employer's fiscal year-end is effective for the Company's fiscal year ended September 30, 2009. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that SFAS 158 will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In July 2006, the FASB issued Interpretation (FIN) 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes—an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109. FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in a company's financial statements in accordance with SFAS 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. FIN 48 prescribes the recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. It also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. FIN 48 is effective for the Company's fiscal year beginning October 1, 2007. The Company is currently evaluating the effect that the adoption of FIN 48 will have on its consolidated financial statements.

**3. Business Acquisitions*****Acquisition of BeVocal***

On April 24, 2007, the Company acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of BeVocal, Inc., a provider of on-demand self-service customer care solutions that address the unique business requirements of the mobile communications market and its customers. The purchase price was \$197.2 million, which consists of 8,204,436 shares of common stock valued at \$122.7 million and cash in the amount of \$74.5 million payable to shareholders and for transaction costs. Management has assessed probability under SFAS 141 and determined that the payment of contingent consideration is probable. Accordingly, included in this estimated purchase price is \$40.4 million of cash consideration relating to contingent consideration provisions under the merger agreement. The maximum contingent consideration payable is \$60.6 million, including fees payable to an investment bank. The cash related to contingent consideration is payable in October 2008, and is included in other long-term liabilities in the Company's accompanying balance sheet as of June 30, 2007. The results of operations of BeVocal have been included in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations from the date of acquisition. The following table summarizes the preliminary allocation of the purchase price (in thousands):

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Total purchase consideration:                                 |                |
| Common stock issued   | \$ 122,738     |
| Cash  | 70,398         |
| Transaction costs   | 4,058          |
| <br>Total purchase consideration                              | <br>\$ 197,194 |
| <br>Allocation of the purchase consideration:                 |                |
| Cash  | \$ 9,266       |
| Accounts receivable and acquired unbilled accounts receivable | 13,055         |
| Property and equipment  | 3,161          |
| Other current and long-term assets                            | 5,922          |
| Identifiable intangible assets                                | 37,700         |

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Goodwill                              | 140,369    |
| Total assets acquired                 | 209,473    |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | (8,114)    |
| Other liabilities                     | (4,165)    |
| Total liabilities assumed             | (12,279)   |
| Net assets acquired                   | \$ 197,194 |

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Under the provisions of EITF 95-08, Accounting for Contingent Consideration Paid to the Shareholders of an Acquired Enterprise in a Purchase Business Combination, management has determined that \$5.6 million of the contingent consideration estimated currently, will be treated as compensation expense over the periods in which the amounts are earned; in the three months ended June 30, 2007, \$1.0 million of this amount was recognized as additional compensation expense, the remaining \$4.6 million of unearned contingent consideration is included in other assets in the Company's accompanying balance sheet as of June 30, 2007. The remaining contingent consideration of \$34.8 million has been recorded as a component of goodwill. Any changes in the contingent consideration payable will be allocated to goodwill and compensation.

The Company assumed stock options for the purchase of 640,284 shares of the Company's common stock, and 2,866 shares of restricted stock in connection with its acquisition of BeVocal. These stock options and restricted stock are governed by the original equity compensation plan and agreements that they were issued under (the BeVocal Stock Option Plan), but are now exercisable for, or will vest into, shares of the Company's common stock. All assumed options and restricted stock were unvested as of the date of acquisition, and the vesting of these shares has been, and will be, reflected as compensation expense as disclosed in Note 2, Accounting for Share-Based Payments.

Customer relationships are amortized based upon patterns in which the economic benefits of customer relationships are expected to be utilized. 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 (dollars in thousands):

|                               | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Weighted Average<br/>Life<br/>(In years)</b> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Customer relationships        | \$ 30,300     | 6.7   |
| Core and completed technology | 7,300         | 4.6   |
| Non-compete agreements        | 100           | 2.0   |
| Total                         | \$ 37,700     |   |

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*Acquisition of Focus*

On March 26, 2007, the Company acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of Bluestar Resources Limited, the parent of Focus Enterprises Limited and Focus India Private Limited (collectively Focus ) which provides medical transcription services with operations in the United States and India. The purchase price consisted of \$59.3 million in cash, including transaction costs, and the assumption of certain obligations. The results of operations have been included in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations from the date of acquisition. The following table summarizes the preliminary allocation of the purchase price (in thousands):

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Total purchase consideration:             |           |
| Cash                                      | \$ 54,477 |
| Debt assumed                              | 2,060     |
| Transaction costs                         | 2,800     |
| Total purchase consideration              | \$ 59,337 |
| Allocation of the purchase consideration: |           |
| Accounts receivable                       | \$ 3,940  |
| Property and equipment                    | 1,571     |
| Other current and long-term assets        | 932       |
| Identifiable intangible assets            | 23,700    |
| Goodwill                                  | 40,797    |
| Total assets acquired                     | 70,940    |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses     | (2,191)   |
| Deferred income tax liabilities           | (9,008)   |
| Other liabilities                         | (404)     |
| Total liabilities assumed                 | (11,603)  |
| Net assets acquired                       | \$ 59,337 |

Customer relationships are amortized based upon patterns in which the economic benefits of customer relationships are expected to be utilized. 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 (dollars in thousands):

| Amount | Weighted Average<br>Life<br>(In years) |
|--------|--|
|--------|--|

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|                               |           |     |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Customer relationships        | \$ 19,800 | 6.0 |
| Core and completed technology | 2,900     | 7.4 |
| Non-compete agreements        | 1,000     | 6.2 |
| Total                         | \$ 23,700 |     |

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On December 29, 2006, the Company acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of Mobile Voice Control, Inc. ( MVC ), a provider of speech-enabled mobile search and messaging services, for \$12.9 million. The purchase price consisted of \$4.6 million in cash including transaction costs, and 784,266 shares of the Company's common stock valued at \$8.3 million. The results of operations have been included in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations from the date of acquisition. The following table summarizes the preliminary allocation of the purchase price (in thousands):

|   |  |           |
|---|--|-----------|
| Total purchase consideration:             |  |           |
| Common stock issued                       |  | \$ 8,300  |
| Cash                                      |  | 4,104     |
| Transaction costs                         |  | 523       |
| Total purchase consideration              |  | \$ 12,927 |
| Allocation of the purchase consideration: |  |           |
| Current and long-term assets              |  | \$ 79     |
| Identifiable intangible assets            |  | 2,700     |
| Goodwill                                  |  | 10,313    |
| Total assets acquired                     |  | 13,092    |
| Total liabilities assumed                 |  | (165)     |
| Net assets acquired                       |  | \$ 12,927 |

Under the agreement, the Company agreed to make maximum additional payments of \$18.0 million in contingent purchase price upon achievement of certain established financial targets through December 31, 2008. Additional payments, if any, related to this contingency will be accounted for as additional goodwill.

Customer relationships are amortized based upon patterns in which the economic benefits of customer relationships are expected to be utilized. 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 (dollars in thousands):

|                        | Amount   | Weighted Average<br>Life<br>(In years) |
|------------------------|----------|--|
| Customer relationships | \$ 1,300 | 5                                      |
| Completed technology   | 1,100    | 4                                      |
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|                        |          |   |
|------------------------|----------|---|
| Non-compete agreements | 300      | 3 |
| Total                  | \$ 2,700 |   |

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Accounts receivable, excluding acquired unbilled accounts receivable, consisted of the following (in thousands):

|  | <b>June 30,<br/>2007</b> | <b>September 30,<br/>2006</b> |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Gross accounts receivable                                      | \$ 149,498               | \$ 130,985                    |
| Less allowance for doubtful accounts                           | (5,214)                  | (4,106)                       |
| Less reserve for distribution and reseller accounts receivable | (5,781)                  | (9,797)                       |
| Less allowance for sales returns                               | (6,762)                  | (6,304)                       |
| Total  | \$ 131,741               | \$ 110,778                    |

**5. Inventories, net**

Inventories, net of allowances, consisted of the following (in thousands):

|                        | <b>June 30,<br/>2007</b> | <b>September 30,<br/>2006</b> |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Components and parts   | \$ 3,038                 | \$ 2,311                      |
| Inventory at customers | 4,653                    | 3,173                         |
| Finished products      | 700                      | 1,311                         |
| Total                  | \$ 8,391                 | \$ 6,795                      |

Inventory at customers reflects equipment related to in-process installations of solutions of Dictaphone contracts with customers. These contracts have not been recorded to revenue as of June 30, 2007, and therefore the inventory is on the balance sheet until such time as the contract is recorded to revenue and the inventory will be charged to cost of sales.

**6. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets**

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill during the nine months ended June 30, 2007, are as follows (in thousands):

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Balance as of September 30, 2006  | \$ 699,333 |
| Goodwill acquired MVC acquisition | 10,313     |

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|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Goodwill acquired Focus acquisition    | 40,797     |
| Goodwill acquired BeVocal acquisition  | 140,369    |
| Purchase accounting adjustments        | (10,706)   |
| Effect of foreign currency translation | 2,881      |
| Balance as of June 30, 2007            | \$ 882,987 |

Goodwill adjustments during the nine months ended June 30, 2007 were primarily related to the utilization of acquired deferred tax assets.

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Other intangible assets consist of the following (dollars in thousands):

|   | <b>Gross<br/>Carrying<br/>Amount</b> | <b>At June 30, 2007<br/>Accumulated<br/>Amortization</b> | <b>Net<br/>Carrying<br/>Amount</b> | <b>Weighted<br/>Average<br/>Remaining<br/>Life<br/>(Years)</b> |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| Customer relationships                                | \$ 199,404                           | \$ 36,865  | \$ 162,539                         | 7.8  |
| Technology and patents                                | 103,554                              | 39,602   | 63,952                             | 5.2  |
| Tradenames and trademarks, subject to<br>amortization | 6,951                                | 2,995  | 3,956                              | 5.3  |
| Non-competition agreements                            | 1,990                                | 411  | 1,579                              | 5.3  |
| Subtotal  | 311,899                              | 79,873   | 232,026                            |  |
| Tradename, indefinite life                            | 27,800                               |  | 27,800                             | n/a  |
| Total   | \$ 339,699                           | \$ 79,873  | \$ 259,826                         |  |

Amortization expense for the Company's other intangible assets with finite lives was \$9.7 million and \$25.8 million for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2007, respectively, and was \$8.8 million and \$17.8 million for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2006, respectively. Estimated future amortization expense for each of the five succeeding years is as follows (in thousands):

| <b>Year Ending September 30,</b>          | <b>Cost of<br/>Revenue</b> | <b>Other<br/>Operating<br/>Expenses</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---|----------------------------|---|--------------|
| 2007 (July 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007) | \$ 3,395                   | \$ 6,733                                | \$ 10,128    |
| 2008                                      | 13,271                     | 27,595                                  | 40,866       |
| 2009                                      | 12,288                     | 27,222                                  | 39,510       |
| 2010                                      | 11,284                     | 23,433                                  | 34,717       |
| 2011                                      | 10,377                     | 20,616                                  | 30,993       |
| 2012                                      | 7,782                      | 18,081                                  | 25,863       |
| Thereafter                                | 5,555                      | 44,394                                  | 49,949       |
| Total                                     | \$ 63,952                  | \$ 168,074                              | \$ 232,026   |

**7. Accrued Expenses**

Accrued expenses consist of the following (in thousands):

|   | <b>June 30,<br/>2007</b> | <b>September 30,<br/>2006</b> |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Accrued compensation                      | \$ 26,676                | \$ 21,310                     |
| Accrued sales and marketing incentives    | 4,217                    | 4,454                         |
| Accrued royalties                         | 2,285                    | 2,452                         |
| Accrued professional fees                 | 4,526                    | 3,823                         |
| Accrued acquisition costs and liabilities | 4,356                    | 747                           |
| Income taxes payable                      | 7,581                    | 3,857                         |
| Accrued other                             | 17,116                   | 16,031                        |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>\$ 66,757</b>         | <b>\$ 52,674</b>              |

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**8. Deferred and Contingent Acquisition Payments**

In connection with the Company's acquisition of Phonetic Systems Ltd. ( Phonetic ) in February 2005, a deferred payment of \$17.5 million was due and paid in full to the former shareholders of Phonetic on February 1, 2007. Under the agreement, the Company also agreed to make maximum additional payments of \$35.0 million in contingent purchase price upon achievement of certain established financial and performance targets through December 31, 2007, in accordance with the purchase agreement. The Company has notified the former shareholders of Phonetic that the financial and performance targets for the scheduled payments for calendar 2005 and 2006, totaling \$24.0 million, were not achieved. The former shareholders of Phonetic have objected to this determination. The Company and the former shareholders of Phonetic are discussing this matter.

In connection with the Company's acquisition of MVC, it agreed to make contingent payments of up to \$18.0 million upon the achievement of certain financial targets through December 31, 2008, in accordance with the purchase agreement. The Company has not recorded any obligation relative to these measures through June 30, 2007.

In connection with the Company's acquisition of BeVocal, it agreed to make contingent payments of up to \$60.6 million, including amounts payable to an investment banker, upon the achievement of certain financial targets through December 31, 2007, in accordance with the purchase agreement. As discussed in Note 3, the Company has accrued \$40.4 million of this amount as of June 30, 2007. These contingent payments are payable in cash in October 2008.

**9. Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans**

In connection with the acquisition of Dictaphone on March 31, 2006, the Company assumed the assets and obligations related to its defined benefit pension plans, which provide certain retirement and death benefits for former Dictaphone employees located in the United Kingdom and Canada. The Company also assumed a post-retirement health care and life insurance benefit plan which provides certain post-retirement health care and life insurance benefits, as well as a fixed subsidy for qualified former employees in the United States and Canada. Amounts recognized in other assets and liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006 are as follows (in thousands):

|                           | <b>June 30,<br/>2007</b>    |                           | <b>September 30,<br/>2006</b> |                           |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                           | <b>Pension<br/>Benefits</b> | <b>Other<br/>Benefits</b> | <b>Pension<br/>Benefits</b>   | <b>Other<br/>Benefits</b> |
| Prepaid benefit cost      | \$ 2,469                    | \$                        | \$ 2,276                      | \$                        |
| Accrued benefit liability | (7,072)                     | (1,487)                   | (7,450)                       | (1,368)                   |
| Net amount recognized     | \$ (4,603)                  | \$ (1,487)                | \$ (5,174)                    | \$ (1,368)                |



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The components of net periodic benefit cost of the benefit plans for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2007 are as follows (in thousands):

|                                    | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2007</b> |                           | <b>Nine Months Ended<br/>June 30,<br/>2007</b> |                           |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|
|                                    | <b>Pension<br/>Benefits</b>                     | <b>Other<br/>Benefits</b> | <b>Pension<br/>Benefits</b>                    | <b>Other<br/>Benefits</b> |
| Service cost                       | \$ 71   | \$ 26                     | \$ 209   | \$ 79                     |
| Interest cost                      | 304   | 19                        | 896  | 55                        |
| Amortization of net (gain) loss    |   |                           |  |                           |
| Expected return on plan assets     | (310)   |                           | (912)  |                           |
| Amortization of prior service cost |   |                           |  |                           |
| Net period benefit cost            | \$ 65   | \$ 45                     | \$ 193   | \$ 134                    |

The components of net periodic benefit cost of the benefit plans for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2006 (both periods being the same as Dictaphone was acquired on March 31, 2006) are as follows (in thousands):

|                                    | <b>Pension<br/>Benefits</b> | <b>Other<br/>Benefits</b> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Service cost                       | \$ 62                       | \$ 22                     |
| Interest cost                      | 286                         | 14                        |
| Amortization of net (gain) loss    |                             |                           |
| Expected return on plan assets     | (289)                       |                           |
| Amortization of prior service cost |                             |                           |
| Net period benefit cost            | \$ 59                       | \$ 36                     |

**10. Credit Facilities and Debt**

On April 5, 2007, the Company entered into an amended and restated credit facility which consists of a \$441.5 million term loan due March 2013 and a \$75.0 million revolving credit line, including letters of credit, due March 2013 (the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility). As of June 30, 2007, \$440.3 million remained outstanding under the term loan. As of June 30, 2007, there were \$17.3 million of letters of credit issued under the revolving credit line and there were no other outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit line.

The Expanded 2006 Credit Facility contains customary covenants, including, among other things, covenants that restrict the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to incur certain additional indebtedness, create or permit liens on assets, enter into sale-leaseback transactions, make loans or investments, sell assets, make certain acquisitions, pay dividends, or repurchase stock. The agreement also contains customary events of default, including failure to make payments, failure to observe covenants, breaches of representations and warranties, defaults under certain other material indebtedness, failure to satisfy material judgments, a change of control and certain insolvency events. As of June 30, 2007, the Company was in compliance with the covenants under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility.

Borrowings under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility bear interest at a rate equal to the applicable margin plus, at the Company's option, either (a) the base rate (which is the higher of the corporate base rate of UBS AG, Stamford Branch, or the federal funds rate plus 0.50% per annum) or (b) LIBOR (determined by reference to the British Bankers' Association Interest Settlement Rates for deposits in U.S. dollars). The applicable margin for borrowings under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility ranges from 0.50% to 1.25% per annum with respect to base rate borrowings and from 1.50% to 2.25% per annum with respect to LIBOR-based borrowings, depending upon the

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Company's leverage ratio. As of June 30, 2007, the Company's applicable margin was 1.00% for base rate borrowings and 2.00% for LIBOR-based borrowings. The Company is required to pay a commitment fee for unutilized commitments under the revolving credit facility at a rate ranging from 0.375% to 0.50% per annum, based upon its leverage ratio. As of June 30, 2007, the commitment fee rate was 0.5%.

The Company capitalized debt issuance costs related to the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility and is amortizing the costs to interest expense using the effective interest rate method through March 2012 for costs associated with the revolving credit facility and through March 2013 for costs associated with the term loan. As of June 30, 2007, the ending unamortized deferred financing fees were \$9.5 million and are included in other long-term assets in the Company's accompanying balance sheet.

The \$441.5 million term loan is subject to repayment in fair equal quarterly installments of 1% per annum (\$4.45 million per year), and an annual excess cash flow sweep, as defined in the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility, which will be first payable beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2008, based on the excess cash flow generated in fiscal 2007. As of June 30, 2007, we have repaid \$1.2 million of principal under the term loan agreement. Any borrowings not paid through the baseline repayment, the excess cash flow sweep, or any other mandatory or optional payments that the Company may make, will be repaid upon maturity. If only the baseline repayments are made, the aggregate annual maturities of the term loan would be as follows (in thousands):

| <b>Year Ending September 30,</b>    | <b>Amount</b>     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2007 (July 1 to September 30, 2007) | \$ 1,113          |
| 2008                                | 4,450             |
| 2009                                | 4,450             |
| 2010                                | 4,450             |
| 2011                                | 4,450             |
| 2012                                | 4,450             |
| Thereafter                          | 416,975           |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>\$ 440,338</b> |

The Company's obligations under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility are unconditionally guaranteed by, subject to certain exceptions, each of its existing and future direct and indirect wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries. The Expanded 2006 Credit Facility and the guarantees thereof are secured by first priority liens and security interests in the following: 100% of the capital stock of substantially all of the Company's domestic subsidiaries and 65% of the outstanding voting equity interests and 100% of the non-voting equity interests of first-tier foreign subsidiaries, all material tangible and intangible assets of the Company and the guarantors, and any present and future intercompany debt. The Expanded 2006 Credit Facility also contains provisions for mandatory prepayments of outstanding term loans upon receipt of the following, and subject to certain exceptions: 100% of net cash proceeds from asset sales, 100% of net cash proceeds from issuance or incurrence of debt, and 100% of extraordinary receipts. The Company may voluntarily prepay the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility without premium or penalty other than customary breakage costs with respect to LIBOR-based loans.

As noted above, beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2008, the Company may be required to repay a portion of the outstanding principal under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility in accordance with the excess cash flow sweep provision, as defined in the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility. The amount of the payment due in the first quarter of fiscal 2008, if any, is based on the Company's earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, as adjusted in accordance with the terms of the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility. At the current time, the Company is unable to predict the amount of the outstanding principal, if any, that it may be required to repay during the first quarter of fiscal 2008 pursuant to the excess cash flow sweep provisions.

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On June 11, 2007, the Company received a commitment letter from Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Lehman Brothers Inc. and Goldman Sachs Credit Partners L.P. as arrangers, and Bank of America Securities as co-arranger, for a syndicate of lenders under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility. The commitment letter, which expires August 30, 2007, relates to an incremental term loan in the amount of \$225.0 million that would be provided under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility. As of June 30, 2007, the Company had not drawn against the commitment letter.

**11. Accrued Business Combination Costs**

In connection with the acquisitions of SpeechWorks International, Inc. in August 2003 and Former Nuance in September 2005, the Company has assumed obligations relating to certain leased facilities expiring in 2016 and 2012, respectively, that were abandoned by the acquired companies prior to the acquisition date. The fair value of the obligations, net of estimated sublease income, are recognized as liabilities assumed by the Company and accordingly are included in the allocation of the purchase price, generally resulting in an increase to the recorded amount of the goodwill. The net payments have been discounted in calculating the fair value of the obligation as of the date of acquisition, and the discount is being accreted through expected maturity. Cash payments net of sublease receipts are presented as cash used in financing activities in the consolidated statements of cash flows. As of June 30, 2007, the total gross payments due from the Company to the landlords of the facilities are \$79.6 million. This is reduced by \$20.4 million of sublease income and a \$5.0 million present value discount.

Additionally, the Company has implemented restructuring plans to eliminate duplicate facilities, personnel or assets in connection with the business combinations. In accordance with EITF 95-3, Recognition of Liabilities in Connection with a Purchase Business Combination, costs such as these are recognized as liabilities assumed by the Company, and accordingly are included in the allocation of the purchase price, generally resulting in an increase to the recorded amount of the goodwill. As of June 30, 2007, total gross payments due from the Company to the landlords of the facilities are \$2.3 million. This is reduced by \$0.8 million of sublease income. The gross value of the lease exit costs will be paid through fiscal 2009. These gross payment obligations are included in the commitments disclosed in Note 14.

Current activity charged against the accrued business combination costs for the nine months ended June 30, 2007 was as follows (in thousands):

|   | <b>Facilities</b> | <b>Personnel</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Balance at September 30, 2006           | \$ 59,221         | \$ 844           | \$ 60,065    |
| Charged to goodwill                     | 36                | (361)            | (325)        |
| Charged to interest expense             | 1,442             |                  | 1,442        |
| Cash payments, net of sublease receipts | (9,306)           | (483)            | (9,789)      |
| Balance at June 30, 2007                | \$ 51,393         | \$               | \$ 51,393    |
| Reported as:                            |                   |                  |              |
| Current:                                |                   |                  | \$ 13,402    |
| Long-term                               |                   |                  | 37,991       |

Total

\$ 51,393

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**12. Restructuring and Other Charges**

Current activity charged against the restructuring accrual for the nine months ended June 30, 2007 was as follows (in thousands):

|                                    | <b>Facilities</b> | <b>Personnel</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Balance at September 30, 2006      | \$ 530            | \$ 374           | \$ 904       |
| Charged to expense                 | (16)              | (38)             | (54)         |
| Cash payments and foreign exchange | (514)             | (107)            | (621)        |
| Balance at June 30, 2007           | \$                | \$ 229           | \$ 229       |

The remaining personnel-related accrual as of June 30, 2007 is primarily composed of amounts due under a restructuring charge taken in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005.

**13. Stockholders Equity***Preferred Stock*

The Company is authorized to issue up to 40,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share. The Company has designated 100,000 shares as Series A Preferred Stock and 15,000,000 shares as Series B Preferred Stock. In connection with the acquisition of ScanSoft from Xerox Corporation ( Xerox ), the Company issued 3,562,238 shares of Series B Preferred Stock to Xerox. On March 19, 2004, the Company announced that Warburg Pincus, a global private equity firm, had agreed to purchase all outstanding shares of the Company's stock held by Xerox Corporation for approximately \$80 million, including the 3,562,238 shares of Series B Preferred Stock. The Series B Preferred stock is convertible into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis. The Series B Preferred Stock has a liquidation preference of \$1.30 per share plus all declared but unpaid dividends. The holders of Series B Preferred Stock are entitled to non-cumulative dividends at the rate of \$0.05 per annum per share, payable when, and if declared by the Board of Directors. To date, no dividends have been declared by the Board of Directors. Holders of Series B Preferred Stock have no voting rights, except those rights provided under Delaware law. The undesignated shares of preferred stock will have rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions, including voting rights, dividend rights, conversion rights, redemption privileges and liquidation preferences, as shall be determined by the Board of Directors upon issuance of the preferred stock. The Company has reserved 3,562,238 shares of its common stock for issuance upon conversion of the Series B Preferred Stock.

*Common Stock*

On April 24, 2007, the Company issued 8,204,436 shares of its common stock valued at \$122.7 million in connection with the acquisition of BeVocal.

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On March 22, 2007, the Company's shareholders approved an amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of shares of common stock the Company is authorized to issue from 280,000,000 shares to 560,000,000 shares.

On January 26, 2007, the Company repurchased 261,422 shares of the Company's common stock from former MVC stockholders which were originally issued in connection with the acquisition of MVC on December 29, 2006, for a total purchase price of \$3.2 million.

On December 29, 2006, the Company issued 784,266 shares of its common stock valued at \$8.3 million in connection with the acquisition of MVC.

On May 5, 2005, the Company entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement (the "Securities Purchase Agreement") by and among the Company, Warburg Pincus Private Equity VIII, L.P. and certain of its affiliated entities (collectively "Warburg Pincus") pursuant to which Warburg Pincus agreed to purchase, and the Company

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agreed to sell, 3,537,736 shares of its common stock and warrants to purchase 863,236 shares of its common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$15.1 million. The warrants have an exercise price of \$5.00 per share and a term of four years. On May 9, 2005, the sale of the shares and the warrants pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement was completed. The Company also entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement (the "Stock Purchase Agreement") by and among the Company and Warburg Pincus pursuant to which Warburg Pincus agreed to purchase and the Company agreed to sell 14,150,943 shares of the Company's common stock and warrants to purchase 3,177,570 shares of the Company's common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$60.0 million. The warrants have an exercise price of \$5.00 per share and a term of four years. The warrants provide the holder with the option to exercise the warrants on a net, or cashless, basis. On September 15, 2005, the sale of the shares and the warrants pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement was completed. The net proceeds from these two fiscal 2005 financings was \$73.9 million. In connection with the financings, the Company granted Warburg Pincus registration rights giving Warburg Pincus the right to request that the Company use commercially reasonable efforts to register some or all of the shares of common stock issued to Warburg Pincus under both the Securities Purchase Agreement and Stock Purchase Agreement, including shares of common stock underlying the warrants. The Company has evaluated these warrants under EITF 00-19, "Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments Indexed to, and Potentially Settled in, a Company's Own Stock" and has determined that the warrants should be classified within the stockholders' equity section of the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

***Common Stock Warrants***

In fiscal 2005, the Company issued several warrants for the purchase of its common stock. Warrants were issued to Warburg Pincus as described above. Additionally, on November 15, 2004, in connection with the acquisition of Phonetic, the Company issued unvested warrants to purchase 750,000 shares of its common stock at an exercise price of \$4.46 per share that will vest, if at all, upon the achievement of certain performance targets. Based on the Company's assessment of the results relative to the financial and performance measures, warrants to purchase 500,000 shares of common stock have not vested, and will not vest; warrants to purchase 250,000 shares of common stock still may vest depending on future performance. The former shareholders of Phonetic have objected to this assessment. The Company and the former shareholders of Phonetic are discussing this matter. The warrants provide the holder with the option to exercise the warrants on a net, or cashless, basis. The initial valuation of the warrants occurred upon closing of the Phonetic acquisition on February 1, 2005, and was treated as purchase consideration in accordance with EITF 97-8, "Accounting for Contingent Consideration Issued in a Purchase Business Combination."

In March 1999, the Company issued Xerox a ten-year warrant with an exercise price for each warrant share of \$0.61. This warrant is exercisable for the purchase of 525,732 shares of the Company's common stock. On March 19, 2004, the Company announced that Warburg Pincus, a global private equity firm, had agreed to purchase all outstanding shares of the Company's stock held by Xerox Corporation, including this warrant, for approximately \$80 million. In connection with this transaction, Warburg Pincus acquired new warrants to purchase 2.5 million additional shares of the Company's common stock from the Company for total consideration of \$0.6 million. The warrants have a six-year life and an exercise price of \$4.94. The warrants provide the holder with the option to exercise the warrants on a net, or cashless, basis.

In connection with the acquisition of SpeechWorks in 2003, the Company issued a warrant to its investment banker, expiring on August 11, 2011, for the purchase of 150,000 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of \$3.98 per share. The warrant provides the holder with the option to exercise the warrants on a net, or cashless, basis. The warrant became exercisable on August 11, 2005, and was valued at its issuance at \$0.2 million based upon

the Black-Scholes option pricing model. In October 2006, the warrant was exercised to purchase 125,620 shares of the Company's common stock. The holder of the warrant elected a cashless exercise resulting in a net issuance of 75,623 shares of the Company's common stock. As of June 30, 2007, a warrant to purchase 24,380 shares of the Company's common stock remains outstanding.

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Also in connection with the acquisition of SpeechWorks, the Company assumed outstanding warrants previously issued by SpeechWorks to America Online. These warrants allowed for the purchase of up to 219,421 shares of the Company's common stock and were issued in connection with a long-term marketing arrangement. The warrant was exercisable at a price of \$14.49 per share and provided the holder with the option to exercise the warrants on a net, or cashless, basis. The warrant expired on June 30, 2007.

Based on its review of EITF 00-19, the Company has determined that each of the above-noted warrants should be classified within the stockholders' equity section of the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

**14. Commitments and Contingencies***Operating Leases*

The Company has various operating leases for office space around the world. In connection with many of its acquisitions the Company assumed facility lease obligations. Among these assumed obligations are lease payments related to certain office locations that were vacated by certain of the acquired companies prior to the acquisition date (Note 11). Additionally, certain of the Company's lease obligations have been included in various restructuring charges (Note 12). The following table outlines the Company's gross future minimum payments under all non-cancelable operating leases as of June 30, 2007 (in thousands):

| Year Ending September 30,                 | Operating<br>Leases | Leases<br>Under<br>Restructuring | Other<br>Contractual<br>Obligations<br>Assumed | Total      |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|--|------------|
| 2007 (July 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007) | \$ 2,121            | \$ 456                           | \$ 3,093                                       | \$ 5,670   |
| 2008                                      | 8,867               | 1,558                            | 12,780   | 23,205     |
| 2009                                      | 8,089               | 1,432                            | 13,202   | 22,723     |
| 2010                                      | 6,982               | 523                              | 13,639   | 21,144     |
| 2011                                      | 6,137               | 540                              | 14,172   | 20,849     |
| 2012                                      | 5,165               | 557                              | 12,661   | 18,383     |
| Thereafter                                | 16,245              | 332                              | 10,093   | 26,670     |
| Total                                     | \$ 53,606           | \$ 5,398                         | \$ 79,640                                      | \$ 138,644 |

At June 30, 2007, the Company has subleased certain office space that is included in the above table to third parties. Total sublease income under contractual terms is \$24.4 million and which ranges from approximately \$0.9 million to \$3.8 million on an annual basis through February 2016.

In connection with certain of its acquisitions, the Company assumed certain financial guarantees that the acquired companies had committed to the landlords. As of June 30, 2007, the total outstanding financial guarantees related to

real estate were \$17.3 million and are secured by letters of credit issued under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility.

***Litigation and Other Claims***

Like many companies in the software industry, the Company has, from time to time, been notified of claims that it 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, the Company may seek licenses for these intellectual property rights. There is no assurance that licenses will be offered by all claimants, that the terms of any offered licenses will be acceptable to the Company or that in all cases the dispute will be resolved without litigation, which may be time consuming and expensive, and may result in injunctive relief or the payment of damages by the Company.

On April 10, 2007, Disc Link Corporation ( Disc Link ) filed a patent infringement action against the Company in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. Damages are sought in an unspecified

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amount. In this lawsuit, Disc Link alleges that the Company infringes U.S. Patent No. 6,314,574, titled Information Distribution System. On June 28, 2007, the Company entered into a non-exclusive patent license and settlement agreement with Disc Link regarding the actions filed against the Company on April 10, 2007, which resulted in the Company acquiring a license to the technology. The impact of the patent license and settlement agreement, relative to the Company's financial position, and with regard to the future amortization of the acquired patent license in any given period is not material.

On November 8, 2006, Voice Signal Technologies, Inc. ( VoiceSignal ) filed an action against the Company and eleven of its resellers in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (the Court ) claiming patent infringement. Damages were sought in an unspecified amount. In the lawsuit, VoiceSignal alleges that the Company is infringing United States Patent No. 5,855,000 which relates to improving correction in a dictation application based on a two input analysis. The Company believes these claims have no merit and intends to defend the action vigorously. As a result of the Company's pending acquisition of VoiceSignal (Note 18), the Court has stayed the action for an unspecified period of time.

On May 31, 2006 GTX Corporation ( GTX ), filed an action against the Company in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas claiming patent infringement. Damages were sought in an unspecified amount. In the lawsuit, GTX alleged that the Company is infringing United States Patent No. 7,016,536 entitled Method and Apparatus for Automatic Cleaning and Enhancing of Scanned Documents. The Company believes these claims have no merit and intends to defend the action vigorously.

On November 27, 2002, AllVoice Computing plc ( AllVoice ) filed an action against the Company in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas claiming patent infringement. In the lawsuit, AllVoice alleges that the Company is infringing United States Patent No. 5,799,273 entitled Automated Proofreading Using Interface Linking Recognized Words to their Audio Data While Text is Being Changed (the 273 Patent ). The 273 Patent generally discloses techniques for manipulating audio data associated with text generated by a speech recognition engine. Although the Company has several products in the speech recognition technology field, the Company believes that its products do not infringe the 273 Patent because, in addition to other defenses, they do not use the claimed techniques. Damages are sought in an unspecified amount. The Company filed an Answer on December 23, 2002. The United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas entered summary judgment against AllVoice and dismissed all claims against the Company on February 21, 2006. AllVoice filed a notice of appeal from this judgment on April 26, 2006. The Company believes these claims have no merit and intends to defend the action vigorously.

The Company believes that the final outcome of the current litigation matters described above will not have a significant adverse effect on its financial position and results of operations. However, even if the Company's defense is successful, the litigation could require significant management time and could be costly. Should the Company not prevail in these litigation matters, its operating results, financial position and cash flows could be adversely impacted.

***Guarantees and Other***

The Company currently includes indemnification provisions in the contracts into which it enters with its customers and business partners. Generally, these provisions require the Company to defend claims arising out of its products infringement of third-party intellectual property rights, breach of contractual obligations and/or unlawful or otherwise culpable conduct on its part. The indemnity obligations imposed by these provisions generally cover damages, costs and attorneys' fees arising out of such claims. In most, but not all, cases, the Company's total liability under such

provisions is limited to either the value of the contract or a specified, agreed upon amount. In some cases its 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 the Company could be required to make under all the indemnification provisions in its contracts with customers and business partners is unlimited, it

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believes that the estimated fair value of these provisions is minimal due to the low frequency with which these provisions have been triggered.

The Company has entered into agreements to indemnify its directors and officers to the fullest extent authorized or permitted under applicable law. These agreements, among other things, provide for the indemnification of its directors and officers for expenses, judgments, fines, penalties and settlement amounts incurred by any such person in his or her capacity as a director or officer of the Company, whether or not such person is acting or serving in any such capacity at the time any liability or expense is incurred for which indemnification can be provided under the agreements. In accordance with the terms of the SpeechWorks merger agreement, the Company is required to indemnify the former members of the SpeechWorks board of directors, on similar terms as described above, for a period of six years from the acquisition date. In connection with this indemnification, the Company was required to purchase a director and officer insurance policy related to this obligation for a period of three years from the date of acquisition. This three-year policy was purchased in 2003. In accordance with the terms of each of the Former Nuance, Dictaphone and BeVocal merger agreements, the Company is required to indemnify the former members of the Former Nuance, Dictaphone and BeVocal boards of directors, on similar terms as described above, for a period of six years from the acquisition date. In connection with these indemnifications, the Company has purchased director and officer insurance policies related to these obligations covering the full period of six years.

At June 30, 2007, the Company has \$3.6 million of non-cancelable purchase commitments for inventory to fulfill customers' orders currently scheduled in its backlog.

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

The Company has reviewed the provisions of SFAS 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information, with respect to the criteria necessary to evaluate the number of operating segments that exist. Based on its review, the Company has determined that it operates in one segment. Changes in the organization or the Company's management reporting structure, as well as other events and circumstances, including but not limited to technological advances, increased competition and changing economic or market conditions, could result in (a) shorter estimated useful lives, (b) additional reporting units, which may require alternative methods of estimating fair values or greater disaggregation or aggregation in our analysis by reporting unit, and/or (c) other changes in previous assumptions or estimates. In turn, this could have a significant impact on the consolidated financial statements through accelerated amortization and/or impairment charges.

Revenue, classified by the major geographic areas in which the Company's customers are located, were as follows (in thousands):

|               | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |             | <b>Nine Months Ended</b> |             |
|---------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
|               | <b>June 30,</b>           |             | <b>June 30,</b>          |             |
|               | <b>2007</b>               | <b>2006</b> | <b>2007</b>              | <b>2006</b> |
| United States | \$ 126,913                | \$ 86,616   | \$ 329,292               | \$ 184,278  |
| International | 29,726                    | 26,480      | 92,830                   | 76,099      |

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|       |            |            |            |            |
|-------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total | \$ 156,639 | \$ 113,096 | \$ 422,122 | \$ 260,377 |
|-------|------------|------------|------------|------------|

No country outside of the United States composed more than 10% of total revenue.

The following table presents revenue information for principal product lines, which do not constitute separate segments (in thousands):

|         | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             | <b>Nine Months Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |             |
|---------|--|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
|         | <b>2007</b>                            | <b>2006</b> | <b>2007</b>                           | <b>2006</b> |
| Speech  | \$ 140,007                             | \$ 91,488   | \$ 368,469                            | \$ 205,372  |
| Imaging | 16,632                                 | 21,608      | 53,653                                | 55,005      |
| Total   | \$ 156,639                             | \$ 113,096  | \$ 422,122                            | \$ 260,377  |

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No customer composed more than 10% of revenue or accounts receivable for any of the periods ended, or as of, June 30, 2007 or September 30, 2006.

The following table summarizes the Company's long-lived assets, including intangible assets and goodwill, by geographic location (in thousands):

|               | <b>June 30,<br/>2007</b> | <b>September 30,<br/>2006</b> |
|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| United States | \$ 1,070,143             | \$ 865,884                    |
| International | 146,338                  | 105,869                       |
| Total         | \$ 1,216,481             | \$ 971,753                    |

**16. Pro Forma Results**

The following table reflects unaudited pro forma results of operations of the Company assuming that the Dictaphone, Focus and BeVocal acquisitions had occurred on October 1, 2005 (in thousands, except per share amounts):

|                                      | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |             | <b>Nine Months Ended</b> |             |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
|                                      | <b>June 30,</b>           |             | <b>June 30,</b>          |             |
|                                      | <b>2007</b>               | <b>2006</b> | <b>2007</b>              | <b>2006</b> |
| Revenue                              | \$ 159,767                | \$ 122,780  | \$ 450,151               | \$ 372,531  |
| Net loss                             | \$ (9,904)                | \$ (11,869) | \$ (28,493)              | \$ (65,652) |
| Net loss per basic and diluted share | \$ (0.05)                 | \$ (0.07)   | \$ (0.16)                | \$ (0.38)   |

The Company has not furnished pro forma financial information relating to the MVC acquisition because such information is not material to the Company's financial results. The unaudited pro forma results of operations are not necessarily indicative of the actual results that would have occurred had the transactions actually taken place at the beginning of the periods indicated.

**17. Related Parties**

A member of the Company's Board of Directors is also a partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Professional Corporation, a law firm that provides services to the Company. In the nine months ended June 30, 2007 and the fiscal year 2006, the Company paid \$2.7 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, to Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati for professional services provided to the Company. As of June 30, 2007 and September 30, 2006, the Company had \$2.1 million and \$1.9 million, respectively, included in accounts payable and accrued expenses to Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati.

## **18. Pending Business Combinations**

On May 15, 2007, the Company announced that it had entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Voice Signal Technologies, Inc. ( VoiceSignal ), a global provider of mobile voice technology. The VoiceSignal acquisition will extend the Company's solutions and expertise to address the accelerating demand for speech-enabled mobile devices and services that allow people to use spoken commands simply and effectively navigate and retrieve information and to control and operate mobile phones, automobiles and personal navigation devices. The announced estimated aggregate consideration for this acquisition is \$210 million in cash and \$91 million in shares of the Company's common stock. The Company expects the acquisition to close in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007.

On June 21, 2007, the Company announced a definitive agreement to acquire Tegic Communications, Inc. ( Tegic ), a wholly owned subsidiary of AOL LLC and a developer of embedded software for mobile devices. The Tegic acquisition will expand the Company's presence in the mobile industry and accelerate the delivery of a new mobile user interface that combines voice, text and touch to improve the user experience for consumers and mobile professionals. The consideration for this acquisition is \$265 million in cash. The Company expects the acquisition to close in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007.

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**19. Subsequent Events**

On August 7, 2007, the Company announced that it intends to offer, subject to market and other considerations, approximately \$150 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured senior convertible debentures due 2027 through an offering to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The interest rate, conversion terms and put and call rights applicable to the debentures will be determined by negotiations between the Company and the initial purchasers of the debentures. The Company also intends to grant the initial purchasers a 30-day over-allotment option to purchase up to \$30.0 million aggregate principal amount of additional debentures. The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the offering to partially fund its acquisition of Tegic.

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

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

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This quarterly report contains forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include 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 speech and imaging technologies;
- 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 term or comparable terminology. Forward-looking statements also include the assumptions underlying or relating to any of the foregoing statements. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements for many reasons, including the risks described in Item 1A Risk Factors and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report.

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

**OVERVIEW**

Nuance Communications, Inc. is a leading provider of speech-based solutions for businesses and consumers worldwide. Our speech solutions are designed to transform the way people interact with information systems, mobile devices and hosted services. We have designed our solutions to make the user experience more compelling, convenient, safe and satisfying, unlocking the full potential of these systems, devices and services.

The vast improvements in the power and features of information systems and mobile devices have increased their complexity and reduced their ease of use. Many of the systems, devices and services designed to make our lives easier

are cumbersome to use, involving complex touch-tone menus in call centers, counterintuitive and inconsistent user interfaces on computers and mobile devices, inefficient manual processes for transcribing medical records and automobile dashboards overrun with buttons and dials. These complex interfaces often limit the ability of the average user to take full advantage of the functionality and convenience offered by these products and services. By using the spoken word, our speech solutions help people naturally obtain information, interact with mobile devices and access services such as navigation, online banking and medical transcription.

We provide speech solutions to several rapidly growing markets:

*Customer Care.* We deliver a portfolio of speech-enabled customer care solutions that improve the quality and consistency of customer communications. Our solutions, based on network speech technologies, are used to automate a wide range of customer services and business processes in a variety of information and

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process intensive vertical markets such as telecommunications, financial services, travel and entertainment, and government.

*Mobile.* Our mobile speech solutions add voice control capabilities to mobile devices and services, allowing people to use spoken words or commands to dial a mobile phone, enter destination information into an automotive navigation system, dictate a text message or have emails and screen information read aloud. Our mobile solutions, based on technologies that are embedded on devices or delivered through a wireless network, are used by many of the world's leading mobile device and automotive manufacturers.

*Healthcare Dictation and Transcription.* We provide comprehensive dictation and transcription solutions and services that improve the way patient data is captured, processed and used. Our healthcare dictation and transcription solutions, which include our Dictaphone and Dragon NaturallySpeaking offerings, automate the input and management of medical information and are used by many of the largest hospitals in the United States.

In addition to our speech offerings, we provide PDF and document solutions that 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 extensive network of partners to design and deploy innovative speech and imaging solutions for businesses and organizations around the globe. We market and distribute our products indirectly through a global network of resellers, including system integrators, independent software vendors, value-added resellers, hardware vendors, telecommunications carriers and distributors, and directly through our dedicated sales force and through our e-commerce website.

We have built a world-class portfolio of speech solutions both through internal development and acquisitions. We continue to pursue opportunities to broaden our speech solutions and customer base through acquisitions, including the following recently announced transactions:

On June 21, 2007, we announced our intention to acquire Tegic Communications, Inc. a wholly owned subsidiary of AOL LLC and a developer of embedded software for mobile devices. The Tegic acquisition will expand our presence in the mobile device industry and accelerate the delivery of a new mobile user interface that combines voice, text and touch to improve the user experience for consumers and mobile professionals.

On May 15, 2007, we announced our intention to acquire Voice Signal Technologies, Inc. a global provider of voice technology for mobile devices. The VoiceSignal acquisition will extend our solutions and expertise to address the accelerating demand for speech-enabled mobile devices and services that allow people to use spoken commands to navigate and retrieve information and to control and operate mobile phones, automobiles and personal navigation devices, simply and effectively.

On April 24, 2007, we acquired BeVocal, Inc. a provider of hosted self-service customer care solutions that address business requirements of wireless carriers and their customers. The BeVocal acquisition provides us with a portfolio of applications that serve the needs of wireless carriers and their customers and a highly recurring revenue base derived from a software-as-a-service business model.

On March 26, 2007, we acquired Bluestar Resources Limited, the parent of Focus Enterprises Limited and Focus India Private Limited (collectively Focus ), a leading healthcare transcription company. The Focus acquisition complements our Dictaphone iChart web-based transcription solutions and expands our ability to

deliver Web-based speech recognition solutions and to provide scalable Internet delivery of automated transcription.

Our corporate headquarters are in Burlington, Massachusetts and we have offices across North America, Latin America, Europe, and Asia. As of June 30, 2007, we had 3,136 full time employees in total, including 537 in sales and marketing, 531 in research and development, and 306 in general and administrative. Forty-seven percent of our employees are located outside of the United States.

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Nuance was incorporated in 1992 as Visioneer, Inc. under the laws of the state of Delaware. In 1999, we changed our name to ScanSoft, Inc. and also changed our ticker symbol to SSFT. In October 2004, we changed our fiscal year end to September 30, resulting in a nine-month fiscal year for 2004. In October 2005, we changed our name to Nuance Communications, Inc., to reflect our core mission of being the world's most comprehensive and innovative provider of speech solutions, and in November 2005 we changed our ticker symbol to NUAN.

On August 7, 2007, we announced that we intend to offer, subject to market and other considerations, approximately \$150 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured senior convertible debentures due 2027 through an offering to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The interest rate, conversion terms and put and call rights applicable to the debentures will be determined by negotiations between us and the initial purchasers of the debentures. We also intend to grant the initial purchasers a 30-day over-allotment option to purchase up to \$30.0 million aggregate principal amount of additional debentures. We intend to use the net proceeds from the offering to partially fund our acquisition of Tegic.

**CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management 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; allowances for doubtful accounts and sales returns; accounting for patent legal defense costs; the valuation of goodwill, other intangible assets and tangible long-lived assets; accounting for acquisitions; valuing stock-based compensation instruments; assumptions used in determining the obligations and assets relating to pension and post-retirement benefit plans; judgment with respect to interest rate swaps which are characterized as derivative instruments; evaluating loss contingencies; 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.

Additional information about these critical accounting policies may be found in the Management's Discussion & Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006.

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The following table presents, as a percentage of total revenue, certain selected financial data for the periods indicated:

|   | <b>Three Months<br/>Ended June 30,</b> |             | <b>Nine Months<br/>Ended June 30,</b> |             |
|---|--|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2007</b>                            | <b>2006</b> | <b>2007</b>                           | <b>2006</b> |
| Revenue:  |  |             |                                       |             |
| Product and licensing                                   | 47.8%                                  | 53.5%       | 52.3%                                 | 62.3%       |
| Professional services, subscription and hosting         | 31.5                                   | 22.2        | 26.1                                  | 21.2        |
| Maintenance and support                                 | 20.7                                   | 24.3        | 21.6                                  | 16.5        |
| Total revenue   | 100.0                                  | 100.0       | 100.0                                 | 100.0       |
| Costs and expenses:                                     |  |             |                                       |             |
| Cost of product and licensing                           | 6.0                                    | 7.6         | 7.5                                   | 7.0         |
| Cost of professional services, subscription and hosting | 20.6                                   | 17.5        | 17.9                                  | 16.1        |
| Cost of maintenance and support                         | 4.5                                    | 5.5         | 4.9                                   | 3.8         |
| Cost of revenue from amortization of intangible assets  | 2.1                                    | 2.2         | 2.2                                   | 2.8         |
| Gross margin  | 66.8                                   | 67.2        | 67.5                                  | 70.3        |
| Research and development                                | 12.6                                   | 14.6        | 12.7                                  | 15.9        |
| Sales and marketing                                     | 29.8                                   | 32.2        | 31.3                                  | 34.6        |
| General and administrative                              | 12.6                                   | 13.3        | 12.5                                  | 15.6        |
| Amortization of other intangible assets                 | 4.1                                    | 5.6         | 3.9                                   | 4.0         |
| Restructuring and other charges, net                    |  | 0.1         |                                       | (0.5)       |
| Total operating expenses                                | 59.1                                   | 65.8        | 60.4                                  | 69.6        |
| Income from operations                                  | 7.7                                    | 1.4         | 7.1                                   | 0.7         |
| Other expense, net                                      | (4.7)                                  | (6.1)       | (4.9)                                 | (3.1)       |
| Income (loss) before income taxes                       | 3.0                                    | (4.7)       | 2.2                                   | (2.4)       |
| Provision for income taxes                              | 7.9                                    | 3.7         | 4.7                                   | 3.3         |
| Loss before cumulative effect of accounting changes     | (4.9)                                  | (8.4)       | (2.5)                                 | (5.7)       |
| Cumulative effect of accounting change                  |  |             |                                       | (0.3)       |
| Net loss  | (4.9)%                                 | (8.4)%      | (2.5)%                                | (6.0)%      |

**Total Revenue**

The following table shows total revenue by geographic location, based on the location of our customers, in absolute dollars and percentage change (dollars in millions):

|               | <b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b> |             |                          |                           | <b>Nine Months Ended June 30,</b> |             |                          |                           |
|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|               | <b>2007</b>                        | <b>2006</b> | <b>Dollar<br/>Change</b> | <b>Percent<br/>Change</b> | <b>2007</b>                       | <b>2006</b> | <b>Dollar<br/>Change</b> | <b>Percent<br/>Change</b> |
| United States | \$ 126.9                           | \$ 86.6     | \$ 40.3                  | 47%                       | \$ 329.3                          | \$ 184.3    | \$ 145.0                 | 79%                       |
| International | 29.7                               | 26.5        | 3.2                      | 12%                       | 92.8                              | 76.1        | 16.7                     | 22%                       |
| Total revenue | \$ 156.6                           | \$ 113.1    | \$ 43.5                  | 38%                       | \$ 422.1                          | \$ 260.4    | \$ 161.7                 | 62%                       |

The increase in total revenue for the three months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was primarily due to a \$29.4 million, or 26%, increase in organic revenue; and to a lesser extent to \$14.1 million of revenue related to the acquisitions of BeVocal and Focus. Included in this organic growth, network

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revenue increased by 20%, dictation and transcription revenue increased 28%, embedded revenue increased by 46% offset by a decrease in imaging revenue of 23%.

Based on the location of our customers, the geographic split for the three months ended June 30, 2007 was 81% of total revenue in the United States and 19% internationally. This compares to 77% of total revenue in the United States and 23% internationally for the three months ended June 30, 2006. The increase in percentage of revenue generated in the United States was due to revenue related to the BeVocal and Focus acquisitions, which generate revenue primarily in the United States.

The increase in total revenue for the nine months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006 was primarily due to \$118.9 million of revenue related to our acquisitions of Dictaphone, BeVocal and Focus, and to a lesser extent was due to increases in network revenue, dictation revenue, embedded revenue and imaging revenue.

Based on the location of our customers, the geographic split for the nine months ended June 30, 2007 was 78% of total revenue in the United States and 22% internationally. This compares to 71% of total revenue in the United States and 29% internationally for the nine months ended June 30, 2006. The increase in percentage of revenue generated in the United States was largely due to revenue related to the acquisitions of Dictaphone, BeVocal and Focus, which generate revenue primarily in the United States.

**Product and Licensing Revenue**

Product and licensing revenue primarily consists of sales and licenses of speech and imaging products and 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 June 30, |         |               |                | Nine Months Ended June 30, |          |               |                |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------|----------------|
|                                  | 2007                        | 2006    | Dollar Change | Percent Change | 2007                       | 2006     | Dollar Change | Percent Change |
| Product and licensing revenue    | \$ 74.9                     | \$ 60.5 | \$ 14.4       | 24%            | \$ 220.9                   | \$ 162.3 | \$ 58.6       | 36%            |
| As a percentage of total revenue | 48%                         | 54%     |               |                | 52%                        | 62%      |               |                |

The increase in product and licensing revenue for the three months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was due to organic revenue growth in our speech related products. Speech related product and licensing revenue increased \$19.4 million, or 50%, for the three months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006. The growth in speech revenue resulted from the growth in Dictaphone product revenue primarily as a result of decreased effects of purchase accounting, as well as increased sales of our dictation products, embedded products, and networked-based products. Product and licensing revenue from our imaging products decreased by \$5.1 million, or 24%. A 32% increase in the sales of our PDF products was offset by the decreased sales of our OmniPage products ahead of a launch in the fourth fiscal quarter of 2007 along with a general decrease in PaperPort revenue versus the same period last year.

Due to a change in revenue mix driven primarily by the growth of services revenue of the acquired companies of BeVocal and Focus, product and licensing revenue as a percentage of total revenue declined by 6% for the three month period ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006.

The increase in speech related product and licensing revenue for the nine months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was primarily due to \$31.2 million of revenue attributable to the acquisition of Dictaphone. Speech related product and licensing revenue increased \$60.5 million, or 56%, for the nine months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006. The growth in speech revenue resulted from the acquisition of Dictaphone, as well as increased sales of our dictation products, embedded products and networked-based products. Product and licensing revenue from our imaging products decreased by \$1.8 million, or 3%, due to decreased sales of our Omnipage and PaperPort product families. PDF products continue to perform well with a 36% growth in the nine months ended June 30, 2007 as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006.

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Due to a change in revenue mix driven primarily by the growth of services and maintenance and support revenue of the acquired companies of Dictaphone, BeVocal, and Focus, product and licensing revenue as a percentage of total revenue declined 10% for the nine month period ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006.

**Professional Services, Subscription and Hosting Revenue**

Professional services revenue primarily consists of consulting, implementation and training services for speech customers. Subscription and hosting revenue primarily relates to delivering hosted and on-site directory assistance and transcription and dictation services over a specified term. 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 June 30, |         |                  |                   | Nine Months Ended June 30, |         |                  |                   |
|---|-----------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|
|   | 2007                        | 2006    | Dollar<br>Change | Percent<br>Change | 2007                       | 2006    | Dollar<br>Change | Percent<br>Change |
| Professional services,<br>subscription and hosting<br>revenue | \$ 49.3                     | \$ 25.1 | \$ 24.2          | 96%               | \$ 110.1                   | \$ 55.1 | \$ 55.0          | 100%              |
| As a percentage of total<br>revenue                           | 32%                         | 22%     |                  |                   | 26%                        | 21%     |                  |                   |

The increase in professional services, subscription and hosting revenue for the three months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was primarily due to a \$14.1 million increase in revenue attributable to our acquisitions of BeVocal and Focus. The remaining increase of \$10.1 million is primarily attributable to growth in the legacy Dictaphone, network and embedded consulting services.

The increase in professional services revenue for the nine months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was primarily due to a \$45.3 million increase in revenue attributable to our acquisitions of Dictaphone, BeVocal and Focus. The remaining increase is primarily attributable to an increase in combined network and embedded consulting services.

**Maintenance and Support Revenue**

Maintenance and support revenue primarily consists of technical support and maintenance service for speech products including network, embedded and dictation and transcription products. The following table shows maintenance and support revenue in absolute dollars and as a percentage of total revenue (dollars in millions):

|                                    | Three Months Ended June 30, |         |                  |                   | Nine Months Ended June 30, |         |                  |                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|
|                                    | 2007                        | 2006    | Dollar<br>Change | Percent<br>Change | 2007                       | 2006    | Dollar<br>Change | Percent<br>Change |
| Maintenance and support<br>revenue | \$ 32.5                     | \$ 27.5 | \$ 5.0           | 18%               | \$ 91.1                    | \$ 43.0 | \$ 48.1          | 112%              |

|                                     |     |     |     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| As a percentage of total<br>revenue | 21% | 24% | 22% | 17% |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

The increase in maintenance and support revenue for the three months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30 2006, was primarily due to a \$5.0 million increase in revenue attributable to organic growth in Network and in Dictaphone, both of which have a significant number of maintenance and support contracts.

The increase in maintenance and support revenue for the nine months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was primarily due to a \$42.3 million increase in revenue attributable to the acquisition of Dictaphone, which has a significant number of maintenance and support contracts. The remaining \$5.8 million increase in maintenance and support revenue is primarily attributable to an increase in network maintenance and support contracts.

**Table of Contents****Cost of Product and Licensing Revenue**

Cost of product and licensing revenue primarily consists of material and fulfillment costs, manufacturing and operations costs, third-party royalty expenses, and share-based payments. 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 June 30, |        |               |                | Nine Months Ended June 30, |         |               |                |
|--|-----------------------------|--------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------|---------------|----------------|
|  | 2007                        | 2006   | Dollar Change | Percent Change | 2007                       | 2006    | Dollar Change | Percent Change |
| Cost of product and licensing revenue            | \$ 9.4                      | \$ 8.6 | \$ 0.8        | 9%             | \$ 31.7                    | \$ 18.3 | \$ 13.4       | 73%            |
| As a percentage of product and licensing revenue | 13%                         | 14%    |               |                | 14%                        | 11%     |               |                |

The increase in cost of product and licensing revenue for the three months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was due to a general increase in the product and licensing costs as it relates to increases in the product and licenses revenue. As a percentage of product and licensing revenue, cost of revenue decreased by 1% for the three months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006. This slight decrease in cost as a percentage of revenue was due to the change in product mix.

The increase in cost of product and licensing revenue for the nine months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was primarily due to the acquisition of Dictaphone. Excluding this acquisition, cost of product and licensing revenue increased \$3.6 million, or 24%. As a percentage of product and licensing revenue, cost of revenue increased 3% for the nine months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006. The increase was largely due to the change in product mix.

**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, overhead, and share-based payments, as well as the hardware and communications fees that support our subscription and hosted solutions. The following table shows cost of professional services, subscription and hosting revenue, in absolute dollars and as a percentage of professional services, subscription and hosting revenue (dollars in millions):

|   | Three Months Ended June 30, |         |               |                | Nine Months Ended June 30, |         |               |                |
|---|-----------------------------|---------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------|---------------|----------------|
|   | 2007                        | 2006    | Dollar Change | Percent Change | 2007                       | 2006    | Dollar Change | Percent Change |
| Cost of professional services, subscription and hosting revenue | \$ 32.3                     | \$ 19.8 | \$ 12.5       | 63%            | \$ 75.5                    | \$ 41.8 | \$ 33.7       | 81%            |
| As a percentage of professional services,                       | 66%                         | 79%     |               |                | 69%                        | 76%     |               |                |

subscription and hosting  
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The increase in cost of professional services, subscription and hosting revenue for the three months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was primarily due to a \$7.9 million increase in costs attributable to the acquisition of BeVocal and Focus. Excluding the impact of these acquisitions, cost of professional services, subscription and hosting revenue increased \$4.4 million due to compensation related expense for increased headcount, outside services, and transcription fees. The improvement in margin in the fiscal 2007 period was partially derived from greater efficiencies in the utilization of the professional services teams and infrastructures as the revenue base has grown.

The increase in cost of professional services, subscription and hosting revenue for the nine months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was primarily due to a \$24.2 million increase in cost attributable to the acquisition of Dictaphone, which has a large subscription-based licensing and hosted application customer base, and \$8.0 million increase in costs attributable to the acquisition of BeVocal and Focus. Excluding the impact of these acquisitions, cost of professional services, subscription and hosting revenue increased \$1.1 million due to compensation related expense for increased headcount and outside services. The

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improvement in margin in the fiscal 2007 period was partially derived from greater efficiencies in the utilization of the professional services teams and infrastructures as the revenue base has grown.

**Cost of Maintenance and Support Revenue**

Cost of maintenance and support revenue primarily consists of compensation for product support personnel and overhead, as well as share-based payments. 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):

|  | <b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b> |             |                          |                           | <b>Nine Months Ended June 30,</b> |             |                          |                           |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|  | <b>2007</b>                        | <b>2006</b> | <b>Dollar<br/>Change</b> | <b>Percent<br/>Change</b> | <b>2007</b>                       | <b>2006</b> | <b>Dollar<br/>Change</b> | <b>Percent<br/>Change</b> |
| Cost of maintenance and support revenue            | \$ 7.0                             | \$ 6.2      | \$ 0.8                   | 13%                       | \$ 20.5                           | \$ 9.9      | \$ 10.6                  | 107%                      |
| As a percentage of maintenance and support revenue | 21%                                | 23%         |                          |                           | 23%                               | 23%         |                          |                           |

The increase in cost of maintenance and support revenue for the three months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was primarily due to an increase in compensation related expense for increased headcount to support the larger revenue base.

The increase in cost of maintenance and support revenue for the nine months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was primarily due to an \$8.9 million increase in costs attributable to the acquisition of Dictaphone, which has a significant number of maintenance and support contracts. Excluding the impact of this acquisition cost of maintenance and support revenue increased \$2.0 million due to compensation related expense for increased headcount and outside services.

**Cost of Revenue from Amortization of Intangible Assets**

Cost of revenue from amortization of intangible assets consists of the amortization of acquired patents and core and completed technology using the straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. We evaluate the recoverability of intangible assets periodically or whenever events or changes in business circumstances indicate that the carrying value of our intangible assets may not be recoverable. The following table shows cost of revenue from amortization of intangible assets in absolute dollars and as a percentage of total revenue (dollars in millions):

|  | <b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b> |             |                          |                           | <b>Nine Months Ended June 30,</b> |             |                          |                           |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|  | <b>2007</b>                        | <b>2006</b> | <b>Dollar<br/>Change</b> | <b>Percent<br/>Change</b> | <b>2007</b>                       | <b>2006</b> | <b>Dollar<br/>Change</b> | <b>Percent<br/>Change</b> |
| Cost of revenue from amortization of intangible assets | \$ 3.4                             | \$ 2.5      | \$ 0.9                   | 36%                       | \$ 9.2                            | \$ 7.4      | \$ 1.8                   | 24%                       |

|                                  |    |    |    |    |
|----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| As a percentage of total revenue | 2% | 2% | 2% | 3% |
|----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|

The increase in amortization of other intangible assets for the three months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was attributable to new amortization of identifiable technology being amortized pursuant to our acquisitions of BeVocal, Focus and MVC, net of a \$0.4 million decrease in amortization expense related to a purchased technology that was written down to its net realizable value during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006.

The increase in amortization of other intangible assets for the nine months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was attributable to new amortization of identifiable technology being amortized pursuant to our acquisitions of BeVocal, Focus, MVC and Dictaphone, net of a \$1.3 million decrease in amortization expense related to a purchased technology that was written down to its net realizable value during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006.

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

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

|  | <b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b> |             |                          |                           | <b>Nine Months Ended June 30,</b> |             |                          |                           |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|  | <b>2007</b>                        | <b>2006</b> | <b>Dollar<br/>Change</b> | <b>Percent<br/>Change</b> | <b>2007</b>                       | <b>2006</b> | <b>Dollar<br/>Change</b> | <b>Percent<br/>Change</b> |
| Total research and development expense | \$ 19.7                            | \$ 16.5     | \$ 3.2                   | 19%                       | \$ 53.7                           | \$ 41.5     | \$ 12.2                  | 29%                       |
| As a percentage of total revenue       | 13%                                | 15%         |                          |                           | 13%                               | 16%         |                          |                           |

The increase in research and development expense for the three months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was primarily due to a \$2.4 million increase in cash-based compensation, contract labor and other employee-related expenses, including those of our BeVocal acquisition. Additionally there was an increase of \$0.8 million due to share-based compensation. While continuing to increase in absolute dollars, research and development expense decreased as a percentage of total revenue. This decrease primarily reflects synergies resulting from the integration of the research and development organizations of acquired businesses into our research and development organization.

The increase in research and development expense for the nine months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was primarily due to a \$10.5 million increase in cash-based compensation, contract labor and other employee-related expenses, including those of our BeVocal acquisition. Additionally there was an increase of \$1.8 million due to share-based compensation. While continuing to increase in absolute dollars, research and development expense decreased as a percentage of total revenue. This decrease primarily reflects synergies resulting from the integration of the research and development organizations of acquired businesses into our research and development organization.

**Sales and Marketing Expense**

Sales and marketing expense includes salaries and benefits, share-based payments, commissions, advertising, direct mail, public relations, tradeshow 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):

|                                   | <b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b> |             |                          |                           | <b>Nine Months Ended June 30,</b> |             |                          |                           |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                   | <b>2007</b>                        | <b>2006</b> | <b>Dollar<br/>Change</b> | <b>Percent<br/>Change</b> | <b>2007</b>                       | <b>2006</b> | <b>Dollar<br/>Change</b> | <b>Percent<br/>Change</b> |
| Total sales and marketing expense | \$ 46.7                            | \$ 36.5     | \$ 10.2                  | 28%                       | \$ 132.5                          | \$ 90.2     | \$ 42.3                  | 47%                       |

|                                  |     |     |     |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| As a percentage of total revenue | 30% | 32% | 31% | 35% |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

The increase in sales and marketing expense for the three months ended June 30, 2007, compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was primarily due to an increase of \$6.9 million in cash-based compensation and headcount related expenses, including salaries and commissions, temporary employees, recruiting, travel and infrastructure related expenses associated with increased average headcount of 134 sales employees and 35 marketing employees mainly due to our BeVocal and Focus acquisitions. Additionally, the increase was due to a \$3.3 million increase in share-based compensation. While continuing to increase in absolute dollars, sales and marketing expense decreased relative to our total revenue. This decrease primarily reflects synergies resulting from the integration of the sales and marketing organizations of acquired businesses into our sales and marketing organization.

The increase in sales and marketing expense for the nine months ended June 30, 2007, compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was primarily due to an increase of \$28.6 million in cash-based compensation and headcount related expenses, including salaries and commissions, temporary employees, recruiting, travel and infrastructure related expenses associated with increased average headcount of 133 sales employees and 27 marketing employees mainly due

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to our Dictaphone, BeVocal and Focus acquisitions. Additionally, the increase was due to an \$8.8 million increase in share-based compensation and a \$4.7 million increase in advertising spending for existing products as well as healthcare products for Dictaphone. While continuing to increase in absolute dollars, sales and marketing expense decreased relative to our total revenue. This decrease primarily reflects synergies resulting from the integration of the sales and marketing organizations of acquired businesses into our sales and marketing organization.

**General and Administrative Expense**

General and administrative expense primarily consists of personnel costs (including share-based payments and other 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 June 30, |         |                  |                   | Nine Months Ended June 30, |         |                  |                   |
|--|-----------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|
|  | 2007                        | 2006    | Dollar<br>Change | Percent<br>Change | 2007                       | 2006    | Dollar<br>Change | Percent<br>Change |
| Total general and administrative expense | \$ 19.7                     | \$ 15.0 | \$ 4.7           | 31%               | \$ 52.6                    | \$ 40.6 | \$ 12.0          | 30%               |
| As a percentage of total revenue         | 13%                         | 13%     |                  |                   | 12%                        | 16%     |                  |                   |

The increase in general and administrative expense for the three months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was due primarily to an increase of \$2.0 million in share-based compensation and \$1.9 million in professional services. The remaining increase of \$0.8 million consists mainly of cash-based compensation and infrastructure costs, principally due to the acquisitions of BeVocal and Focus.

The increase in general and administrative expense for the nine months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006 was due primarily to an increase of \$6.4 million in share-based compensation and an increase of \$5.6 million in cash-based compensation and other infrastructure related expense for increased headcount and external contractor labor, mainly due to the acquisitions of BeVocal, Focus and Dictaphone. While general and administrative expense increased in absolute dollars, the expense decreased as a percent of total revenue. This decrease primarily reflects synergies resulting from the integration of the general and administrative organizations of acquired businesses into our general and administrative organization.

**Amortization of Other Intangible Assets**

Amortization of other intangible assets into operating expense includes amortization of acquired customer and contractual relationships, non-competition agreements and acquired trade names and trademarks. Customer relationships are amortized on an accelerated basis based upon the pattern in which the economic benefit of customer relationships are being utilized. 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. The following table shows amortization of other intangible assets in absolute dollars and as a percentage of total revenue (dollars in millions):

|   | <b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b> |             |                          |                           | <b>Nine Months Ended June 30,</b> |             |                          |                           |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | <b>2007</b>                        | <b>2006</b> | <b>Dollar<br/>Change</b> | <b>Percent<br/>Change</b> | <b>2007</b>                       | <b>2006</b> | <b>Dollar<br/>Change</b> | <b>Percent<br/>Change</b> |
| Total amortization and other<br>intangible assets | \$ 6.3                             | \$ 6.4      | \$ (0.1)                 | (2)%                      | \$ 16.6                           | \$ 10.4     | \$ 6.2                   | 60%                       |
| As a percentage of total<br>revenue               | 4%                                 | 6%          |                          |                           | 4%                                | 4%          |                          |                           |

The increase in amortization of other intangible assets for the nine months ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same period ended June 30, 2006, was attributable to the amortization of identifiable intangible assets being amortized pursuant to our acquisitions of BeVocal, Focus, MVC and Dictaphone. These increases were partially offset by reduced amortization of certain customer relationships intangible assets whose pattern of economic benefit provided less benefit in the fiscal 2007 period compared to the fiscal 2006 period.

**Table of Contents****Restructuring and Other Charges (Credits), Net**

Current activity charged against the restructuring accrual for the nine months ended June 30, 2007 was as follows (dollars in millions):

|                                    | <b>Facilities</b> | <b>Personnel</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Balance at September 30, 2006      | \$ 0.5            | \$ 0.4           | \$ 0.9       |
| Charged to expense                 |                   | (0.1)            | (0.1)        |
| Cash payments and foreign exchange | (0.5)             | (0.1)            | (0.6)        |
| Balance at June 30, 2007           | \$                | \$ 0.2           | \$ 0.2       |

The remaining personnel-related accrual as of June 30, 2007 is primarily composed of amounts due under a restructuring charge taken in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005.

**Other Income (Expense), Net**

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

|                                      | <b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b> |             |                          |                           | <b>Nine Months Ended June 30,</b> |             |                          |                           |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                      | <b>2007</b>                        | <b>2006</b> | <b>Dollar<br/>Change</b> | <b>Percent<br/>Change</b> | <b>2007</b>                       | <b>2006</b> | <b>Dollar<br/>Change</b> | <b>Percent<br/>Change</b> |
| Interest income                      | \$ 1.4                             | \$ 1.0      | \$ 0.4                   | 40%                       | \$ 4.1                            | \$ 2.4      | \$ 1.7                   | 71%                       |
| Interest expense                     | (9.1)                              | (7.8)       | (1.3)                    | 17%                       | (24.3)                            | (9.6)       | (14.7)                   | 153%                      |
| Other income<br>(expense), net       | 0.4                                | (0.1)       | 0.5                      | (500)%                    | (0.5)                             | (0.9)       | 0.4                      | (44)%                     |
| Total other income<br>(expense), net | \$ (7.3)                           | \$ (6.9)    | \$ (0.4)                 | 6%                        | \$ (20.7)                         | \$ (8.1)    | \$ (12.6)                | 156%                      |
| As a percentage of<br>total revenue  | (5)%                               | (6)%        |                          |                           | (5)%                              | (3)%        |                          |                           |

The increase in interest income was primarily due to higher cash balances and increased interest rates during the three and nine month periods ended June 30, 2007, as compared to the same periods ended June 30, 2006. The increase in interest expense was mainly due to interest expense paid, and amortization of debt issuance costs, associated with the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility. Other income (expense) principally consisted of foreign exchange gains (losses) as a result of the changes in foreign exchange rates on certain of our foreign subsidiaries whose operations are denominated in other than their local currencies, as well as the translation of certain of our intercompany balances.

**Provision for Income Taxes**

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

|                            | Three Months Ended June 30, |        |               |                | Nine Months Ended June 30, |        |               |                |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------|---------------|----------------|
|                            | 2007                        | 2006   | Dollar Change | Percent Change | 2007                       | 2006   | Dollar Change | Percent Change |
| Provision for income taxes | \$ 12.4                     | \$ 4.2 | \$ 8.2        | 195%           | \$ 19.7                    | \$ 8.5 | \$ 11.2       | 132%           |
| Effective income tax rate  | 261%                        | (81)%  |               |                | 216%                       | (131)% |               |                |

The provision for income taxes includes provisions for current and deferred federal, state, and foreign taxes of approximately \$1.9 million and \$7.4 million for the three and nine month periods ended June 30, 2007, respectively, and an increase in the valuation allowance of approximately \$10.4 million and \$12.4 million for the same periods, respectively.

The difference between our effective income tax rate and the federal statutory rate of 35% is due primarily to state income taxes, the disallowance for tax purposes of certain share-based compensation charges, and the increase in our valuation allowance with respect to certain deferred tax assets.

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Valuation allowances have been established for our net deferred tax assets which we believe do not meet the more likely than not realization criteria established by SFAS 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. The U.S. deferred tax assets relate primarily to net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards (resulting both from business combinations and from operations). Deferred tax liabilities have been recorded that relate primarily to intangible assets established in connection with business combinations. 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 net deferred tax assets for purposes of determining the required amount of our valuation allowance. At June 30, 2007, the amount of deferred tax liability associated with certain goodwill and indefinite lived intangibles was approximately \$20.5 million.

The utilization of deferred tax assets that were acquired in a business combination results in a reduction of our valuation allowance and an increase to goodwill. Our establishment of new deferred tax assets as a result of operating activities requires an increase in our valuation allowance and a corresponding increase to tax expense.

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 \$168.0 million as of June 30, 2007, an increase of \$55.7 million as compared to \$112.3 million as of September 30, 2006. This increase was composed of cash provided by operating and financing activities of \$91.7 million and \$70.8 million, respectively, offset by the net impact of cash used in investing activities of \$107.5 million. Our working capital was \$113.3 million at June 30, 2007 and our accumulated deficit was \$200.7 million. We do not expect our accumulated deficit will impact our future ability to operate given our strong cash and financial position.

### **Cash provided by operating activities**

Cash provided by operating activities for the nine months ended June 30, 2007 was \$91.7 million, an increase of \$59.8 million, or 188%, as compared to net cash provided by operating activities of \$31.9 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2006. The increase was primarily composed of \$41.9 million, or 124%, relating to the net loss after adding back non-cash items such as depreciation and amortization, and share-based payments; in the nine months ended June 30, 2007, this amount was \$75.7 million compared to \$33.8 million in the comparable period in fiscal 2006.

Changes in working capital accounts in the fiscal 2007 period contributed an additional \$17.9 million net increase to cash provided by operating activities. Notably included in the improved cash flows were: accounts payable and accrued expenses which changed by \$12.3 million in the comparative periods, having changed from a use of \$2.0 million in the fiscal 2006 period to a source of \$10.3 million in the fiscal 2007 period; and deferred maintenance, unearned revenue and customer deposits which contributed \$13.8 million to the change, having become a source of \$5.5 million in the fiscal 2007 period, compared to a use of \$8.3 million in the fiscal 2006 period. These sources of cash were partially offset by a change in prepaid and other assets that changed by \$7.0 million in the period, having become a \$3.0 million use of cash in the fiscal 2007 period as compared to a source of cash in an amount of \$4.0 million in the fiscal 2006 period.

### **Cash used in investing activities**

Cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended June 30, 2007 was \$107.5 million, as compared to net cash used in investing activities of \$369.8 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2006. The change in cash used in investing activities was primarily driven by the net cash paid for acquisitions in each period; in the fiscal 2006 period \$391.2 million was paid, largely relating to the acquisition of Dictaphone, and in the fiscal 2007 period \$96.3 million

was paid, largely relating to the acquisitions of Focus and BeVocal. Cash used in investing activities in both fiscal periods also was due to our purchases of property and equipment, and to our continued enforcement of our intellectual property rights. Partially offsetting these cash uses, in fiscal 2006 we had net proceeds of

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\$29.6 million relating to net maturities of short-term investments and the release of restricted cash in fiscal 2006 and \$1.2 million of proceeds in the fiscal 2007 period.

### **Cash provided by financing activities**

Cash provided by financing activities for the nine months ended June 30, 2007 was \$70.8 million, as compared to \$348.8 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2006, a difference of \$278.0 million. The change was composed primarily of the net receipts from bank debt, which totaled \$346.0 million in the fiscal 2006 period, as compared to \$87.7 million in the fiscal 2007 period, a difference of \$258.4 million. Other contributions to the change in cash provided by financing activities included: our proceeds from stock option and other share-based employee benefit plans decreased in the comparable periods by \$7.9 million; debt payments increased by \$4.6 million in the fiscal 2007 period, due to payments made under the bank debt facilities; deferred payments on acquisitions increased by \$4.2 million to \$18.6 million in the fiscal 2007 period relating to our 2005 acquisitions of ART and Phonetic from \$14.4 million in the fiscal 2006 period. Our repurchase of shares from employees and the former MVC shareholders also contributed \$3.9 million to increased cash outflows in the fiscal 2007 period.

### **Credit Facility**

On April 5, 2007, we entered into an amended and restated credit facility which consists of a \$441.5 million term loan due March 2013 and a \$75.0 million revolving credit line, including letters of credit, due March 2013 (the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility). As of June 30, 2007, \$440.3 million remained outstanding under the term loan. As of June 30, 2007, there were \$17.3 million of letters of credit issued under the revolving credit line and there were no other outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit line.

The Expanded 2006 Credit Facility contains customary covenants, including, among other things, covenants that restrict the ability of Nuance and our subsidiaries to incur certain additional indebtedness, create or permit liens on assets, enter into sale-leaseback transactions, make loans or investments, sell assets, make certain acquisitions, pay dividends, or repurchase stock. The agreement also contains customary events of default, including failure to make payments, failure to observe covenants, breaches of representations and warranties, defaults under certain other material indebtedness, failure to satisfy material judgments, a change of control and certain insolvency events. As of June 30, 2007, we were in compliance with the covenants under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility.

Borrowings under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility bear interest at a rate equal to the applicable margin plus, at our option, either (a) the base rate (which is the higher of the corporate base rate of UBS AG, Stamford Branch, or the federal funds rate plus 0.50% per annum) or (b) LIBOR (determined by reference to the British Bankers Association Interest Settlement Rates for deposits in U.S. dollars). The applicable margin for borrowings under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility ranges from 0.50% to 1.25% per annum with respect to base rate borrowings and from 1.50% to 2.25% per annum with respect to LIBOR-based borrowings, depending upon our leverage ratio. As of June 30, 2007, our applicable margin was 1.00% for base rate borrowings and 2.00% for LIBOR-based borrowings. We are required to pay a commitment fee for unutilized commitments under the revolving credit facility at a rate ranging from 0.375% to 0.50% per annum, based upon our leverage ratio. As of June 30, 2007, the commitment fee rate was 0.5%.

We have capitalized debt issuance costs related to the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility and is amortizing the costs to interest expense using the effective interest rate method through March 2012 for costs associated with the revolving credit facility and through March 2013 for costs associated with the term loan. As of June 30, 2007, the ending unamortized deferred financing fees were \$9.5 million and are included in other long-term assets in the consolidated balance sheet.

The \$441.5 million term loan is subject to repayment in four equal quarterly installments of 1% per annum (\$4.45 million per year), and an annual excess cash flow sweep, as defined in the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility, which will be first payable beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2008, based on the excess cash flow generated in fiscal 2007. As of June 30, 2007, we have repaid \$1.2 million of principal under the term loan agreement. Any borrowings not paid through the baseline repayment, the excess cash flow sweep, or any other mandatory or

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optional payments that we may make, will be repaid upon maturity. If only the baseline repayments are made, the aggregate annual maturities of the term loan would be as follows (in thousands):

| <b>Year Ending September 30,</b>    | <b>Amount</b>     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2007 (July 1 to September 30, 2007) | \$ 1,113          |
| 2008                                | 4,450             |
| 2009                                | 4,450             |
| 2010                                | 4,450             |
| 2011                                | 4,450             |
| 2012                                | 4,450             |
| Thereafter                          | 416,975           |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>\$ 440,338</b> |

Our obligations under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility are unconditionally guaranteed by, subject to certain exceptions, each of our existing and future direct and indirect wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries. The Expanded 2006 Credit Facility and the guarantees thereof are secured by first priority liens and security interests in the following: 100% of the capital stock of substantially all of our domestic subsidiaries and 65% of the outstanding voting equity interests and 100% of the non-voting equity interests of first-tier foreign subsidiaries, all material tangible and intangible assets of the Company and the guarantors, and any present and future intercompany debt. The Expanded 2006 Credit Facility also contains provisions for mandatory prepayments of outstanding term loans, upon receipt of the following, and subject to certain exceptions: 100% of net cash proceeds from asset sales, 100% of net cash proceeds from issuance or incurrence of debt, and 100% of extraordinary receipts. We may voluntarily prepay the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility without premium or penalty other than customary breakage costs with respect to LIBOR-based loans.

As noted above, beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2008, we may be required to repay a portion of the outstanding principal under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility in accordance with the excess cash flow sweep provision, as defined in the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility. The amount of the payment due in the first quarter of fiscal 2008, if any, is based on our earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, as adjusted in accordance with the terms of the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility. At the current time, we are unable to predict the amount of the outstanding principal, if any, we may be required to repay during the first quarter of fiscal 2008 pursuant to the excess cash flow sweep provisions.

On June 11, 2007, we received a commitment letter from Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Lehman Brothers Inc. and Goldman Sachs Credit Partners L.P. as arrangers, and Bank of America Securities as co-arranger, for a syndicate of lenders under our existing credit agreement. The commitment letter, which expires August 30, 2007, relates to an incremental term loan in the amount of \$225 million that would be provided under our existing credit agreement. As of June 30, 2007, we had not drawn against the commitment letter.

We believe that the combination of the commitment letter discussed above proceeds from the proposed sale of the convertible debentures which we announced on August 7, 2007, the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility and cash flows from future operations, in addition to cash and marketable securities on hand, will be sufficient to meet our working capital, investing, financing 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 less than favorable terms.

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

The following table outlines our contractual payment obligations as of June 30, 2007 (in millions):

| <b>Contractual Obligations</b>  | <b>Total</b>    | <b>Payments Due by Period</b>        |                        |                                     |                                     |                   |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
|   |                 | <b>Remaining<br/>Fiscal<br/>2007</b> | <b>Fiscal<br/>2008</b> | <b>Fiscal<br/>2009<br/>and 2010</b> | <b>Fiscal<br/>2011<br/>and 2012</b> | <b>Thereafter</b> |
| Term loan under credit facility   | \$ 440.3        | \$ 1.1                               | \$ 4.5                 | \$ 8.9                              | \$ 8.9                              | \$ 416.9          |
| Interest payable under credit facility(1)   | 180.2           | 8.1                                  | 32.0                   | 63.1                                | 61.8                                | 15.2              |
| Lease obligations and other term loans:   |                 |                                      |                        |                                     |                                     |                   |
| Capital leases and other term loan  | 1.2             | 0.2                                  | 0.6                    | 0.4                                 |                                     |                   |
| Operating leases  | 53.6            | 2.1                                  | 8.9                    | 15.1                                | 11.3                                | 16.2              |
| Other lease obligations associated with the closing of duplicate facilities related to restructurings and acquisitions(2) | 5.4             | 0.5                                  | 1.6                    | 1.9                                 | 1.1                                 | 0.3               |
| Pension, minimum funding requirement(3)   | 6.6             | 0.4                                  | 1.7                    | 3.5                                 | 1.0                                 |                   |
| Purchase commitments(4)   | 3.6             | 3.6                                  |                        |                                     |                                     |                   |
| Other long-term liabilities assumed(5)  | 79.6            | 3.1                                  | 12.8                   | 26.8                                | 26.8                                | 10.1              |
| <b>Total contractual cash obligations</b>   | <b>\$ 770.5</b> | <b>\$ 19.1</b>                       | <b>\$ 62.1</b>         | <b>\$ 119.7</b>                     | <b>\$ 110.9</b>                     | <b>\$ 458.7</b>   |

- (1) Interest is due and payable monthly under the credit facility, and principle is paid on a quarterly basis. The amounts included as interest payable in this table are based on an interest rate of 7.32%, which is the applicable rate as of June 30, 2007 under the terms of the credit facility.
- (2) Obligations include contractual lease commitments related to a facility that was part of a 2005 restructuring plan. As of June 30, 2007, total gross lease obligations are \$3.0 million and are included in the contractual obligations herein. The remaining obligations represent contractual lease commitments associated with the implemented plans to eliminate duplicate facilities in conjunction with our acquisition of Former Nuance during fiscal 2005 and our acquisition of Dictaphone during fiscal 2006, and have been included as liabilities in our consolidated balance sheet as part of purchase accounting. As of June 30, 2007, we have subleased two of the facilities to unrelated third parties with total sublease income of \$3.9 million through fiscal 2013.
- (3) Our U.K. pension plan has a minimum funding requirement of £859,900 (\$1.7 million based on the exchange rate at June 30, 2007) for each of the next 4 years, through fiscal 2011.

- (4) These amounts include non-cancelable purchase commitments for inventory in the normal course of business to fulfill customers' orders currently scheduled in our backlog.
- (5) Obligations include assumed long-term liabilities relating to restructuring programs initiated by the predecessor companies prior to our acquisition of SpeechWorks International, Inc. in August 2003, and our acquisition of Former Nuance in September 2005. These restructuring programs related to the closing of two facilities with lease terms set to expire in 2016 and 2012, respectively. Total contractual obligations under these two leases are \$79.6 million. As of June 30, 2007, we have sub-leased certain of the office space related to these two facilities to unrelated third parties. Total sublease income under contractual terms is expected to be \$20.4 million, which ranges from \$2.7 million to \$3.0 million on an annualized basis through 2016.

On May 15, 2007, we announced our execution of a definitive agreement to acquire Voice Signal Technologies, Inc. ( VoiceSignal ), a global provider of mobile voice technology. The announced estimated aggregate consideration for this acquisition is \$210 million in cash and \$91 million in stock to shareholders, and an estimated \$10 million in transaction fees. The cash requirements of this acquisition would be funded by the net proceeds received under the \$225 million commitment letter that we received on June 11, 2007.

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On June 21, 2007, we announced our execution of a definitive agreement to acquire Tegic Communications, Inc. ( Tegic ), a developer of embedded software for mobile devices. The announced estimated aggregate consideration for this acquisition is \$265 million in cash, plus an estimated \$4 million in transaction fees. The acquisition would be funded by our existing cash and investments, as well as by our access to the credit line under our Expanded 2006 Credit Facility and proceeds from the proposed sale of the convertible debentures which we announced on August 7, 2007.

## **Contingent Liabilities and Commitments**

In connection with our acquisition of Phonetic, we agreed to make contingent payments of up to \$35.0 million upon the achievement of certain established financial and performance targets through December 31, 2007, in accordance with the purchase agreement. We have notified the former shareholders of Phonetic that the performance targets for the scheduled payments for calendar 2005 and 2006, totaling \$24.0 million, were not achieved. The former shareholders of Phonetic have objected to this determination. We are currently in discussions with the former shareholders of Phonetic in regards to this matter.

In connection with our acquisition of MVC, we agreed to make contingent payments of up to \$18.0 million upon the achievement of certain performance targets through December 31, 2008, in accordance with the purchase agreement. We have not recorded any obligation relative to these performance measures though June 30, 2007.

In connection with our acquisition of BeVocal, we agreed to make contingent payments of up to \$60.6 million, including amounts payable to an investment banker, upon the achievement of certain performance targets through December 31, 2007, in accordance with the purchase agreement. We have accrued \$40.4 million of this amount as of June 30, 2007. These contingent payments are payable in cash in October 2008.

## ***Financial Instruments***

During fiscal 2006, we entered into an interest rate swap with a notional value of \$100 million. The interest rate swap was entered into in conjunction with a term loan as of March 31, 2006 to effectively change the characteristics of the interest rate without actually changing the debt instrument. At its inception, we documented the hedging relationship and determined that the hedge is perfectly effective and designated it as a cash flow hedge. The interest rate swap will hedge the variability of the cash flows caused by changes in U.S. dollar LIBOR interest rates. The swap is marked to market at each reporting date. The fair value of the swap at June 30, 2007 was \$0.1 million which was included in other assets. Changes in the fair value of the cash flow hedge are reported in stockholders' equity as a component of other comprehensive income.

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

Through June 30, 2007, we have not entered into any off balance sheet arrangements or transactions with unconsolidated entities or other persons.

## **RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. SFAS No. 159 has as its objective to reduce both complexity in accounting for financial instruments and volatility in earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently. It also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between companies that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities. The statement is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year beginning after November 15, 2007. Early adoption is permitted as of the beginning of the previous fiscal year,

provided that the entity makes that choice in the first 120 days of that fiscal year. We are currently evaluating the impact, if any, that SFAS 159 may have on our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2006, the FASB issued EITF 00-19-2, Accounting for Registration Payment Arrangements. EITF 00-19-2 specifies that the contingent obligation to make future payments or otherwise transfer consideration under a registration payment arrangement, whether issued as a separate agreement or included as a provision of a financial instrument or other agreement, should be separately recognized and measured in accordance with

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FASB Statement No. 5, Accounting for Contingencies. For registration payment arrangements and financial instruments subject to those arrangements that were entered into prior to the issuance of EITF 00-19-2, this guidance shall be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. We are evaluating the impact, if any, that EITF 00-19-2 may have on our consolidated financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS 158, Employers Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans, an amendment of FASB Statements 87, 88, 106 and 132(R). SFAS 158 requires an employer to recognize the over-funded or under-funded status of a defined benefit postretirement plan (other than a multi-employer plan) as an asset or liability in its statement of financial position and to recognize changes in that funded status in the year in which the changes occur through comprehensive income. SFAS 158 also requires the measurement of defined benefit plan assets and obligations as of the date of the employer's fiscal year-end statement of financial position (with limited exceptions). Under SFAS 158, we are required to recognize the funded status of its defined benefit postretirement plan and to provide the required disclosures commencing as of September 30, 2007. The requirement to measure plan assets and benefit obligations as of the date of the employer's fiscal year-end is effective for our fiscal year ended September 30, 2009. We are evaluating the impact that SFAS 158 will have on our consolidated financial statements.

In July 2006, the FASB issued Interpretation (FIN) 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109. FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in a company's financial statements in accordance with SFAS 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. FIN 48 prescribes the recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. It also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. FIN 48 is effective for our fiscal year beginning October 1, 2007. We are evaluating the effect that the adoption of FIN 48 will have on our consolidated financial statements.

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

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

#### **Exchange Rate Sensitivity**

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

Assuming a 10% appreciation or depreciation in foreign currency exchange rates from the quoted foreign currency exchange rates at June 30, 2007, such an appreciation or depreciation could have an adverse impact on our revenue, operating results or cash flows.

#### **Interest Rate Sensitivity**

We are exposed to interest rate risk as a result of our significant cash and cash equivalents, and the outstanding debt under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility.

At June 30, 2007, we held \$168.0 million of cash and cash equivalents primarily consisting of cash and money-market funds. Due to the low current market yields and the short-term nature of our investments, a hypothetical

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change in market rates is not expected to have a material effect on the fair value of our portfolio or results of operations.

At June 30, 2007, our total outstanding debt balance exposed to variable interest rates was \$440.3 million. To partially offset this variable interest rate exposure, we entered into a \$100 million interest rate swap derivative contract. The interest rate swap is structured to offset period changes in the variable interest rate without changing the characteristics of the underlying debt instrument. A hypothetical change in market rates would have a significant impact on the interest expense and amounts payable relating to the \$340.3 million of debt that is not offset by the interest rate swap; assuming a 1.0% change in interest rates, the interest expense would increase \$3.4 million per annum.

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

#### **Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures**

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as required by Rule 13a-15(e) of the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that we record, process, summarize and report the information we must disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

#### **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 14, Commitments and Contingencies, in the accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements is incorporated herein by reference from Item 1 of Part I hereof.

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

*Investing in our securities involves risks. You should carefully consider the risks described below and the other information contained or incorporated by reference in this offering memorandum before making an investment decision. The risks and uncertainties described below and in our other filings with the SEC incorporated by reference herein are not the only ones facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently consider immaterial may also adversely affect us. If any of the following risks occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially harmed.*

#### **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

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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 portfolio of intellectual property;

concentration of operations with one manufacturing partner and ability 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 or market conditions;

returns and allowance charges in excess of accrued amounts;

timing of significant marketing and sales promotions;

impairment charges against goodwill and other intangible assets;

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 of Dictaphone Corporation, Focus and BeVocal. Our pending acquisitions of VoiceSignal and Tegic will require us to issue a substantial number of shares of our common stock and expend a significant amount of cash. 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 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, including different and complex accounting and financial reporting systems;

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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;

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;

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

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

potential loss of key employees of the acquired company.

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.

***If the closing conditions to our pending acquisitions of VoiceSignal and Tegic are not satisfied or waived, one or both of the acquisitions may not occur.***

A number of customary closing conditions must be either satisfied or waived before the pending acquisitions of VoiceSignal and Tegic, respectively, can be completed. These closing conditions include the absence of a material adverse change, receipt of required financial statements and the receipt of regulatory approval. With respect to the acquisition of VoiceSignal, the merger remains subject to review by the DOJ and a waiting period under the HSR Act before the transaction can be consummated. We cannot assure you that each of the conditions will be satisfied or waived. If the conditions are not satisfied or waived, we may not be able to complete one or both of these acquisitions, in which case we would not achieve the anticipated benefits associated with such acquisition.

***Our pending acquisition of VoiceSignal may not be consummated until the waiting period under the HSR Act has expired or been terminated and the Department of Justice is satisfied with our response to their request for additional information.***

Under the HSR Act, our pending acquisition of VoiceSignal may not be consummated unless we submit filings required under the HSR Act to the DOJ and waiting period requirements have been satisfied. On July 12, 2007, we and VoiceSignal received a request from the DOJ for additional information in connection with our pending acquisition of VoiceSignal. The DOJ request extends the waiting period under the HSR Act until 30 days after we and VoiceSignal have substantially complied with the request, unless that period is extended voluntarily by the parties or terminated sooner by the DOJ.

We provided, and will continue to provide, additional information to the DOJ in response to their July 12 request. There can be no assurance that the waiting period under the HSR Act will be permitted to expire. In addition, the DOJ

may impose restrictions or conditions on our acquisition of VoiceSignal. While we do not currently expect that any such restrictions or conditions will be imposed, there can be no assurance that they will not be, and such restrictions or conditions could have the effect of jeopardizing or delaying completion of the merger or reducing the anticipated benefits of the merger. If we become subject to any material conditions in order to obtain any approvals required to complete the merger, the business and results of operations of the combined company may be adversely affected. We may also elect to challenge and litigate conditions or changes proposed by governmental authorities. Any such litigation could be costly and divert management's attention from the business. There is also no assurance that we will be successful in any such litigation.

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***We need additional capital to close our pending acquisitions of VoiceSignal and Tegic.***

In conjunction with our pending acquisitions of VoiceSignal and Tegic, we are obligated to pay cash consideration in the aggregate amount of approximately \$470 million, plus fees and expenses. Of this amount, \$204 million is due in conjunction with the VoiceSignal acquisition and \$265 million is due in conjunction with the Tegic acquisition. The proceeds of our proposed offering of convertible debentures offering, together with cash on hand, will be utilized to satisfy the cash obligations to Tegic shareholders. We are currently targeting closing of the VoiceSignal transaction on or prior to August 29, 2007. To satisfy the cash consideration due in the pending acquisition of VoiceSignal, we previously received a commitment letter, which expires August 30, 2007, that relates to incremental term loans in the amount of \$225 million that would be provided under our existing credit agreement upon the closing of the VoiceSignal transaction provided that the transaction closes on or prior to August 30, 2007. If we are unable to finance and close the VoiceSignal transaction on or prior to August 30, 2007, then we will need to raise additional capital either through the incurrence of indebtedness, the issuance of equity securities or a combination thereof on terms that may be less attractive than those provided in the commitment letter.

***Purchase 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 have accounted for our acquisitions using the purchase method of accounting. Under purchase accounting, 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. 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 at least an annual impairment analysis, which may result in an impairment charge if the carrying value exceeds its implied fair value. As of June 30, 2007, we had identified intangible assets amounting to approximately \$259.8 million and goodwill of approximately \$883.0 million. 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. Accordingly, due to the purchase method of accounting, the combined company may 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.***

We have a significant amount of debt. On April 5, 2007, we entered into an amended and restated credit facility which consists of a \$441.5 million term loan due March 2013 and a \$75.0 million revolving credit line due March 2012. As of June 30, 2007, \$440.3 million remained outstanding under the term loan. As of June 30, 2007, there were \$17.3 million of letters of credit issued under the revolving credit line and there were no outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit line. We also anticipate incurring \$225 million in additional debt under the amended and restated credit facility to fund the cash portion of our pending acquisition of VoiceSignal. Furthermore, the proposed sale of the convertible debentures will increase our outstanding debt by \$150 million (or \$180 million if the initial purchaser exercises its option to purchase additional convertible debentures solely to cover over-allotments, if any, in full). 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 Debentures and the credit facility, which will reduce the availability of our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures, 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

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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 our 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, 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 Debentures and our other debt.

In addition, a substantial portion of our debt bears interest at variable rates. If market interest rates increase, our debt service requirements will increase, which would adversely affect our cash flows. While we have entered into an interest rate swap agreement limiting our exposure for a portion of our debt, such agreement does 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 person.

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, which could permit the holders to accelerate such debt. If any of our debt is accelerated, we may not have sufficient funds available to repay such 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 approximately \$10.6 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2007 and \$22.9 million, \$5.4 million and \$9.4 million for fiscal years 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. We had an accumulated deficit of approximately \$200.7 million at June 30, 2007. 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.

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***Speech technologies may not achieve widespread acceptance by businesses, 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 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.

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, Fonix, IBM, Microsoft and Philips. Within healthcare dictation and transcription, we compete with Philips Medical, Spheris and other smaller providers. Within imaging, we compete directly with ABBYY, Adobe, 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 and Microsoft, 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 and Microsoft, 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.***

Our management's assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, as of September 30, 2005, identified a material weakness in our internal controls related to tax accounting, primarily as a result of a lack of necessary corporate accounting resources and ineffective execution of certain controls designed to

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prevent or detect actual or potential misstatements in the tax accounts. While we have taken remediation measures to correct this material weakness, which measures are more fully described in Item 9A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for our fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, we cannot assure you that we will not have material weaknesses in our internal controls in the future. 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 results in an accurate and timely manner.

***A significant portion of our revenue and a significant portion of our research and development 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 will increase upon the closing of the pending acquisitions of Tegic and VoiceSignal. Reported international revenue, classified by the major geographic areas in which our customers are located, represented approximately \$92.8 million, 22% of our total revenue, for the nine months ended June 30, 2007 and approximately \$100.2 million, \$71.5 million and \$39.4 million, representing 26%, 31% and 30% of our total revenue, respectively, for fiscal 2006, 2005 and 2004 respectively. Most of our international revenue is generated by sales in Europe and Asia. In addition, some of our products are developed and manufactured outside the United States. 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. In connection with prior acquisitions we have added research and development resources in Aachen, Germany, Montreal, Canada and Tel Aviv, Israel. 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 on intercompany balances with our foreign subsidiaries. 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. Hedges are

designated and documented at the inception of the hedge and are evaluated for effectiveness monthly. 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 projected to increase upon the closing of the pending acquisitions of Tegic and VoiceSignal, 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.

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***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 benefit 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 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; 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. As of June 30, 2007, we had identified intangible assets amounting to approximately \$259.8 million and goodwill of approximately \$883.0 million.

***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.

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

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

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

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

state and federal privacy and confidentiality laws;

our contracts with customers and partners;

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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.

### **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.

On May 31, 2006, GTX Corporation filed an action against us in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas claiming patent infringement. Damages were sought in an unspecified amount. In the lawsuit, GTX Corporation alleged that we are infringing United States Patent No. 7,016,536 entitled Method and

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Apparatus for Automatic Cleaning and Enhancing of Scanned Documents. We believe these claims have no merit and intend to defend the action vigorously.

On November 27, 2002, AllVoice Computing plc filed an action against us in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas claiming patent infringement. In the lawsuit, AllVoice Computing plc alleges that we are infringing United States Patent No. 5,799,273 entitled Automated Proofreading Using Interface Linking Recognized Words to their Audio Data While Text is Being Changed. Such patent generally discloses techniques for manipulating audio data associated with text generated by a speech recognition engine. Although we have several products in the speech recognition technology field, we believe that our products do not infringe AllVoice Computing plc's patent because, in addition to other defenses, we do not use the claimed techniques. Damages are sought in an unspecified amount. We filed an Answer on December 23, 2002. The United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas entered summary judgment against AllVoice Computing plc and dismissed all claims against us on February 21, 2006. AllVoice Computing plc filed a notice of appeal from this judgment on April 26, 2006. We believe these claims have no merit and intend to defend the action vigorously.

We believe that the final outcome of the current litigation matters described above will not have a significant 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 could be costly. Should we not prevail in these litigation matters, we may be unable to sell and/or license certain of our technologies which we consider to be proprietary, and our operating results, financial position and cash flows could be adversely impacted.

***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 our 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.***

On March 19, 2004, Warburg Pincus, a global private equity firm agreed to purchase all outstanding shares of our stock held by Xerox Corporation for approximately \$80 million. Additionally, on May 9, 2005 and September 15, 2005 we sold shares of common stock, and warrants to purchase common stock to Warburg Pincus for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$75.1 million. As of June 30, 2007, Warburg Pincus beneficially owned approximately 22% of our outstanding common stock, including warrants exercisable for up to 7,066,538 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. Fidelity is our second largest stockholder, owning 16,146,721 shares of our common stock, representing approximately 9% of our outstanding 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.***

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

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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.

***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 hereto 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 City of Burlington, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on August 7, 2007.

Nuance Communications, Inc.

By: /s/ James R. Arnold, Jr.

James R. Arnold, Jr.  
Chief Financial Officer

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| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Exhibit Description</b>   | <b>Incorporated by Reference</b> |                 |                |                        | <b>Filed<br/>Herewith</b> |
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|                           |  | <b>Form</b>                      | <b>File No.</b> | <b>Exhibit</b> | <b>Filing<br/>Date</b> |                           |
| 2.1                       | Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among Nuance Communications, Inc., Beryllium Acquisition Corporation, Beryllium Acquisition LLC and BeVocal, Inc. dated as of February 21, 2007.   | 8-K                              | 0-27038         | 2.1            | 2/27/2007              |                           |
| 2.2                       | Share Purchase Agreement dated March 13, 2007 by and among Nuance Communications, Inc., Bethany Advisors Inc., Focus Softek India (Private) Limited and U.S. Bank National Association, as Escrow Agent.   | 8-K                              | 0-27038         | 2.1            | 3/22/2007              |                           |
| 2.3                       | Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among Nuance Communications, Inc., Phoenix Merger Sub, Inc. and Dictaphone Corporation dated as of February 7, 2006.   | 8-K                              | 0-27038         | 2.1            | 2/9/2006               |                           |
| 2.4                       | Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among Nuance, Vicksburg Acquisition Corporation, Voice Signal Technologies, Inc., U.S. Bank National Association, as Escrow Agent, and Stata Venture Partners, LLC, as Stockholder Representative, dated as of May 14, 2007. | 8-K                              | 0-27088         | 2.1            | 5/18/2007              |                           |
| 2.5                       | Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of June 21, 2007, by and among AOL LLC, Tegic Communications, Inc. and Nuance Communications, Inc.  | 8-K                              | 0-27088         | 2.1            | 6/27/2007              |                           |
| 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              |                           |
| 10.1                      | Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of April 5, 2007, among Nuance Communications, Inc., the Lenders party  | 8-K                              | 0-27038         | 10.1           | 4/10/2007              |                           |

thereto from time to time, UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as administrative agent, Citicorp North America, Inc., as syndication agent, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as documentation agent, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and UBS Securities LLC, as joint lead arrangers, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Banc Of America Securities LLC, as co-arrangers, and Citigroup Global Markets INC., UBS Securities LLC and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as joint bookrunners.

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| 10.2                      | Amendment Agreement, dated as of April 5, 2007, among Nuance, UBS AG, Stamford Branch, as administrative agent, Citicorp North America, INC., as syndication agent, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as documentation agent, the Lenders, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and UBS Securities LLC, as joint lead arrangers and joint bookrunners, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as joint bookrunner and co-arranger, and Banc Of America Securities LLC, as co-arranger. | 8-K                              | 0-27038         | 10.2           | 4/10/2007              |                           |
| 10.3                      | Commitment Letter dated as of June 11, 2007 from Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Lehman Brothers Inc. and Goldman Sachs Credit Partners L.P. as arrangers and Bank of America Securities as co-arranger.  |                                  |                 |                |                        | 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                         |