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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2013

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 0-25965

j2 GLOBAL, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)
6922 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 500
Los Angeles, California 90028
(Address of principal executive offices)

51-0371142
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

(323) 860-9200
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

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

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Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-Accelerated filer Smaller reporting company
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No

As of November 7, 2013, the registrant had 46,538,978 shares of common stock outstanding.

j2 GLOBAL, INC.

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

j2 Global, Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Unaudited, in thousands except share and per share data)

| | September 30, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 199,181 | \$ 218,680 |
| Short-term investments | 108,043 | 105,054 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$3,735 and \$3,213, respectively | 64,279 | 37,285 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 22,779 | 15,388 |
| Deferred income taxes | 2,729 | 1,092 |
| Total current assets | 397,011 | 377,499 |
| Long-term investments | 66,899 | 19,841 |
| Property and equipment, net | 30,143 | 19,599 |
| Trade names, net | 84,419 | 71,409 |
| Patent and patent licenses, net | 18,703 | 19,329 |
| Customer relationships, net | 84,023 | 64,723 |
| Goodwill | 441,687 | 407,825 |
| Other purchased intangibles, net | 9,666 | 9,855 |
| Deferred income taxes | 2,130 | 1,852 |
| Other assets | 3,409 | 3,238 |
| Total assets | \$ 1,138,090 | \$ 995,170 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 68,430 | \$ 39,874 |
| Income taxes payable | 1,736 | 3,004 |
| Deferred revenue, current | 35,675 | 30,493 |
| Liability for uncertain tax positions | 5,535 | 5,523 |
| Deferred income taxes | 5,098 | 33 |
| Total current liabilities | 116,474 | 78,927 |
| Long-term debt | 245,548 | 245,194 |
| Liability for uncertain tax positions | 36,010 | 32,155 |
| Deferred income taxes | 41,635 | 32,393 |
| Deferred revenue, non-current | 12,041 | 1,609 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 1,787 | 1,557 |
| Mandatorily redeemable financial instrument | 9,760 | 8,740 |
| Total liabilities | 463,255 | 400,575 |
| Commitments and contingencies | — | — |
| Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value. Authorized 1,000,000 and none issued | — | — |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value. Authorized 95,000,000 at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012; total issued 45,858,238 and 45,094,191 shares at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively; and total outstanding 45,858,238 and 45,094,191 shares at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively | 459 | 451 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 191,287 | 169,542 |
| Retained earnings | 475,979 | 424,790 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | 8,646 | (88) |
| Total j2 Global, Inc. stockholders' equity | 676,371 | 594,695 |
| Noncontrolling interest | (1,536 |) (100) |

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|--|-------------|-----------|
| Total stockholders' equity | 674,835 | 594,595 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$1,138,090 | \$995,170 |
| See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements | | |

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j2 Global, Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income

(Unaudited, in thousands except share and per share data)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Total revenues | \$127,788 | \$93,246 | \$382,766 | \$269,363 |
| Cost of revenues (including share-based compensation of \$162 and \$581 for the three and nine months of 2013, respectively, and \$199 and \$633 for the three and nine months of 2012, respectively) | 21,801 | 16,303 | 64,715 | 48,354 |
| Gross profit | 105,987 | 76,943 | 318,051 | 221,009 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Sales and marketing (including share-based compensation of \$465 and \$1,315 for the three and nine months of 2013, respectively, and \$390 and \$1,117 for the three and nine months of 2012, respectively) | 34,787 | 15,190 | 99,638 | 43,910 |
| Research, development and engineering (including share-based compensation of \$103 and \$311 for the three and nine months of 2013, respectively, and \$111 and \$344 for the three and nine months of 2012, respectively) | 6,000 | 4,692 | 19,134 | 13,798 |
| General and administrative (including share-based compensation of \$1,695 and \$4,901 for the three and nine months of 2013, respectively, and \$1,703 and \$4,757 for the three and nine months of 2012, respectively) | 25,892 | 14,784 | 74,377 | 43,387 |
| Total operating expenses | 66,679 | 34,666 | 193,149 | 101,095 |
| Operating income | 39,308 | 42,277 | 124,902 | 119,914 |
| Interest and other income (expense), net | (4,576) | (2,747) | (14,109) | (2,657) |
| Income before income taxes | 34,732 | 39,530 | 110,793 | 117,257 |
| Income tax expense | 7,105 | 7,880 | 24,428 | 25,880 |
| Net income | \$27,627 | \$31,650 | \$86,365 | \$91,377 |
| Less net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest | (179) | — | (403) | — |
| Net income attributable to j2 Global, Inc. common shareholders | \$27,806 | \$31,650 | \$86,768 | \$91,377 |
| Net income per common share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$0.60 | \$0.69 | \$1.88 | \$1.97 |
| Diluted | \$0.59 | \$0.69 | \$1.85 | \$1.96 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding: | | | | |
| Basic | 45,729,171 | 45,002,565 | 45,441,265 | 45,590,160 |
| Diluted | 46,291,631 | 45,340,111 | 46,066,604 | 45,897,389 |
| Cash dividends paid per common share | \$0.2475 | \$0.22 | \$0.72 | \$0.65 |

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

j2 Global, Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
(Unaudited, in thousands)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|---|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | |
| Net income | \$27,627 | \$31,650 | \$86,365 | \$91,377 | |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax: | | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of tax expense (benefit) of \$759 and (\$219) for three and nine months of 2013, respectively, and \$196 and \$167 for the three and nine months of 2012, respectively | 1,590 | 530 | (526 |) 590 | |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale investments, net of tax expense (benefit) of \$2,465 and \$5,380 for the three and nine months of 2013, respectively, and (\$877) and (\$906) for the three and nine months of 2012, respectively | 4,259 | (1,515 |) 9,260 | (1,365 |) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | 5,849 | (985 |) 8,734 | (775 |) |
| Comprehensive income | 33,476 | 30,665 | 95,099 | 90,602 | |
| Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest | (179 |) — | (403 |) — | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment attributable to noncontrolling interest, net of tax expense (benefit) of (\$3) and (\$20) for the three and nine months of 2013, respectively, and zero and zero for the three and nine months of 2012, respectively | (13 |) — | (35 |) — | |
| Comprehensive income attributable to j2 Global, Inc. | \$33,668 | \$30,665 | \$95,537 | \$90,602 | |

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

j2 Global, Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
(Unaudited, in thousands)

| | Nine Months Ended September | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------|
| | 30, | |
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$86,365 | \$91,377 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 28,424 | 15,555 |
| Amortization of discount or premium of investments | 1,323 | 1,090 |
| Amortization of financing costs and discounts | 456 | 104 |
| Share-based compensation | 7,108 | 6,816 |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation | (3,171) | (1,016) |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | 2,565 | 3,520 |
| Deferred income taxes | 472 | (1,012) |
| (Gain) loss on sale of available-for-sale investments | 103 | (244) |
| Decrease (increase) in: | | |
| Accounts receivable | (7,495) | (7,032) |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 945 | (951) |
| Other assets | 182 | (118) |
| (Decrease) increase in: | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 4,035 | 168 |
| Income taxes payable | (3,286) | 7,112 |
| Deferred revenue | 13,049 | 1,611 |
| Liability for uncertain tax positions | 3,867 | 6,538 |
| Other | (62) | (1) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 134,880 | 123,517 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Maturity of certificates of deposit | 42,615 | 8,000 |
| Purchase of certificates of deposit | (22,071) | (34,674) |
| Sales of available-for-sale investments | 82,889 | 64,581 |
| Purchase of available-for-sale investments | (139,955) | (140,785) |
| Purchases of property and equipment | (11,116) | (3,902) |
| Proceeds from sale of assets | 1 | 156 |
| Acquisition of businesses, net of cash received | (81,566) | (25,108) |
| Purchases of intangible assets | (2,784) | (3,668) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (131,987) | (135,400) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Issuance of long-term debt | — | 245,000 |
| Debt issuance costs | (47) | (1,342) |
| Repurchases of common stock and restricted stock | (4,513) | (60,261) |
| Issuance of common stock under employee stock purchase plan | 161 | 109 |
| Exercise of stock options | 13,515 | 4,865 |
| Dividends paid | (33,267) | (29,940) |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation | 3,171 | 1,016 |
| Other | (171) | — |
| Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities | (21,151) | 159,447 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (1,241) | 591 |

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|--|-----------|-----------|
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | (19,499 |) 148,155 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 218,680 | 139,359 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$199,181 | \$287,514 |

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

(UNAUDITED)

1. Basis of Presentation

j2 Global, Inc., together with its subsidiaries (“j2 Global” or the “Company”), is a leading provider of Internet services. Through its Business Cloud Services Division, the Company provides cloud services to businesses of all sizes, from individuals to enterprises, and licenses its patented technology to third parties. j2 Global's Digital Media Division operates a portfolio of web properties providing technology, gaming and lifestyle content and an innovative data-driven platform to connect advertisers with visitors to those properties in addition to websites operated by third parties that are part of the Division's advertising network.

The accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of j2 Global and its direct and indirect wholly-owned and less-than-wholly owned subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”), including those for interim financial information and with the instructions for Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and note disclosures required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been reflected in these interim financial statements. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and related notes for the year ended December 31, 2012 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 1, 2013. Accordingly, significant accounting policies and other disclosures normally provided have been omitted since such items are disclosed therein.

The results of operations for this interim period are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the full year or for any future period.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, including judgments about investment classifications, and the reported amounts of net revenue and expenses during the reporting period. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates its estimates based on historical experience and on various other factors that the Company believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Allowances for Doubtful Accounts

j2 Global reserves for receivables it may not be able to collect. These reserves for the Company's Business Cloud Services segment are typically driven by the historical volume of credit card declines, an evaluation of current market conditions and past due invoices based on historical experience. These reserves for the Company's Digital Media segment are typically driven by past due invoices based on historical experience. Management evaluates the adequacy of these reserves on an ongoing basis.

Revenue Recognition

Business Cloud Services

The Company's Business Cloud Services revenues substantially consist of monthly recurring subscription and usage-based fees, which are primarily paid in advance by credit card. In accordance with GAAP, the Company defers the portions of monthly, quarterly, semi-annually and annually recurring subscription and usage-based fees collected in advance and recognizes them in the period earned. Additionally, the Company defers and recognizes subscriber activation fees and related direct incremental costs over a subscriber's estimated useful life.

j2 Global's Business Cloud Services also include patent license revenues generated under license agreements that provide for the payment of contractually determined fully paid-up or royalty-bearing license fees to j2 Global in exchange for the grant of non-exclusive, retroactive and future licenses to our intellectual property. Patent revenues may also consist of revenues generated from the sale of patents. Patent license revenues are recognized when earned over the term of the license agreements. With regard to fully paid-up license arrangements, the Company recognizes as revenue in the period the license agreement is

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executed the portion of the payment attributable to past use of the intellectual property and amortizes the remaining portion of such payments on a straight-line basis over the life of the licensed patent(s). With regard to royalty-bearing license arrangements, the Company recognizes revenues of license fees earned during the applicable period. With regard to patent sales, the Company recognizes as revenue in the period of the sale the amount of the purchase price over the carrying value of the patent(s) sold.

The Business Cloud Services business also generates revenues by licensing certain technology to third parties. These licensing revenues are recognized when earned in accordance with the terms of the underlying agreement. Generally, revenue is recognized as the third party uses the licensed technology over the period.

Digital Media

The Company's Digital Media revenues primarily consist of revenues generated from the sale of advertising campaigns that are targeted to the Company's proprietary websites and to those websites operated by third parties that are part of the Digital Media business's advertising network. Revenues for these advertising campaigns are recognized as earned either when an ad is placed for viewing by a visitor to the appropriate web page or when the visitor "clicks through" on the ad, depending upon the terms with the individual advertiser.

Revenues for Digital Media business-to-business operations consist of lead-generation campaigns for IT vendors and are recognized as earned when the Company delivers the qualified leads to the customer.

j2 Global also generates Digital Media revenues through the license of certain assets to clients, for the clients' use in their own promotional materials or otherwise. Such assets may include logos, editorial reviews, or other copyrighted material. Revenues under such license agreements are recognized when the assets are delivered to the client. The Digital Media business also generates other types of revenues, including business listing fees, subscriptions to online publications, and from other sources. Such other revenues are recognized as earned.

Fair Value Measurements

j2 Global complies with the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic No. 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures ("ASC 820"), in measuring fair value and in disclosing fair value measurements. ASC 820 provides a framework for measuring fair value and expands the disclosures required for fair value measurements of financial and non-financial assets and liabilities.

As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, accounts receivable, interest receivable, accounts payable, accrued expenses, interest payable, customer deposits and long-term debt are reflected in the financial statements at cost. With the exception of long-term debt, cost approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of such instruments. The fair value of the Company's senior unsecured notes was determined using the quoted market prices of debt instruments with similar terms and maturities. As of the same dates, the carrying value of other long-term liabilities approximated fair value as the related interest rates approximate rates currently available to j2 Global.

Debt Issuance Costs and Debt Discount

j2 Global capitalizes costs incurred with borrowing and issuance of debt securities and records debt discounts as a reduction to the debt amount. j2 Global capitalized costs incurred in connection with its sale of senior unsecured notes within long-term other assets and recorded the original purchase discount as a reduction to such notes (See Note 7 - Long Term Debt). These costs and discounts are amortized and included in interest expense over the life of the borrowing or term of the credit facility using the interest method.

Concentration of Credit Risk

All of the Company's cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities are invested at major financial institutions primarily within the United States, United Kingdom and Ireland. These institutions are required to invest the Company's cash in accordance with the Company's investment policy with the principal objectives being preservation of capital, fulfillment of liquidity needs and above market returns commensurate with preservation of capital. The Company's investment policy also requires that investments in marketable securities be in only highly rated instruments, with limitations on investing in securities of any single issuer. However, these investments are not insured against the possibility of a total or near complete loss of earnings or principal and are inherently subject to the credit risk related to the continued credit worthiness of the underlying issuer and general credit market risks. At September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company's cash and cash equivalents were maintained in accounts that are insured up to the limit determined by the applicable governmental agency. j2 Global's deposits held in qualifying financial institutions in Ireland are fully insured through March 28, 2018 to the extent on deposit prior to March 28, 2013. With respect to the Company's deposits with financial institutions in other jurisdictions, the insured amount is immaterial in comparison to the total uninsured cash and cash equivalents on deposit. These financial institutions are primarily in the United States and United Kingdom, however, the Company has accounts with financial institutions in several other countries, including Australia, Austria, China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, the Netherlands and Poland.

Income Taxes

The Company must make certain estimates and judgments in determining income tax expense for financial statement purposes. These estimates and judgments occur in the following areas, among others: (i) calculation of tax credits, benefits and deductions; (ii) calculation of tax assets and liabilities arising from differences in the timing of recognition of revenue and expense for tax and financial statement purposes; and (iii) interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions. Significant changes to these estimates may result in an increase or decrease to the Company's tax provision in the current or a subsequent period.

The Company must assess the likelihood that it will be able to recover its deferred tax assets. If recovery is not likely, the Company must increase its provision for taxes by recording a valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets that the Company estimates will not ultimately be recoverable. The Company believes that it will ultimately recover a substantial majority of the deferred tax assets recorded on its condensed consolidated balance sheets. However, should there be a change in the Company's ability to recover its deferred tax assets, the Company's tax provision would increase in the period in which j2 Global determined that the recovery was not likely.

The calculation of the Company's tax liabilities involves dealing with uncertainties in the application of complex tax laws. j2 Global recognizes liabilities for uncertain tax positions based on a two-step process. The first step is to evaluate the tax position for recognition by determining if the weight of available evidence indicates that it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation processes, if any. If the Company determines that a tax position will more likely than not be sustained on audit, then the second step requires j2 Global to estimate and measure the tax benefit as the largest amount that is more than 50% likely to be realized upon ultimate settlement. It is inherently difficult and subjective to estimate such amounts, as j2 Global has to determine the probability of various possible outcomes. j2 Global reevaluates these uncertain tax positions on a quarterly basis. This evaluation is based on factors including, but not limited to, changes in facts or circumstances, changes in tax law, effectively settled issues under audit and new audit activity. Such a change in recognition or measurement would result in the recognition of a tax benefit or an additional charge to the tax provision.

Reclassifications

Certain prior year reported amounts have been reclassified to conform with the 2013 presentation.

2. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2012, the FASB issued ASU No. 2012-02, Intangibles – Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Testing Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets for Impairment, which simplifies how entities test indefinite-lived intangible assets other than goodwill for impairment and permits an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset is less than its carrying amount as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform a quantitative impairment test. This ASU is effective for annual and interim impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after September 15, 2012. The Company adopted this guidance and did not have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

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In February 2013, the FASB issued ASU No. 2013-02, Reporting of Amounts Reclassified Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income, ("AOCI"), which provides guidance on disclosure requirements for items reclassified out of AOCI. This new guidance requires entities to present (either on the face of the income statement or in the notes) the effects on the line items of the income statement for amounts reclassified out of AOCI. This guidance is effective prospectively for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2012. This new guidance requires disclosures but did not have a material impact on our financial statements.

In July 2013, the FASB issued ASU No. 2013-11, Income Taxes (Topic 740): Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists, which provides guidance on financial statement presentation of an unrecognized tax benefit when a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward exists. This ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2013. The Company is currently assessing the impact, if any, from this update with the principal potential impact expected to be related to the presentation of unrecognized tax benefits on the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

3. Business Acquisitions

The Company has completed the following acquisitions during the first nine months of fiscal 2013, paying the purchase price in cash for each transaction: (a) share purchase of IGN Entertainment, Inc. ("IGN"), an online publisher of video games, entertainment and men's lifestyle content; (b) share purchase of MetroFax, Inc., a provider of online faxing services and advanced features; (c) share purchase of Backup Connect BV, an online backup provider based in the Netherlands; (d) share purchase of NetShelter, the largest community of technology publishers dedicated to consumer electronics, computing and mobile communications; (e) share purchase of Email Protection Agency Limited, a UK-based provider of email security, email management and network security services; and (f) other immaterial share and asset acquisitions of online data backup businesses.

The condensed consolidated statement of income, since the date of each acquisition, and balance sheet, as of September 30, 2013, reflect the results of operations of all 2013 acquisitions. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, these acquisitions contributed \$50.3 million to the Company's revenues. Net income contributed by these acquisitions was not separately identifiable due to j2 Global's integration activities. Total consideration for these transactions was \$114.0 million, net of cash acquired and including \$15.2 million in assumed liabilities consisting primarily of deferred revenues, trade accounts payable, other accrued liabilities and net deferred tax liabilities.

The following table summarizes the allocation of the purchase consideration for these acquisitions (in thousands):

| Asset | Valuation |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Accounts Receivable | \$23,034 |
| Property and Equipment | 2,536 |
| Other Assets | 2,617 |
| Deferred Tax Asset | 2,058 |
| Software | 3,016 |
| Content | 2,460 |
| Trade Names | 16,626 |
| Customer Relationships | 18,498 |
| Advertiser Relationships | 11,770 |
| Goodwill | 31,420 |
| Total | \$114,035 |

The initial accounting for these acquisitions is incomplete and subject to change, which may be significant. j2 Global has recorded provisional amounts for certain property and equipment, intangible assets (including trade names and software), preliminary working capital and related tax items. During the second quarter 2013, the Company recorded an adjustment to initial working capital related to the acquisition of IGN, which increased acquired accounts receivable and reduced assumed liabilities with a corresponding reduction to goodwill in the amount of \$3.8 million. During the third quarter of 2013, the Company recorded an additional adjustment to initial working capital related to the acquisition of IGN, which decreased acquired accounts receivable and increased assumed liabilities with a corresponding increase to goodwill in the amount of \$1.8 million. Also during the third quarter of 2013, the Company recorded an adjustment to initial working capital related to the acquisition of Ziff Davis, Inc., which increased assumed liabilities with a corresponding increase to goodwill in the amount of \$1.7 million. Actual amounts recorded

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upon finalization of the purchase accounting may differ materially from the information presented in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired and represents intangible assets that do not qualify for separate recognition. Goodwill recognized associated with these acquisitions during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 is \$31.4 million, of which \$15.7 million is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes.

Pro Forma Financial Information for 2013 Acquisitions

The following unaudited pro forma supplemental information is based on estimates and assumptions, which j2 Global believes are reasonable. However, this information is not necessarily indicative of the Company's consolidated financial position or results of income in future periods or the results that actually would have been realized had j2 Global and the acquired businesses been combined companies during the periods presented. These pro forma results exclude any savings or synergies that would have resulted from these business acquisitions had they occurred on January 1, 2012 and do not take into consideration the exiting of any acquired lines of business. This unaudited pro forma supplemental information includes incremental intangible asset amortization and other charges as a result of the acquisitions, net of the related tax effects.

The supplemental information on an unaudited pro forma financial basis presents the combined results of j2 Global and its 2013 acquisitions as if each acquisition had occurred on January 1, 2012 (in thousands, except per share amounts):

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 (unaudited) | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 (unaudited) |
|---------------|--|--|
| Revenues | \$398,953 | \$357,571 |
| Net Income | \$86,442 | \$91,925 |
| EPS - Basic | \$1.87 | \$2.02 |
| EPS - Diluted | \$1.84 | \$2.00 |

4. Investments

Short-term investments consist generally of corporate and governmental debt securities and certificates of deposits which are stated at fair market value. Realized gains and losses of short and long-term investments are recorded using the specific identification method.

The following table summarizes j2 Global's debt securities designated as available-for-sale, classified by the contractual maturity date of the security (in thousands):

| | September 30, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Due within 1 year | \$55,668 | \$46,681 |
| Due within more than 1 year but less than 5 years | 64,392 | 17,209 |
| Due within more than 5 years but less than 10 years | — | — |
| Due 10 years or after | 2,507 | 2,633 |
| Total | \$122,567 | \$66,523 |

The following table summarizes the Company's investments designated as trading and available-for-sale (in thousands):

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| | September 30, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Trading | \$14 | \$3 |
| Available-for-sale | 160,666 | 90,017 |
| Total | \$160,680 | \$90,020 |

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The following table summarizes the gross unrealized gains and losses and fair values for the Company's available-for-sale investments as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 aggregated by major security type (in thousands):

| | Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized Losses | Fair Value |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| September 30, 2013 | | | | |
| Debt Securities | \$122,551 | \$130 | \$(114) |) \$122,567 |
| Equity Securities | 20,610 | 17,489 | — |) 38,099 |
| Total | \$143,161 | \$17,619 | \$(114) |) \$160,666 |
| December 31, 2012 | | | | |
| Debt Securities | \$66,541 | \$149 | \$(167) |) \$66,523 |
| Equity Securities | 20,610 | 3,251 | (367) |) 23,494 |
| Total | \$87,151 | \$3,400 | \$(534) |) \$90,017 |

At September 30, 2013, corporate and governmental debt securities, which have a fixed interest rate, were recorded as available-for-sale. There have been no significant changes in the maturity dates and average interest rates for the Company's investment portfolio and debt obligations subsequent to September 30, 2013. At September 30, 2013, equity securities were recorded as available-for-sale and represent a strategic equity investment. At September 30, 2013, the Company's available-for-sale securities are carried at fair value, with the unrealized gains and losses reported as a component of stockholders' equity. Short-term investments include restricted balances that the Company may not liquidate until maturity, generally within 12 months. Restricted balances included in short-term investments were \$8.2 million at September 30, 2013.

Investments in an unrealized loss position as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 but in a continuous unrealized loss position for less than 12 months had a fair value of \$59.4 million and \$31.8 million, respectively. Investments in a continuous unrealized loss position for 12 months and longer as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 had a fair value of \$1.3 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, of which loss positions are determined to be temporary in nature.

Recognition and Measurement of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment

j2 Global regularly reviews and evaluates each investment that has an unrealized loss. An unrealized loss exists when the current fair value of an individual security is less than its amortized cost basis. Unrealized losses that are determined to be temporary in nature are recorded, net of tax, in accumulated other comprehensive income for available-for-sale securities.

Regardless of the classification of the securities, the Company has assessed each position for impairment.

Factors considered in determining whether a loss is temporary include:

- the length of time and the extent to which fair value has been below cost;
- the severity of the impairment;
- the cause of the impairment and the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer;
- activity in the market of the issuer which may indicate adverse credit conditions; and
- the Company's ability and intent to hold the investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery.

j2 Global's review for impairment generally entails:

- identification and evaluation of investments that have indications of possible impairment;
- analysis of individual investments that have fair values less than amortized cost, including consideration of the length of time the investment has been in an unrealized loss position and the expected recovery period;
- discussion of evidential matter, including an evaluation of factors or triggers that could cause individual investments to qualify as having an other-than-temporary impairment and those that would not support an other-than-temporary impairment;
- documentation of the results of these analyses, as required under business policies; and
- information provided by third-party valuation experts.

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For these securities, a critical component of the evaluation for other-than-temporary impairments is the identification of credit impairment, where management does not expect to receive cash flows sufficient to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the security. Credit impairment is assessed using a combination of a discounted cash flow model that estimates the cash flows on the underlying securities and a market comparables method, where the security is valued based upon indications from the secondary market of what discounts buyers demand when purchasing similar securities. The cash flow model incorporates actual cash flows from the securities through the current period and then projects the remaining cash flows using relevant interest rate curves over the remaining term. These cash flows are discounted using a number of assumptions, some of which include prevailing implied credit risk premiums, incremental credit spreads and illiquidity risk premiums, among others.

Securities that have been identified as other-than-temporarily impaired are written down to their current fair value. For debt securities that are intended to be sold or that management believes it more-likely-than-not that will be required to sell prior to recovery, the full impairment is recognized immediately in earnings.

For available-for-sale securities that management has no intent to sell and believes that it more-likely-than-not will not be required to sell prior to recovery, only the credit loss component of the impairment is recognized in earnings, while the rest of the fair value impairment is recognized in other comprehensive income. The credit loss component recognized in earnings is identified as the amount of principal cash flows not expected to be received over the remaining term of the security.

5. Fair Value Measurements

j2 Global complies with the provisions of ASC 820, which defines fair value, provides a framework for measuring fair value and expands the disclosures required for fair value measurements of financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. ASC 820 clarifies that fair value is an exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. As such, fair value is a market-based measurement that is determined based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or a liability. As a basis for considering such assumptions, ASC 820 establishes a three-tier value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in the valuation methodologies in measuring fair value:

- 1 Level 1 – Observable inputs that reflect quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
- 1 Level 2 – Include other inputs that are directly or indirectly observable in the marketplace.
- 1 Level 3 – Unobservable inputs which are supported by little or no market activity.

The fair value hierarchy also requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value.

The Company measures its cash equivalents and investments at fair value. j2 Global's cash equivalents, short-term investments and other debt securities are primarily classified within Level 1. Cash equivalents and marketable securities are valued primarily using quoted market prices utilizing market observable inputs. The fair value of the senior unsecured notes (See Note 7 - Long-Term Debt) was determined using the quoted market prices of debt instruments with similar terms, credit rating and maturities, which are considered Level 2 inputs. The total carrying value of long-term debt was \$245.5 million and \$245.2 million, and the corresponding fair value was approximately \$274.0 million and \$275.5 million, at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

The following tables present the fair values of the Company's financial instruments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis (in thousands):

| September 30, 2013 | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Fair Value |
|---|-----------|---------|---------|------------|
| Cash equivalents: | | | | |
| Money market and other funds | \$94,278 | \$— | \$— | \$94,278 |
| Time deposits | 22,463 | — | — | 22,463 |
| Corporate commercial papers | 6,998 | — | — | 6,998 |
| Certificates of deposit | 14,263 | — | — | 14,263 |
| Equity securities | 38,113 | — | — | 38,113 |
| Debt securities issued by the U.S. Treasury and other U.S. government corporations and agencies | 30,359 | — | — | 30,359 |
| Debt securities issued by states of the U.S. and political subdivisions of the states | 4,321 | — | — | 4,321 |
| Debt securities issued by foreign governments | 1,998 | — | — | 1,998 |
| Corporate debt securities | 85,889 | — | — | 85,889 |
| Total | \$298,682 | \$— | \$— | \$298,682 |
| | | | | |
| December 31, 2012 | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Fair Value |
| Cash equivalents: | | | | |
| Money market and other funds | \$99,351 | \$— | \$— | \$99,351 |
| Time deposits | 22,093 | — | — | 22,093 |
| Corporate commercial papers | — | — | — | — |
| Certificates of deposit | 34,876 | — | — | 34,876 |
| Equity securities | 23,497 | — | — | 23,497 |
| Debt securities issued by the U.S. Treasury and other U.S. government corporations and agencies | 6,450 | — | — | 6,450 |
| Debt securities issued by states of the U.S. and political subdivisions of the states | 11,658 | — | — | 11,658 |
| Debt securities issued by foreign governments | 3,589 | — | — | 3,589 |
| Corporate debt securities | 44,826 | — | — | 44,826 |
| Total | \$246,340 | \$— | \$— | \$246,340 |

Losses associated with other-than-temporary impairments are recorded as a component of other income (expenses). Gains and losses not associated with other-than-temporary impairments are recorded as a component of other comprehensive income.

6. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired in a business combination. Intangible assets resulting from the acquisitions of entities accounted for using the purchase method of accounting are recorded at the estimated fair value of the assets acquired. Identifiable intangible assets are comprised of purchased customer relationships, trademarks and trade names, developed technologies and other intangible assets. The fair values of these identified intangible assets are based upon expected future cash flows or income, which take into consideration certain assumptions such as customer turnover, trade names and patent lives. These determinations are primarily based upon the Company's historical experience and expected benefit of each intangible asset. If it is determined that such assumptions are not accurate, then the resulting

change will impact the fair value of the intangible asset. Identifiable intangible assets are amortized over the period of estimated economic benefit, which ranges from one to 20 years.

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The changes in carrying amounts of goodwill for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 are as follows (in thousands):

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance as of January 1, 2013 | \$407,825 |
| Goodwill acquired (Note 3) | 31,420 |
| Purchase accounting adjustments | 2,329 |
| Foreign exchange translation | 113 |
| Balance as of September 30, 2013 | \$441,687 |

The Company's goodwill balance was \$441.7 million as of September 30, 2013, of which \$309.8 million and \$131.9 million were recorded in the Business Cloud Services and Digital Media segment, respectively. Purchase accounting adjustments relate to adjustments to goodwill in connection with prior year business acquisitions.

Intangible assets are summarized as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 as follows (in thousands):

Intangible Assets with Indefinite Lives:

| | September 30, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
|------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Trade name | \$27,379 | \$27,379 |
| Other | 5,432 | 5,433 |
| Total | \$32,811 | \$32,812 |

Intangible Assets Subject to Amortization:

As of September 30, 2013, intangible assets subject to amortization relate primarily to the following (in thousands):

| | Weighted-Average Amortization Period | Historical Cost | Accumulated Amortization | Net |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Tradenames | 17.1 years | \$66,852 | \$(9,812) |) \$57,040 |
| Patent and patent licenses | 7.8 years | 47,173 | (28,470) |) 18,703 |
| Customer relationships | 7.1 years | 117,231 | (33,208) |) 84,023 |
| Other purchased intangibles | 4.0 years | 16,094 | (11,860) |) 4,234 |
| Total | | \$247,350 | \$(83,350) |) \$164,000 |

As of December 31, 2012, intangible assets subject to amortization relate primarily to the following (in thousands):

| | Weighted-Average Amortization Period | Historical Cost | Accumulated Amortization | Net |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Tradenames | 17.7 years | \$50,257 | \$(6,227) |) \$44,030 |
| Patent and patent licenses | 8.2 years | 44,048 | (24,719) |) 19,329 |
| Customer relationships | 7.0 years | 86,473 | (21,750) |) 64,723 |
| Other purchased intangibles | 4.4 years | 13,322 | (8,900) |) 4,422 |
| Total | | \$194,100 | \$(61,596) |) \$132,504 |

Amortization expense, included in general and administrative expense, approximated \$7.5 million and \$3.9 million for the three month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$21.6 million and \$11.0 million for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Amortization expense is estimated to approximate \$30.0 million, \$26.2 million, \$24.0 million, \$22.1 million and \$19.7 million for fiscal years 2013 through 2017 respectively, and \$63.6 million thereafter through the duration of the amortization period.

7. Long-Term Debt

On July 26, 2012, j2 Global issued in a private offering exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, \$250 million aggregate principal amount of 8.0% senior unsecured notes (the "Notes") due August 1, 2020. j2 Global received proceeds of \$245 million in cash, net of initial purchaser's discounts and commissions of \$5 million. As of September 30, 2013, the unamortized discount on long-term debt was approximately \$4.5 million. Other fees of approximately \$1.3 million were incurred in connection with the issuance of the Notes and recorded in long-term other assets. The net proceeds were available for general corporate purposes, including acquisitions. Interest is payable semi-annually on February 1 and August 1 of each year beginning on February 1, 2013. j2 Global has the option to call the Notes in whole or in part after August 1, 2016, subject to certain premiums as defined in the indenture governing the Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest. In addition, at any time before August 1, 2016, j2 Global may redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, at a "make-whole" redemption price specified in the indenture plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to (but not including) the redemption date. Also, j2 Global may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes using proceeds from certain public offerings of our equity securities at a price equal to 108% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, prior to August 1, 2015. Upon a change in control, the holders may put the Notes at 101% of the principal amount of the Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the repurchase date. The Notes are not guaranteed by any of the j2 Global's subsidiaries as of September 30, 2013, because, as of such date, all of j2 Global's existing domestic restricted subsidiaries are deemed insignificant subsidiaries (as that term is defined in the indenture). If j2 Global or any of its restricted subsidiaries acquires or creates a domestic restricted subsidiary, other than an insignificant subsidiary, after the issue date, or any insignificant subsidiary ceases to fit within the definition of insignificant subsidiary, such restricted subsidiary is required to unconditionally guarantee, jointly and severally, on an unsecured basis, j2 Global's obligations under the Notes.

The indenture to the Notes contains certain restrictive and other covenants applicable to j2 Global and subsidiaries designated as restricted subsidiaries, including but not limited to limitations on debt and disqualified or preferred stock, restricted payments, liens, sale and leaseback transactions, dividends and other payment restrictions, asset sales and transactions with affiliates. As of September 30, 2013, j2 Global was in compliance with all such covenants. Violation of these covenants could result in a default which could result in the acceleration of outstanding amounts if such default is not cured or waived within the time periods outlined in the indenture agreement.

The amount recorded in long-term debt in the consolidated balance sheet for the Notes is equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Notes, net of initial purchaser's discounts. The estimated fair value of the Notes was \$274.0 million as of September 30, 2013 and was based on the quoted market prices of debt instruments with similar terms, credit rating and maturities of the Notes as of September 30, 2013.

Cash paid for interest for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 was \$20.3 million.

Long-term debt as of September 30, 2013 consists of the following (in thousands):

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Notes | \$245,548 |
| Total long-term debt | 245,548 |
| Less: Current portion | — |
| Total long-term debt, less current portion | \$245,548 |

8. Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation

From time-to-time, j2 Global is involved in litigation and other disputes or regulatory inquiries that arise in the ordinary course of its business. Many of these actions involve or are filed in response to patent actions filed by j2 Global against others. The number and significance of these disputes and inquiries has increased as our business has expanded and j2 Global has grown. Any claims or regulatory actions against j2 Global, whether meritorious or not, could be time-consuming, result in costly litigation, require significant management time and result in diversion of significant operational resources.

As part of the Company's continuing effort to prevent the unauthorized use of its intellectual property, j2 Global has brought claims against several companies for infringing its patents relating to online fax, voice and other messaging technologies,

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including, among others, Nextiva, Inc. (“Nextiva”), Vitelity Communications, Inc. (“Vitelity”), EC Data Systems, Inc. (“EC Data”) and Integrated Global Concepts, Inc. (“IGC”).

On August 5, 2011, j2 Global and one of its affiliates filed suit in the United States District Court for the Central District of California (the “Central District of California”) against Nextiva, alleging infringement of U.S. Patents Nos. 6,208,638 (the “‘638 Patent”), 6,350,066 (the “‘066 Patent”) and 7,020,132 (the “‘132 Patent”). On July 23, 2013, j2 Global filed an amended complaint, adding a claim for infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,020,980 (the “‘980 Patent”). On September 23, 2013, Nextiva filed an amended answer and counterclaims for non-infringement and invalidity of the ‘638, ‘066, ‘132 and ‘980 Patents and for unfair competition in violation of California’s Business & Professions Code § 17200, et. seq. and prohibited restraints on competition and unfair practices in violation of California’s Business & Professions Code §§ 16720, et. seq. and 17000, et. seq. On October 15, 2013, j2 Global and its affiliate moved to dismiss Nextiva’s counterclaims for unenforceability of the ‘980 Patent and for unfair competition, prohibited restraints on competition and unfair practices. j2 Global also moved to strike from Nextiva’s amended answer certain affirmative defenses related to the alleged unenforceability of the patents at issue. Discovery is ongoing.

On September 23, 2011, j2 Global and one of its affiliates filed suit against Vitelity in the Central District of California, alleging infringement of the ‘638 and ‘066 Patents. On June 15, 2012, Vitelity filed counterclaims for invalidity and non-infringement of the ‘638 and ‘066 Patents. On September 13, 2013, the Court entered its Claim Construction Order. Discovery is ongoing.

On February 21, 2012, EC Data filed a complaint against j2 Global and one of its affiliates in the United District Court for the District of Colorado, seeking declaratory judgment of non-infringement of the ‘638 and ‘066 Patents. On April 9, 2012, j2 Global filed an answer to the complaint and counterclaims asserting that EC Data infringes these and other patents. On May 14, 2012, EC Data filed an answer to j2 Global’s counterclaims and asserted counterclaims for declaratory judgments of non-infringement and invalidity of the ‘132 Patent and non-infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,597,688 (the “‘688 Patent”). On August 29, 2012, the Court granted j2 Global’s motion to transfer the case to the Central District of California. On May 31, 2012, EC Data submitted a request to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) to submit the ‘132 Patent into inter-partes reexamination proceedings. On August 22, 2012, the USPTO granted EC Data’s reexamination request and issued a non-final office action rejecting certain of the ‘132 Patent’s claims. On April 25, 2013, the USPTO issued an Action Closing Prosecution and on July 26, 2013 a second Action Closing Prosecution. On September 13, 2013, the Court entered its Claim Construction Order. Discovery is ongoing.

On June 28, 2013, j2 Global filed suit against EC Data in the Central District of California, alleging infringement of the ‘980 Patent. On October 4, 2013, EC Data filed its amended answer and counterclaims for non-infringement and invalidity of the ‘980 Patent.

On October 16, 2013, one of j2 Global’s affiliates entered its appearance as a plaintiff in a multi-district litigation proceeding entitled In re: Unified Messaging Solutions LLC and Advanced Messaging Technologies, Inc. Patent Litigation (N.D. Ill. Master Docket No. 12 C 6286). In that litigation, a company with certain rights to assert patents owned by the j2 Global affiliate has asserted those patents against a number of defendants, and those defendants have filed counterclaims for, inter alia, non-infringement, unenforceability, and invalidity of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,857,074; 7,836,141; 7,895,306; 7,895,313; and 7,934,148.

On August 28, 2013, Phyllis A. Huster (“Huster”) filed suit in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois against Unified Messaging Solutions, LLC, Acacia Patent Acquisition LLC (“Acacia”), Charles R. Bobo, II (“Bobo”), j2 Global, and one of j2 Global’s affiliates for correction of inventorship of the ‘066 Patent and U.S. Patents Nos. 5,675,507; 5,870,549; 6,564,321; 6,857,074; 7,895,306; 7,836,141; 7,895,313 and 7,934,148. Huster seeks a declaration that she was the inventor of the patents at issue, an order directing the USPTO to substitute or add Huster as inventor of the patents at issue, an order that the defendants pay to Huster at least half of all earnings from licensing and sales of rights in the patents at issue, and costs and attorneys’ fees. On October 28, 2013, j2 Global, the j2 Global

affiliate, and the other defendants in the case filed a motion to dismiss Huster's action on the basis of improper venue and on the basis that Huster's action is barred by laches. The defendants also filed a motion to strike certain portions of Huster's prayer for relief. On the same day, j2 Global filed a motion to dismiss on the basis that it is not a proper party to Huster's action; Bobo filed a motion to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction; and Acacia filed a motion to dismiss on the basis of lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

On September 15, 2006, one of j2 Global's affiliates filed a patent infringement suit against IGC in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia (the "Northern District of Georgia"). On May 13, 2008, IGC filed counterclaims alleging violations of Section 2 of the Sherman Act and breach of contract. IGC is seeking damages, including treble and punitive damages, an injunction against further violations, divestiture of certain assets, and attorneys' fees and costs. On February 18, 2009, the Court granted the j2 Global affiliate's motion to stay the case pending the conclusion of the j2 Global affiliate's appeal of a

summary judgment ruling of non-infringement in another case involving the same patents and issues as this action. On January 22, 2010, the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit affirmed the non-infringement ruling in the other case and on June 7, 2010 the Court lifted the stay. On September 2, 2011, the Northern District of Georgia Court granted the j2 Global affiliate's motion to dismiss IGC's breach of contract counterclaim and one portion of IGC's antitrust counterclaim. On October 21, 2011, IGC filed a motion to strike certain of the affirmative defenses asserted by the j2 Global affiliate, which the Northern District of Georgia Court granted in part on July 26, 2012, striking certain of the affirmative defenses at issue. Following additional discovery, on June 20, 2012, the j2 Global affiliate filed a motion to dismiss its infringement claims and IGC's counterclaims for declaratory relief. On July 27, 2012, the Northern District of Georgia Court granted the j2 Global affiliate's motion to dismiss, dismissing the j2 Global affiliate's infringement claims and IGC's related counterclaims. Discovery is ongoing.

On July 2, 2012, IGC filed suit against j2 Global and one of its affiliates in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California ("Northern District of California"), alleging that j2 Global - through filing suit in the Central District of California - breached a contract not to sue IGC. IGC seeks monetary damages, attorneys' fees, fees and costs, injunctive relief and specific performance of the alleged covenant not to sue IGC. On August 24, 2012, j2 Global filed a motion to dismiss or alternatively to transfer the case to the Central District of California. The motion was heard on October 26, 2012; the Court denied the motion on March 29, 2013. On April 12, 2013, j2 Global filed its answer and asserted counterclaims for infringement of the '638, '066, '688, and '132 Patents. On May 3, 2013, IGC asserted counterclaims seeking declaratory judgments of invalidity, unenforceability and non-infringement of the '638, '066, '688, and '132 Patents, implied license and exhaustion, punitive damages, attorneys' fees and costs. On June 28, 2013, the Court granted in part and denied in part j2 Global's motion to dismiss certain of IGC's counterclaims, dismissing the claims for declaratory judgment of exhaustion and punitive damages. Discovery is underway, and the Court has set a trial date of April 21, 2014 on the issue of interpretation of the contract that IGC alleges j2 Global breached.

On June 27, 2013, j2 Global filed suit against IGC in the Northern District of California, alleging infringement of the '980 Patent. On August 29, 2013, IGC filed counterclaims for invalidity, unenforceability, non-infringement, an implied license of the '980 Patent and breach and specific enforcement of the contract not to sue IGC. On September 26, 2013, j2 moved to dismiss IGC's counterclaims for unenforceability and an implied license of the '980 Patent and for breach and specific performance of the contract not to sue. That motion remains pending. On October 18, 2013, the Court consolidated IGC's breach of contract claim with the other case pending in the Northern District of California and stayed j2 Global's patent infringement claims pending a resolution of the breach of contract claims. On February 17, 2011, Emmanuel Pantelakis ("Pantelakis") filed suit against j2 Global Canada, Inc., carrying on business as Protus IP Solutions ("Protus"), in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, alleging that Protus breached a contract with Pantelakis in connection with Protus's e-mail marketing services. Pantelakis is seeking damages, attorneys' fees, interest, and costs. Protus filed a responsive pleading on March 23, 2011. On July 16, 2012, Protus filed its responses to undertakings. On July 24, 2012, Pantelakis moved for an order granting him leave to file a second amended statement of claim re-framing his lawsuit as a negligence action. On September 27, 2012, the Court granted in part Pantelakis's motion, permitting him to plead claims for negligence and breach of contract, but limited the scope of discovery, awarded j2 Global its costs associated with its amended statement of defence and reserved a further award of costs for the trial court. On November 6, 2012, Pantelakis filed his second amended statement of claim. j2 Global filed its amended statement of defence on April 8, 2013. The parties filed their pre-trial briefs on October 15, 2013. A pre-trial was held on October 23, 2013, at which time the Court allowed additional discovery and set a new time table.

j2 Global does not believe, based on current knowledge, that the foregoing legal proceedings or claims, including those where an unfavorable outcome is reasonably possible, after giving effect to existing reserves, are likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. However, depending on the amount and the timing, an unfavorable resolution of some or all of these matters could materially affect j2 Global's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows in a particular period. The Company has not accrued for a loss contingency relating to certain of these legal proceedings because unfavorable outcomes are not considered by management to be probable or the amount of any losses reasonably estimable.

9. Income Taxes

The Company's tax provision for interim periods is determined using an estimate of the Company's annual effective tax rate. Each quarter the Company updates its estimated annual effective tax rate and, if the estimate changes, makes a cumulative adjustment. j2 Global's annual effective tax rate is normally lower than the 35% U.S. federal statutory rate and applicable apportioned state tax rates primarily due to anticipated earnings of the Company's subsidiaries outside of the U.S. in jurisdictions where the Company's effective tax rate is lower than in the U.S. For the quarter ended September 30, 2013, the effective tax rate was 20.5%. j2 Global does not provide for U.S. income taxes on the undistributed earnings of the Company's foreign operations because the Company intends to reinvest such earnings in foreign jurisdictions. Income before income taxes included income from domestic operations of \$56.0 million and \$38.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and income from foreign operations of \$54.8 million and \$78.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company had \$41.5 million and \$37.7 million, respectively, in liabilities for uncertain income tax positions. Accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits are recognized in income tax expense on the Company's consolidated statement of income.

Cash paid for income taxes net of refunds received was \$23.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

Certain taxes are prepaid during the year and included within prepaid expenses and other current assets on the consolidated balance sheet. The Company's prepaid taxes were \$14.1 million and \$9.0 million at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

j2 Global is currently under income tax audit by the California Franchise Tax Board ("FTB") for tax years 2005 through 2007, and during the second quarter of 2013 received notice that the FTB will also be auditing it for tax years 2009 through 2011. The FTB has also issued Information Document Requests regarding the 2008 tax year, although the Company has not received a formal notice of audit for that year. The Company is also currently under income tax audit by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") for tax years 2009 and 2010, and during the second quarter of 2013 received notice that the IRS will be auditing it for tax year 2011 as well. In addition, the Company is under income tax audit by the Canada Revenue Agency ("CRA") for tax years 2010 through 2011. During the third quarter of 2013, the Company was notified by the CRA that the income tax audit for tax years 2008 and 2009 had concluded with no changes and that tax year 2011 would be subject to income tax audit. The Company is also under CRA audit for Goods and Services Tax for tax years 2009 through 2011. It is possible that some or all of these audits may conclude in the next 12 months and that the unrecognized tax benefits the Company has recorded in relation to these tax years may change compared to the liabilities recorded for these periods. However, it is not currently possible to estimate the amount, if any, of such change.

j2 Global is also under audit by various state and local governments for non-income related taxes.

10. Stockholders' Equity

Non-Controlling Interest

Non-controlling interests represent equity interests in consolidated subsidiaries that are not attributable, either directly or indirectly, to j2 Global (i.e., minority interests). Non-controlling interests include the minority equity holders' proportionate share of the equity of Ziff Davis, Inc. ("Ziff Davis") and its subsidiaries.

Ownership interests in subsidiaries held by parties other than the Company are presented as non-controlling interests within stockholders' equity, separately from the equity held by the Company, on the condensed consolidated balance

sheet as of September 30, 2013. Revenues, expenses, net income and other comprehensive income are reported in the consolidated financial statements at the consolidated amounts, which includes amounts attributable to both the Company's interest and the non-controlling interests in Ziff Davis. Net income and other comprehensive income is then attributed to the Company's interest and the non-controlling interests. Net income (loss) to non-controlling interests is deducted from net income in the condensed consolidated statements of income to determine net income (loss) attributable to the Company's common stockholders.

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Common Stock Repurchase Program

In February 2012, the Company's Board of Directors approved a program authorizing the repurchase of up to five million shares of our common stock through February 20, 2013 (the "2012 Program") and on February 12, 2013 extended the 2012 Program through February 20, 2014. During the nine month period ended September 30, 2013, no shares were repurchased under this program.

Periodically, participants in j2 Global's stock plans surrender to the Company shares of j2 Global stock to pay the exercise price or to satisfy tax withholding obligations arising upon the exercise of stock options or the vesting of restricted stock. During the three month period ended September 30, 2013, the Company purchased 43,435 shares from plan participants for this purpose.

Dividends

The following is a summary of each dividend declared during fiscal year 2013:

| Declaration Date | Dividend per Common Share | Record Date | Payment Date |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| February 12, 2013 | \$0.2325 | February 25, 2013 | March 4, 2013 |
| May 7, 2013 | \$0.24 | May 20, 2013 | June 4, 2013 |
| August 7, 2013 | \$0.2475 | August 19, 2013 | September 3, 2013 |
| November 5, 2013 | \$0.255 | November 18, 2013 | December 4, 2013 |

Future dividends are subject to Board approval.

11. Stock Options and Employee Stock Purchase Plan

j2 Global's share-based compensation plans include the Second Amended and Restated 1997 Stock Option Plan (the "1997 Plan"), 2007 Stock Plan (the "2007 Plan") and 2001 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Purchase Plan"). Each plan is described below.

The 1997 Plan terminated in 2007. A total of 12,000,000 shares of common stock were authorized to be used for 1997 Plan purposes. An additional 840,000 shares were authorized for issuance upon exercise of options granted outside the 1997 Plan. As of September 30, 2013, 509,367 shares underlying options and zero shares of restricted stock were outstanding under the 1997 Plan, all of which continue to be governed by the 1997 Plan.

The 2007 Plan provides for the grant of incentive stock options, nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units and other share-based awards. 4,500,000 shares of common stock are authorized to be used for 2007 Plan purposes. Options under the 2007 Plan may be granted at exercise prices determined by the Board of Directors, provided that the exercise prices shall not be less than the fair market value of j2 Global's common stock on the date of grant for incentive stock options and not less than 85% of the fair market value of j2 Global's common stock on the date of grant for non-statutory stock options. As of September 30, 2013, 673,321 shares underlying options and 99,025 shares of restricted stock were outstanding under the 2007 Plan.

All stock option grants are approved by "outside directors" within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m).

Stock Options

The following table represents stock option activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2013:

| | Number of Shares | Weighted- Average Exercise Price | Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|---|---------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|
| Outstanding at January 1, 2013 | 1,765,461 | \$ 22.08 | | |
| Granted | — | — | | |
| Exercised | (562,173 |) 24.04 | | |
| Canceled | (20,600 |) 21.79 | | |
| Outstanding at September 30, 2013 | 1,182,688 | 21.16 | 4.3 | \$ 33,542,013 |
| Exercisable at September 30, 2013 | 836,229 | 20.25 | 3.3 | \$ 24,476,289 |
| Vested and expected to vest at September 30, 2013 | 1,127,602 | \$ 20.94 | 4.1 | \$ 32,231,627 |

The per share weighted-average grant-date fair values of stock options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 were zero and \$7.92, respectively.

The aggregate intrinsic values of options exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 were \$11.6 million and \$4.0 million, respectively.

As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, unrecognized stock compensation related to non-vested stock options granted under the 1997 Plan and the 2007 Plan approximated \$2.6 million and \$5.0 million, respectively. Unrecognized stock compensation expense related to non-vested stock options granted under these plans is expected to be recognized ratably over a weighted-average period of 1.7 years (i.e., the remaining requisite service period).

Fair Value Disclosure

j2 Global uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model to calculate the fair value of each option grant. The expected volatility for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 is based on historical volatility of the Company's common stock. The Company estimates the expected term based upon the historical exercise behavior of our employees. The risk-free interest rate is based on U.S. Treasury zero-coupon issues with a term equal to the expected term of the option assumed at the date of grant. The Company uses an annualized dividend yield based upon the per share dividends declared by its Board of Directors. Estimated forfeiture rates were 15.72% and 14.68% as of September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

The weighted-average fair values of stock options granted have been estimated utilizing the following assumptions, no stock options were granted during the nine month period ended September 30, 2013:

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Risk-free interest rate | 0.91% |
| Expected term (in years) | 5.7 |
| Dividend yield | 3.09% |
| Expected volatility | 41% |
| Weighted-average volatility | 41% |

Restricted Stock

j2 Global has awarded restricted stock and restricted stock units to its Board of Directors and senior staff pursuant to the 1997 Plan and the 2007 Plan. Compensation expense resulting from restricted stock and restricted unit grants is measured at fair value on the date of grant and is recognized as share-based compensation expense over the applicable vesting period. Beginning in fiscal year 2012 vesting periods are approximately one year for awards to members of the Company's Board of Directors and five years for senior staff. The Company recognized \$1.8 million and \$1.6 million of compensation expense for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, related to restricted stock and restricted stock units, and \$5.0 million and \$3.7 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company had unrecognized share-based compensation cost of approximately \$18.5 million and \$16.0 million, respectively, associated with these awards. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.6 years for awards and 3.7 years for units.

Restricted stock award activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 is set forth below:

| | Shares | Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Nonvested at January 1, 2013 | 828,475 | \$23.08 |
| Granted | 178,430 | 38.40 |
| Vested | (291,841) |) 21.33 |
| Canceled | (43,900) |) 24.46 |
| Nonvested at September 30, 2013 | 671,164 | \$27.82 |

Restricted stock unit award activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 is set forth below:

| | Number of Shares | Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|---|---------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Outstanding at January 1, 2013 | 115,466 | | |
| Granted | 26,675 | | |
| Vested | (10,116) |) | |
| Canceled | (33,000) |) | |
| Outstanding at September 30, 2013 | 99,025 | 2.3 | \$4,903,718 |
| Vested and expected to vest at September 30, 2013 | 67,640 | 2.0 | \$3,349,522 |

Share-Based Compensation Expense

The following table represents share-based compensation expense included in cost of revenues and operating expenses in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Cost of revenues | \$162 | \$199 | \$581 | \$633 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |

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| | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Sales and marketing | 465 | 390 | 1,315 | 1,117 |
| Research, development and engineering | 103 | 111 | 311 | 344 |
| General and administrative | 1,695 | 1,703 | 4,901 | 4,757 |
| Total | \$2,425 | \$2,403 | \$7,108 | \$6,851 |

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Ziff Davis, Inc. Equity Incentive Plan

In November 2012, Ziff Davis established the Ziff Davis, Inc. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Ziff Davis Plan"), providing incentives to selected directors, officers, employees and consultants. The Ziff Davis Plan provides for the granting of incentive stock options, nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units and other share-based awards. The number of authorized shares of common stock that may be used for purposes of the Ziff Davis Plan is 15,000,000. In addition, certain stockholders have put rights under certain circumstances in which the stockholder may elect to cause Ziff Davis to purchase any or all of the shares of common stock (to the extent vested pursuant to the terms of the Ziff Davis Plan) and preferred stock owned by such stockholder. Ziff Davis also has the option to call under certain circumstances the common stock issued pursuant to the Ziff Davis Plan (to the extent vested pursuant to the terms of the Ziff Davis Plan) and shares of preferred stock. The put right held by the stockholder is exercisable only in cases where the Company unilaterally changes the terms of such stockholder's employment relationship or requires such stockholder to relocate his residence a specific distance. As each circumstance is completely within the Company's control, management determined that liability classification is not required.

Ziff Davis granted 13,035,000 shares of restricted stock during the year ended December 31, 2012 to its senior staff pursuant to the Ziff Davis Plan, which shares vest evenly over a 5 year period. No restricted stock awards were granted for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

The Purchase Plan provides for the issuance of a maximum of two million shares of the Company's common stock. Under the Purchase Plan, eligible employees can have up to 15% of their earnings withheld, up to certain maximums, to be used to purchase shares of j2 Global's common stock at certain plan-defined dates. The price of the common stock purchased under the Purchase Plan for the offering periods is equal to 95% of the fair market value of the common stock at the end of the offering period. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, 4,416 and 4,115 shares were purchased under the plan, respectively. Cash received upon the issuance of common stock under the Purchase Plan was \$161,000 and \$109,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. As of September 30, 2013, 1,641,185 shares were available under the Purchase Plan for future issuance.

12. Earnings Per Share

The components of basic and diluted earnings per share are as follows (in thousands, except share and per share data):

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|----------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Numerator for basic and diluted net income per common share: | | | | |
| Net income attributable to j2 Global, Inc. common shareholders | \$27,806 | \$31,650 | \$86,768 | \$91,377 |
| Net income available to participating securities (a) | (416 |) (513 |) (1,455 |) (1,512 |
| Net income available to j2 Global, Inc. common shareholders | \$27,390 | \$31,137 | \$85,313 | \$89,865 |
| Denominator: | | | | |
| Weighted-average outstanding shares of common stock | 45,729,171 | 45,002,565 | 45,441,265 | 45,590,160 |
| Dilutive effect of: | | | | |
| Dilutive effect of equity incentive plans | 562,460 | 337,546 | 625,339 | 307,229 |
| Common stock and common stock equivalents | 46,291,631 | 45,340,111 | 46,066,604 | 45,897,389 |
| Net income per share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$0.60 | \$0.69 | \$1.88 | \$1.97 |
| Diluted | \$0.59 | \$0.69 | \$1.85 | \$1.96 |

(a) Represents unvested share-based payment awards that contain certain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents (whether paid or unpaid).

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, there were zero and 420,319 options outstanding, respectively, and zero and 536,559 options outstanding, respectively, which were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share because the exercise prices were greater than the average market price of the common shares.

13. Segment Information

The Company's business segments are based on the organization structure used by management for making operating and investment decisions and for assessing performance. j2 Global's reportable business segments are: (i) Business Cloud Services; and (ii) Digital Media. Segment accounting policies are the same as described in Note 1 - Basis of Presentation.

Information on reportable segments and reconciliation to consolidated income from operations is presented below (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|----------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Revenues by segment: | | | | |
| Business Cloud Services | \$94,391 | \$93,246 | \$293,898 | \$269,363 |
| Digital Media | 33,522 | — | 89,207 | — |
| Elimination of inter-segment revenues | (125 |) — | (339 |) — |
| Total revenues | 127,788 | 93,246 | 382,766 | 269,363 |
| Direct costs by segment ⁽¹⁾ : | | | | |
| Business Cloud Services | 48,504 | 44,379 | 143,075 | 129,063 |
| Digital Media | 32,652 | — | 92,845 | — |
| Direct costs by segment ⁽¹⁾ : | 81,156 | 44,379 | 235,920 | 129,063 |
| Business Cloud Services operating income | 45,886 | 48,866 | 150,823 | 140,300 |
| Digital Media operating income (loss) | 871 | — | (3,638 |) — |
| Segment operating income | 46,757 | 48,866 | 147,185 | 140,300 |
| Global operating costs ⁽²⁾ | 7,449 | 6,589 | 22,283 | 20,386 |
| Income from operations | \$39,308 | \$42,277 | \$124,902 | \$119,914 |

⁽¹⁾ Direct costs for each segment include cost of revenues and other operating expenses that are directly attributable to the segment such as employee compensation expense, local sales and marketing expenses, engineering and operations, depreciation and amortization and other administrative expenses.

⁽²⁾ Global operating costs include general and administrative and other corporate expenses that are managed on a global basis and that are not directly attributable to any particular segment.

| | September 30, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Business Cloud Services | \$896,847 | \$788,828 |
| Digital Media | 306,750 | 204,244 |
| Total assets from reportable segments | 1,203,597 | 993,072 |
| Corporate | 1,993 | 2,098 |
| Elimination of inter-segment note receivable | (67,500 |) — |
| Total assets | \$1,138,090 | \$995,170 |
| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Capital expenditures: | | |
| Business Cloud Services | \$5,573 | \$3,512 |
| Digital Media | 5,067 | — |
| Total from reportable segments | 10,640 | 3,512 |
| Corporate | 475 | 234 |
| Total capital expenditures | \$11,115 | \$3,746 |

| | Three Months Ended September | | Nine Months Ended September | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|----------|
| | 30, 2013 | 2012 | 30, 2013 | 2012 |
| Depreciation and amortization: | | | | |
| Business Cloud Services | \$6,248 | \$5,245 | \$17,609 | \$15,179 |
| Digital Media | 3,767 | — | 10,335 | — |
| Total from reportable segments | 10,015 | 5,245 | 27,944 | 15,179 |
| Corporate | 168 | 133 | 480 | 376 |
| Total depreciation and amortization | \$10,183 | \$5,378 | \$28,424 | \$15,555 |

j2 Global maintains operations in the U.S., Canada, Ireland, Japan and other countries. Geographic information about the U.S. and all other countries for the reporting periods is presented below. Such information attributes revenues based on jurisdictions where revenues are reported (in thousands).

| | Three Months Ended September | | Nine Months Ended September | |
|---------------------|------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| | 30, 2013 | 2012 | 30, 2013 | 2012 |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| United States | \$90,447 | \$58,194 | \$270,444 | \$167,211 |
| Canada | 17,992 | 20,028 | 55,137 | 60,616 |
| Ireland | 10,417 | 10,124 | 30,822 | 30,908 |
| All other countries | 8,932 | 4,900 | 26,363 | 10,628 |
| | \$127,788 | \$93,246 | \$382,766 | \$269,363 |

| | September 30, | December 31, |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Long-lived assets: | | |
| United States | \$146,039 | \$105,549 |
| All other countries | 48,104 | 46,554 |
| Total | \$194,143 | \$152,103 |

14. Unrestricted Subsidiaries

In November 2012, the Company's Board of Directors designated Ziff Davis, Inc., a subsidiary of j2 Global, Inc., as an "Unrestricted Subsidiary" under the indenture governing j2 Global's Notes. In February 2013, Ziff Davis, Inc. acquired the shares of IGN Entertainment, Inc. and in May 2013, the shares of NetShelter (See Note 3 - Business Acquisitions). Each acquired company is included in the financial position and results of operations of Ziff Davis, Inc. since the respective date of acquisition and each also was designated by the Company's Board of Directors as an "Unrestricted Subsidiary" under the indenture governing j2 Global's Notes. The financial position and results of operations of Ziff Davis, Inc. are included in the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.

As required by the indenture governing j2 Global's Notes, information sufficient to ascertain the financial condition and results of operations excluding the Unrestricted Subsidiaries must be presented. Accordingly, the Company is presenting the following tables.

The financial position of Ziff Davis, Inc. and its subsidiaries as of September 30, 2013 is as follows (in thousands):

| | September 30, 2013 | |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 14,910 | |
| Accounts receivable | 45,773 | |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 4,599 | |
| Deferred income taxes | 3,197 | |
| Total current assets | 68,479 | |
| Property and equipment, net | 12,777 | |
| Trade names, net | 50,620 | |
| Customer relationships, net | 39,658 | |
| Goodwill | 131,877 | |
| Other purchased intangibles, net | 1,828 | |
| Deferred income taxes | — | |
| Other assets | 1,511 | |
| Total assets | \$ 306,750 | |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 30,268 | |
| Income taxes payable | 1,578 | |
| Deferred revenue, current | 2,294 | |
| Total current liabilities | 34,140 | |
| Note payable | 67,500 | |
| Interest payable | 6,351 | |
| Deferred income taxes | 30,550 | |
| Other long-term liabilities | 16 | |
| Mandatorily redeemable financial instrument | 199,611 | |
| Total liabilities | 338,168 | |
| Commitments and contingencies | — | |
| Common stock | — | |
| Additional paid-in capital | (25,064 |) |
| Retained earnings | (6,325 |) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | (29 |) |
| Total stockholders' equity | (31,418 |) |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 306,750 | |

The results of operations of Ziff Davis, Inc. and its subsidiaries for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 is as follows (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 | |
|--|---|--|---|
| Revenues | \$33,522 | \$89,207 | |
| Cost of revenues | 4,398 | 12,682 | |
| Gross profit | 29,124 | 76,525 | |
| Operating expenses: | | | |
| Sales and marketing | 18,085 | 49,049 | |
| Research, development and engineering | 943 | 4,401 | |
| General and administrative | 9,225 | 26,713 | |
| Total operating expenses | 28,253 | 80,163 | |
| Income (loss) from operations | 871 | (3,638 |) |
| Interest and other income (expense), net | (2,911 |) (6,435 |) |
| Loss before income taxes | (2,040 |) (10,073 |) |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 1,624 | (1,836 |) |
| Net loss | \$(3,664 |) \$(8,237 |) |

15. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

The following table summarizes the changes in accumulated balances of other comprehensive income, net of tax, for the three months ended September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

| | Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments | Foreign Currency Translation | Total |
|--|--|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Beginning balance | \$6,812 | \$(4,015 |) \$2,797 |
| Other comprehensive income before reclassifications | 4,247 | 1,590 | 5,837 |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income | 12 | — | 12 |
| Net current period other comprehensive income | 4,259 | 1,590 | 5,849 |
| Ending balance | \$11,071 | \$(2,425 |) \$8,646 |

The following table summarizes the changes in accumulated balances of other comprehensive income, net of tax, for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

| | Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments | Foreign Currency Translation | Total |
|--|--|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Beginning balance | \$1,811 | \$(1,899 |) \$(88 |
| Other comprehensive income before reclassifications | 9,251 | (614 |) 8,637 |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income | 9 | 88 | 97 |
| Net current period other comprehensive income | 9,260 | (526 |) 8,734 |
| Ending balance | \$11,071 | \$(2,425 |) \$8,646 |

The following table provides details about reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 (in thousands):

| Details about Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Components | Amount Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income | | Affected Line Item in the Statement of Income |
|---|--|---|--|
| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 | |
| Cumulative translation adjustment | \$— | \$116 | Interest and other income (expense), net |
| | — | 116 | Total, before income taxes |
| | — | (28 |) Income tax expense (benefit) |
| | — | 88 | Total, net of tax |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale investments | 18 | 14 | Interest and other income (expense), net |
| | 18 | 14 | Total, before income taxes |
| | (6 |) (5 |) Income tax expense (benefit) |
| | 12 | 9 | Total, net of tax |
| Total reclassifications for the period | \$12 | \$97 | Total, net of tax |

16. Subsequent Events

On November 5, 2013, the Company's Board of Directors approved a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.255 per share of common stock payable on December 4, 2013 to all stockholders of record as of the close of business on November 18, 2013.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations
Forward-Looking Information

In addition to historical information, the foregoing Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contains forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. The actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of many factors, including but not limited to those discussed below, the risk factors discussed in Part II, Item 1A - "Risk Factors" of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (if any) and in Part I, Item 1A - "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 (together, the "Risk Factors"), and the factors discussed in the section in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q entitled "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk." Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect management's opinions only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to revise or publicly release the results of any revision to these forward-looking statements. Readers should carefully review the Risk Factors and the risk factors set forth in other documents we file from time to time with the SEC.

Some factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, our ability and intention to:

- Sustain growth or profitability, particularly in light of an uncertain U.S. or worldwide economy and the related impact on customer acquisition and retention rates, customer usage levels and credit and debit card payment declines;
- Maintain and increase our cloud services customer base and average revenue per user;
- Generate sufficient cash flow to make interest and debt payments and reinvest in our business, and pursue desired activities and businesses plans while satisfying restrictive covenants relating to debt obligations;
- Acquire businesses on acceptable terms and successfully integrate and realize anticipated synergies from such acquisitions;
- Continue to expand our businesses and operations internationally in the wake of numerous risks, including adverse currency fluctuations, difficulty in staffing and managing international operations, higher operating costs as a percentage of revenues or the implementation of adverse regulations;
- Maintain our financial position, operating results and cash flows in the event that we incur new or unanticipated costs or tax liabilities, including those relating to federal and state income tax and indirect taxes, such as sales, value-added and telecommunication taxes;
- Accurately estimate the assumptions underlying our effective worldwide tax rate;
- Continue to pay a comparable cash dividend on a quarterly basis;
- Maintain favorable relationships with critical third-party vendors whose financial condition will not negatively impact the services they provide;
- Create compelling digital media content causing increased traffic and advertising levels; additional advertisers or an increase in advertising spend; and effectively target digital media advertisements to desired audiences;
- Manage certain risks inherent to our business, such as costs associated with fraudulent activity, system failure or network security breach; effectively maintaining and managing our billing systems; time and resources required to manage our legal proceedings; or adhering to our internal controls and procedures;
- Compete with other similar providers with regard to price, service and functionality;
- Cost-effectively procure, retain and deploy large quantities of telephone numbers in desired locations in the United States and abroad;
- Achieve business and financial objectives in light of burdensome domestic and international telecommunications, Internet or other regulations including data privacy, security and retention;
- Successfully manage our growth, including but not limited to our operational and personnel-related resources, and integration of newly acquired businesses;

Successfully adapt to technological changes and diversify services and related revenues at acceptable levels of financial return;

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Successfully develop and protect our intellectual property, both domestically and internationally, including our brands, patents, trademarks and domain names, and avoid infringing upon the proprietary rights of others; and Recruit and retain key personnel.

In addition, our financial results could be materially impacted by risks associated with new accounting pronouncements.

Overview

j2 Global, Inc., together with its subsidiaries (“j2 Global”, the "Company", “our”, “us” or “we”), is a leading provider of Internet services. Through our Business Cloud Services Division, we provide cloud services to businesses of all sizes, from individuals to enterprises, and license our intellectual property ("IP") to third parties. Our Digital Media Division operates a portfolio of web properties providing technology, gaming and lifestyle content, and an innovative data-driven platform to connect advertisers with visitors to those properties in addition to websites operated by third parties that are part of the Division's advertising network.

We generate revenues primarily from subscription and usage fees for our business cloud services, advertising fees for our digital media businesses and license fees for the use of our IP.

In addition to growing our businesses organically, we acquire businesses to grow our customer bases, expand and diversify our service offerings, enhance our technologies and acquire skilled personnel. Since December 31, 2000, and including acquisitions closed thus far in 2013, we have completed 45 acquisitions.

On November 9, 2012, we acquired Ziff Davis, Inc. (“Ziff Davis”), a company with extensive digital content holdings within the technology vertical. This acquisition expanded our operations into the digital media market, an area we believe provides attractive profit and expansion opportunities. On February 1, 2013, Ziff Davis acquired IGN Entertainment, Inc. ("IGN"), an online publisher of video games, entertainment and men's lifestyle content. On May 16, 2013, Ziff Davis acquired NetShelter, the largest community of technology publishers dedicated to consumer electronics, computing and mobile communications. For additional information on our acquisitions, see Note 3 - Business Acquisitions in the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

j2 Global was founded in 1995 and is a Delaware corporation. We manage our operations through two business segments: Business Cloud Services and Digital Media. Information regarding revenue and operating income attributable to each of our reportable segments is included within Note 13 - Segment Information of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, which is incorporated herein by reference. IP licensing activities are included within the Business Cloud Services segment. Our Business Cloud Services revenues are impacted by the number of effective business days in a given period. We traditionally experience lower than average Business Cloud Services usage and customer sign-ups in the fourth quarter. Revenues associated with our Digital Media operations are subject to seasonal fluctuations, becoming most active during the fourth quarter holiday period due to increased online retail activity.

Business Cloud Services Segment Performance Metrics

The following table sets forth certain key operating metrics for our Business Cloud Services segment as of and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands, except for percentages):

| | September 30, | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Paying telephone numbers | 2,218 | 2,077 |

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | |
| Subscriber revenues: | | | | | |
| Fixed | \$74,540 | \$72,284 | \$220,370 | \$214,699 | |
| Variable | 18,753 | 17,182 | 56,177 | 47,663 | |
| Total subscriber revenues | \$93,293 | \$89,466 | \$276,547 | \$262,362 | |
| Percentage of total subscriber revenues: | | | | | |
| Fixed | 79.9 | % 80.8 | % 79.7 | % 81.8 | % |
| Variable | 20.1 | % 19.2 | % 20.3 | % 18.2 | % |
| Subscriber revenues: | | | | | |
| DID-based | \$85,710 | \$82,937 | \$254,394 | \$242,961 | |
| Non-DID-based | 7,583 | 6,529 | 22,153 | 19,401 | |
| Total subscriber revenues | \$93,293 | \$89,466 | \$276,547 | \$262,362 | |
| Average revenue per paying telephone number (ARPU) ⁽¹⁾ | \$12.87 | \$13.27 | \$13.04 | \$13.11 | |
| Cancel Rate ⁽²⁾ | 2.3 | % 2.3 | % | | |

(1) Quarterly ARPU is calculated using our standard convention of applying the average of the quarter's beginning and ending base to the total revenue for the quarter. We believe ARPU provides investors an understanding of the average monthly revenues we recognize associated with each DID deployed to our paying customers. As ARPU varies based on fixed subscription fee and variable usage components, we believe it can serve as a measure by which investors can evaluate trends in the types of services, levels of services and the usage levels of those services across our paying DID base.

(2) Cancel rate is defined as cancels related to individual customer DIDs with greater than four months of continuous service (continuous service includes customer DIDs which are administratively canceled and reactivated within the same calendar month).

Digital Media Segment Performance Metrics

Our Digital Media segment was established with our fourth quarter 2012 acquisition of Ziff Davis. As a result, the following performance metrics for our Digital Media segment for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 are presented with no prior comparable period (in millions):

| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 |
|------------|---|--|
| Visits | 601 | 1,536 |
| Page views | 2,002 | 5,148 |

Sources: Omniture; Google Analytics

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

In the ordinary course of business, we have made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of results of operations and financial condition in the preparation of our financial statements. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates under different assumptions and conditions. Our critical accounting policies are described in our 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 1, 2013. During the three months ended September 30, 2013, there were no significant changes in our critical accounting policies and estimates.

Results of Operations for the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013

Business Cloud Services Segment

Assuming a stable or improving economic environment, we expect the revenue and expense trends as included in the results of operations below in our Business Cloud Services segment to continue for the foreseeable future excluding the impact of acquisitions. The main focus of our Business Cloud Services offerings is to reduce or eliminate costs, increase sales and enhance productivity, mobility, business continuity and security of our customers as the technologies and devices they use evolve over time. As a result, we expect to continue to take steps to enhance our existing offerings and offer new services to continue to satisfy the evolving needs of our customers. Through our IP licensing operations, which are included in the Business Cloud Services segment, we seek to make our IP available for license to third parties, and we expect to continue to attempt to obtain additional IP through a combination of acquisitions and internal development in an effort to increase available licensing opportunities and related revenues. We expect acquisitions to remain an important component of our strategy and use of capital; however, we cannot predict whether our current pace of acquisitions will remain the same within this segment. In a given period, we may close greater or fewer acquisitions than in prior periods. Also, as IP licensing often involves litigation, the timing of licensing transactions is unpredictable and can and does vary significantly from period-to-period.

Digital Media Segment

Assuming a stable or improving economic environment, we expect the revenue trend in our Digital Media segment to improve over the next several quarters as we integrate our recent acquisitions and over the longer term as advertising transactions continue to shift from offline to online. The main focus of our advertising programs is to provide relevant and useful advertising to visitors to our websites and those included within our advertising networks, reflecting our commitment to constantly improve their overall web experience. As a result, we expect to continue to take steps to improve the relevance of the ads displayed on our websites and those included within our advertising networks. The operating margin we realize on revenues generated from ads placed on our websites is significantly higher than the operating margin we realize from revenues generated from those placed on third-party websites. Growth in advertising revenues from our websites has generally exceeded that from third-party websites. This trend has had a positive impact on our operating margins, and we expect that this will continue for the foreseeable future. However, the trend in advertising spend is shifting to mobile devices and other newer advertising formats which generally experience lower margins than those from desktop computers and tablets. We expect this trend to continue to pressure our margins.

We expect acquisitions to remain an important component of our strategy and use of capital; however, we cannot predict whether our current pace of acquisitions will remain the same within this segment. In a given period, we may close greater or fewer acquisitions than in prior periods.

j2 Global Consolidated

We anticipate the stable revenue trend in our Business Cloud Services segment combined with the improving revenue trend in our Digital Media segment will result in an overall improved revenue trend for j2 Global on a consolidated basis, excluding the impact of any future acquisitions and revenues associated with licensing our IP which can and do vary dramatically from period-to-period.

We expect operating profit as a percentage of revenues to generally decline in the future as we expect our less profitable Digital Media segment and the expected increasing pressure on margins as described above to grow at a faster rate than our more profitable Businesses Cloud Services segment, excluding the impact of any future acquisitions and partially offset by improved Digital Media segment margins due to economies of scale.

Revenues

| (in thousands, except percentages) | Three Months Ended | | Percentage Change | Nine Months Ended | | Percentage Change |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | September 30, 2013 | September 30, 2012 | | September 30, 2013 | September 30, 2012 | |
| Revenues | \$127,788 | \$93,246 | 37% | \$382,766 | \$269,363 | 42% |

Our revenues consist of revenues from our Business Cloud Services segment and from our Digital Media segment. Business Cloud Services revenues primarily consist of revenues from “fixed” customer subscription revenues and “variable” revenues generated from actual usage of our services. We also generate Business Cloud Services revenues from IP licensing. Digital Media revenues primarily consist of advertising revenues, fees paid for generating business leads, and licensing and sale of editorial content and trademarks.

Our revenues have increased over the comparable three and nine month periods of 2012 primarily due to the following factors:

- Our acquisitions of Ziff Davis, IGN and NetShelter in the Digital Media segment;

As it relates to the nine month period of 2012, increase in our Business Cloud Services IP licensing revenues as a result of the \$27 million patent license agreement secured with Open Text during the second quarter of 2013, resulting in approximately \$12.6 million of revenues during that quarter as associated with past damages; and

•Growth in our Business Cloud Services subscriber base due to business acquisitions and new customer sign ups, net of cancellations.

Cost of Revenues

| (in thousands, except percentages) | Three Months Ended | | Percentage Change | Nine Months Ended | | Percentage Change |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| | September 30, | | | September 30, | | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | | 2013 | 2012 | |
| Cost of revenue | \$21,801 | \$16,303 | 34% | \$64,715 | \$48,354 | 34% |
| As a percent of revenue | 17% | 17% | —% | 17% | 18% | (1)% |

Cost of revenues is primarily comprised of costs associated with data and voice transmission, DIDs, network operations, customer service, editorial and production costs, online processing fees and equipment depreciation. The increase in cost of revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 was primarily due to an increase in costs associated with the acquisitions of Ziff Davis, IGN and NetShelter within the Digital Media segment and other acquisitions within the Business Cloud Services segment.

Operating Expenses

Sales and Marketing.

| (in thousands, except percentages) | Three Months Ended | | Percentage Change | Nine Months Ended | | Percentage Change |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| | September 30, | | | September 30, | | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | | 2013 | 2012 | |
| Sales and Marketing | \$34,787 | \$15,190 | 129% | \$99,638 | \$43,910 | 127% |
| As a percent of revenue | 27% | 16% | 11% | 26% | 16% | 10% |

Our sales and marketing costs consist primarily of Internet-based advertising, sales and marketing, personnel costs and other business development-related expenses. Our Internet-based advertising relationships consist primarily of fixed cost and performance-based (cost-per-impression, cost-per-click and cost-per-acquisition) advertising relationships with an array of online service providers. Advertising cost for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 was \$13.9 million and \$12.2 million, respectively, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 was \$42.5 million and \$35.2 million, respectively. The increase in sales and marketing expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 versus the prior comparable period was primarily due to additional personnel and

severance costs associated with the acquisitions of Ziff Davis, IGN and NetShelter in the Digital Media segment and other acquisitions within the Business Cloud segment as well as increased advertising.

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Research, Development and Engineering.

| (in thousands, except percentages) | Three Months Ended | | Percentage Change | Nine Months Ended | | Percentage Change |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|
| | September 30, 2013 | 2012 | | September 30, 2013 | 2012 | |
| Research, Development and Engineering | \$6,000 | \$4,692 | 28% | \$19,134 | \$13,798 | 39% |
| As a percent of revenue | 5% | 5% | —% | 5% | 5% | —% |

Our research, development and engineering costs consist primarily of personnel-related expenses. The increase in research, development and engineering costs for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 versus the prior comparable period was primarily due to additional personnel and severance costs associated with the acquisitions of Ziff Davis, IGN and NetShelter in the Digital Media segment during the fourth quarter of 2012 or subsequent periods.

General and Administrative.

| (in thousands, except percentages) | Three Months Ended | | Percentage Change | Nine Months Ended | | Percentage Change |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|
| | September 30, 2013 | 2012 | | September 30, 2013 | 2012 | |
| General and Administrative | \$25,892 | \$14,784 | 75% | \$74,377 | \$43,387 | 71% |
| As a percent of revenue | 20% | 16% | 4% | 19% | 16% | 3% |

Our general and administrative costs consist primarily of personnel-related expenses, depreciation and amortization, share-based compensation expense, bad debt expense, professional fees and insurance costs. The increase in general and administrative expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 versus the prior comparable periods was primarily due to additional personnel costs, severance costs and amortization of intangible assets associated with the acquisitions of Ziff Davis, IGN and NetShelter in the Digital Media segment and other acquisitions within the Business Cloud segment during the fourth quarter of 2012 and subsequent periods.

Share-Based Compensation

The following table represents share-based compensation expense included in cost of revenues and operating expenses in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| | September 30, 2013 | 2012 | September 30, 2013 | 2012 |
| Cost of revenues | \$162 | \$199 | \$581 | \$633 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Sales and marketing | 465 | 390 | 1,315 | 1,117 |
| Research, development and engineering | 103 | 111 | 311 | 344 |
| General and administrative | 1,695 | 1,703 | 4,901 | 4,757 |
| Total | \$2,425 | \$2,403 | \$7,108 | \$6,851 |

Non-Operating Income and Expenses

Interest and Other Income (Expense), Net. Our interest and other income (expense), net is generated primarily from interest charged on outstanding debt; gain or loss on foreign exchange; and interest earned on cash, cash equivalents and short-term and long-term investments. Interest and other income (expense), net was \$(4.6) million and \$(2.7) million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$(14.1) million and \$(2.7) million

for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The change in interest and other income (expense), net for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 was primarily due to interest accrued on the outstanding debt issued in July 2012.

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Income Taxes

Our effective tax rate is based on pre-tax income, statutory tax rates, tax regulations (including those related to transfer pricing) and different tax rates in the various jurisdictions in which we operate. The tax bases of our assets and liabilities reflect our best estimate of the tax benefits and costs we expect to realize. When necessary, we establish valuation allowances to reduce our deferred tax assets to an amount that will more likely than not be realized.

Provision for income taxes amounted to \$7.1 million and \$7.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Income tax expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 was \$24.4 million and \$25.9 million, respectively. Our effective tax rate was 20.5% and 19.9% for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and 22.0% and 22.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The increase in our effective income tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2013 was primarily attributable to the following:

1. a decrease in the state tax deduction, net of federal tax; and
2. a decrease in foreign tax credits; and
3. a decrease in the U.S. federal domestic production activities deduction; partially offset by:
4. a decrease in Subpart F income; and
5. a decrease in the valuation allowance for U.S. federal foreign tax credit.

The decrease in our effective income tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 was primarily attributable to the following:

1. a decrease in the valuation allowance for the U.S. federal foreign tax credit; and
2. a decrease in Subpart F income; partially offset by:
3. a decrease in the U.S. federal domestic production activities deduction; and
4. a decrease in the portion of our income being taxed in foreign jurisdictions and subject to lower tax rates than in the U.S.

Segment Results

Our business segments are based on the organization structure used by management for making operating and investment decisions and for assessing performance. Our reportable business segments are: (i) Business Cloud Services; and (ii) Digital Media.

We evaluate the performance of our operating segments based on segment revenues, including both external and inter-segment net sales, and segment operating income. We account for inter-segment sales and transfers based primarily on standard costs with reasonable mark-ups established between the segments. Identifiable assets by segment are those assets used in the respective reportable segment's operations. Corporate assets consist of cash and cash equivalents, deferred income taxes and certain other assets. All significant inter-segment amounts are eliminated to arrive at our consolidated financial results.

Business Cloud Services

Prior to the acquisition of Ziff Davis on November 9, 2012, we operated as one segment which is now the Business Cloud Services segment. The following segment results are presented for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 | Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 | Change | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 | Change | | |
|--------------------------|--|--|-----------|-------|---|---|---|----------|------|---|
| External net sales | \$94,391 | \$93,246 | \$1,145 | 1.2 | % | \$293,898 | \$269,363 | \$24,535 | 9.1 | % |
| Inter-segment net sales | — | — | — | — | % | — | — | — | — | % |
| Segment net sales | 94,391 | 93,246 | 1,145 | 1.2 | % | 293,898 | 269,363 | 24,535 | 9.1 | % |
| Cost of revenues | 17,403 | 16,303 | 1,100 | 6.7 | % | 52,033 | 48,354 | 3,679 | 7.6 | % |
| Gross profit | 76,988 | 76,943 | 45 | 0.1 | % | 241,865 | 221,009 | 20,856 | 9.4 | % |
| Operating expenses | 31,102 | 28,077 | 3,025 | 10.8 | % | 91,042 | 80,709 | 10,333 | 12.8 | % |
| Segment operating income | \$45,886 | \$48,866 | \$(2,980) | (6.1) | % | \$150,823 | \$140,300 | \$10,523 | 7.5 | % |

Segment net sales of \$94.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 increased \$1.1 million, or 1.2%, from the prior comparable period primarily due to an increase in our subscriber base at stable average revenue per user (ARPU) levels. Segment net sales of \$293.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 increased \$24.5 million, or 9.1%, from the prior comparable period primarily due to an increase in IP licensing revenues due to the \$27 million patent license we secured with Open Text during the second quarter of 2013, which resulted in approximately \$12.6 million of revenue during that quarter as associated with past damages and an increase in our subscriber base at stable ARPU levels.

Segment gross profit of \$77.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 remained consistent with the prior comparable period. Segment gross profit of \$241.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 increased \$20.9 million from the prior comparable period primarily due to the Open Text patent license and an increase in net sales.

Segment operating expenses of \$31.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 increased \$3.0 million from 2012 primarily due to (a) an increase in sales and marketing costs due to additional advertising; (b) additional amortization of intangible assets associated with businesses acquired in and subsequent to the prior comparable period; (c) an increase in professional fees; and (d) additional depreciation due to certain capital expenditures during the current year; partially offset by (e) a decrease in bad debt expense. Segment operating expenses of \$91.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 increased \$10.3 million from 2012 primarily due to (a) an increase in sales and marketing costs due to additional advertising; (b) additional amortization of intangible assets associated with businesses acquired in and subsequent to the prior comparable period; (c) increased compensation-related costs; (d) an increase in professional fees; and (e) additional depreciation due to certain capital expenditures during the current year; partially offset by (f) a decrease in bad debt expense.

As a result of these factors, segment operating income of \$45.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 decreased \$(3.0) million, or (6.1)%, from the prior comparable period and segment operating income of \$150.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 increased \$10.5 million, or 7.5%, from the prior comparable period.

Digital Media

Our Digital Media segment was established with our fourth quarter of 2012 acquisition of Ziff Davis. As a result, the following segment results are presented for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 with no prior comparable period (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 | |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| External net sales | \$33,397 | \$88,868 | |
| Intersegment net sales | 125 | 339 | |
| Segment net sales | 33,522 | 89,207 | |
| Cost of revenues | 4,398 | 12,682 | |
| Gross profit | 29,124 | 76,525 | |
| Operating expenses | 28,253 | 80,163 | |
| Segment operating income (loss) | \$871 | \$(3,638) |) |

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments

At September 30, 2013, we had cash and investments of \$374.1 million compared to \$343.6 million at December 31, 2012. The increase resulted primarily from cash provided by operations, partially offset by business acquisitions and dividends paid. At September 30, 2013, cash and investments consisted of cash and cash equivalents of \$199.2 million, short-term investments of \$108.0 million and long-term investments of \$66.9 million. Our investments are comprised primarily of readily marketable corporate and governmental debt securities, money-market accounts and time deposits. For financial statement presentation, we classify our investments primarily as available-for-sale; thus, they are reported as short- and long-term based upon their maturity dates. Short-term investments mature within one year of the date of the financial statements and long-term investments mature one year or more from the date of the financial statements. Short-term investments include restricted balances that we may not liquidate until maturity, generally within 12 months. Restricted balances included in short-term investments were \$8.2 million at September 30, 2013. We retain a substantial portion of our cash and investments in foreign jurisdictions for future reinvestment. As of September 30, 2013, cash and investments held within foreign and domestic jurisdictions were \$162.5 million and \$211.6 million, respectively. If we were to repatriate funds held within foreign jurisdictions, we would incur U.S. income tax on the repatriated amount at the federal statutory rate of 35% and the state statutory rate where applicable, net of a credit for foreign taxes paid on such amounts.

On November 5, 2013, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.2550 per share of common stock payable on December 4, 2013 to all stockholders of record as of the close of business on November 18, 2013. On August 7, 2013, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.2475 per share of common stock payable on September 3, 2013 to all stockholders of record as of the close of business on August 19, 2013. On May 7, 2013, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.24 per share of common stock payable on June 4, 2013 to all stockholders of record as of the close of business on May 20, 2013. On February 12, 2013, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.2325 per share of common stock which was paid on March 4, 2013 to all stockholders of record as of the close of business on February 25, 2013. Future dividends are subject to Board approval and certain restrictions within the Credit Agreement, as amended (the "Credit Agreement"), with Union Bank, N.A. and within the Indenture relating to the debt issuance referenced below, a copy of which the Company filed with the SEC as an exhibit to its Current Report on Form 8-K on July 26, 2012.

On July 26, 2012, we completed the sale in a private offering of \$250 million in aggregate principal amount of 8.0% senior unsecured notes due 2020. The net proceeds of the sale were \$243.7 million after deducting the initial purchaser's discounts, commissions and expenses of the offering. We are using the net proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes, including acquisitions.

We currently anticipate that our existing cash and cash equivalents and short-term investment balances and cash generated from operations will be sufficient to meet our anticipated needs for working capital, capital expenditure, investment requirements, stock repurchases and cash dividends for at least the next 12 months.

Cash Flows

Our primary sources of liquidity are cash flows generated from operations, together with cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$134.9 million and \$123.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Our operating cash flows resulted primarily from cash received from our customers offset by cash payments we made to third parties for their services, employee compensation and semi-annual interest payments associated with our senior notes. Certain taxes are prepaid during the year and included within prepaid expenses and other current assets on the consolidated balance sheet. Our prepaid

taxes were \$14.1 million and \$9.0 million at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. A significant portion of our Cloud Business Services segment subscribers pay us via credit cards and therefore those receivables generally settle quickly. In the Digital Media segment, advertisers generally pay in arrears and receivables generally settle within a range of 90 days.

Net cash used in investing activities was approximately \$(132.0) million and \$(135.4) million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, net cash used in investing activities was primarily attributable to business acquisitions, the purchase of available-for-sale investments, purchase of certificates of deposit, property and equipment and intangible assets; partially offset by the sale of available-for-sale investments and maturity of certificates of deposit. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, net cash used in investing activities was primarily attributable to the purchase of available-for-sale investments, purchase of certificates of deposit, business acquisitions, purchases

of property and equipment and intangible assets; partially offset by the sale of available-for-sale investments and maturity of certificates of deposit.

Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities was approximately \$(21.2) million and \$159.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, net cash used in financing activities was primarily attributable to dividends paid and repurchases of stock partially offset by the proceeds from the exercise of stock options and excess tax benefit from share-based compensation. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, net cash provided by financing activities was primarily attributable to the proceeds from the sale of long-term debt and from the exercise of options and excess tax benefit from share-based compensation partially offset by the repurchase of stock and dividends paid.

Contractual Obligations and Commitments

The following table summarizes our contractual obligations and commitments as of September 30, 2013:

| Contractual Obligations | Payments Due in | | | | | | Total |
|--|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|
| | (in thousands) | | | | | | |
| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | Thereafter | |
| Long-term debt - principal (a) | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$250,000 | \$250,000 |
| Long-term debt - interest (b) | — | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 59,722 | 139,722 |
| Operating leases (c) | 1,791 | 6,606 | 6,200 | 5,698 | 3,843 | 5,894 | 30,032 |
| Mandatorily redeemable financial instrument - dividends (d) | 340 | 1,360 | 1,360 | 1,360 | 1,360 | — | 5,780 |
| Mandatorily redeemable financial instrument - redemption (e) | — | — | — | — | 8,556 | — | 8,556 |
| Telecom services and co-location facilities (f) | 555 | 1,626 | 799 | 563 | 177 | 13 | 3,733 |
| Holdback payment (g) | 514 | 2,984 | 704 | — | — | — | 4,202 |
| Other (h) | 358 | 164 | 120 | 120 | — | — | 762 |
| Total | \$3,558 | \$32,740 | \$29,183 | \$27,741 | \$33,936 | \$315,629 | \$442,787 |

(a) These amounts represent principal on long-term debt.

(b) These amounts represent interest on long-term debt.

(c) These amounts represent undiscounted future minimum rental commitments under noncancellable leases.

(d) These amounts represent the non-controlling interest portion of dividends accrued on the mandatorily redeemable financial instrument.

(e) These amounts represent the non-controlling interest portion of the redemption amount with respect to the mandatorily redeemable financial instrument.

(f) These amounts represent service commitments to various telecommunication providers.

(g) These amounts primarily represent the holdback amounts in connection with certain business acquisitions.

(h) These amounts primarily represent certain consulting and Board of Directors fee arrangements, software license commitments and others.

As of September 30, 2013, our liability for uncertain tax positions was \$41.5 million. Future payments related to uncertain tax positions have not been presented in the table above due to the uncertainty of the amounts and timing of cash settlement with such authorities.

Credit Agreement

On January 5, 2009, we entered into a Credit Agreement with Union Bank, N.A. in order to further enhance our liquidity in the event of potential acquisitions or other corporate purposes. The Credit Agreement was amended on August 16, 2010, July 13, 2012 and November 9, 2012. The July 13, 2012 amendment was entered into in connection with the issuance of senior unsecured notes as discussed in Note 7 - Long-Term Debt, and extended the Revolving Credit Commitment Termination Date (as defined in the Credit Agreement) to November 14, 2013. The November 9, 2012 amendment was entered into in connection with the acquisition of Ziff Davis.

We have not drawn down any amounts under the Credit Agreement.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The following discussion of the market risks we face contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect management's opinions only as of the date hereof. j2 Global undertakes no obligation to revise or publicly release the results of any revision to these forward-looking statements. Readers should carefully review the risk factors described in this document and in the other documents incorporated by reference herein, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 as well as in other documents we file from time to time with the SEC, including the Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and any Current Reports on Form 8-K filed or to be filed by us in 2013.

Interest Rate Risk

Our exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates primarily to our investment portfolio. We maintain an investment portfolio of various holdings, types and maturities. The primary objectives of our investment activities are to preserve our principal while at the same time maximizing yields without significantly increasing risk. To achieve these objectives, we maintain our portfolio of cash equivalents and investments in a mix of instruments that meet high credit quality standards, as specified in our investment policy. Our cash and cash equivalents are not subject to significant interest rate risk due to the short maturities of these instruments. As of September 30, 2013, the carrying value of our cash and cash equivalents approximated fair value. Our return on these investments is subject to interest rate fluctuations.

Our short- and long-term investments are comprised primarily of readily marketable corporate and governmental debt securities and certificates of deposits. Investments in fixed rate interest earning instruments carry a degree of interest rate risk. Fixed rate securities may have their fair market value adversely impacted due to a rise in interest rates. Our interest income is sensitive to changes in the general level of U.S. and foreign countries' interest rates. Due in part to these factors, our future investment income may fall short of expectations due to changes in interest rates.

As of September 30, 2013, we had investments in debt securities with effective maturities greater than one year of approximately \$66.9 million. Such investments had a weighted average yield of approximately 1%. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, we had cash and cash equivalent investments in time deposits and money market funds with maturities of 90 days or less of \$199.2 million and \$218.7 million, respectively. Based on our cash and cash equivalents and short- and long-term investment holdings as of September 30, 2013, an immediate 100 basis point decline in interest rates would decrease our annual interest income to approximately zero.

We are parties to the Credit Agreement, as amended, with Union Bank, N.A.. If we were to borrow under the Credit Agreement we would be subject to the prevailing interest rates and could be exposed to interest rate fluctuations.

We cannot ensure that future interest rate movements will not have a material adverse effect on our future business, prospects, financial condition, operating results and cash flows. To date, we have not entered into interest rate hedging transactions to control or minimize certain of these risks.

Foreign Currency Risk

We conduct business in certain foreign markets, primarily in Canada, Australia and the European Union. Our principal exposure to foreign currency risk relates to investment and inter-company debt in foreign subsidiaries that transact business in functional currencies other than the U.S. Dollar, primarily the Canadian Dollar, Euro, British Pound Sterling, Australian Dollar and Japanese Yen. If we are unable to settle our short term inter-company debts in a timely

manner, we remain exposed to foreign currency fluctuations.

As we expand our international presence, we become further exposed to foreign currency risk by entering new markets with additional foreign currencies. The economic impact of currency exchange rate movements is often linked to variability in real growth, inflation, interest rates, governmental actions and other factors. These changes, if material, could cause us to adjust our financing and operating strategies.

As currency exchange rates change, translation of the income statements of the international businesses into U.S. Dollars affects year-over-year comparability of operating results, the impact of which is immaterial to the comparisons set forth in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Historically, we have not hedged translation risks because cash flows from international operations were generally reinvested locally; however, we may do so in the future. Our objective in managing foreign exchange risk is to minimize the potential exposure to changes that exchange rates might have on earnings, cash flows and financial position.

Foreign exchange gains and (losses) were not material to our earnings for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, where net foreign currency gain/(loss) amounted to approximately (\$0.1) million and \$0.5 million, respectively, and (\$0.1) million and (\$0.1) million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, cumulative translation adjustments included in other comprehensive income amounted to approximately \$1.6 million and \$(0.5) million, net of tax, respectively.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

j2 Global's management, with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, performed an evaluation of j2 Global's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act")) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Our principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that j2 Global's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is (1) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, and (2) accumulated and communicated to our management to allow their timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) Changes in Internal Controls

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the third quarter ended September 30, 2013 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

See Note 8 – Commitments and Contingencies of the Notes to Financial Statements (Part I, Item 1) for information regarding certain legal proceedings in which we are involved.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, before deciding to invest in j2 Global or to maintain or increase your investment, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part I, Item 1A “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 (the “10-K Risk Factors”) as well as in other documents we file from time to time with the SEC, including the Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and any Current Reports on Form 8-K filed or to be filed by us in 2013. If any of these risks occur, our business, prospects, financial condition, operating results and cash flows could be materially adversely affected. The 10-K Risk Factors are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial also may impair our business operations.

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

(a) Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities

None.

(b) Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Effective February 15, 2012, the Company's Board of Directors approved a program authorizing the repurchase of up to five million shares of our common stock through February 20, 2013 (the "2012 Program"). On February 12, 2013, the Board extended the 2012 Program through February 20, 2014. During the nine month period ended September 30, 2013, we repurchased zero shares under this program.

The following table details the repurchases that were made under and outside the 2012 Program during the three months ended September 30, 2013:

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased (1) | Average Price Paid Per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of a Publicly Announced Program | Maximum Number of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Publicly Announced Program |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| July 1, 2013 - July 31, 2013 | — | \$— | — | 2,873,920 |
| August 1, 2013 - August 31, 2013 | 43,435 | \$51.74 | — | 2,873,920 |
| September 1, 2013 - September 30, 2013 | — | \$— | — | 2,873,920 |
| Total | 43,435 | | — | 2,873,920 |

(1) Includes shares surrendered to the Company to pay the exercise price and/or to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with employee stock options and/or the vesting of restricted stock issued to employees.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not Applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

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Item 6. Exhibits

31.1 Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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SIGNATURE

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

j2 Global, Inc.

Date: November 12, 2013

By: /s/ NEHEMIA ZUCKER
Nehemia Zucker
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive
Officer)

Date: November 12, 2013

By: /s/ KATHLEEN M.
GRIGGS
Kathleen M. Griggs
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial
Officer)

Date: November 12, 2013

By: /s/ STEVE P. DUNN
Steve P. Dunn
Chief Accounting Officer

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