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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended December 31, 2011

OR

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

For the transition period from To

Commission file number: 000-31203

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

98-0171860
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**President Place, 4th Floor, Cnr. Jan Smuts Avenue and Bolton Road
Rosebank, Johannesburg 2196, South Africa**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 27-11-343-2000

Not Applicable

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

YES NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if

any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES NO

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

YES NO

As of February 7, 2012 (the latest practicable date), 45,002,304 shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, net of treasury shares, were outstanding.

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Part I. Financial Information

Item 1. Financial Statements

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

| | Unaudited December 31, 2011 | (A) June 30, 2011 |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (In thousands, except share data) | | |
| ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents (note 2) | \$ 80,864 | \$ 95,263 |
| Pre-funded social welfare grants receivable (note 3) | 3,532 | 4,579 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowances of December: \$798; June: \$728 | 93,197 | 82,780 |
| Finance loans receivable | 9,474 | 8,141 |
| Deferred expenditure on smart cards | 56 | 51 |
| Inventory (note 4) | 5,082 | 6,725 |
| Deferred income taxes | 6,610 | 15,882 |
| Total current assets before settlement assets | 198,815 | 213,421 |
| Settlement assets (note 5) | 125,582 | 186,668 |
| Total current assets | 324,397 | 400,089 |
| PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION OF December: \$70,892; June: \$50,007 | 33,776 | 35,807 |
| EQUITY-ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS (note 6) | 1,545 | 1,860 |
| GOODWILL (note 7) | 183,827 | 209,570 |
| INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET OF ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION OF December: \$42,017; June: \$37,118 (note 7) | 103,408 | 119,856 |
| OTHER LONG-TERM ASSETS, including reinsurance assets (note 8) | 38,288 | 14,463 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 685,241 | 781,645 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts payable | 9,535 | 11,360 |
| Other payables | 60,311 | 71,265 |
| Current portion of long-term borrowings (note 10) | 18,791 | 15,062 |
| Income taxes payable | 3,067 | 6,709 |
| Total current liabilities before settlement obligations | 91,704 | 104,396 |
| Settlement obligations (note 5) | 125,582 | 186,668 |
| Total current liabilities | 217,286 | 291,064 |
| DEFERRED INCOME TAXES | 24,748 | 52,785 |
| LONG-TERM BORROWINGS (note 10) | 86,708 | 110,504 |
| OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES, including insurance policy liabilities (note 8) | 25,519 | 1,272 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 354,261 | 455,625 |
| COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES | | |
| EQUITY | | |
| NET1 EQUITY: | | |

| | | | |
|--|-----------|----------------|-------------------|
| COMMON STOCK | | | |
| Authorized: 200,000,000 with \$0.001 par value; | | | |
| Issued and outstanding shares, net of treasury - December: | | | |
| 45,002,304; | | | |
| June: 45,152,805 | | 59 | 59 |
| PREFERRED STOCK | | | |
| Authorized shares: 50,000,000 with \$0.001 par value; | | | |
| Issued and outstanding shares, net of treasury: 2011: -; | | | |
| 2010: - | | - | - |
| ADDITIONAL PAID-IN-CAPITAL | | 137,446 | 136,430 |
| TREASURY SHARES, AT COST: December: 13,455,090; | | | |
| June: 13,274,434 | | (175,823) | (174,694) |
| ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS | | (73,834) | (33,779) |
| RETAINED EARNINGS | | 439,852 | 394,990 |
| TOTAL NET1 EQUITY | | 327,700 | 323,006 |
| NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST | | 3,280 | 3,014 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | | 330,980 | 326,020 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY | \$ | 685,241 | \$ 781,645 |

(A) Derived from audited financial statements

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

| | Three months ended | | Six months ended | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| | December 31, 2011 | 2010 | December 31, 2011 | 2010 |
| | (In thousands, except per share data) | | (In thousands, except per share data) | |
| REVENUE | \$ 92,058 | \$ 89,011 | \$ 191,984 | \$ 153,294 |
| EXPENSE | | | | |
| Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support | 34,168 | 29,182 | 67,112 | 47,249 |
| Selling, general and administration | 28,872 | 28,763 | 55,929 | 59,089 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 8,790 | 9,092 | 17,869 | 13,996 |
| OPERATING INCOME | 20,228 | 21,974 | 51,074 | 32,960 |
| INTEREST INCOME | 1,820 | 1,350 | 3,817 | 4,434 |
| INTEREST EXPENSE | 2,355 | 3,430 | 4,971 | 3,678 |
| INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES | 19,693 | 19,894 | 49,920 | 33,716 |
| INCOME TAX (BENEFIT) EXPENSE (note 16) | (5,378) | 9,836 | 5,174 | 16,043 |
| NET INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE EARNINGS (LOSS) FROM EQUITY-ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS | 25,071 | 10,058 | 44,746 | 17,673 |
| EARNINGS (LOSS) FROM EQUITY- ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS (note 6) | 19 | (166) | 104 | (382) |
| NET INCOME | 25,090 | 9,892 | 44,850 | 17,291 |
| ADD NET LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO NON- CONTROLLING INTEREST | (4) | (56) | (12) | (86) |
| NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO NET1 | \$ 25,094 | \$ 9,948 | \$ 44,862 | \$ 17,377 |
| Net income per share, in United States dollars (note 14) | | | | |
| Basic earnings attributable to Net1 shareholders | \$ 0.56 | \$ 0.22 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 0.38 |
| Diluted earnings attributable to Net1 shareholders | \$ 0.56 | \$ 0.22 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 0.38 |

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (dollar amounts in thousands)

Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc. Shareholder

| | Number of Shares | Amount | Number of Treasury Shares | Treasury Shares | Additional Paid-In Capital |
|--|---------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Balance July 1, 2011 | 58,427,239 | \$ 59 | (13,274,434) | \$ (174,694) | \$ 136,430 |
| Restricted stock granted | 30,155 | | | | |
| Stock-based compensation charge | | | | | 1,039 |
| Treasury shares acquired (note 11) | | | (180,656) | (1,129) | |
| Utilization of APIC pool related to vested restricted stock | | | | | (23) |
| Liquidation of SmartSwitch Nigeria (note 13) | | | | | |
| Sale of 10% of SmartLife (note 2) | | | | | |
| KSNET purchase accounting adjustment | | | | | |
| Comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes: | | | | | |
| Net income | | | | | |
| Other comprehensive loss: | | | | | |
| Movement in foreign currency translation reserve | | | | | |
| Balance December 31, 2011 | 58,457,394 | \$ 59 | (13,455,090) | \$ (175,823) | \$ 137,446 |
| See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements | | | | | |

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

| | Three months ended December 31, | | Six months ended December 31, | |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| | (In thousands) | | (In thousands) | |
| Net income | \$ 25,090 | \$ 9,892 | \$ 44,850 | \$ 17,291 |
| Movement in foreign currency translation reserve | (2,577) | 1,041 | (40,182) | 28,702 |
| Total other comprehensive (loss) income, net of taxes | (2,577) | 1,041 | (40,182) | 28,702 |
| Comprehensive income | 22,513 | 10,933 | 4,668 | 45,993 |
| Less: Add (Less) comprehensive loss (gain) attributable to non-controlling interest | 4 | (170) | 139 | (311) |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Net1 | \$ 22,517 | \$ 10,763 | \$ 4,807 | \$ 45,682 |

Certain amounts for the three and six months ended December 31, 2010, have been reclassified to reflect the appropriate attribution of net income and other movements between Net1 and its non-controlling interest.

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

| | Three months ended December 31, | | Six months ended December 31, | |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| | (In thousands) | | (In thousands) | |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 25,090 | \$ 9,892 | \$ 44,850 | \$ 17,291 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 8,790 | 9,092 | 17,869 | 13,996 |
| (Earnings) Loss from equity-accounted investments | (19) | 166 | (104) | 382 |
| Fair value adjustments | (551) | 3,344 | (772) | 238 |
| Interest payable | 2,113 | 67 | 3,775 | 140 |
| Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment | (26) | (3) | (34) | (8) |
| Net loss on sale of 10% of SmartLife (note 2) | 81 | - | 81 | - |
| Profit on liquidation of subsidiary (note 13) | - | - | (3,994) | - |
| Realized loss on sale of SmartLife investments | - | - | 25 | - |
| Stock-based compensation charge | 543 | 1,558 | 1,039 | 2,996 |
| Facility fee amortized | 83 | 1,728 | 199 | 1,728 |
| (Increase) Decrease in accounts receivable, pre-funded social welfare grants receivable and finance loans receivable | (19,044) | (12,203) | (15,795) | (1,248) |
| Increase in deferred expenditure on smart cards | (58) | - | (14) | - |
| Decrease in inventory | 920 | 2,168 | 601 | 66 |
| Decrease in accounts payable and other payables | (2,679) | (2,248) | (2,348) | 3,777 |
| Decrease in taxes payable | (7,355) | (6,364) | (10,962) | (1,230) |
| Decrease in deferred taxes | (14,088) | (12,165) | (13,396) | (12,938) |
| Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities | (6,200) | (4,968) | 21,020 | 25,190 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (5,120) | (4,011) | (9,586) | (4,779) |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment | 174 | 11 | 268 | 18 |
| Acquisition of SmartLife, net of cash acquired | - | - | (1,673) | - |
| Acquisition of prepaid business | (4,481) | - | (4,481) | - |
| Settlement from former shareholders of KSNET (Acquisition of KSNET, net of cash acquired) | 4,945 | (230,225) | 4,945 | (230,225) |

| | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Advance of loans to equity-accounted investment | - | - | - | (375) |
| Repayment of loan by equity-accounted investment | 30 | 34 | 63 | 407 |
| Purchase of investments related to SmartLife | - | - | (2,320) | - |
| Proceeds from maturity of investments related to SmartLife | - | - | 2,321 | - |
| Net change in settlement assets | 30,349 | (31,641) | 33,796 | (47,185) |
| Net cash generated from (used in) investing activities | 25,897 | (265,832) | 23,333 | (282,139) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | | |
| Loan portion related to options | - | - | - | 20 |
| Long-term borrowings obtained | - | 116,353 | - | 116,353 |
| Repayment of long-term borrowings | (7,185) | - | (7,185) | - |
| Payment of facility fee | - | (3,088) | - | (3,088) |
| Utilization of short-term borrowings | - | 419 | - | 419 |
| Proceeds on sale of 10% of SmartLife | 107 | - | 107 | - |
| Acquisition of remaining 19.9% of Net1 UTA | - | (594) | - | (594) |
| Acquisition of treasury stock | - | - | (1,129) | - |
| Net change in settlement obligations | (30,349) | 31,641 | (33,796) | 47,185 |
| Net cash (used in) generated from financing activities | (37,427) | 144,731 | (42,003) | 160,295 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | (3,389) | (2,709) | (16,749) | 14,295 |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (21,119) | (128,778) | (14,399) | (82,359) |
| Cash and cash equivalents beginning of period | 101,983 | 200,161 | 95,263 | 153,742 |
| Cash and cash equivalents end of period | \$ 80,864 | \$ 71,383 | \$ 80,864 | \$ 71,383 |

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements
for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

(All amounts in tables stated in thousands or thousands of United States Dollars, unless otherwise stated)

1. Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Unaudited Interim Financial Information

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include all majority-owned subsidiaries over which the Company exercises control and have been prepared in accordance with US generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission for quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and include all of the information and disclosures required for interim financial reporting. The results of operations for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, are not necessarily indicative of the results for the full year. The Company believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading.

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements, accounting policies and financial notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. In addition, please refer to note 1 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2011, for a summary of accounting policies relating to the Company's recently acquired life insurance business. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments), which are necessary for a fair representation of financial results for the interim periods presented.

References to the Company refer to Net1 and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise requires. References to Net1 are references solely to Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc.

Recent accounting pronouncements adopted

No new accounting pronouncements were adopted by the Company during the three months ended December 31, 2011.

Recent accounting pronouncements not yet adopted as of December 31, 2011

In June 2011, the FASB issued guidance regarding the presentation of comprehensive income. The guidance improves the comparability, consistency, and transparency of financial reporting and increases the prominence of items reported in other comprehensive income. The amendments to the guidance requires entities to present the total of comprehensive income, the components of net income, and the components of other comprehensive income either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. Entities are no longer permitted to present components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in equity. Any adjustments for items that are reclassified from other comprehensive income to net income are to be presented on the face of the entities' financial statement regardless of the method of presentation for comprehensive income. The amendments do not change items to be reported in comprehensive income or when an item of other comprehensive income must be reclassified to net income, nor do the amendments change the option to present the components of other comprehensive income either net of related tax effects or before related tax effects. This guidance is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning on or after December 15, 2011. The Company currently presents its comprehensive income in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income and therefore the adoption of this guidance will not impact its presentation of comprehensive income.

In September 2011, the FASB issued guidance regarding *Testing Goodwill for Impairment*. The guidance allows an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is necessary to perform the two-step quantitative goodwill impairment test. Under this guidance, an entity would not be required to calculate the fair value of a reporting unit unless the entity determines, based on a qualitative assessment, that it is more likely than not that its fair value is less than its carrying amount. The guidance includes a number of events and circumstances for an entity to consider in conducting the qualitative assessment. The guidance is effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this guidance on its goodwill impairment testing process.

2. Acquisitions

KSNET

During the three months ended December 31, 2011, the Company received \$4.9 million, in cash, in final settlement of any and all claims and contractual adjustments between the Company and the former shareholders of KSNET. This amount has been applied against the goodwill recognized on the acquisition of KSNET and has reduced the goodwill balance. As required by the Company's Korean debt agreement, the Company will use the settlement proceeds to prepay a portion of its outstanding debt thereunder. The prepayment was made on January 30, 2012, and accordingly, the Company's cash and cash equivalents as of December 31, 2011, includes \$4.8 million, translated at foreign exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2011, that are considered restricted funds. The KSNET purchase price allocation is described in note 3 to the Company's audited consolidated financial statements included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2011.

Acquisition of prepaid airtime and electricity business

On October 3, 2011, the Company acquired the South African prepaid airtime and electricity businesses of Eason & Son, Ltd (Eason), an Irish private limited company, for approximately \$4.5 million in cash. The principal assets acquired comprise prepaid airtime and electricity businesses customer list, accounts receivable books, inventory and a perpetual license to utilize Eason's internally developed transaction-based system software (EBOS).

The business has been integrated with EasyPay and allocated to the Company's South African transaction-based activities operating segment. The Company believes that the acquisition will enable it to expand its prepaid customer base and over time integrate all of its prepaid offerings onto the EBOS system.

The preliminary purchase price allocation, translated at the foreign exchange rates applicable on the date of acquisition, is provided in the table below:

| | | |
|---|----|-------|
| Accounts receivable, net | \$ | 1,226 |
| Inventory | | 297 |
| Customer relationships (amortized over 0.75 years) | | 870 |
| Software and unpatented technology (amortized over three years) | | 2,332 |
| Deferred tax liability | | (244) |
| Total purchase price | \$ | 4,481 |

The preliminary purchase price allocation is based on management estimates as of December 31, 2011, and may be adjusted up to one year following the closing of the acquisition. The purchase price allocation has not been finalized, as management has not yet analyzed in detail the assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The Company expects to finalize the purchase price allocation on or before June 30, 2012.

Pro forma results of operations have not been presented because the effect of the acquisition, individually and in the aggregate with other acquisitions during fiscal 2012, was not material. During the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, the Company did not incur any acquisition-related expenditure. Since the closing of the acquisition, the acquisition has contributed revenue of \$5.3 million and a net loss of \$0.3 million.

SmartLife

On July 1, 2011, the Company acquired SmartLife (formerly known as Saambou Life Assurers Limited), a South African long-term insurance company, for ZAR 13 million (approximately \$1.8 million) in cash. Prior to its acquisition by the Company, SmartLife had been administered as a ring-fenced life-insurance license by a large South African insurance company, had not written any new insurance business for a number of years and had reinsured all of its risk exposure under its life insurance products. SmartLife has been allocated to the Company's financial services

operating segment.

The acquisition of SmartLife provides the Company with an opportunity to offer relevant insurance products directly to its existing customer and employee base in South Africa. The Company intends to offer this customer base a full spectrum of products applicable to this market segment, including credit life, group life, funeral and education insurance policies.

2. Acquisitions (continued)*SmartLife (continued)*

The preliminary purchase price allocation, translated at the foreign exchange rates applicable on the date of acquisition, is provided in the table below:

| | | |
|--|----|----------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 168 |
| Accounts receivable, net | | 150 |
| Financial investments (allocated to other long-term assets) | | 3,059 |
| Reinsurance assets (allocated to other long-term assets) | | 28,492 |
| Other payables | | (189) |
| Policy holder liabilities (allocated to other long-term liabilities) | | (29,838) |
| Total purchase price | \$ | 1,842 |

The preliminary purchase price allocation is based on management estimates as of December 31, 2011, and may be adjusted up to one year following the closing of the acquisition. The purchase price allocation has not been finalized, as management has not yet analyzed in detail the assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The Company expects to finalize the purchase price allocation on or before June 30, 2012.

Pro forma results of operations have not been presented because the effect of the SmartLife acquisition, individually and in the aggregate with other acquisitions during fiscal 2012, was not material. During the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, the Company did not incur any acquisition-related expenditure. Since the closing of the acquisition, SmartLife has contributed revenue of \$0.3 million and net loss of \$0.3 million.

In November 2011, the Company sold 10% of SmartLife to a strategic partner for \$0.1 million and recognized a loss on sale of \$0.07 million.

3. Pre-funded social welfare grants receivable

Pre-funded social welfare grants receivable represents amounts pre-funded by the Company to certain merchants participating in the merchant acquiring system. The January 2012 payment service commenced during the last four days of December 2011 and was offered at merchant locations only.

4. Inventory

The Company's inventory comprised the following categories as of December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011.

| | December 31, 2011 | June 30, 2011 |
|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Raw materials | \$ 25 | \$ 24 |
| Finished goods | 5,057 | 6,701 |
| | \$ 5,082 | \$ 6,725 |

5. Settlement assets and settlement obligations

Settlement assets comprise (1) cash received from the South African government that the Company holds pending disbursement to beneficiaries of social welfare grants, (2) cash received from health care plans which the Company disburses to health care service providers once it adjudicates claims and (3) cash received from customers on whose behalf the Company processes payroll payments that the Company will disburse to customer employees, payroll-related payees and other payees designated by the customer.

Settlement obligations comprise (1) amounts that the Company is obligated to disburse to beneficiaries of social welfare grants, (2) amounts which are due to health care service providers after claims have been adjudicated and reconciled, provided that the Company shall have previously received such funds from health care plan customers and (3) amounts that the Company is obligated to pay to customer employees, payroll-related payees and other payees designated by the customer.

6. Fair value of financial instruments and equity-accounted investments

Fair value of financial instruments

Risk management

The Company seeks to reduce its exposure to currencies other than the South African rand through a policy of matching, to the extent possible, assets and liabilities denominated in those currencies. In addition, the Company uses financial instruments in order to economically hedge its exposure to exchange rate and interest rate fluctuations arising from its operations. The Company is also exposed to equity price and liquidity risks as well as credit risks.

Currency exchange risk

The Company is subject to currency exchange risk because it purchases inventories that it is required to settle in other currencies, primarily the euro and US dollar. The Company uses foreign exchange forward contracts in order to limit its exposure in these transactions to fluctuations in exchange rates between the South African rand, on the one hand, and the US dollar and the euro, on the other hand.

The Company's outstanding foreign exchange contracts are as follows:

As of December 31, 2011

| | Notional amount | Strike price | Fair market value price | Maturity |
|-----|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| USD | 272,318 | ZAR 8.3620 | ZAR 8.1494 | January 31, 2012 |
| USD | 331,056 | ZAR 8.3980 | ZAR 8.1832 | February 29, 2012 |
| USD | 821,620 | ZAR 8.4450 | ZAR 8.2339 | April 13, 2012 |

As of June 30, 2011

None.

Translation risk

Translation risk relates to the risk that the Company's results of operations will vary significantly as the US dollar is its reporting currency, but it earns most of its revenues and incurs most of its expenses in ZAR. The US dollar to ZAR exchange rate has fluctuated significantly over the past two years. As exchange rates are outside the Company's control, there can be no assurance that future fluctuations will not adversely affect the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

Interest rate risk

As a result of its normal borrowing and leasing activities, the Company's operating results are exposed to fluctuations in interest rates, which it manages primarily through regular financing activities. The Company generally maintains limited investment in cash equivalents and has occasionally invested in marketable securities. The Company, through its recently acquired insurance business, maintains investments in fixed maturity investments which are exposed to fluctuations in interest rates.

Credit risk

Credit risk relates to the risk of loss that the Company would incur as a result of non-performance by counterparties. The Company maintains credit risk policies with regard to its counterparties to minimize overall credit risk. These policies include an evaluation of a potential counterparty's financial condition, credit rating, and other credit criteria and risk mitigation tools as the Company's management deems appropriate.

With respect to credit risk on financial instruments, the Company maintains a policy of entering into such transactions only with South African and European financial institutions that have a credit rating of BBB or better, as determined by credit rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch Ratings.

6. Fair value of financial instruments and equity-accounted investments (continued)

Fair value of financial instruments (continued)

Risk management (continued)

Equity price and liquidity risk

Equity price risk relates to the risk of loss that the Company would incur as a result of the volatility in the exchange-traded price of equity securities that it holds and the risk that it may not be able to liquidate these securities. Liquidity risk relates to the risk of loss that the Company would incur as a result of the lack of liquidity on the exchange on which these securities are listed. The Company may not be able to sell some or all of these securities at one time, or over an extended period of time without influencing the exchange-traded price, or at all.

Financial instruments

The following section describes the valuation methodologies the Company uses to measure its significant financial assets and liabilities at fair value.

In general, and where applicable, the Company uses quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities to determine fair value. This pricing methodology applies to Level 1 investments. If quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities are not available to determine fair value, then the Company uses quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities or inputs other than the quoted prices that are observable either directly or indirectly. These investments are included in Level 2 investments. In circumstances in which inputs are generally unobservable, values typically reflect management's estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. The fair values are therefore determined using model-based techniques that include option pricing models, discounted cash flow models, and similar techniques. Investments valued using such techniques are included in Level 3 investments.

Asset measured at fair value using significant unobservable inputs investment in Finbond Group Limited (Finbond)

The Company's Level 3 asset represents an investment of 84,632,525 shares of common stock of Finbond. The Company's ownership interest in Finbond as of December 31, 2011, is approximately 22%. The Company has no rights to participate in the financial, operating, or governance decisions made by Finbond. The Company also has no participation on Finbond's board of directors whether through contractual agreement or otherwise. Consequently, the Company has concluded that it does not have significant influence over Finbond and therefore equity accounting is not appropriate.

Finbond's shares are traded on the JSE Limited (JSE) and the Company has designated such shares as available for sale investments. The Company has concluded that the market for Finbond shares is not active and consequently has employed alternative valuation techniques in order to determine the fair value of such stock. Currently, the operations of Finbond include property investment and microlending. In determining the fair value of Finbond, the Company has considered amongst other things Finbond's historical financial information (including its most recent public accounts), press releases issued by Finbond and its published net asset value. The Company believes that the best indicator of fair value of Finbond is its published net asset value and has used this value to determine the fair value.

The following table presents the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2011 according to the fair value hierarchy:

Quoted

| | Price in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Signifi Unobser Inpu (Leve |
|--|---|--|---|
| Assets | | | |
| Related to insurance business (included in other long-term assets): | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 2,603 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Mutual funds: interest-bearing instruments | 1 | - | - |
| Investment in Finbond (available for sale assets included in other long-term assets) | - | - | - |
| Other | - | 1,288 | - |
| Total assets at fair value | \$ 2,604 | \$ 1,288 | \$ - |

6. Fair value of financial instruments and equity-accounted investments (continued)**Financial instruments (continued)**

The following table presents the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2011 according to the fair value hierarchy:

| | Quoted Price in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Signif Unobse Inpu (Leve |
|--|--|--|---|
| Assets | | | |
| Investment in Finbond (available for sale assets included in other long-term assets) | - | - | \$ |
| Other | - | 275 | \$ |
| Total assets at fair value | - | 275 | \$ |

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis

The Company measures its equity-accounted investments at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. The Company has no liabilities that are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. These equity-accounted investments are recognized at fair value when they are deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired.

The Company reviews the carrying values of its investments when events and circumstances warrant and considers all available evidence in evaluating when declines in fair value are other-than-temporary. The fair values of the Company's investments are determined using the best information available, and may include quoted market prices, market comparables, and discounted cash flow projections. An impairment charge is recorded when the cost of the investment exceeds its fair value and the excess is determined to be other-than-temporary. The Company has not recorded any impairment charges during the reporting periods presented herein.

During the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, SmartSwitch Namibia repaid outstanding loans, including outstanding interest. The repayments received have been allocated to the equity-accounted investments presented in the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2011, and reduced this balance. The cash inflow from principal repayments have been allocated to cash flows from investing activities and the cash inflow from the interest repayments have been included in cash flow from operating activities in the Company's condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011.

The Company has sold hardware, software and/or licenses to SmartSwitch Namibia and SmartSwitch Botswana and defers recognition of 50% of the net income after tax related to these sales until the purchaser has used the purchased asset or has sold it to a third party. The deferral of the net income after tax is shown in the Elimination column in the table below.

The functional currency of the Company's equity-accounted investments is not the US dollar and thus the investments are restated at the period end US dollar/foreign currency exchange rate with an entry against accumulated other comprehensive loss. The functional currency of SmartSwitch Namibia is the Namibian dollar, the functional currency of SmartSwitch Botswana is the Botswana pula and the functional currency of VTU Colombia is the Colombian peso.

6. Fair value of financial instruments and equity-accounted investments (continued)**Financial instruments (continued)***Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis (continued)*

Summarized below is the Company's interest in equity-accounted investments as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2011:

| | Equity | Loans | Earnings (Loss) | Elimination | Total |
|--|---------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Balance as of June 30, 2011 | \$ 4,051 | \$ 1,630 | \$ (3,828) | \$ 7 | \$ 1,860 |
| Loan repaid | - | (65) | - | - | (65) |
| Interest repaid | - | - | - | (70) | (70) |
| Earnings (loss) from equity- accounted investments | - | - | 65 | 39 | 104 |
| SmartSwitch Namibia ⁽¹⁾ | - | - | 113 | 18 | 131 |
| SmartSwitch Botswana ⁽¹⁾ | - | - | (48) | 21 | (27) |
| Foreign currency adjustment ⁽²⁾ | (478) | (88) | 225 | 57 | (284) |
| Balance as of December 31, 2011 | \$ 3,573 | \$ 1,477 | \$ (3,538) | \$ 33 | \$ 1,545 |

(1) includes the recognition of realized net income.

(2) the foreign currency adjustment represents the effects of the combined net currency fluctuations between the functional currency of the equity-accounted investments and the US dollar.

Summarized below is the Company's equity-accounted (loss) earnings for the three months ended December 31, 2011:

| | Loss | Elimination | Total |
|--|-------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Earnings (Loss) from equity- accounted investments | \$ 6 | \$ 13 | \$ 19 |
| SmartSwitch Namibia | 58 | 9 | 67 |
| SmartSwitch Botswana | \$ (52) | \$ 4 | \$ (48) |

There were no significant sales to these investees that require elimination during the three and six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010.

7. Goodwill and intangible assets Goodwill

Summarized below is the movement in the carrying value of goodwill for the three months ended December 31, 2011.

| | Carrying value |
|--|---------------------------|
| Balance as of June 30, 2011 | \$ 209,570 |
| Reduction in goodwill related to net settlement (note 2) | (4,945) |
| Foreign currency adjustment ⁽¹⁾ | (20,798) |
| Balance as of December 31, 2011 | \$ 183,827 |

(1) the foreign currency adjustment represents the effects of the fluctuations between the ZAR against the US dollar and the KRW against the US dollar.

7. Goodwill and intangible assets (continued)**Goodwill (continued)**

Goodwill has been allocated to the Company's reportable segments as follows:

| | As of December 31, 2011 | As of June 30, 2011 |
|---|--|------------------------------------|
| SA transaction-based activities | \$ 35,313 | \$ 42,005 |
| International transaction-based activities | 111,720 | 124,895 |
| Smart card accounts | - | - |
| Financial services | - | - |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | 36,794 | 42,670 |
| Total | \$ 183,827 | \$ 209,570 |

Intangible assets*Carrying value and amortization of intangible assets*

Summarized below is the carrying value and accumulated amortization of the intangible assets as of December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011:

| | As of December 31, 2011 | | | As of June 30, 2011 | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Gross carrying value | Accumulated amortization | Net carrying value | Gross carrying value | Accumulated amortization | Net carrying value |
| Finite-lived intangible assets: | | | | | | |
| Customer relationships(1) | \$ 91,991 | \$ (17,913) | \$ 74,078 | \$ 100,155 | \$ (15,283) | \$ 84,872 |
| Software and unpatented technology(1) | 36,290 | (12,150) | 24,140 | 37,697 | (8,999) | 28,698 |
| FTS patent | 4,706 | (4,706) | - | 5,598 | (5,598) | - |
| Exclusive licenses | 4,506 | (4,506) | - | 4,506 | (4,506) | - |
| Trademarks | 7,185 | (2,244) | 4,941 | 8,130 | (2,288) | 5,842 |
| Customer database | 747 | (498) | 249 | 888 | (444) | 444 |
| Total finite-lived intangible assets | \$ 145,425 | \$ (42,017) | \$ 103,408 | \$ 156,974 | \$ (37,118) | \$ 119,856 |

(1) Includes the customer relationships and software and unpatented technology acquired as part of the Eason acquisition in October 2011.

Aggregate amortization expense on the finite-lived intangible assets for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, was approximately \$4.9 million and \$9.6 million, respectively (three and six months ended December 31, 2010, was approximately \$6.1 million and \$10.3 million, respectively).

Future estimated annual amortization expense for the next five fiscal years, assuming exchange rates prevailing on December 31, 2011, is presented in the table below. Actual amortization expense in future periods could differ from this estimate as a result of acquisitions, changes in useful lives, exchange rate fluctuations and other relevant factors.

| | |
|------|-----------|
| 2012 | \$ 17,032 |
|------|-----------|

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|------|----------|
| 2013 | 14,709 |
| 2014 | 14,126 |
| 2015 | 10,788 |
| 2016 | \$ 8,514 |

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8. Reinsurance assets and policy holder liabilities under insurance and investment contracts**Reinsurance assets and policy holder liabilities under insurance contracts**

Summarized below is the movement in reinsurance assets and policy holder liabilities under insurance contracts during the six months ended December 31, 2011:

| | December 31, 2011 | |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Reinsurance assets (1) | Insurance contracts (2) |
| Balances acquired | \$ 28,492 | \$ (28,492) |
| Insurance premiums | - | - |
| Claims and policyholders benefits under insurance contracts | - | - |
| Foreign currency adjustment ⁽³⁾ | (4,733) | 4,733 |
| Balance as of December 31, 2011 | \$ 23,759 | \$ (23,759) |

(1) Included in other long-term assets;

(2) Included in other long-term liabilities;

(3) The foreign currency adjustment represents the effects of the fluctuations between the ZAR against the US dollar.

The Company has agreements with reinsurance companies in order to limit its losses from large insurance contracts, however, if the reinsurer is unable to meet its obligations, the Company retains the liability.

The value of insurance contract liabilities is based on best estimates assumptions of future experience plus prescribed margins, as required in the markets in which these products are offered, namely South Africa. The process of deriving the best estimates assumptions plus prescribed margins includes assumptions related to future mortality and morbidity (an appropriate base table of standard mortality is chosen depending on the type of contract and class of business), withdrawals (based on recent withdrawal investigations and expected future trends), investment returns (based on government treasury rates adjusted by an applicable margin), and expense inflation (based on a 10 year real return on CPI-linked government bonds from the risk-free rate and adding an allowance for salary inflation and book shrinkage of 1% per annum).

Assets and policy holder liabilities under investment contracts

Summarized below is the movement in assets and policy holder liabilities under investment contracts during the three months ended December 31, 2011:

| | December 31, 2011 | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Assets (1) | Investment contracts (2) |
| Balances acquired | \$ 1,346 | \$ (1,346) |
| Insurance premiums | - | - |
| Claims and policyholders benefits under insurance contracts | - | - |
| Foreign currency adjustment ⁽³⁾ | (223) | 223 |
| Balance as of December 31, 2011 | \$ 1,123 | \$ (1,123) |

(1) Included in other long-term assets;

(2) Included in other long-term liabilities;

(3) The foreign currency adjustment represents the effects of the fluctuations between the ZAR against the US dollar.

The Company does not offer any investment products with guarantees related to capital or returns.

9. Short-term credit facilities

The Company's ZAR 250 million (\$30.7 million, translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2011) short-term South African credit facility. As of December 31, 2011, the overdraft rate on this facility was 7.85%. Certain South African subsidiaries have ceded trade receivables with an aggregate value of approximately \$16.8 million, translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2011, as security for the facility as well as the Company's investment in Cash Paymaster Services (Proprietary) Limited, a wholly owned South African subsidiary. As of December 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011, the Company had utilized none of its South African short-term facility.

Management believes that this facility is sufficient in order to meet the Company's future obligations as they arise.

10. Long-term borrowings

The Company's KRW 130.5 billion (\$112.5 million, translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2011) Korean senior secured loan facility is described in note 12 to the Company's audited consolidated financial statements included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2011. The interest rate in effect on December 31, 2011 was 7.67%. Interest expense during the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, was \$2.2 million and \$4.6 million, respectively. Interest expense during each of the three and six months ended December 31, 2010, was \$3.0 million and includes facility fees of \$1.7 million.

The first principal payment of \$7.2 million was made on November 1, 2011. The second scheduled principal repayment of \$7.0 million, translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2011, is due on April 29, 2012, and has been classified as current in the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheet. As discussed in note 2, the net settlement received from the former shareholders of KSNET will be applied to prepay a portion of the Company's outstanding loan balance on January 30, 2012, and is included in the Company's current portion of long-term borrowings as of December 31, 2011, in the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet.

11. Capital structure

Common stock repurchases

The Company repurchased 180,656 shares during the six months ended December 31, 2011, for approximately \$1.1 million. The Company did not repurchase any of its shares during the three months ended December 31, 2011 or the three and six months ended December 31, 2010.

12. Stock-based compensation

Stock option and restricted stock activity

Options

The following table summarizes stock option activity for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, and 2010:

| | Number of shares | Weighted average exercise price | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value | Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| Outstanding July 1, 2011 | 2,120,656 | \$ 18.44 | 6.82 | \$ 243 | |
| Granted under Plan in August 2011 | 165,000 | 6.59 | 10.00 | | \$ 297 |
| Granted under Plan in October 2011 | 202,000 | 7.98 | 10.00 | | \$ 442 |
| Outstanding December 31, 2011. | 2,487,656 | \$ 16.81 | 6.81 | \$ 378 | |
| Outstanding July 1, 2010 | 1,813,656 | \$ 19.76 | 7.41 | \$ 585 | |
| Granted under Plan in November 2010 | 307,000 | 10.59 | 10.00 | | \$ 801 |
| Outstanding December 31, 2010 . | 2,120,656 | \$ 18.44 | 7.32 | \$ 908 | |

During each of the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, 102,333 stock options became exercisable. No stock options became exercisable during the three and six months ended December 31, 2010. As of December 31,

2011, 1,355,989 stock options were exercisable.

No stock options were exercised during the three and six months ended December 31, 2011 or during the three months ended December 31, 2010. During the six months ended December 31, 2010, the Company received approximately \$0.02 million from repayment of stock option-related loans. The Company issues new shares to satisfy stock option exercises.

12. Stock-based compensation (continued)**Stock option and restricted stock activity (continued)***Restricted stock*

The following table summarizes restricted stock activity for the six months ended December 31, 2011, and 2010:

| | | Number of Shares of Restricted Stock | Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value |
|------------|-------------------|---|---|
| Non-vested | July 1, 2011 | 103,672 | - |
| Granted | August 2011 | 30,155 | \$ 199 |
| Vested | August 2011 | (6,157) | - |
| Vested | November 2011 | (27,667) | - |
| Non-vested | December 31, 2011 | 100,003 | - |
| | | | |
| Non-vested | July 1, 2010 | 407,828 | - |
| Granted | August 2010 | 13,956 | \$ 185 |
| Granted | October 2010 | 60,000 | \$ 740 |
| Granted | November 2010 | 83,000 | \$ 879 |
| Vested | September 2010 | (201,704) | - |
| Non-vested | December 31, 2010 | 363,080 | - |

The fair value of restricted stock vested during the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, was \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million, respectively. The fair value of restricted stock vested during the six months ended December 31, 2010, was \$2.3 million.

Stock-based compensation charge and unrecognized compensation cost

The Company has recorded a stock compensation charge of \$0.5 million and \$1.6 million for the three months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, which comprised:

| | Total charge | Allocated to cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support | Allocated to selling, general and administration |
|--|-----------------|---|--|
| Three months ended December 31, 2011 | | | |
| Stock-based compensation charge | \$ 543 | \$ - | \$ 543 |
| Total three months ended December 31, 2011 | \$ 543 | \$ - | \$ 543 |
| | | | |
| Three months ended December 31, 2010 | | | |
| Stock-based compensation charge | \$ 1,558 | \$ 51 | \$ 1,507 |
| Total three months ended December 31, 2010 | \$ 1,558 | \$ 51 | \$ 1,507 |

The Company has recorded a stock compensation charge of \$1.0 million and \$2.9 million for the six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, which comprised:

| Total charge | Allocated to cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support | Allocated to selling, general and administration |
|-----------------|---|--|
|-----------------|---|--|

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|-------|----|----|-------|-------|
| Six months ended December 31, 2011 | | | | | | | |
| Stock-based compensation charge | \$ | 1,039 | \$ | - | \$ | 1,039 | |
| Total | six months ended December 31, 2011 | \$ | 1,039 | \$ | - | \$ | 1,039 |

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| Six months ended December 31, 2010 | | | | | | | |
| Stock-based compensation charge | \$ | 2,996 | \$ | 102 | \$ | 2,894 | |
| Total | six months ended December 31, 2010 | \$ | 2,996 | \$ | 102 | \$ | 2,894 |

12. Stock-based compensation (continued)**Stock-based compensation charge and unrecognized compensation cost (continued)**

The stock-based compensation charges have been allocated to cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support and selling, general and administration based on the allocation of the cash compensation paid to the employees.

As of December 31, 2011, the total unrecognized compensation cost related to stock options was approximately \$1.3 million, which the Company expects to recognize over approximately three years. As of December 31, 2011, the total unrecognized compensation cost related to restricted stock awards was approximately \$0.9 million, which the Company expects to recognize over approximately three years.

As of December 31, 2011, the Company has recorded a deferred tax asset of approximately \$1.0 million related to the stock-based compensation charge recognized related to employees of Net1 as it is able to deduct the grant date fair value for taxation purposes in the United States.

13. Profit on liquidation of SmartSwitch Nigeria

The Company has ceased operations in the Federation of Nigeria due to an inability to implement its technology on a profitable basis. During the three months ended September 30, 2011, the Company, together with the other shareholders, agreed to liquidate SmartSwitch Nigeria, the company through which operating activities in Nigeria were performed. SmartSwitch Nigeria was capitalized primarily with shareholder loans. The Company eliminated its portion of the loan funding on consolidation, and included the loans due to the non-controlling interest in long-term borrowings on its June 30, 2011, consolidated balance sheet. The shareholders of SmartSwitch Nigeria have agreed to waive all outstanding capital and interest repayments related to the loan funding initially provided as part of the liquidation processes. The non-cash profit on liquidation of SmartSwitch Nigeria of \$4.0 million includes the write back of all assets and liabilities, including non-controlling interest loans, of SmartSwitch Nigeria, except for expected liabilities related to the liquidation of SmartSwitch Nigeria. The profit has been allocated to corporate/eliminations.

14. Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share include restricted stock awards that meet the definition of a participating security. Restricted stock awards are eligible to receive non-forfeitable dividend equivalents at the same rate as common stock. Basic earnings per share have been calculated using the two-class method and basic earnings per share for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, reflects only undistributed earnings.

Diluted earnings per share have been calculated to give effect to the number of additional shares of common stock that would have been outstanding if the potential dilutive instruments had been issued in each period. The calculation of diluted earnings per share for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, includes the dilutive effect of a portion of the restricted stock awards granted to employees as these restricted stock awards are considered contingently issuable shares. For the purposes of the diluted earnings per share calculation and as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, the vesting conditions in respect of a portion of the awards had not been satisfied.

The following table details the weighted average number of outstanding shares used for the calculation of earnings per share for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010.

| Three months ended | | Six months ended | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| December 31, | | December 31, | |
| 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
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| | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Weighted average number of outstanding shares of common stock basic | 44,935 | 45,433 | 44,996 | 45,409 |
| Weighted average effect of dilutive securities: employee share-based awards | 32 | 61 | 30 | 46 |
| Weighted average number of outstanding shares of common stock diluted | 44,967 | 45,494 | 45,026 | 45,455 |

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15. Operating segments

A description of the Company's operating segments is contained in note 19 to the Company's audited consolidated financial statements included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2011.

The Company has reallocated its EP Kiosk business unit to the South African transaction-based activities segment from the hardware, software and related technology segment, as the unit is no longer in pilot phase and now forms part of EasyPay. Following XeoHealth's first contract signing, the Company has allocated its revenue and costs to the international transaction-based activities segment, which were previously included in the South African transaction-based activities segment. Revenue and administration costs related to the Company's comprehensive financial services offerings are all included in the financial services segment. The effect of these reallocations has not significantly impacted the Company's reported results. Restated amounts for the three months ended December 31, 2010, also include the effects of reallocating the Company's initiatives in Iraq, Nigeria and Net1 VCC. The impact of these reallocations on the Company's revenue, operating income (loss) and net income (loss) for the three months ended December 31, 2010, is presented in the table below:

| Three months ended December 31, 2010 | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Restated | As previously reported | Difference |
| Revenues to external customers | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | \$ 46,737 | \$ 46,588 | \$ 149 |
| International transaction-based activities | 17,385 | 16,950 | 435 |
| Smart card accounts | 8,434 | 8,434 | - |
| Financial services | 1,651 | 1,623 | 28 |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | 14,804 | 15,416 | (612) |
| Total | 89,011 | 89,011 | - |
| Operating income (loss) | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | 18,578 | 18,547 | 31 |
| International transaction-based activities | 139 | 327 | (188) |
| Smart card accounts | 3,832 | 3,832 | - |
| Financial services | 1,028 | 1,231 | (203) |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | (49) | (319) | 270 |
| Corporate/Eliminations | (1,554) | (1,644) | 90 |
| Total | 21,974 | 21,974 | - |
| Net income (loss) | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | 13,411 | 13,215 | 196 |
| International transaction-based activities | (307) | 3 | (310) |
| Smart card accounts | 2,759 | 2,759 | - |
| Financial services | 739 | 885 | (146) |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | (177) | (435) | 258 |
| Corporate/Eliminations | (6,477) | (6,479) | 2 |
| Total | \$ 9,948 | \$ 9,948 | \$ - |

The impact of these reallocations on the Company's revenue, operating income (loss) and net income (loss) for the six months ended December 31, 2010, is presented in the table below:

| Six months ended December 31, 2010 | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Restated | As previously reported | Difference |

| Revenues to external customers | | | | | | |
|---|----|---------|----|---------|----|---------|
| SA transaction-based activities | \$ | 91,626 | \$ | 91,480 | \$ | 146 |
| International transaction-based activities | | 17,855 | | 16,950 | | 905 |
| Smart card accounts | | 16,404 | | 16,404 | | - |
| Financial services | | 2,901 | | 2,871 | | 30 |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | | 24,508 | | 25,589 | | (1,081) |
| Total | \$ | 153,294 | \$ | 153,294 | \$ | - |

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15. Operating segments (continued)**Six months ended December 31, 2010**

| | Restated | As previously reported | Difference |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Operating income (loss) | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | \$ 36,326 | \$ 36,323 | \$ 3 |
| International transaction-based activities | (569) | 327 | (896) |
| Smart card accounts | 7,454 | 7,454 | - |
| Financial services | 1,825 | 2,160 | (335) |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | (2,388) | (2,979) | 591 |
| Corporate/Eliminations | (9,688) | (10,325) | 637 |
| Total | 32,960 | 32,960 | - |
| Net income (loss) | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | 26,217 | 25,838 | 379 |
| International transaction-based activities | (1,173) | 3 | (1,176) |
| Smart card accounts | 5,369 | 5,369 | - |
| Financial services | 1,312 | 1,554 | (242) |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | (2,005) | (2,496) | 491 |
| Corporate/Eliminations | (12,343) | (12,891) | 548 |
| Total | \$ 17,377 | \$ 17,377 | \$ - |

The following tables summarize segment information which is prepared in accordance with GAAP:

| | Three months ended December 31, | | Six months ended December 31, | |
|---|--|-------------|--|-------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Revenues to external customers | | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | \$ 46,448 | \$ 46,737 | \$ 96,350 | \$ 91,626 |
| International transaction-based activities | 28,835 | 17,385 | 59,090 | 17,855 |
| Smart card accounts | 7,264 | 8,434 | 15,516 | 16,404 |
| Financial services | 1,944 | 1,651 | 4,055 | 2,901 |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | 7,567 | 14,804 | 16,973 | 24,508 |
| Total | 92,058 | 89,011 | 191,984 | 153,294 |
| Inter-company revenues | | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | 864 | 1,002 | 1,977 | 1,938 |
| International transaction-based activities | - | - | - | - |
| Smart card accounts | 281 | - | 281 | - |
| Financial services | - | - | - | - |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | 465 | 730 | 783 | 992 |
| Total | 1,610 | 1,732 | 3,041 | 2,930 |
| Operating income (loss) | | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | 15,766 | 18,578 | 35,949 | 36,326 |
| | 241 | 139 | 925 | (569) |

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| International transaction-based activities | | | | |
| Smart card accounts | 3,302 | 3,832 | 7,052 | 7,454 |
| Financial services | 1,026 | 1,028 | 2,437 | 1,825 |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | 909 | (49) | 2,846 | (2,388) |
| Corporate/Eliminations | (1,016) | (1,554) | 1,865 | (9,688) |
| Total | 20,228 | 21,974 | 51,074 | 32,960 |
| Interest earned | | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | - | - | - | - |
| International transaction-based activities | - | - | - | - |
| Smart card accounts | - | - | - | - |
| Financial services | - | - | - | - |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | - | - | - | - |
| Corporate/Eliminations | 1,820 | 1,350 | 3,817 | 4,434 |
| Total | \$ 1,820 | \$ 1,350 | \$ 3,817 | \$ 4,434 |

15. Operating segments (continued)

| | Three months ended December 31, | | Six months ended December 31, | |
|---|------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Interest expense | | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | \$ 112 | \$ 192 | \$ 188 | \$ 348 |
| International transaction-based activities | - | 109 | 44 | 179 |
| Smart card accounts | - | - | - | - |
| Financial services | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | 13 | 27 | 23 | 28 |
| Corporate/Eliminations | 2,228 | 3,102 | 4,714 | 3,123 |
| Total | 2,355 | 3,430 | 4,971 | 3,678 |
| Depreciation and amortization | | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | 2,109 | 2,298 | 4,251 | 4,474 |
| International transaction-based activities | 6,270 | 3,885 | 12,919 | 3,899 |
| Smart card accounts | - | - | - | - |
| Financial services | 74 | 138 | 191 | 271 |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | 150 | 2,561 | 321 | 4,982 |
| Corporate/Eliminations | 187 | 210 | 187 | 370 |
| Total | 8,790 | 9,092 | 17,869 | 13,996 |
| Income taxation expense | | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | 4,383 | 4,974 | 10,014 | 9,759 |
| International transaction-based activities | 291 | 303 | 626 | 424 |
| Smart card accounts | 924 | 1,073 | 1,975 | 2,087 |
| Financial services | 282 | 287 | 676 | 510 |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | 216 | 120 | 656 | (386) |
| Corporate/Eliminations | (11,474) | 3,079 | (8,773) | 3,649 |
| Total | (5,378) | 9,836 | 5,174 | 16,043 |
| Net income (loss) | | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | 11,270 | 13,411 | 25,747 | 26,217 |
| International transaction-based activities | 120 | (307) | 553 | (1,173) |
| Smart card accounts | 2,377 | 2,759 | 5,077 | 5,369 |
| Financial services | 724 | 739 | 1,740 | 1,312 |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | 678 | (177) | 2,164 | (2,005) |
| Corporate/Eliminations | 9,925 | (6,477) | 9,581 | (12,343) |
| Total | 25,094 | 9,948 | 44,862 | 17,377 |
| Expenditures for long-lived assets | | | | |

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|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| SA transaction-based activities | 1,196 | 742 | 1,784 | 1,284 |
| International transaction-based activities | 3,704 | 3,087 | 7,455 | 3,238 |
| Smart card accounts | - | - | - | - |
| Financial services | 144 | 157 | 217 | 216 |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | 76 | 25 | 130 | 41 |
| Corporate/Eliminations | - | - | - | - |
| Total | \$ 5,120 | \$ 4,011 | \$ 9,586 | \$ 4,779 |

The segment information as reviewed by the chief operating decision maker does not include a measure of segment assets per segment as all of the significant assets are used in the operations of all, rather than any one, of the segments. The Company does not have dedicated assets assigned to a particular operating segment. Accordingly, it is not meaningful to attempt an arbitrary allocation and segment asset allocation is therefore not presented.

It is impractical to disclose revenues from external customers for each product and service or each group of similar products and services.

16. Income tax

Change in South African tax law

On December 20, 2011, there was a change in South African tax law to impose a 10% dividends withholding tax (a tax levied and withheld by a company on distributions to its shareholders) to replace the 10% Secondary Taxation on Companies (a tax levied directly on a company on dividend distributions) (STC). The change becomes effective on April 1, 2012. As a result, the Company has recorded a net deferred taxation benefit of approximately \$20.0 million and \$18.3 million, respectively, in income taxation (benefit) expense in its condensed consolidated statements of operations during the three and six months ended December 31, 2011. There were no changes to the enacted tax rate during the three and six months ended December 31, 2010.

Currently the Company intends to permanently reinvest its undistributed South African earnings as of December 31, 2011 in South Africa. Accordingly, the Company has not recognized a deferred tax liability related to any future distributions of these undistributed earnings. The Company will be required to record a taxation charge related to any change in its distribution of undistributed earnings if it decides not to permanently reinvest its undistributed earnings. This may result in an increase in the Company's effective tax rate in future periods.

Foreign tax credits and change in valuation allowance

As a result of the change in South African tax law and the Company's intention to permanently reinvest its undistributed earnings in South Africa, the Company does not believe it will be able to recover foreign tax credits previously recognized of \$8.2 million. The Company has created a valuation allowance of \$8.2 million as of December 31, 2011, and therefore, has recorded a charge of \$8.2 million related to this valuation allowance in income taxation (benefit) expense in its condensed consolidated statements of operations.

Income tax in interim periods

For the purposes of interim financial reporting, the Company determines the appropriate income tax provision by first applying the effective tax rate expected to be applicable for the full fiscal year to ordinary income. This amount is then adjusted for the tax effect of significant unusual or extraordinary items, for instance, changes in tax law, valuation allowances and non-deductible transaction-related expenses, that are reported separately, and have an impact on the tax charge. The cumulative effect of any change in the enacted tax rate, if and when applicable, on the opening balance of deferred tax assets and liabilities is also included in the tax charge as a discrete event in the interim period in which the enactment date occurs.

For the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, the tax charge was calculated using the expected effective tax rate for the year. The Company's effective tax rate for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011, was -27.3% and 10.4%, respectively, as a result of a change in tax law in South Africa, non-taxable profit on liquidation of SmartSwitch Nigeria, fewer non-deductible expenses, offset by increased interest expense related to the Company's long-term Korean borrowings and the creation of a valuation allowance. The Company's effective tax rate for the three and six months ended December 31, 2010, was 49.4% and 47.6%, respectively, as a result of non-deductible expenses, including transaction-related expenses and interest expense related to the acquisition of KSNET.

Uncertain tax positions

The Company increased its unrecognized tax benefits by \$0.05 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, during the three and six months ended December 31, 2011. As of December 31, 2011, the Company had accrued interest related to uncertain tax positions of approximately \$0.2 million on its balance sheet.

The Company does not expect the change related to unrecognized tax benefits will have a significant impact on its results of operations or financial position in the next 12 months.

The Company files income tax returns mainly in South Africa, Korea, Austria, the Russian Federation and in the US federal jurisdiction. As of December 31, 2011, the Company is no longer subject to income tax examination by the South African Revenue Service for years before December 31, 2008. In 2011, the Korea National Tax Service had effectively completed the examination of the Company's returns in Korea related to years 2006 through 2010. The Company is subject to income tax in other jurisdictions outside South Africa and Korea, none of which are individually material to its financial position, statement of cash flows, or results of operations.

17. Subsequent events

New South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) contract

On February 3, 2012, the Company and SASSA entered into a contract for the payment of social grants, together with a related service level agreement pursuant to which it will provide SASSA with its payment service for social grants in all of South Africa's nine provinces.

Under the agreements, the Company will effect payment, on behalf of SASSA, of social grants to all persons who are entitled to receive such grants in all of South Africa's provinces, for a firm price of ZAR16.44 per beneficiary paid, inclusive of VAT. The Company's primary services include the enrollment of all eligible recipients, issuance of a smart card to each recipient and the biometric validation and payment of social grants to such recipients. The agreements do not provide for a minimum or maximum number of beneficiaries. SASSA is required to fund all grants two working days prior to the date on which the grant payment is to be made by the Company.

The term of the agreements commences on April 1, 2012 and terminates on March 31, 2017. The agreements contain provisions for enrollment of new recipients and transition to the Company's payment service prior to the commencement date for beneficiaries who were previously paid by other service providers.

Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment deal

On January 25, 2012, the Company entered into a Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment transaction, pursuant to which the Company has agreed to issue to a special purpose entity owned by a consortium of black South Africans, community groups and the Net1 Foundation, a one-year option to purchase up to 8,955,000 shares of the Company's common stock, with an exercise price of \$8.96 per share. Issuance of the option is subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions, including obtaining the relevant regulatory approvals.

The closing price of the Company's common stock on Nasdaq on December 30, 2011 (the last trading day of the second quarter), was \$7.67 and therefore the issuance of the option did not impact the Company's reported diluted earnings per share for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011.

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

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2011 and the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes included in this Form 10-Q.

Forward-looking statements

Some of the statements in this Form 10-Q constitute forward-looking statements. These statements relate to future events or our future financial performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our or our industry's actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed, implied or inferred by these forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among other things, those listed under Item 1A. Risk Factors and elsewhere in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2011 and Item IA Risk Factors and elsewhere in this Form 10-Q. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as may, will, should, could, would, expects, plans, intends, anticipates, believes, estimates, or the negative of such terms and other comparable terminology.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we do not know whether we can achieve positive future results, levels of activity, performance, or goals. Actual events or results may differ materially. We undertake no obligation to update any of the forward-looking statements after the date of this Form 10-Q to conform those statements to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by applicable law.

You should read this Form 10-Q and the documents that we reference herein and the documents we have filed as exhibits hereto and which we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission completely and with the understanding that our actual future results, levels of activity, performance and achievements may be materially different from what we expect. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.

Recent Developments

South Africa

New SASSA contract

Under our current contract with the South African Social Security Agency, or SASSA, we provide our social welfare grants distribution service to SASSA in five of South Africa's nine provinces (KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, North West, Northern Cape and Eastern Cape). The contract is currently in effect through March 31, 2012. The current contract contains a standard pricing formula for all provinces based on a transaction fee per beneficiary paid, regardless of the number or amount of grants paid per beneficiary, calculated on a guaranteed minimum number of beneficiaries per month.

On January 17, 2012, SASSA awarded us a tender to provide payment services for social grants in all of South Africa's nine provinces for a period of five years. On February 3, 2012, we entered into a new contract, together with a related service level agreement, with SASSA.

Under the agreements, we will effect payment, on behalf of SASSA, of social grants to all persons who are entitled to receive such grants in all of South Africa's provinces, for a firm price of ZAR16.44 per beneficiary paid, inclusive of VAT (or ZAR14.42 excluding VAT). Our primary services include the enrollment of all eligible recipients, issuance of a smart card to each recipient and the biometric validation and payment of social grants to such recipients. The agreements do not provide for a minimum or maximum number of beneficiaries. SASSA is required to fund all

grants two working days prior to the date on which the grant payment is to be made by us.

The term of the agreements commences on April 1, 2012 and terminates on March 31, 2017. The agreements contain provisions for enrollment of new recipients and transition to our payment service prior to the commencement date for beneficiaries who were previously paid by other service providers.

See Item 1A Risk Factors in this Form 10-Q for more information and the risks associated with our SASSA contract.

Conclusion of Black Economic Empowerment transaction

On January 25, 2012, we entered into a Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment transaction, pursuant to which we have agreed to issue to a special purpose entity owned by a consortium of black South Africans, community groups and the Net1 Foundation, a one-year option to purchase up to 8,955,000 shares of our common stock, with an exercise price of \$8.96 per share. Issuance of the option is subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions, including obtaining the relevant regulatory approvals.

While we believe that this transaction will improve our BEE rating, and therefore provide us with additional business opportunities in South Africa, additional steps may become necessary to achieve these goals. For a discussion of additional risks associated with compliance with the South African Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, please see the risk factor entitled "If we do not achieve applicable black economic empowerment objectives in our South African businesses, we risk losing our government and private contracts. In addition, it is possible that we may be required to achieve black shareholding of our company in a manner that could dilute your ownership." in item 1A of our Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2011.

Acquisition of Eason prepaid airtime and electricity business

On October 3, 2011, we acquired the South African prepaid airtime and electricity businesses of Eason & Son, Ltd, or Eason, an Irish private limited company, for approximately \$4.5 million in cash. The principal assets acquired comprise customer and supplier lists, accounts receivable books, inventory, point of service terminals and a perpetual license to utilize Eason's internally developed transaction-based system software, namely EBOS. The business has been integrated with EasyPay and has been allocated to our South African transaction-based activities operating segment. We expect over time to integrate all of our prepaid offerings onto the EBOS system.

South African transaction processors

During the second quarter of fiscal 2012, one of EasyPay's largest customers decided to perform its EFT/switching activities in-house, which had an adverse impact on EasyPay's volumes and values. However, EasyPay has retained its value-added-services relationship with this customer.

We continued refocusing EasyPay's activities on higher-margin value-added services, including alternative transacting channels - EP Kiosk, new EasyPay website and EasyPay WAP (mobile). We have discontinued certain inefficient processing services, such as hosting of financial institution servers. We expect these refocusing efforts at EasyPay to provide additional capacity and resources, without negatively affecting operating margin. FIHRST continued marketing of its new web-based platform, Helios, while MediKredit signed agreements with new providers, including public hospitals, private hospitals and specialist doctors, and has commenced adjudication and processing activities for these providers.

Outside South Africa

Republic of Korea - KSNET

The KSNET management team has commenced a number of strategic initiatives in the Republic of Korea to maintain and expand our current market share and to grow into adjacent markets. We have embarked on a number of medium-term initiatives which will be funded from our existing Korean cash reserves. We do not expect to use funds generated by our other operations to fund these initiatives in Korea. These initiatives are beginning to yield positive results as we have grown market share, however, the competitive value added network environment in Korea has resulted in a nominal anticipated loss of operation margin. We expect this competitive environment to continue for the foreseeable future, and expect further nominal margin loss in the short to medium-term.

XeoHealth

During the second quarter of fiscal 2012, we commenced processing 4010 and 5010 data, including capitation information and creating state reporting claims files for Community Behavioral Health, or CBH, a not-for-profit corporation contracted by the City of Philadelphia to provide behavioral health services for Philadelphia Medicaid recipients. XeoHealth licenses its XeoRules™ SaaS offering to CBH including implementation services. XeoHealth has recognized implementation revenue during the implementation phase and recurring transaction-based revenue from December 2011 from this account.

XeoHealth has been subcontracted by Cognosante LLC a U.S. provider of health IT services to state and federal agencies and regional health organizations, to assist with the provision of recovery audit contractor, or RAC, services to the North Dakota Department of Human Services, Medical Services Division. XeoHealth will earn a fee based on a percentage of the final recoveries identified by our XeoRules™ claims auditing service for the past five years, as well as the desk review recovery referrals identified through our XeoRules™ engine until June 30, 2013. In addition to the North Dakota RAC, XeoHealth has also been subcontracted by Cognosante to provide both the automated audit as well the analysis services as required by the RAC for the State of Missouri Medicaid. XeoHealth will be compensated based on a percentage of the final recoveries identified by our XeoRules™ claims re-adjudicating service for the audit period of three years, as well as the desk review recovery referrals identified through our XeoRules™ engine. We expect XeoHealth to commence providing RAC services by March 2012.

XeoRules™ is XeoHealth's internally developed 5010 and ICD-10 enabled real-time claims adjudication engine. XeoRules™ significantly reduces the time and radically improves the efficiency and accuracy of healthcare claims adjudication and data processing. We continue to enjoy significant interest from various participants in the U.S. healthcare industry in our solution for the current and newly updated Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act mandated electronic data interchange transactions.

Mobile Virtual Card

We launched our VCPay™ offering in the United States during fiscal 2011. Our mobile phone-based virtual payment card application is designed to eliminate fraud in CNP transactions. During the first quarter of fiscal 2012, we engaged the services of a specialist advisory firm to assist us with the general management of our VCPay™ initiatives in the USA, the identification of the various strategic channels for VCPay™ deployment and the commercialization of VCPay™ in our targeted industry verticals.

The Banamex VCPay initiative in Mexico is currently in the system integration testing phase, with hardware having been deployed and prepared for launch in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012. We believe that this first implementation of our VCPay technology in Latin America, spearheaded by one of the largest financial institutions in the region, as a catalyst to increase the footprint of VCPay services in the region.

The African Continent and Iraq

During fiscal 2012, NUETS recorded revenue from transaction fees and the delivery of UEPS-enabled smartcards under its contract with the government of Iraq. NUETS expects to generate ongoing revenues from transaction fees under the Iraqi contract during fiscal 2012. NUETS has entered the second phase of its initiative in Ghana and now generates recurring income in the form of hardware and software maintenance fees.

NUETS continued to service its current customers on the African continent and in Iraq and continued its business development efforts, including responding to a number of tenders, in multiple countries on the African continent during the year. In addition, NUETS has developed a limited investment / software as a service business model and we expect to deploy the UEPS technology in selected African markets using this approach during the second half of fiscal 2012.

Critical Accounting Policies

Our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with US GAAP, which requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. As future events and their effects cannot be determined with absolute certainty, the determination of estimates requires management's judgment based on a variety of assumptions and other determinants such as historical experience, current and expected market conditions and certain scientific evaluation techniques.

Critical accounting policies are those that reflect significant judgments or uncertainties, and potentially may result in materially different results under different assumptions and conditions. Management has identified the following critical accounting policies that are described in more detail in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2011.

- Deferred taxation;
- Stock-based compensation;
- Intangible assets acquired through acquisitions;
- Accounts receivable and provision for doubtful debts; and
- Research and development.

Recent accounting pronouncements adopted

No new accounting pronouncements were adopted by us during the three months ended December 31, 2011.

Recent accounting pronouncements not yet adopted as of December 31, 2011

Refer to note 1 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for a full description of recent accounting pronouncements not yet adopted as of December 31, 2011, including the expected dates of adoption and effects on financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Currency Exchange Rate Information**Actual exchange rates**

The actual exchange rates for and at the end of the periods presented were as follows:

| Table 1 | Three months ended | | Six months ended | | Year ended |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | December 31, | | December 31, | | June 30, |
| | 2011 | 2010(1) | 2011 | 2010(1) | 2011(2) |
| ZAR : \$ average exchange rate | 8.1146 | 6.9296 | 7.6251 | 7.1436 | 7.0286 |
| Highest ZAR : \$ rate during period | 8.6005 | 7.1754 | 8.6005 | 7.7809 | 7.7809 |
| Lowest ZAR : \$ rate during period | 7.6525 | 6.5708 | 6.6096 | 6.5708 | 6.4925 |
| Rate at end of period | 8.1421 | 6.6468 | 8.1421 | 6.6468 | 6.8449 |
| KRW : \$ average exchange rate | 1,148 | 1,140 | 1,115 | 1,140 | 1,113 |
| Highest KRW : \$ rate during period | 1,202 | 1,169 | 1,202 | 1,169 | 1,169 |
| Lowest KRW : \$ rate during period | 1,101 | 1,098 | 1,029 | 1,098 | 1,059 |
| Rate at end of period | 1,160 | 1,134 | 1,160 | 1,134 | 1,079 |

(1) KRW : \$ average, highest and lowest exchange rates are from November 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010;

(2) KRW : \$ average, highest and lowest exchange rates are from November 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

Translation exchange rates

We are required to translate our results of operations from ZAR and KRW to US dollars on a monthly basis. Thus, the average rates used to translate this data for the three and six months ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, vary slightly from the averages shown in the table above. The translation rates we use in presenting our results of operations are the rates shown in the following table:

| | Three months ended December 31, | | Six months ended December 31, | | Year ended June 30, |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------|--|-------------|--------------------------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 |
| Income and expense items: \$1 = ZAR . | 8.1752 | 6.9402 | 7.8197 | 7.1410 | 6.9962 |
| Income and expense items: \$1 = KRW | 1,149 | 1,116 | 1,118 | 1,116 | 1,121 |
| Balance sheet items: \$1 = ZAR | 8.1421 | 6.6468 | 8.1421 | 6.6468 | 6.8449 |
| Balance sheet items: \$1 = KRW | 1,160 | 1,134 | 1,160 | 1,134 | 1,079 |

Results of operations

The discussion of our consolidated overall results of operations is based on amounts as reflected in our audited consolidated financial statements which are prepared in accordance with US GAAP. We analyze our results of operations both in US dollars, as presented in the consolidated financial statements, and supplementally in ZAR, because ZAR is the functional currency of the entities which contribute the majority of our profits and is the currency in which the majority of our transactions are initially incurred and measured. Due to the significant impact of currency fluctuations between the US dollar and ZAR on our reported results and because we use the US dollar as our reporting currency, we believe that the supplemental presentation of our results of operations in ZAR is useful to investors to understand the changes in the underlying trends of our business.

Three and six months ended December 31, 2010, results do not include Eason and SmartLife and include KSNET from November 1, 2010. In addition, the following discussion gives effect to the reallocation of certain activities among our business segments as described in note 15 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

We analyze our business and operations in terms of five inter-related but independent operating segments: (1) South African transaction-based activities, (2) international transaction-based activities, (3) smart card accounts, (4) financial services, and (5) hardware, software and related technology sales. In addition, corporate and corporate office activities that are impracticable to ascribe directly to any of the other operating segments, as well as any inter-segment eliminations, are included in corporate/eliminations.

Second quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to second quarter of fiscal 2011

The following factors had an influence on our results of operations during the second quarter of fiscal 2012 as compared with the same period in the prior year:

- **Unfavorable impact from the strengthening of the US dollar:** The US dollar appreciated by 18% against the ZAR during the second quarter of fiscal 2012 which negatively impacted our reported results;
- **Net taxation benefit related to the replacement of STC with a dividends withholding tax in South Africa:** As a result of a recent change in South African tax law that will replace STC with a dividends withholding tax, our tax expense decreased by \$11.8 million, as we recorded a \$20.0 million deferred tax benefit which was offset by an \$8.2 million foreign tax credit valuation allowance (please refer to note 16 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements);
- **Inclusion of revenue contribution from KSNET at lower operating margin (before acquired intangible asset amortization) than our legacy business:** The inclusion of KSNET for a full fiscal quarter contributed to an increase in revenues for the second quarter of fiscal 2012; however, because KSNET has an operating margin (before acquired intangible asset amortization) that is lower than our legacy businesses, it reduced our overall operating margin. KSNET also contributed to the increase in selling, general and administration and depreciation and amortization expenses;
- **Lower revenues from hardware, software and related technology sales segment:** Hardware, software and related technology sales were adversely impacted by lower revenues from all major segment contributors;
- **Lower intangible asset amortization related to acquisition:** Additional intangible asset amortization related to the acquisitions of KSNET and Eason was more than offset by the full impairment of Net1 UTA's intangibles in 2011;
- **Lower interest income and increased interest expense resulting from KSNET acquisition:** We paid the KSNET purchase price with a combination of cash and long-term debt, which reduced interest income and increased interest expense; and
- **Fiscal 2011 unrealized foreign exchange gain and transaction-related expenses:** During the second quarter of fiscal 2011, we recognized in selling, general and administration expense, an unrealized foreign exchange gain of \$2.7 million and incurred transaction-related expenses of \$1.8 million, primarily for the acquisition of KSNET.

Consolidated overall results of operations

This discussion is based on the amounts which were prepared in accordance with US GAAP.

The following tables show the changes in the items comprising our statements of operations, both in US dollars and in ZAR:

| | In United States Dollars (US GAAP) | | | |
|---------|---|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| | Three months ended December 31, | | | |
| | 2011 | 2010 | \$ | % |
| | \$ | \$ | | change |
| | 000 | 000 | | |
| Revenue | 92,058 | 89,011 | | 3% |
| | 34,168 | 29,182 | | 17% |

Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support

| | | | |
|--|---------|--------|---------|
| Selling, general and administration | 28,872 | 28,763 | 0% |
| Depreciation and amortization | 8,790 | 9,092 | (3)% |
| Operating income | 20,228 | 21,974 | (8)% |
| Interest income | 1,820 | 1,350 | 35% |
| Interest expense | 2,355 | 3,430 | (31)% |
| Income before income taxes | 19,693 | 19,894 | (1)% |
| Income tax (benefit) expense | (5,378) | 9,836 | nm |
| Net income before loss from equity-accounted investments | 25,071 | 10,058 | 149% |
| Income (Loss) from equity-accounted investments | 19 | (166) | (111)% |
| Net income | 25,090 | 9,892 | 154% |
| Add net loss attributable to non-controlling interest | (4) | (56) | (93)% |
| Net income attributable to us | 25,094 | 9,948 | 152% |

Table 4

| | In South African Rand (US GAAP) | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Three months ended December 31, | | |
| | 2011 ZAR 000 | 2010 ZAR 000 | ZAR % change |
| Revenue | 752,593 | 617,754 | 22% |
| Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support | 279,331 | 202,529 | 38% |
| Selling, general and administration | 236,034 | 199,621 | 18% |
| Depreciation and amortization | 71,860 | 63,101 | 14% |
| Operating income | 165,368 | 152,503 | 8% |
| Interest income | 14,879 | 9,369 | 59% |
| Interest expense | 19,253 | 23,805 | (19)% |
| Income before income taxes | 160,994 | 138,067 | 17% |
| Income tax (benefit) expense | (43,966) | 68,264 | (164)% |
| Net income before loss from equity-accounted investments | 204,960 | 69,803 | 194% |
| Income (Loss) from equity-accounted investments | 155 | (1,152) | (113)% |
| Net income | 205,115 | 68,651 | 199% |
| Add net loss attributable to non-controlling interest | (33) | (389) | (92)% |
| Net income attributable to us | 205,148 | 69,040 | 197% |

Analyzed in ZAR, the increase in revenue was primarily due to the inclusion of KSNET for a full quarter, modest growth in our pension and welfare business, higher prepaid airtime sales resulting from the Eason acquisition, an increase in the number of UEPS-based loans made, and higher utilization of our UEPS system in Iraq.

Analyzed in ZAR, the increase in cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support was primarily due to the inclusion of KSNET for a full quarter and higher prepaid airtime sales resulting from the Eason acquisition.

The increase in selling, general and administration expense as of result of the KSNET acquisition was offset by lower stock-based compensation charges, primarily because the performance-based restricted stock granted in August 2007 was fully expensed in prior periods. During the second quarter of fiscal 2011, selling, general and administration expense included an unrealized gain of \$2.7 million (ZAR 19.1 million) on a foreign exchange contract related to an intercompany dividend from South Africa to the United States which was used to partially fund the acquisition of KSNET and transaction-related costs of \$1.8 million (ZAR 12.3 million), primarily for the KSNET acquisition.

Our operating income margin for the second quarter of fiscal 2012 and 2011 was 22% and 25%, respectively. We discuss the components of the operating income margin under Results of operations by operating segment. The decrease is attributable to a lower operating margins from our South African transaction-based activities (primarily as a result of the inclusion of Eason) and an unrealized foreign exchange gain during fiscal 2011, which was offset by lower stock-based compensation charges and fiscal 2011 transaction-related costs.

In ZAR, depreciation and amortization increased primarily as a result of higher KSNET depreciation as well as acquisition-related KSNET intangible asset amortization for a full quarter, which was partially offset by the full impairment of Net1 UTA intangibles in 2011. The intangible asset amortization related to our various acquisitions has been allocated to our operating segments as presented in the tables below:

Table 5

**Three months ended
December 31,**

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | \$ 000 | \$ 000 |
| Amortization included in depreciation and amortization expense: | 4,913 | 5,914 |
| South African transaction-based activities | 1,697 | 1,437 |
| International transaction-based activities | 3,128 | 2,032 |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales (1) | 88 | 2,445 |

(1) Three months ended December 31, 2010, includes Net1 UTA customer relationship amortization of \$2.3 million.

| | Three months ended December 31, | |
|---|--|----------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 |
| | ZAR 000 | ZAR 000 |
| Amortization included in depreciation and amortization expense: | 40,170 | 41,047 |
| South African transaction-based activities | 13,881 | 9,973 |
| International transaction-based activities | 25,572 | 14,102 |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales (1) | 717 | 16,972 |

(1) Three months ended December 31, 2010, includes Net1 UTA customer relationship amortization of ZAR 15.8 million.

Interest on surplus cash increased to \$1.8 million (ZAR 14.9 million) from \$1.4 million (ZAR 9.4 million). The increase resulted primarily from higher average daily ZAR cash balances, offset by lower deposit rates resulting from the decrease in the South African prime interest rate to an average of 9.00% from 9.27% .

Excluding the impact of amortized debt facility fees of \$0.1 million (ZAR 0.8 million) and \$1.7 million (ZAR 12.0 million), respectively, interest expense increased to \$2.3 million (ZAR 18.4 million) from \$1.7 million (ZAR 11.8 million) due to the incurrence of long-term debt to fund a portion of the KSNET purchase price in 2011.

Total 2012 tax benefit was \$5.4 million (ZAR 44.0 million) compared to total tax expense of \$9.8 million (ZAR 68.3 million) in 2011 and our effective tax rate decreased to (27.3%) from 49.4% .. The tax benefit includes \$20.0 million benefit related to a change in South African tax law and the creation of a valuation allowance of \$8.2 million related to foreign tax credits. The reduction in our effective tax rate was primarily due to the tax law change and fewer non-deductible expenses, including stock-based compensation charges and acquisition-related expenses, which were offset by the creation of a valuation allowance and non-deductible interest expenses related to our Korean long-term debt.

Net income from equity-accounted investments increased primarily due to an increase in transaction fees generated by SmartSwitch Namibia.

Results of operations by operating segment

The composition of revenue and the contributions of our business activities to operating income (loss) are illustrated below.

| Operating Segment | <i>In United States Dollars (US GAAP)</i> | | | | |
|---|---|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Three months ended December 31, | | | | |
| | 2011 | % of | 2010 | % of | % |
| | \$ 000 | total | \$ 000 | total | change |
| Consolidated revenue: | | | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | 46,448 | 50% | 46,737 | 53% | (1)% |
| International transaction-based activities | 28,835 | 31% | 17,385 | 20% | 66% |
| Smart card accounts | 7,264 | 8% | 8,434 | 9% | (14)% |
| Financial services | 1,944 | 2% | 1,651 | 2% | 18% |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | 7,567 | 9% | 14,804 | 16% | (49)% |
| | 92,058 | 100% | 89,011 | 100% | 3% |

**Total consolidated
revenue**

| | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| Consolidated operating income (loss): | | | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | 15,766 | 78% | 18,578 | 85% | (15)% |
| Operating income before amortization | 17,463 | | 20,015 | | (13)% |
| Amortization of intangible assets | (1,697) | | (1,437) | | 18% |
| International transaction-based activities | 241 | 1% | 139 | 1% | 73% |
| Operating income (loss) before amortization | 3,369 | | 2,171 | | 55% |
| Amortization of intangible assets | (3,128) | | (2,032) | | nm |
| Smart card accounts | 3,302 | 16% | 3,832 | 17% | (14)% |
| Financial services | 1,026 | 5% | 1,028 | 5% | 0% |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | 909 | 4% | (49) | 0% | nm |
| Operating income (loss) before amortization | 997 | | 2,396 | | (58)% |
| Amortization of intangible assets | (88) | | (2,445) | | (96)% |
| Corporate/eliminations | (1,016) | (4)% | (1,554) | (8)% | (35)% |
| Total consolidated operating income | 20,228 | 100% | 21,974 | 100% | (8)% |

Table 8

In South African Rand (US GAAP)
Three months ended December 31,

| Operating Segment | 2011 ZAR 000 | % of total | 2010 ZAR 000 | % of total | % change |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Consolidated revenue: | | | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | 379,722 | 50% | 324,364 | 53% | 17% |
| International transaction-based activities | 235,732 | 31% | 120,655 | 20% | 95% |
| Smart card accounts | 59,385 | 8% | 58,534 | 9% | 1% |
| Financial services | 15,893 | 2% | 11,458 | 2% | 39% |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | 61,861 | 9% | 102,743 | 16% | (40)% |
| Total consolidated revenue | 752,593 | 100% | 617,754 | 100% | 22% |
| Consolidated operating income (loss): | | | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | 128,890 | 78% | 128,935 | 85% | 0% |
| Operating income before amortization | 142,771 | | 138,908 | | 3% |
| Amortization of intangible assets | (13,881) | | (9,973) | | 39% |
| International transaction-based activities | 1,970 | 1% | 964 | 0% | 104% |
| Operating income (loss) before amortization | 27,542 | | 15,066 | | 83% |
| Amortization of intangible assets | (25,572) | | (14,102) | | nm |
| Smart card accounts | 26,995 | 16% | 26,595 | 17% | 2% |
| Financial services | 8,388 | 5% | 7,134 | 5% | 18% |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | 7,431 | 4% | (340) | 0% | nm |
| Operating income (loss) before amortization | 8,148 | | 16,632 | | (51)% |
| Amortization of intangible assets | (717) | | (16,972) | | (96)% |
| Corporate/eliminations | (8,306) | (4)% | (10,785) | (7)% | (23)% |
| Total consolidated operating income | 165,368 | 100% | 152,503 | 100% | 8% |
| <i>South African transaction-based activities</i> | | | | | |

This segment includes the results of the Eason prepaid airtime and electricity business with effect from October 3, 2011. We operate as a reseller of non-refundable virtual prepaid airtime vouchers that we purchase from mobile-phone operators and sell to retailers; and earn a commission from the sale of prepaid electricity. The cost of the prepaid

airtime vouchers is recorded in cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support. Margins on the sale of prepaid airtime vouchers are significantly lower than those generated by our other business in this segment and therefore, as we expand into the prepaid airtime market in South Africa, we expect higher revenue and cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support in this operating segment.

In ZAR, increases in segment revenue were primarily due to modest growth in our pension and welfare business, higher prepaid airtime sales resulting primarily from the Eason acquisition and increased transaction volumes in merchant acquiring and MediKredit. Segment revenues include the transaction fees we earn through our merchant acquiring system and reflect the elimination of inter-company transactions.

Our operating income margin for the second quarter of fiscal 2012 and 2011 was 34% and 40%, respectively, and has declined due to the inclusion of increased low-margin prepaid airtime sales and Eason intangible asset amortization.

Pension and welfare operations:

Our pension and welfare operations continue to generate the majority of our revenues and operating income in this operating segment. See also discussion under Recent Developments South Africa New SASSA contract. for a description of our new SASSA contract.

As we transition into our new contract with SASSA, and provide our distribution service throughout all nine provinces in South Africa, we expect that the percentage of our segment revenues that we will derive from our pension and welfare operations will increase significantly. However, we also expect that as we roll out our distribution service on a national basis, we will incur significant increases in all our operating expenses for additional employees, security, bank charges, vehicle maintenance and fuel, insurance and telecommunications and data transmission. We expect our new contract to be beneficial to us over the contract period despite our current expectation of negative operating margins during the next three quarters due to expansion and new establishment costs to meet the terms of the new contract. We currently expect to be fully phased-in by the second quarter of fiscal 2013.

South African transaction processors:

The table below presents the total volume and value processed during the second quarter of fiscal 2012 and 2011:

Table 9

| Transaction processor | Total volume (000s) Three months ended December 31, | | Total value \$ (000) Three months ended December 31, | | Total value ZAR (000) Three months ended December 31, | |
|-----------------------|--|---------|---|-----------|--|------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| EasyPay(1) | 107,786 | 190,182 | 2,782,124 | 6,282,609 | 22,744,423 | 43,602,564 |
| Remaining core | 107,341 | 129,351 | 2,762,745 | 3,932,177 | 22,585,997 | 27,290,096 |
| Discontinued | 445 | 60,831 | 19,379 | 2,350,432 | 158,426 | 16,312,468 |
| MediKredit | 2,334 | 2,171 | 135,387 | 112,426 | 1,106,818 | 780,258 |
| FIHRST | 6,268 | 5,691 | 2,509,453 | 2,592,735 | 20,515,278 | 17,994,096 |

(1) includes Eason prepaid airtime and electricity volume and value from October 1, 2011 and restated to reflect the consolidation of value-added services through EasyPay and to reflect the remaining core processing activities.

In addition, during the second quarter of fiscal 2012, one of EasyPay's large customers decided to perform its EFT/switching activities in-house, which had an adverse impact on our volumes. EasyPay has retained its value-added-services relationship with this customer and therefore the overall impact to revenue and profitability is modest. MediKredit volumes and values were higher due to increased adjudication and processing activities for new providers, including public hospitals, private hospitals and specialist doctors. FIHRST volumes and values increased due to an increased number of customers (volumes and values) and higher once off off-payroll (salary; bonus and; statutory and third-party deductions) amounts paid (values).

Key statistics of our merchant acquiring system:

The key statistics and indicators of our merchant acquiring system during the second quarter of fiscal 2012 and 2011, in each of the South African provinces where we distribute social welfare grants are summarized in the table below:

Table 10

| | Three months ended December 31, | |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2011 | 2010 |
| Total POS devices installed as of period end | 5,034 | 4,823 |
| Number of participating UEPS retail locations as of period end | 2,485 | 2,562 |
| Value of transactions processed through POS devices during the quarter (1) (in \$ 000) | 404,551 | 393,691 |
| Value of transactions processed through POS devices during the completed pay cycles for the quarter (2) (in \$ 000) | 415,369 | 394,924 |
| Value of transactions processed through POS devices during the quarter (1) (in ZAR 000) | 3,282,747 | 2,728,101 |
| Value of transactions processed through POS devices during the completed pay cycles for the quarter (2) (in ZAR 000) | 3,370,534 | 2,736,648 |
| Number of grants paid through POS devices during the quarter (1) | 4,687,607 | 4,580,255 |
| Number of grants paid through POS devices during the completed pay cycles for the quarter (2) | 4,820,153 | 4,599,893 |
| | 947 | 955 |

| | | |
|---|-----|-----|
| Average number of grants processed per terminal during the quarter (1) | | |
| Average number of grants processed per terminal during the completed pay cycles for the quarter (2) | 974 | 959 |

(1) Refers to events occurring during the quarter (i.e., based on three calendar months).

(2) Refers to events occurring during the completed pay cycle.

International transaction-based activities

KSNET continues to contribute the majority of our revenues in this operating segment. Operating margin for the segment is lower than most of our South African transaction-based businesses and was negatively impacted by start-up expenditures related to our XeoHealth launch in the United States, MVC activities at Net1 UTA and on-going losses at Net1 Virtual Card, but these expenses were partially offset by revenue contributions from KSNET, XeoHealth and NUETS initiative in Iraq.

Our results for the second quarter of fiscal 2012 include KSNET intangible asset amortization for a full quarter.

Smart card accounts

Operating income margin from providing smart card accounts was constant at 45%.

In ZAR, revenue from the provision of smart card accounts was relatively constant on a year-over-year basis. A total number of 3,578,515 smart card accounts were active at December 31, 2011, compared to 3,520,558 active accounts as at December 31, 2010.

Financial services

Revenue from UEPS-based lending increased primarily due to an increase in the number of loans granted. Our current UEPS-based lending portfolio comprises loans made to qualifying old age grant recipients in some of the provinces where we distribute social welfare grants. We now insure the UEPS-based lending book through SmartLife against default and thus no allowance will be required in future periods. However, under our new insurance contract with SmartLife we were prohibited from claiming losses on the insurance book for three months, and have recorded a loss from UEPS-based lending of approximately \$0.05 million (ZAR 0.4 million). UEPS-based lending contributes the majority of the revenue and operating income in this operating segment. We continue to incur start-up expenditures related to our SmartLife business and other financial services offerings. SmartLife did not contribute significantly to our operating income in the second quarter of fiscal 2012 as it had not commenced operating activities under its new business model.

Operating income margin for the financial services segment decreased to 53% from 62%, primarily as a result of startup expenditures related to SmartLife and other financial services offerings, which was offset by increased UEPS-based lending activities (and the loss from being unable to claim losses for three months).

Hardware, software and related technology sales

The decrease in revenue and operating income was due to a lower contribution from all contributors to hardware and software sales. Net1 UTA has successfully contained its operating costs and generated higher-margin ad hoc service and development revenues during the second quarter of fiscal 2012. Our operating margin of 13% for the second quarter of fiscal 2012 is comparable with 16% generated during fiscal 2011. Significant quarter over quarter fluctuations in revenue, operating income and operating margin are expected due to ad hoc orders in this operating segment

As we expand internationally, whether through traditional selling arrangements to provide products and services (such as in Ghana and Iraq) or through joint ventures (such as with SmartSwitch Namibia and SmartSwitch Botswana), we expect to receive revenues from sales of hardware and from software customization and licensing to establish the infrastructure of POS terminals and smart cards necessary to enable utilization of the UEPS technology in a particular country. To the extent that we enter into joint ventures and account for the investment as an equity investment, we are required to eliminate our portion of the sale of hardware, software and licenses to the investees. The sale of hardware, software and licenses under these arrangements occur on an ad hoc basis as new arrangements are established, which can materially affect our revenues and operating income in this segment from period to period.

Corporate/eliminations

The decrease in our corporate expenses resulted primarily from lower stock-based compensation charges, primarily because the performance-based restricted stock granted in August 2007 was fully expensed in prior periods. These expense reductions were offset by higher corporate head office-related expenses. In addition, our second quarter of fiscal 2011 results include transaction related expenditures of \$1.8 million (ZAR 12.3 million) and a unrealized gain on a foreign exchange contract of \$2.7 million (ZAR 19.1 million) related to an intercompany dividend from South Africa to the United States which was used to partially fund the acquisition of KSNET.

Our corporate expenses also include expenditure related to compliance with Sarbanes; non-executive directors fees; employee and executive salaries and bonuses; stock-based compensation; legal and audit fees; directors and officers insurance premiums; telecommunications expenses; property-related expenditures including utilities, rental, security and maintenance; and elimination entries.

First half of fiscal 2012 compared to first half of fiscal 2011

The following factors had an influence on our results of operations during the first half of fiscal 2012 as compared with the same period in the prior year:

- **Unfavorable impact from the weakness of the US dollar:** The US dollar appreciated by 10% against the ZAR during the second quarter of fiscal 2012 which negatively impacted our reported results;
- **Net taxation benefit related to the replacement of STC with a dividends withholding tax in South Africa:** As a result of a recent change in South African tax law that will replace STC with a dividends withholding tax, our tax expense decreased by \$10.1 million, as we recorded a \$18.3 million deferred tax benefit which was offset by an \$8.2 million foreign tax credit valuation allowance (please refer to note 16 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements);
- **Inclusion of revenue contribution from KSNET at lower operating margin (before acquired intangible asset amortization) than our legacy business:** The inclusion of KSNET contributed to an increase in revenues for fiscal 2012; however, because KSNET has an operating margin (before acquired intangible asset amortization) that is lower than our legacy businesses, it reduced our overall operating margin. KSNET also contributed to the increase in selling, general and administration and depreciation and amortization expenses;
- **Improved operating income and margins from hardware, software and related technology sales segment:** Operating income and margins from our hardware, software and related technology sales segment increased as a result of increased ad hoc sales;
- **Intangible asset amortization related to acquisition:** Additional intangible asset amortization related to the acquisition of KSNET and Eason was offset by the full impairment of Net1 UTA's intangibles in 2011;
- **Lower interest income and increased interest expense resulting from KSNET acquisition:** We paid the KSNET purchase price with a combination of cash and long-term debt, which reduced interest income and increased interest expense;
- **Profit on liquidation of SmartSwitch Nigeria:** We recorded a non-cash profit of \$4.0 million on the liquidation of SmartSwitch Nigeria in fiscal 2012; and
- **Fiscal 2011 transaction-related expenses:** During the first half of fiscal 2011, we recognized in selling, general and administration expense, transaction-related expenses of \$5.1 million, primarily for the acquisition of KSNET.

Consolidated overall results of operations

This discussion is based on the amounts which were prepared in accordance with US GAAP.

The following tables show the changes in the items comprising our statements of operations, both in US dollars and in ZAR:

| | In United States Dollars (US GAAP) | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----------|----|--------|
| | Six months ended December 31, | | | |
| | 2011 | 2010 | \$ | % |
| | \$ 000 | \$ 000 | | change |
| Revenue | 191,984 | 153,294 | | 25% |
| Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support | 67,112 | 47,249 | | 42% |
| Selling, general and administration | 55,929 | 59,089 | | (5)% |
| Depreciation and amortization | 17,869 | 13,996 | | 28% |
| Operating income | 51,074 | 32,960 | | 55% |
| Interest income | 3,817 | 4,434 | | (14)% |
| Interest expense | 4,971 | 3,678 | | 35% |

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|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Income before income taxes | 49,920 | 33,716 | 48% |
| Income tax expense | 5,174 | 16,043 | (68)% |
| Net income before loss from equity-accounted investments | 44,746 | 17,673 | 153% |
| Income (Loss) from equity-accounted investments | 104 | (382) | (127)% |
| Net income | 44,850 | 17,291 | 159% |
| Add net loss attributable to non-controlling interest | (12) | (86) | (86)% |
| Net income attributable to us | 44,862 | 17,377 | 158% |
| | 35 | | |

Table 12

| | In South African Rand (US GAAP) | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Six months ended December 31, | | |
| | 2011 ZAR 000 | 2010 ZAR 000 | ZAR % change |
| Revenue | 1,501,257 | 1,094,672 | 37% |
| Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support | 524,795 | 337,406 | 56% |
| Selling, general and administration | 437,348 | 421,954 | 4% |
| Depreciation and amortization | 139,730 | 99,945 | 40% |
| Operating income | 399,384 | 235,367 | 70% |
| Interest income | 29,848 | 31,663 | (6)% |
| Interest expense | 38,872 | 26,265 | 48% |
| Income before income taxes | 390,360 | 240,765 | 62% |
| Income tax expense | 40,459 | 114,563 | (65)% |
| Net income before loss from equity-accounted investments | 349,901 | 126,202 | 177% |
| Income (Loss) from equity-accounted investments | 813 | (2,728) | (130)% |
| Net income | 350,714 | 123,474 | 184% |
| Add net loss attributable to non-controlling interest | (94) | (614) | (85)% |
| Net income attributable to us | 350,808 | 124,088 | 183% |

Analyzed in ZAR, the increase in revenue was primarily due to the inclusion of KSNET, modest growth in our pension and welfare business, higher prepaid airtime sales resulting from the Eason acquisition, an increase in the number of UEPS-based loans made, and higher utilization of our UEPS system in Iraq.

Analyzed in ZAR, cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support was higher primarily due to the inclusion of KSNET.

The increase in selling, general and administration expense as of result of the KSNET acquisition was offset by lower stock-based compensation charge, primarily because the performance-based restricted stock granted in August 2007 was fully expensed in prior periods and due to the non-cash profit related to the liquidation of SmartSwitch Nigeria of \$4.0 million. During the first half of fiscal 2011, selling, general and administration expense included transaction-related costs of \$5.1 million (ZAR 36.6 million), primarily for the KSNET acquisition.

Our operating income margin for the first half of fiscal 2012 and 2011 was 27% and 22%, respectively. We discuss the components of the operating income margin under Results of operations by operating segment, however the increase is attributable to lower stock-based compensation charges and the non-cash profit related to the liquidation of SmartSwitch Nigeria of \$4.0 million in the first half of fiscal 2012 compared with fiscal 2011 and transaction-related costs during fiscal 2011.

In ZAR, depreciation and amortization increased primarily as a result of KSNET intangible asset amortization, but was partially offset by the full impairment of Net1 UTA intangibles in 2011. The intangible asset amortization related to our various acquisitions has been allocated to our operating segments as presented in the tables below:

Table 13

| Six months ended December 31, | |
|--|------------------------|
| 2011 \$ 000 | 2010 \$ 000 |

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| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| Amortization included in depreciation and amortization expense: | 9,655 | 9,588 |
| South African transaction-based activities | 3,042 | 2,793 |
| International transaction-based activities | 6,430 | 2,032 |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales (1) | 183 | 4,763 |

(1) Six months ended December 31, 2010, includes Net1 UTA customer relationship amortization of \$4.4 million.

Table 14

| | Six months ended December 31, | |
|---|--|-------------------------|
| | 2011 ZAR 000 | 2010 ZAR 000 |
| Amortization included in depreciation and amortization expense: | 75,500 | 68,473 |
| South African transaction-based activities | 23,784 | 19,945 |
| International transaction-based activities | 50,281 | 14,511 |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales (1) | 1,435 | 34,017 |

(1) Six months ended December 31, 2010, includes Net1 UTA customer relationship amortization of ZAR 31.7 million.

Interest on surplus cash decreased to \$3.8 million (ZAR 29.8 million) from \$4.4 million (ZAR 31.7 million). The decrease resulted primarily from lower average daily ZAR cash balances as a result of the payment of a portion of the KSNET purchase price in cash as well as lower deposit rates resulting from the decrease in the South African prime interest rate from an average of approximately 9.58% to 9.00% per annum.

Interest expense increased to \$5.0 million (ZAR 38.9 million) from \$3.7 million (ZAR 26.3 million) due to the incurrence of long-term debt to fund a portion of the KSNET purchase price. Interest expense for the first half of fiscal 2012 and 2011, includes amortized debt facility fees of \$0.2 million (ZAR 1.6 million) and \$1.7 million (ZAR 12.3 million), respectively.

Total 2012 tax expense decreased to \$5.2 million (ZAR 40.5 million) from \$16.0 million (ZAR 114.6 million) in 2011 and our effective tax rate decreased to 10.3% from 47.6%. Our 2012 tax expense includes \$18.3 million related to a change in South African tax law and the creation of a valuation allowance of \$8.2 million related to foreign tax credits. The reduction in our effective tax rate was primarily due to the tax law change, a non-taxable profit on liquidation of SmartSwitch Nigeria and fewer non-deductible expenses, including stock-based compensation charges and acquisition-related expenses, which was offset by non-deductible interest expenses related to our Korean long-term debt.

Net income from equity-accounted investments increased primarily due to an increase in transaction fees generated by SmartSwitch Namibia and SmartSwitch Botswana.

Results of operations by operating segment

The composition of revenue and the contributions of our business activities to operating income (loss) are illustrated below.

Table 15

| | <i>In United States Dollars (US GAAP)</i> | | | | |
|--|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | Six months ended December 31, | | | | |
| Operating Segment | 2011 \$ 000 | % of total | 2010 \$ 000 | % of total | % change |
| Consolidated revenue: | | | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | 96,350 | 50% | 91,626 | 60% | 5% |
| International transaction-based activities | 59,090 | 31% | 17,855 | 12% | 231% |
| Smart card accounts | 15,516 | 8% | 16,404 | 11% | (5)% |
| Financial services | 4,055 | 2% | 2,901 | 2% | 40% |
| | 16,973 | 9% | 24,508 | 27% | (31)% |

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| | | | | | |
|---|---------|------|---------|-------|---------|
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | | | | | |
| Total consolidated revenue | 191,984 | 100% | 153,294 | 100% | 25% |
| Consolidated operating income (loss): | | | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | 35,949 | 70% | 36,326 | 110% | (1)% |
| Operating income before amortization | 38,991 | | 39,119 | | 0% |
| Amortization of intangible assets | (3,042) | | (2,793) | | 9% |
| International transaction-based activities | 925 | 2% | (569) | (2)% | (263)% |
| Operating income (loss) before amortization | 7,355 | | 1,463 | | 403% |
| Amortization of intangible assets | (6,430) | | (2,032) | | 216% |
| Smart card accounts | 7,052 | 14% | 7,454 | 23% | (5)% |
| Financial services | 2,437 | 5% | 1,825 | 6% | 34% |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | 2,846 | 6% | (2,388) | (7)% | nm |
| Operating income (loss) before amortization | 3,029 | | 2,375 | | 28% |
| Amortization of intangible assets | (183) | | (4,763) | | (96)% |
| Corporate/eliminations | 1,865 | 3% | (9,688) | (30)% | (119)% |
| Total consolidated operating income | 51,074 | 100% | 32,960 | 100% | 55% |

Table 16

In South African Rand (US GAAP)
Six months ended December 31,

| Operating Segment | 2011 ZAR 000 | % of total | 2010 ZAR 000 | % of total | % change |
|---|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Consolidated revenue: | | | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | 753,428 | 50% | 654,301 | 60% | 15% |
| International transaction-based activities | 462,066 | 31% | 127,503 | 12% | 262% |
| Smart card accounts | 121,330 | 8% | 117,141 | 11% | 4% |
| Financial services | 31,709 | 2% | 20,716 | 2% | 53% |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | 132,724 | 9% | 175,011 | 27% | (24)% |
| Total consolidated revenue | 1,501,257 | 100% | 1,094,672 | 100% | 37% |
| Consolidated operating income (loss): | | | | | |
| SA transaction-based activities | 281,110 | 70% | 259,404 | 110% | 8% |
| Operating income before amortization | 304,894 | | 279,349 | | 9% |
| Amortization of intangible assets | (23,784) | | (19,945) | | 19% |
| International transaction-based activities | 7,233 | 2% | (4,063) | (2)% | (278)% |
| Operating income (loss) before amortization | 57,514 | | 10,448 | | 450% |
| Amortization of intangible assets | (50,281) | | (14,511) | | 247% |
| Smart card accounts | 55,145 | 14% | 53,229 | 23% | 4% |
| Financial services | 19,057 | 5% | 13,032 | 6% | 46% |
| Hardware, software and related technology sales | 22,255 | 6% | (17,053) | (7)% | nm |
| Operating income (loss) before amortization | 23,690 | | 16,964 | | 40% |
| Amortization of intangible assets | (1,435) | | (34,017) | | (96)% |
| Corporate/eliminations | 14,584 | 3% | (69,182) | (30)% | (121)% |
| Total consolidated operating income | 399,384 | 100% | 235,367 | 100% | 70% |
| <i>South African transaction-based activities</i> | | | | | |

In ZAR, the increases in segment revenue were primarily due to modest growth in our pension and welfare business and increased transaction volumes at MediKredit. Segment revenues include the transaction fees we earn through our merchant acquiring system and reflect the elimination of inter-company transactions.

Our operating income margin for the second quarter of fiscal 2012 and 2011 was 37% and 40%, respectively, and has declined due to higher low margin prepaid airtime sales and higher intangible asset amortization attributable to the Eason acquisition.

Pension and welfare operations:

Modest revenue growth as well as operational efficiencies contributed directly to the increase in our operating income.

South African transaction processors:

The table below presents the total volume and value processed during the first half of fiscal 2012 and 2011:

Table 17

| Transaction processor | Total volume (000s) Six months ended December 31, | | Total value \$ (000) Six months ended December 31, | | Total value ZAR (000) Six months ended December 31, | |
|-----------------------|--|---------|---|-----------|--|------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| | EasyPay | 251,022 | 366,202 | 6,936,135 | 11,677,083 | 54,238,500 |
| Remaining | 226,626 | 251,344 | 6,158,394 | 7,374,136 | 48,156,795 | 51,177,982 |
| core | 24,396 | 114,858 | 777,741 | 4,302,947 | 6,081,705 | 29,863,310 |
| Discontinued | | | | | | |
| MediKredit | 5,180 | 4,714 | 296,093 | 227,141 | 2,315,358 | 1,622,016 |
| FIHRST | 12,107 | 11,183 | 4,932,399 | 4,613,548 | 38,569,883 | 32,945,344 |

We are refocusing EasyPay's activities on higher-margin value-added services and have terminated certain inefficient activities such as the hosting of processing servers for financial institutions. We have restated the 2010 transaction volumes and values in the table above to reflect the consolidation of value-added services through EasyPay and to reflect the remaining core processing activities.

Activity in our South African transaction processors volumes and values are discussed under Second quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2011 Results of operations by operating segment South African transaction-based activities South African transaction processors: .

International transaction-based activities

KSNET continues to contribute the majority of our revenues in this operating segment. Operating margin for the segment is lower than most of our South African transaction-based businesses and was negatively impacted by start-up expenditures related to our multiple XeoHealth launches in the United States, MVC activities at Net1 UTA and on-going losses at Net1 Virtual Card, but these expenses were partially offset by revenue contributions from KSNET, XeoHealth and NUETS initiative in Iraq.

Smart card accounts

Operating income margin from providing smart card accounts was constant at 45%.

In ZAR, revenue from the provision of smart card accounts was relatively constant on a year-over-year basis. A total number of 3,578,515 smart card accounts were active at December 31, 2011, compared to 3,520,558 active accounts as at December 31, 2010.

Financial services

Revenue from UEPS-based lending increased primarily due to an increase in the number of loans granted. Our current UEPS-based lending portfolio comprises loans made to qualifying old age grant recipients in some of the provinces where we distribute social welfare grants.

Operating income margin for the financial services segment decreased to 60% from 63%, primarily as a result of startup expenditures related to our SmartLife business and other financial services offerings, offset by increased UEPS-based lending activities.

Hardware, software and related technology sales

The decrease in revenue and operating income was due to a lower contribution from all contributors to hardware and software sales. Net1 UTA has successfully contained its operating costs and generated higher-margin ad hoc service and development revenues during the first half of fiscal 2012. The increase in operating margin to 18% compared with an operating loss margin of 10% is attributable to the sale of more software and license revenues in 2012, which contribute higher margins compared to hardware sales.

Corporate/eliminations

The decrease in our corporate expenses resulted primarily from lower stock-based compensation charges, primarily because the performance-based restricted stock granted in August 2007 was fully expensed in prior periods and due to the \$4.0 million profit related to the liquidation of SmartSwitch Nigeria. These expense reductions were offset by higher corporate head office-related expenses. In addition, our first half of fiscal 2011 results includes transaction related expenditures of \$5.1 million (ZAR 36.6 million).

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As we transition into a new service level agreement with SASSA, and provide our distribution service throughout all nine provinces in South Africa, we expect to invest significant amounts of our surplus ZAR-denominated cash balances in capital expenditures over the next 18 months, including for modified payment vehicles, information

technology infrastructure and processing equipment and smart cards. We believe that we have sufficient cash reserves and credit facilities to fund these additional capital expenditures. As described above in our discussion of our pension and welfare operations, we also expect to incur significantly higher operating expenses and in the future. We expect to fund these expenses primarily from cash generated from operations under our new contract with SASSA.

In addition, to the extent we receive any proceeds from the exercise of the option we have agreed to grant to the BEE special purpose entity, we expect to use those funds to repay our Korean debt, repurchase our common stock, make acquisitions, invest in capital expenditures and working capital to fund organic growth and for other general corporate purposes, or a combination of the foregoing.

We currently believe that our cash and credit facilities described below are sufficient to fund our future operations for at least the next four quarters.

Our business has historically generated and continues to generate high levels of cash. At December 31, 2011, our cash balances were \$80.8 million, which comprised mainly ZAR-denominated balances of ZAR 445.9 million (\$54.8 million), KRW-denominated balances of KRW 22.8 billion (\$19.7 million) and US dollar-denominated balances of \$5.0 million and other currency deposits, primarily euro, of \$1.4 million. The decrease in our cash balances from June 30, 2011, has resulted primarily from a strengthening in the USD against the ZAR, offset by an increase in cash generated from operations.

We generally invest the surplus cash held by our South African operations in overnight call accounts that we maintain at South African banking institutions, and surplus cash held by our non-South African companies in the US and European money markets. We have invested surplus cash in Korea in short-term investment accounts at Korean banking institutions. In addition, we are required to invest the interest payable under our Korean debt facilities due in the next six months in an interest reserve account in Korea.

Historically, we have financed most of our operations, research and development, working capital, capital expenditures and acquisitions through our internally generated cash. When considering whether to borrow under our financing facilities, we consider the cost of capital, cost of financing, opportunity cost of utilizing surplus cash and availability of tax efficient structures to moderate financing costs.

We have a South African short-term credit facility of approximately ZAR 250 million (\$30.7 million) which remained fully undrawn as of December 31, 2011.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2012 we received \$4.9 million, net, in cash, in final settlement of any and all claims and contractual adjustments between us and the former shareholders of KSNET. Our Korean debt agreement required us to use the settlement proceeds to repay a portion of our outstanding debt thereunder. We made the prepayment on January 30, 2012.

As of December 31, 2011, we had outstanding long-term debt of 122.4 billion KRW (approximately \$105.5 million translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2011) under credit facilities with a group of Korean banks. The loans bear interest at the Korean CD rate in effect from time to time (3.57% as of December 31, 2011) plus a margin of 4.10%. Semi-annual principal payments of approximately \$7.0 million (translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2011) are due commencing from October 2011, with final maturity scheduled for October 2015.

Cash flows from operating activities

Second quarter of fiscal 2012

Net cash used in operating activities for the second quarter of fiscal 2012 was \$6.2 million (ZAR 50.7 million) compared to \$5.0 million (ZAR 34.5 million) for the second quarter of fiscal 2011. Excluding the impact of interest paid under our Korean debt and taxes presented in the table below, the increase in cash used in operating activities resulted from timing of receipts of accounts receivable in our South African transaction-based activities operating segment.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2012, we paid South African tax of \$15.0 million (ZAR 123.3 million) related to our 2012 tax year and provisional Korean taxes of \$0.5 million related to our tax year ended December 31, 2011. During the second quarter of fiscal 2011, we made South African tax payments of \$16.6 million (ZAR 113.7 million) related to our 2011 tax year and provisional Korean taxes of \$0.5 million related to our tax year ended December 31, 2010. In addition, during the second quarter of fiscal 2011 we paid STC of \$13.6 million (ZAR 95 million) related to intercompany dividends paid from South Africa to the United States.

Taxes paid during the second quarter of fiscal 2012 and 2011 were as follows:

Table 18

| | Quarter ended December 31, | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| | \$ | \$ | ZAR | ZAR |
| | 000 | 000 | 000 | 000 |
| First provisional payments | 15,014 | 16,565 | 123,271 | 113,708 |
| Third provisional payments | - | 335 | - | 2,296 |
| Taxation paid related to prior years | 103 | - | 842 | - |
| Taxation refunds received | (127) | - | (1,031) | - |
| Secondary taxation on companies | 1,485 | 13,592 | 12,115 | 95,000 |
| Total South African taxes paid | 16,475 | 30,492 | 135,197 | 211,004 |
| Foreign taxes paid: Korea | 499 | 531 | 3,983 | 3,713 |
| Total tax paid | 16,974 | 31,023 | 139,180 | 214,717 |

We expect to pay STC of approximately \$0.3 million (ZAR 2.5 million) in South Africa in the third quarter of fiscal 2012.

First half of fiscal 2012

Net cash provided by operating activities for the first half of fiscal 2012 was \$21.0 million (ZAR 164.4 million) compared to \$25.2 million (ZAR 179.9 million) for the first half of fiscal 2011. Excluding the impact of interest paid under our Korean debt and taxes presented in the table below, the decrease in cash provided by operating activities resulted from the timing of receipts of accounts receivable in our South African transaction-based activities operating segment offset by increased profitability.

During the first half of fiscal 2012, we paid South African tax of \$15.0 million (ZAR 123.3 million) related to our 2012 tax year and \$3.5 million (ZAR 26.3 million) related to our 2011 tax year. We also paid provisional Korean taxes of \$1.0 million related to our tax year ended December 31, 2011. During the first half of fiscal 2011, we made South African tax payments of \$16.6 million (ZAR 113.7 million) related to our 2011 tax year and provisional Korean taxes of \$0.5 million related to our tax year ended December 31, 2010. In addition, during the second quarter of fiscal 2011 we paid STC of \$13.6 million (ZAR 95 million) related to intercompany dividends paid from South Africa to the United States.

Taxes paid during the first half of fiscal 2012 and 2011 were as follows:

Table 19

| | Quarter ended December 31, | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| | \$ | \$ | ZAR | ZAR |
| | 000 | 000 | 000 | 000 |
| First provisional payments | 15,014 | 16,565 | 123,271 | 113,708 |
| Third provisional payments | - | 335 | - | 2,296 |
| Taxation paid related to prior years | 3,504 | 1,774 | 26,303 | 12,716 |
| Taxation refunds received | (284) | (172) | (2,096) | (1,302) |
| Secondary taxation on companies | 1,485 | 13,592 | 12,115 | 95,000 |
| Total South African taxes paid | 19,719 | 32,094 | 159,593 | 222,418 |
| Foreign taxes paid: Korea | 1,036 | 531 | 7,793 | 3,713 |
| Total tax paid | 20,755 | 32,625 | 167,386 | 226,131 |

Cash flows from investing activities

Second quarter of fiscal 2012

During the second quarter of fiscal 2012, we received a net settlement of \$4.9 million from the former shareholders of KSNET. During the second quarter of fiscal 2011, we paid approximately \$230.2 million (ZAR 1.6 billion), net of cash received, for 98.73% of KSNET. We also paid \$4.5 million (ZAR 36.4 million) for the Eason prepaid electricity and airtime business.

Cash used in investing activities for the second quarter of fiscal 2012 includes capital expenditure of \$5.1 million (ZAR 41.31 million), primarily for the acquisition of payment processing terminals in Korea, POS devices to service our merchant acquiring system in South Africa and payment vehicles to service pension and welfare beneficiaries.

We received principal loan repayments from SmartSwitch Namibia of \$0.03 million during each of the second quarter of fiscal 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Cash used in investing activities for the second quarter of fiscal 2011 includes capital expenditure of \$4.0 million (ZAR 27.8 million), primarily for the acquisition of payment processing terminals in Korea, kiosks to service our

EasyPay Kiosk pilot project, the acquisition of POS devices to service our merchant acquiring system and the replacement of motor vehicles.

First half of fiscal 2012

During the first half of fiscal 2012, we received a net settlement of \$4.9 million from the former shareholders of KSNET. During the first half of fiscal 2011, we paid approximately \$230.2 million (ZAR 1.6 billion), net of cash received, for 98.73% of KSNET. We also paid \$4.5 million (ZAR 36.4 million) for the Eason prepaid electricity and airtime business.

Cash used in investing activities for the first half of fiscal 2012 includes capital expenditure of \$9.6 million (ZAR 74.9 million), primarily for the acquisition of payment processing terminals in Korea, POS devices to service our merchant acquiring system in South Africa and payment vehicles to service pension and welfare beneficiaries.

We received principal loan repayments from SmartSwitch Namibia of \$0.06 million and \$0.4 million during the first half of fiscal 2012 and 2011, respectively. In July 2010, we provided additional loan funding to VTU Colombia of approximately \$0.4 million.

Cash used in investing activities for the first half of fiscal 2011 includes capital expenditure of \$4.8 million (ZAR 34.1 million), primarily for the acquisition of payment processing terminals in Korea, kiosks to service our EasyPay Kiosk pilot project, the acquisition of POS devices to service our merchant acquiring system, the replacement of computer and electronic hardware and the replacement of motor vehicles.

Cash flows from financing activities

Second quarter of fiscal 2012

During the second quarter of fiscal 2012, we made a scheduled \$7.2 million long-term debt repayment.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2011, we incurred long-term debt to fund a portion of the KSNET purchase price and paid the facility fee of \$3.1 million. In addition, we paid approximately \$0.6 million for the remaining 19.9% of Net1 UTA.

First half of fiscal 2012

In addition to the cash flows from financing activities during the second quarter of fiscal 2012 described above, during the first half of fiscal 2012, we acquired 180,656 shares of our common stock for \$1.1 million.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements.

Capital Expenditures

As we discuss above under *Liquidity and Capital Resources*, we expect that our capital expenditures will increase significantly over the next 18 months as we transition into our new SASSA contract. In addition to these capital expenditures, we expect that capital spending for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 will relate primarily to providing a switching service through EasyPay and expanding our operations in Korea.

Our historical capital expenditures for the second quarter of fiscal 2012 and 2011 are discussed under *Liquidity and Capital Resources* Cash flows from investing activities. All of our capital expenditures for the past three fiscal years were funded through internally generated funds. We had outstanding capital commitments as of December 31, 2011, of \$0.1 million related mainly to computer equipment ordered in order to maintain and expand activities. We expect to fund these expenditures through internally generated funds.

Contingent Liabilities, Commitments and Contractual Obligations

The following table sets forth our contractual obligations as of December 31, 2011:

| | Total | Less than 1 year | 1-3 years | 3-5 years | More than 5 years |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Long-term debt obligations | 126,830 | 21,653 | 40,082 | 65,095 | - |
| (A) | | | | | |

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| | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Operating lease obligations | 3,542 | 2,070 | 1,029 | 443 | - |
| Purchase obligations | 1,108 | 1,108 | - | - | - |
| Other long-term obligations | 25,519 | - | - | - | 25,519 |
| Total | 156,999 | 24,831 | 41,111 | 65,538 | 25,519 |

(A) - Includes \$105.5 million of long-term debt discussed under Liquidity and capital resources and includes interest payable at the rate applicable as of December 31, 2011.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

In addition to the tables below, see note 6 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for a discussion of market risk.

The following table illustrates the effect on our annual expected interest charge, translated at exchange rates applicable as of December 31, 2011, as a result of a change in the Korean CD rate. The effects of a hypothetical 1% increase and a 1% decrease in the Korean CD rate as of December 31, 2011, is shown. The selected 1% hypothetical change does not reflect what could be considered the best or worst case scenarios.

| As of December 31, 2011 | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Table 21 | Annual expected interest charge (\$ 000) | Hypothetical change in Korean CD rate | Estimated annual expected interest charge after change in Korean CD rate (\$ 000) |
| Interest on Korean long-term debt | 8,092 | 1% | 9,147 |
| | | (1)% | 7,037 |

The following table summarizes our exchange-traded equity securities with equity price risk as of December 31, 2011. The effects of a hypothetical 10% increase and a 10% decrease in market prices as of December 31, 2011, is also shown. The selected 10% hypothetical change does not reflect what could be considered the best or worst case scenarios. Indeed, results could be far worse due both to the nature of equity markets and the aforementioned liquidity risk.

| As of December 31, 2011 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Table 22 | Fair value (\$ 000) | Hypothetical price change | Estimated fair value after hypothetical change in price (\$ 000) | Hypothetical Percentage Increase (Decrease) in Shareholders Equity |
| Exchange-traded equity securities | 6,861 | 10% | 7,547 | 0.21% |
| | 6,861 | (10)% | 6,175 | (0.21)% |

Item 4. Controls and Procedures**Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures**

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined under Rule 13a-15(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as of December 31, 2011. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based on this evaluation, the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2011.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have not been any changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2011, 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

On February 8, 2012, AllPay Consolidated Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd filed an application in the North Gauteng High Court of South Africa seeking to set aside the award of the SASSA tender to us. AllPay was one of the unsuccessful bidders during the recent SASSA tender process and is a current contractor to SASSA. We are included as one of several respondents in this proceeding. As a respondent, we are entitled to oppose the application, and we intend to do so. When SASSA publicly announced the award of the tender to us in January 2012, it stated that it had conducted the tender in accordance with all relevant legislation. While we also believe this to be the case, we cannot predict when the proceeding will be resolved or its ultimate outcome.

In addition, on February 3, 2012, another unsuccessful bidder and current contractor, Empilweni Payout Services (Pty) Ltd, has requested SASSA to provide it with all reasons for the award and information that we provided to SASSA in connection with the tender process. Empilweni filed a High Court application to compel SASSA to provide such reasons and information. We are opposing the application but cannot predict the outcome.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

See Item 1A RISK FACTORS in Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, for a discussion of risk factors relating to (i) our business, (ii) operating in South Africa and other foreign markets, (iii) governmental regulation, and (iv) our common stock. Except as set forth below, there have been no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

We have recently signed a new contract with SASSA for the distribution of pension and welfare benefits in all of South Africa's nine provinces. While the new contract will substantially increase the number of beneficiaries to whom we distribute benefits, it will also increase our dependence on our pension and welfare business while also reducing our operating margins, at least in the near term. If we cannot successfully leverage an expanded beneficiary base to provide recipients with additional financial and other services, our financial performance may suffer.

We currently distribute pension and welfare grants on behalf of SASSA in five of South Africa's nine provinces. On January 17, 2012, SASSA awarded us a tender to provide payment services for social grants in all of South Africa's nine provinces for a period of five years. We have recently signed a new contract with SASSA, which will replace our current contract.

Although we expect our revenues from our new SASSA contract to increase as a result of the larger number of beneficiaries we will serve as we roll out our distribution service to all beneficiaries in all nine provinces, we also expect to incur significant increases in operating expenses. We will also be required to make significant capital expenditures to build out our infrastructure across South Africa, primarily in the additional four provinces where we currently do not provide a service. As a result, despite the higher volumes of payments, as we implement the new contract, these additional expenses are likely to result in lower operating margins in our pension and welfare business, both in the short-term and perhaps on a longer term basis. We could also encounter delays or unexpected expenses during the implementation phase of the contract, which could adversely affect us and require additional management time and attention. While we will seek to offset the additional increases in operating expenses and capital expenditures throughout the implementation of our SASSA contract by expanding the scope and volumes of financial and other services we can provide to our new and existing beneficiaries, we may not be successful in doing so, which could adversely affect our business, results of operations, operating cash flow and financial condition.

Moreover, the expansion of our service offering to all nine South African provinces will increase our dependence on our contract with SASSA, which is and will continue to be our largest customer. While for a number of years, we derived a majority of our revenues from our SASSA contract, this percentage has been decreasing as a result of our efforts to diversify our business in South Africa and expand internationally. However, as we transition to our new SASSA contract, we expect that our pension and welfare will once again account for a majority of our revenues. If we were to lose all or part of these revenues for any reason, our business would suffer.

Two of the unsuccessful tenderors have challenged SASSA's award of the tender to us.

On February 8, 2012, AllPay filed an application in the North Gauteng High Court of South Africa seeking to set aside the award of the SASSA tender to us. AllPay was one of the unsuccessful bidders during the recent SASSA tender process and is a current contractor to SASSA. We are included as one of several respondents in this proceeding. As a respondent, we are entitled to oppose the application, and we intend to do so. When SASSA publicly announced the award of the tender to us in January 2012, it stated that it had conducted the tender in accordance with all relevant legislation. While we also believe this to be the case, we cannot predict when the proceeding will be resolved or its ultimate outcome. In addition, on February 3, 2012, another unsuccessful bidder and current contractor, Empilweni, has requested SASSA to provide it with all reasons for the award and information that we provided to SASSA in connection with the tender process. Empilweni filed a High Court application to compel SASSA to provide such reasons and information. We are opposing the application but cannot predict the outcome. If AllPay's challenge is successful, the contract could be set aside. If Empilweni's challenge is successful, some or all of our confidential tender submission may be disclosed, which could adversely affect our competitive position. It is also possible that other unsuccessful bidders may challenge the award. Our management may be required to expend significant time and resources in an attempt to defeat these challenges.

Item 6. Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Form 10-Q:

| Exhibit No. | Description of Exhibit | Included Herewith | Incorporated by Reference Herein | | |
|-------------|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | | | Form | Exhibit | Filing Date |
| 10.20 | Registration Rights Agreement dated November 10, 2011 between the Company and shareholders affiliated with General Atlantic LLC | | 8-K | 99.1 | November 16, 2011 |
| <u>31.1</u> | <u>Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Exchange Act</u> | <u>x</u> | | | |
| <u>31.2</u> | <u>Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Exchange Act</u> | <u>x</u> | | | |
| <u>32</u> | <u>Certification pursuant to 18 USC Section 1350</u> | <u>x</u> | | | |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document | x | | | |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema | x | | | |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase | x | | | |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase | x | | | |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase | x | | | |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase | x | | | |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on February 9, 2012.

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: /s/ Dr. Serge C.P. Belamant

Dr. Serge C.P. Belamant

Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board and Director

By: /s/ Herman Gideon Kotzé

Herman Gideon Kotzé

Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary, Director

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