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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended October 2, 2011.

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 000-50350

NETGEAR, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

350 East Plumeria Drive,

San Jose, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

77-0419172
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

95134
(Zip Code)

(408) 907-8000

(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

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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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer or a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of accelerated filer, large 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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2). Yes No

The number of outstanding shares of the registrant's Common Stock, \$0.001 par value, was 37,560,904 as of November 4, 2011.

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Table of Contents**PART I: FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements****NETGEAR, INC.****UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(In thousands)**

	October 2, 2011	December 31, 2010
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 174,278	\$ 126,173
Short-term investments	146,781	144,564
Accounts receivable, net	218,653	226,731
Inventories	135,963	127,394
Deferred income taxes	21,020	19,332
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	29,919	23,850
Total current assets	726,614	668,044
Property and equipment, net	16,079	17,503
Intangibles, net	22,034	6,241
Goodwill	85,944	74,198
Other non-current assets	13,617	14,335
Total assets	\$ 864,288	\$ 780,321
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 75,672	\$ 89,155
Accrued employee compensation	23,190	24,130
Other accrued liabilities	107,826	110,413
Deferred revenue	23,934	27,538
Income taxes payable		3,487
Total current liabilities	230,622	254,723
Non-current income taxes payable	18,685	19,719
Other non-current liabilities	5,150	5,443
Total liabilities	254,457	279,885
Commitments and contingencies (Note 13)		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock	38	36
Additional paid-in capital	358,162	316,108
Cumulative other comprehensive income (loss)	(14)	281
Retained earnings	251,645	184,011
Total stockholders' equity	609,831	500,436

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

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	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010
Net revenue	\$ 301,800	\$ 236,017	\$ 871,863	\$ 643,521
Cost of revenue	205,490	160,310	597,390	425,428
Gross profit	96,310	75,707	274,473	218,093
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	12,738	10,564	35,102	29,814
Sales and marketing	39,600	34,069	115,284	95,216
General and administrative	10,851	9,358	31,044	26,697
Restructuring and other charges		(8)	2,094	(76)
Litigation reserves, net	44		(234)	211
Total operating expenses	63,233	53,983	183,290	151,862
Income from operations	33,077	21,724	91,183	66,231
Interest income	115	132	350	302
Other income (expense), net	(267)	(326)	(938)	(388)
Income before income taxes	32,925	21,530	90,595	66,145
Provision for income taxes	6,178	8,435	22,062	28,858
Net income	\$ 26,747	\$ 13,095	\$ 68,533	\$ 37,287
Net income per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.71	\$ 0.37	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.06
Diluted	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.36	\$ 1.81	\$ 1.04
Weighted average shares outstanding used to compute net income per share:				
Basic	37,483	35,441	36,967	35,218
Diluted	38,080	36,009	37,812	35,891

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Table of Contents**NETGEAR, INC.****UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****(In thousands)**

	Nine Months Ended	
	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 68,533	\$ 37,287
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	11,068	9,826
Purchase premium amortization on investments	467	90
Non-cash stock-based compensation	10,334	9,211
Income tax benefit associated with stock option exercises	3,269	1,996
Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation	(3,426)	(2,112)
Deferred income taxes	(1,516)	(6,356)
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable	8,078	(12,746)
Inventories	(2,279)	(19,804)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(5,813)	30
Accounts payable	(13,484)	(29,179)
Accrued employee compensation	(940)	8,506
Other accrued liabilities	(3,013)	13,253
Deferred revenue	(3,604)	(1,149)
Income taxes payable	(4,521)	450
Net cash provided by operating activities	63,153	9,303
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of short-term investments	(188,329)	(170,133)
Proceeds from sale of short-term investments	185,680	100,000
Purchase of property and equipment	(5,816)	(6,049)
Loan issued		(3,030)
Payments for patents		(1,270)
Payments made in connection with business acquisitions	(37,509)	(12,000)
Net cash used in investing activities	(45,974)	(92,482)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Purchase and retirement of treasury stock	(899)	(656)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	26,647	6,867
Proceeds from issuance of common stock under employee stock purchase plan	1,752	1,202
Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation	3,426	2,112
Net cash provided by financing activities	30,926	9,525
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	48,105	(73,654)
Cash and cash equivalents, at beginning of period	126,173	172,202
Cash and cash equivalents, at end of period	\$ 174,278	\$ 98,548

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. The Company and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

NETGEAR, Inc. ("NETGEAR" or the "Company") was incorporated in Delaware in January 1996. The Company is a global networking company that delivers innovative products to consumers, businesses and service providers. For consumers, the Company makes high performance, dependable and easy-to-use home networking, storage and digital media products to connect people with the Internet and their content and devices. For businesses, the Company provides networking, storage and security solutions without the cost and complexity of Big IT. The Company also supplies leading service providers with retail proven, whole home networking solutions for their customers. The Company's products are built on a variety of proven technologies such as wireless, Ethernet and powerline, with a focus on reliability and ease-of-use. The Company sells products primarily through a global sales channel network, which includes traditional retailers, online retailers, wholesale distributors, direct market resellers, or DMRs, value added resellers, or VARs, and broadband service providers.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of NETGEAR, Inc., and its wholly owned subsidiaries. They have been prepared in accordance with established guidelines for interim financial reporting and with the instructions of Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The balance sheet dated December 31, 2010 has been derived from audited financial statements at such date. In the opinion of management, the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments considered necessary (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) to fairly state the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods indicated. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to the consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010.

The Company's fiscal year begins on January 1 of the year stated and ends on December 31 of the same year. The Company reports its interim results on a fiscal quarter basis rather than on a calendar quarter basis. Under the fiscal quarter basis, each of the first three fiscal quarters ends on the Sunday closest to the calendar quarter end, with the fourth quarter ending on December 31.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect (i) the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, (ii) the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and (iii) the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates and operating results for the three months and nine months ended October 2, 2011 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2011.

The Company has made certain reclassifications to prior period net revenue by geography in order to conform to the current period presentation. For details of these reclassifications, please see Note 12 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

The Company's significant accounting policies are disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010. The Company's significant accounting policies have not materially changed during the three and nine months ended October 2, 2011.

2. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In December 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-29, "Business Combinations (Topic 805): Disclosure of Supplementary Pro Forma Information for Business Combinations." ASU 2010-29 specifies that, for material business combinations when comparative financial statements are presented, revenue and earnings of the combined entity should be disclosed as though the business combination had occurred as of the beginning of the comparable prior annual reporting period. ASU 2010-29 also expands the supplemental pro forma disclosures to include a description of the nature and amount of material, nonrecurring pro forma adjustments directly attributable to the business combination included in the reported pro forma revenue and earnings. ASU 2010-29 is effective prospectively for the Company for business combinations with an acquisition date on or after January 1, 2011. Since the adoption of the update to the authoritative guidance for consolidation only requires additional disclosures, the adoption will not impact the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

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In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-04, *Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements*. ASU 2011-04 contains certain updates to the measurement guidance as well as enhanced disclosure requirements. The most significant change in disclosures is an expansion of the information required for Level 3 measurements, including enhanced disclosure for: (1) the valuation processes used by the reporting entity; and (2) the sensitivity of the fair value measurement to changes in unobservable inputs and the interrelationships between those unobservable inputs, if any. ASU 2011-04 will only impact the Company's Level 3 disclosures. ASU 2011-04 is effective prospectively for the Company in the first quarter of fiscal 2012. The adoption is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-05, *Presentation of Comprehensive Income*. ASU 2011-05 eliminates the current option to report other comprehensive income and its components in the statement of changes in equity. ASU 2011-05 allows two presentation alternatives: present items of net income and other comprehensive income (1) in one continuous statement, referred to as the statement of comprehensive income or (2) in two separate, but consecutive, statements of net income and other comprehensive income. ASU 2011-05 is effective prospectively for the Company in the first quarter of fiscal 2012. The Company is currently evaluating which presentation alternative it will utilize. Since the adoption of the authoritative guidance only requires additional disclosures, the adoption will not impact the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In September 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-08, *Intangibles—Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Testing Goodwill for Impairment*. ASU 2011-08 permits an entity to make a qualitative assessment of whether it is more likely than not that a reporting unit's fair value is less than its carrying amount before applying the two-step goodwill impairment test. If an entity concludes that it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, it would not be required to perform the two-step impairment test for that reporting unit. The Company has elected to early adopt ASU 2011-08 in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2011. The adoption is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

3. Business Acquisitions*Leaf Networks, LLC*

On January 15, 2010, the Company completed the acquisition of certain intellectual property and other assets of Leaf Networks, LLC (Leaf), a developer of virtual networking software. The acquisition qualified as a business acquisition and was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. The Company believes the acquisition will accelerate the Company's continuing networking technology research and development initiatives. The aggregate purchase price was \$2.1 million, of which \$2.0 million was paid in cash in the three months ended March 28, 2010 and \$100,000 was paid in the three months ended April 3, 2011.

Additionally, the acquisition agreement specified that Leaf shareholders may receive a total additional payout of up to \$900,000 in cash over the three years following the closing of the acquisition if developed products pass certain acceptance criteria. During the three months ended March 28, 2010, the Company determined that the present value of the \$900,000 potential additional payout was approximately \$800,000. For each subsequent quarter, the Company will measure at fair value for each reporting period and record a liability. The Company paid \$400,000 for the first portion of this additional payout in the three months ended April 3, 2011. As of October 2, 2011, the Company had determined the remaining acceptance criteria for the final \$500,000 portion of the eligible additional payout were nearing completion, and is carrying a liability for the entire \$500,000.

The results of Leaf's operations have been included in the consolidated financial statements since the date of acquisition. The historical results of operations of Leaf prior to the acquisition were not material to the Company's results of operations.

In accordance with the acquisition method of accounting for business combinations, the Company allocated the total purchase price to identifiable intangible assets based on each element's estimated fair value. Acquisition costs were expensed as incurred, and were immaterial for this transaction. Purchased intangibles, representing the existing technology acquired from Leaf, will be amortized on a straight-line basis over their respective estimated useful lives. Goodwill was recorded based on the residual purchase price after allocating the purchase price to the fair market value of intangible assets acquired. Goodwill arose as a result of the \$800,000 present valuation of the \$900,000 potential additional payout, plus \$100,000 in additional payment consideration. The allocation of the purchase price was as follows (in thousands):

Intangibles, net	\$ 2,000
Goodwill	900

Total purchase price allocation	\$ 2,900
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Of the \$900,000 of goodwill recorded on the acquisition of Leaf, approximately \$471,000 was deductible for federal and state income tax purposes.

The \$2.0 million in acquired intangible assets was designated as existing technology. The value was calculated based on the present value of the future estimated cash flows derived from projections of future revenue attributable to existing technology. This \$2.0 million will be amortized over its estimated useful life of seven years.

Westell Technologies, Inc.

On April 15, 2011, the Company completed the acquisition of certain intellectual property and other assets of the Customer Networking Solutions division of Westell Technologies, Inc. (Westell) at a purchase price of \$37.0 million in cash. The acquisition included inventories, property and equipment, intangible assets, and liabilities that existed at the closing date, including employee bonuses and product warranties. The acquisition qualifies as a business combination and was accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting. The Company believes the acquisition will bolster its service provider revenue growth and strengthen its market position among U.S. telecommunications operators.

The results of Westell's operations have been included in the consolidated financial statements since the date of acquisition. The historical results of operations of Westell prior to the acquisition were not material to the Company's results of operations.

In accordance with the acquisition method of accounting for business combinations, the Company allocated the total purchase price to identifiable intangible assets based on each element's estimated fair value. Acquisition costs were expensed as incurred, and were immaterial for this transaction. Purchased intangibles will be amortized on a straight-line basis over their respective estimated useful lives. Goodwill was recorded based on the residual purchase price after allocating the purchase price to the fair market value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. Goodwill arises as a result of, among other factors, future unidentified new products and new technologies as well as the implicit value of future cost savings as a result of the combining of entities. The Company may adjust the preliminary purchase price allocation after obtaining more information regarding, among other things, liabilities assumed, and revisions of preliminary estimates.

The following table summarizes the estimated fair values of the assets and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date (in thousands):

Inventories	\$ 6,290
Property and equipment, net	119
Intangibles, net	19,500
Current liabilities	(646)
Goodwill	11,746
 Total consideration	 \$ 37,009

Of the \$11.7 million of goodwill recorded on the acquisition of Westell, approximately \$9.3 million is deductible for U.S. federal and state income tax purposes.

A total of \$15.7 million of the \$19.5 million in acquired intangible assets was designated as customer contracts and related relationships. The value was calculated based on the present value of the future estimated cash flows derived from projections of future operations attributable to existing customer contracts and related relationships and discounted at 19.0%. This \$15.7 million is being amortized over its estimated useful life of eight years.

A total of \$3.7 million of the \$19.5 million in acquired intangible assets was designated as core technology. The value was calculated based on the present value of the future estimated cash flows derived from estimated savings attributable to the core technology and discounted at 16.0%. This \$3.7 million is being amortized over its estimated useful life of four years.

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A total of \$100,000 of the \$19.5 million in acquired intangible assets was designated as order backlog. The value was calculated based on an estimate of order backlog using the expected cash flow for the orders and discounted at 3.3%. This \$100,000 has been fully amortized as of October 2, 2011.

4. Stock-based Compensation

The Company grants options and restricted stock units from the Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan, under which awards may be granted to all employees. In addition, the Company's stock option program includes the 2003 Stock Plan, from which the Company does not currently grant awards, but may choose to do so. Award vesting periods for these plans are generally four years. As of October 2, 2011, a total of 790,067 shares were reserved for future grants under these plans.

Additionally, the Company sponsors an Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the ESPP), pursuant to which eligible employees may contribute up to 10% of base compensation, subject to certain income limits, to purchase shares of the Company's common stock. Employees may purchase stock semi-annually at a price equal to 85% of the fair market value on the purchase date.

The following table sets forth the total stock-based compensation expense resulting from stock options, restricted stock awards and the ESPP included in the Company's Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010
Cost of revenue	\$ 259	\$ 202	\$ 737	\$ 708
Research and development	606	556	1,873	1,709
Sales and marketing	1,264	1,134	3,949	3,539
General and administrative	1,325	1,055	3,775	3,255
	\$ 3,454	\$ 2,947	\$ 10,334	\$ 9,211

The fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton option valuation model and the weighted average assumptions in the following table. The expected term of options granted is derived from historical data on employee exercise and post-vesting employment termination behavior. The risk free interest rate is based on the implied yield currently available on U.S. Treasury securities with an equivalent remaining term. Expected volatility is based on the historical volatility of the Company's stock for the three and nine months ended October 2, 2011 and October 3, 2010:

	Stock Options Three Months Ended		Stock Options Nine Months Ended	
	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010
Expected life (in years)	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5
Risk-free interest rate	1.09%	1.49%	1.73%	2.15%
Expected volatility	51%	50%	50%	50%
Dividend yield				

As of October 2, 2011, \$23.4 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to stock options, adjusted for estimated forfeitures, is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.51 years. Additionally, \$3.2 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested restricted stock awards, adjusted for estimated forfeitures, is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.14 years.

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The Company provides for estimated future warranty obligations at the time revenue is recognized. The Company's standard warranty obligation to its direct customers generally provides for a right of return of any product for a full refund in the event that such product is not merchantable or is found to be damaged or defective. At the time revenue is recognized, an estimate of future warranty returns is recorded to reduce revenue in the amount of the expected credit or refund to be provided to its direct customers. At the time the Company records the reduction to revenue related to warranty returns, the Company includes within cost of revenue a write-down to reduce the carrying value of such products to net realizable value.

The Company's standard warranty obligation to its end-users provides for replacement of a defective product for one or more years. Factors that affect the warranty obligation include product failure rates, material usage and service delivery costs incurred in correcting product failures. The estimated cost associated with fulfilling the Company's warranty obligation to end-users is recorded in cost of revenue. Because the Company's products are manufactured by third party manufacturers, in certain cases the Company has recourse to the third party manufacturer for replacement or credit for the defective products. The Company gives consideration to amounts recoverable from its third party manufacturers in determining its warranty liability.

Changes in the Company's warranty liability, which is included as a component of Other accrued liabilities in the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets, are as follows (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended	
	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010
Balance as of beginning of the period	\$ 40,513	\$ 30,610
Provision for warranty liability made during the period	42,961	48,805
Settlements made during the period	(42,898)	(39,954)
Balance at end of period	\$ 40,576	\$ 39,461

6. Shipping and Handling Fees and Costs

The Company includes shipping and handling fees billed to customers in net revenue. Shipping and handling costs associated with inbound freight are included in cost of revenue and ending inventory. Shipping and handling costs associated with outbound freight are included in sales and marketing expenses and totaled \$3.5 million and \$10.3 million for the three and nine months ended October 2, 2011, respectively, and \$3.0 million and \$8.3 million for the three and nine months ended October 3, 2010, respectively.

7. Restructuring and Other Charges

In April 2011, the Company incurred \$1.6 million in restructuring costs for employee severance related to the reorganization into three specific business units. Refer to Note 12, Segment Information, Operations by Geographic Area and Significant Customers of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding the reorganization into business units. In addition, the Company incurred \$464,000 in transition services in connection with the acquisition of the Customer Networking Solutions division of Westell Technologies, Inc. Refer to Note 3, Business Acquisitions of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding the Westell acquisition. The Company presents expenses related to restructuring and other charges as a separate line item in its unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations.

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The following is a summary of the accrued restructuring charges:

	Accrued Restructuring and Other Charges at December 31, 2010	Additions	Cash Payments (In thousands)	Accrued Restructuring and Other Charges at October 2, 2011
Reorganization in business units	\$	\$ 1,630	\$ (1,630)	\$
Westell acquisition transition costs		464	(464)	
Current portion	\$	\$ 2,094	\$ (2,094)	\$

8. Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company's subsidiaries have had and will continue to have material future cash flows, including revenue and expenses, which are denominated in currencies other than the Company's functional currency. The Company and all its subsidiaries designate the U.S. dollar as the functional currency. Changes in exchange rates between the Company's functional currency and other currencies in which the Company transacts business will cause fluctuations in cash flow expectations and cash flow realized or settled. Accordingly, the Company uses derivatives to mitigate its business exposure to foreign exchange risk. The Company enters into foreign currency forward contracts in euros, British pounds, Australian dollars and Japanese yen to manage the exposures to foreign exchange risk related to expected future cash flows on certain forecasted revenue, costs of revenue, operating expenses and existing assets and liabilities. The Company does not enter into derivatives transactions for trading or speculative purposes.

Cash flow hedges

To help manage the exposure of operating margins to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, the Company hedges a portion of its anticipated foreign currency revenue, costs of revenue and certain operating expenses. These hedges are designated at the inception of the hedge relationship as cash flow hedges under the authoritative guidance for derivatives and hedging. Effectiveness is tested at least quarterly both prospectively and retrospectively using regression analysis to ensure that the hedge relationship has been effective and is likely to remain effective in the future. The Company typically hedges portions of its anticipated foreign currency exposure for three to five months. The Company enters into about six forward contracts per quarter with an average size of about \$6 million USD equivalent related to its cash flow hedging program.

The Company expects to reclassify to earnings all of the amounts recorded in other comprehensive income associated with its cash flow hedges over the next 12 months. Other comprehensive income associated with cash flow hedges of foreign currency revenue is recognized as a component of net revenue in the same period as the related revenue is recognized. Other comprehensive income associated with cash flow hedges of foreign currency costs of revenue and operating expenses are recognized as a component of cost of revenue and operating expense in the same period as the related costs of revenue and operating expenses are recognized.

Derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges must be de-designated as hedges when it is probable the forecasted hedged transaction will not occur within the designated hedge period or if not recognized within 60 days following the end of the hedge period. Deferred gains and losses in other comprehensive income associated with such derivative instruments are reclassified immediately into earnings through other income and expense. Any subsequent changes in fair value of such derivative instruments also are reflected in current earnings unless they are re-designated as hedges of other transactions. The Company did not recognize any material net gains or losses related to the loss of hedge designation on discontinued cash flow hedges during the three and nine months ended October 2, 2011 and October 3, 2010, respectively.

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The Company enters into non-designated hedges under the authoritative guidance for derivatives and hedging to manage the exposure of non-functional currency monetary assets and liabilities held on its financial statements to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, as well as to reduce volatility in other income and expense. The non-designated hedges are generally expected to offset the changes in value of its net non-functional currency asset and liability position resulting from foreign exchange rate fluctuations. Foreign currency denominated accounts receivable and payable are hedged with non-designated hedges when the related anticipated foreign revenue and expenses are recognized in the Company's financial statements. The Company also hedges certain non-functional currency monetary assets and liabilities that may not be incorporated into the cash flow hedge program. The Company adjusts its non-designated hedges monthly and enters into about 11 non-designated derivatives per quarter. The average size of its non-designated hedges is about \$2 million USD equivalent and these hedges range from one to five months in duration.

The Company may choose not to hedge certain foreign exchange exposures for a variety of reasons, including, but not limited to, immateriality, accounting considerations and the prohibitive economic cost of hedging particular exposures. There can be no assurance the hedges will offset more than a portion of the financial impact resulting from movements in foreign exchange rates. The Company's accounting policies for these instruments are based on whether the instruments are designated as hedge or non-hedge instruments in accordance with the authoritative guidance for derivatives and hedging. The Company records all derivatives on the balance sheet at fair value. The effective portions of cash flow hedges are recorded in other comprehensive income until the hedged item is recognized in earnings. Derivatives that are not designated as hedging instruments and the ineffective portions of its designated hedges are adjusted to fair value through earnings in Other income (expense), net.

The Company's foreign currency forward contracts do not contain any credit-risk-related contingent features. The Company is exposed to credit losses in the event of nonperformance by the counter-parties of its forward contracts. The Company enters into derivative contracts with high-quality financial institutions and limits the amount of credit exposure to any one counter-party. In addition, the derivative contracts are limited to a time period of less than six months and the Company continuously evaluates the credit standing of its counter-party financial institutions. The counter-parties to these arrangements are large highly rated financial institutions and the Company does not consider non-performance a material risk.

The fair values of the Company's derivative instruments and the line items on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet to which they were recorded as of October 2, 2011 and December 31, 2010 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value at October 2, 2011	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value at December 31, 2010
Derivative Assets				
Derivative assets not designated as hedging instruments	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$ 1,970	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$ 1,381
Derivative assets designated as hedging instruments	Prepaid expenses and other current assets		Prepaid expenses and other current assets	8
Total		\$ 1,970		\$ 1,389

	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value at October 2, 2011	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value at December 31, 2010
Derivative Liabilities				
Derivative liabilities not designated as hedging instruments	Other accrued liabilities	\$ (532)	Other accrued liabilities	\$ (770)
Derivative liabilities designated as hedging instruments	Other accrued liabilities	(41)	Other accrued liabilities	(19)
Total		\$ (573)		\$ (789)

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For details of the Company's fair value measurements, please see Note 14 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

The effects of the Company's derivatives not designated as hedging instruments in other income (expense), net on the Statement of Operations for the three and nine months ended October 2, 2011 and October 3, 2010 is as follows (in thousands):

Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments	Location of Gains or (Losses) Recognized in Income on Derivative	Amount of Gains or (Losses) Recognized in Income on Derivative	
		Three Months	
		Ended October 2, 2011	Nine Months Ended October 2, 2011
Foreign currency forward contracts	Other income (expense), net	\$ 1,602	\$ (1,294)

Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments	Location of Gains or (Losses) Recognized in Income on Derivative	Amount of Gains or (Losses) Recognized in Income on Derivative	
		Three Months Ended	
		October 3, 2010	October 2, 2011
Foreign currency forward contracts	Other income (expense), net	\$ (3,378)	\$ 48

The effects of the Company's derivative instruments on other comprehensive income and the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the three and nine months ended October 2, 2011 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments	Gain or (Loss) Recognized in OCI - Effective Portion (a)	Location of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income - Effective Portion	Three Months Ended October 2, 2011		Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing
			Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income - Effective Portion (a)	Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing	
Cash flow hedges:					
Foreign currency forward contracts	\$ 190	Net revenue	\$ 280	Other income (expense), net	\$ (94)
Foreign currency forward contracts		Cost of revenue		Other income (expense), net	
Foreign currency forward contracts		Operating expenses	(20)	Other income (expense), net	
Total	\$ 190		\$ 260		\$ (94)

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Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments	Nine Months Ended October 2, 2011				
	Gain or (Loss) Recognized in OCI - Effective Portion (a)	Location of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income - Effective Portion	Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income - Effective Portion (a)	Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing
Cash flow hedges:					
Foreign currency forward contracts	\$ 174	Net revenue	\$ 511	Other income (expense), net	\$ (222)
Foreign currency forward contracts		Cost of revenue	(2)	Other income (expense), net	
Foreign currency forward contracts		Operating expenses	(18)	Other income (expense), net	
Total	\$ 174		\$ 491		\$ (222)

The effects of the Company's derivative instruments on other comprehensive income and the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the three and nine months ended October 3, 2010 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments	Three Months Ended October 3, 2010				
	Gain or (Loss) Recognized in OCI - Effective Portion (a)	Location of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income - Effective Portion	Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income - Effective Portion (a)	Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing
Cash flow hedges:					
Foreign currency forward contracts	\$ (5)	Net revenue	\$ 220	Other income (expense), net	\$ (66)
Foreign currency forward contracts		Cost of revenue	(9)	Other income (expense), net	
Foreign currency forward contracts		Operating expenses	(176)	Other income (expense), net	
Total	\$ (5)		\$ 35		\$ (66)

Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments	Nine Months Ended October 3, 2010				
	Gain or (Loss) Recognized in OCI - Effective Portion (a)	Location of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income - Effective Portion	Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income - Effective Portion (a)	Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing
Cash flow hedges:					
Foreign currency forward contracts	\$ 1,391	Net revenue	\$ 1,860	Other income (expense), net	\$ (160)
Foreign currency forward contracts		Cost of revenue	(23)	Other income (expense), net	
Foreign currency forward contracts		Operating expenses	(610)	Other income (expense), net	
Total	\$ 1,391		\$ 1,227		\$ (160)

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- (a) Refer to Note 15, Comprehensive Income and Cumulative Other Comprehensive Income, Net of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, which summarizes the activity in other comprehensive income related to derivatives.

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The Company did not recognize any net gain or loss related to the ineffective portion of cash flow hedges during the nine months ended October 2, 2011 and October 3, 2010.

9. Balance Sheet Components

Accounts receivable, net (in thousands):

	October 2, 2011	December 31, 2010
Gross accounts receivable	\$ 235,395	\$ 241,632
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,480)	(1,481)
Allowance for sales returns	(11,484)	(10,273)
Allowance for price protection	(3,778)	(3,147)
Total allowances	(16,742)	(14,901)
Accounts receivable, net	\$ 218,653	\$ 226,731

Inventories (in thousands):

	October 2, 2011	December 31, 2010
Raw materials	\$ 2,225	\$ 1,591
Finished goods	133,738	125,803
Total	\$ 135,963	\$ 127,394

The Company records provisions for excess and obsolete inventory based on forecasts of future demand. While management believes the estimates and assumptions underlying its current forecasts are reasonable, there is risk that additional charges may be necessary if current forecasts are greater than actual demand.

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Property and equipment, net (in thousands):

	October 2, 2011	December 31, 2010
Computer equipment	\$ 7,036	\$ 6,057
Furniture, fixtures and leasehold improvements	9,663	9,450
Software	19,839	18,553
Machinery and equipment	20,028	17,465
Construction in progress	360	30
	56,926	51,555
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(40,847)	(34,052)
Property and equipment, net	\$ 16,079	\$ 17,503

Goodwill (in thousands):

	Goodwill at December 31, 2010	Westell Acquisition	Goodwill at October 2, 2011
Goodwill	\$ 74,198	11,746	\$ 85,944

Goodwill increased \$11.7 million during the nine months ended October 2, 2011 due to the acquisition of the Customer Networking Solutions division of Westell Technologies, Inc. (Westell). For additional discussion of the Westell acquisition, please refer to Note 3 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

In the fourth quarter of 2010, the Company completed its annual goodwill impairment test based on the Company operating in one segment. The Company determined that goodwill was not impaired at December 31, 2010 since the estimated fair value of the Company exceeded its carrying value.

In the three months ended July 3, 2011, the Company reorganized its reporting structure which resulted in changes to its segment reporting from one reporting segment, which comprised the development, marketing and sale of networking products for the commercial business and home markets, to three reporting segments: retail, commercial and service provider. Refer to Note 12 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding the change in segment reporting.

On the first day of the second fiscal quarter of 2011, the Company performed a goodwill impairment assessment as a result of the change in reportable segments. The Company initially determined the fair value of the new business units and allocated goodwill to each segment based on their relative fair values. The Company compared the fair value of the new reporting units to the reporting unit's carrying value and determined that goodwill was not impaired at July 3, 2011 since the estimated fair values of each of the Company's reporting units exceeded the carrying values. As the Company has not been aware of any changed conditions or situations since the last impairment testing performed that might call into question whether the current balances are fairly recorded, no impairment testing was performed in the three months ended October 2, 2011. In the fourth quarter of 2011, the Company will perform its annual goodwill impairment test based on the Company operating in three segments.

The fair value of the new business units was determined using an income approach and a market approach, which were weighted equally. Under the income approach, the fair value of an asset is based on the value of the estimated cash flows that the asset can be expected to generate in the future. These estimated future cash flows were discounted at rates ranging from 13 to 15 percent to arrive at their respective fair values. Under the market approach, the fair value of the unit is based on an analysis of financial data for publicly traded companies engaged in the same or similar lines of business.

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The following table presents the changes in carrying amount of goodwill in each of the Company's recast reportable segments at October 2, 2011 (in thousands):

	Old Segment	New Segments		Service Provider	Total
		Retail	Commercial		
Goodwill at December 31, 2010	\$ 74,198	\$	\$	\$	\$ 74,198
Relative fair value approach	(74,198)	33,546	32,043	8,609	
Goodwill at April 4, 2011		33,546	32,043	8,609	74,198
Westell acquisition goodwill				11,746	11,746
Goodwill at October 2, 2011	\$	\$ 33,546	\$ 32,043	\$ 20,355	\$ 85,944

Other accrued liabilities (in thousands):

	October 2, 2011	December 31, 2010
Sales and marketing programs	\$ 36,232	\$ 37,020
Warranty obligation	40,576	40,513
Freight	6,683	7,174
Other	24,335	25,706
Other accrued liabilities	\$ 107,826	\$ 110,413

10. Net Income Per Share

Basic net income per share is computed by dividing the net income for the period by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per share is computed by dividing the net income for the period by the weighted average number of shares of common stock and potentially dilutive common stock outstanding during the period. Potentially dilutive common shares include outstanding stock options and unvested restricted stock awards, which are reflected in diluted net income per share by application of the treasury stock method. Under the treasury stock method, the amount that the employee must pay for exercising stock options, the amount of stock-based compensation cost for future services that the Company has not yet recognized, and the amount of tax benefit that would be recorded in additional paid-in capital upon exercise are assumed to be used to repurchase shares.

Net income per share for the three and nine months ended October 2, 2011 and October 3, 2010 are as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010
Net income	\$ 26,747	\$ 13,095	\$ 68,533	\$ 37,287
Weighted average shares outstanding:				
Basic	37,483	35,441	36,967	35,218
Dilutive potential common shares	597	568	845	673
Total diluted	38,080	36,009	37,812	35,891

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Basic net income per share	\$ 0.71	\$ 0.37	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.06
Diluted net income per share	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.36	\$ 1.81	\$ 1.04

Weighted average stock options and unvested restricted stock awards to purchase 1,860,645 and 1,897,788 shares of the Company's stock for the three and nine months ended October 2, 2011, respectively, and 2,728,227 and 2,808,503 shares for the three and nine months ended October 3, 2010, respectively, were excluded from the computation of diluted net income per share because their effect would have been anti-dilutive.

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The income tax provision for the three and nine months ended October 2, 2011 was \$6.2 million, or an effective tax rate of 18.8 percent, and \$22.1 million, or an effective tax rate of 24.4 percent, respectively. The tax provision for the three and nine months ended October 3, 2010 was \$8.4 million or an effective tax rate of 39.2 percent and \$28.9 million or an effective tax rate of 43.6 percent, respectively. The decrease in income tax expense and effective tax rate for the three and nine month period ended October 2, 2011 compared to the same periods in the prior year was primarily caused by higher forecasted pre-tax earnings in foreign jurisdictions with tax rates lower than the U.S. federal rate and the tax benefit from the reversal of tax accruals for uncertain tax positions from various tax jurisdictions where the statutes of limitation have closed. Additionally, the tax provision for the nine months ended October 2, 2011 was further reduced by discrete tax benefits recorded for the exercise of employee stock options during the period.

The higher tax expense and effective tax rate for the three months and nine months ended October 3, 2010, was caused by a loss incurred in a country where such loss provided no tax benefit. Accordingly, tax was accrued ratably on the profitable operations based on the income earned during that period while no tax benefit was accrued on the loss. The Company is subject to income taxes in the U.S. and numerous foreign jurisdictions. The Company's future foreign tax rate could be affected by changes in the composition in earnings in countries with tax rates differing from the U.S. federal rate.

The Company has recorded its liability for uncertain tax positions as part of its long-term liability as payments are not anticipated over the next 12 months. The existing tax positions of the Company continue to generate an increase in the liability for uncertain tax positions. The liability for uncertain tax positions may be reduced for liabilities that are settled with taxing authorities or on which the statute of limitations could expire without assessment from tax authorities. The possible reduction in liabilities for uncertain tax positions in multiple jurisdictions in the next 12 months is approximately \$0.7 million, excluding the interest, penalties and the effect of any related deferred tax assets or liabilities.

12. Segment Information, Operations by Geographic Area and Significant Customers

Operating segments are components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available and is regularly evaluated by management, namely the Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM) of an organization, in order to determine operating and resource allocation decisions. By this definition, the Company has through the first fiscal quarter of 2011 operated in one business segment, which comprises the development, marketing and sale of networking products for the commercial business and home markets.

In the three months ended July 3, 2011, the Company made organizational changes that have resulted in changes to the way in which the CODM manages and evaluates the business. The Company's business is now managed in three specific business units: retail, commercial, and service provider. The retail business unit consists of high performance, dependable and easy-to-use home networking, storage and digital media products to connect people with the Internet and their content and devices. The commercial business unit consists of business networking, storage and security solutions without the cost and complexity of Big IT. The service provider business unit consists of products sold to service providers with retail proven, whole home networking solutions for their customers. Each business unit is managed by a Senior Vice President/General Manager. There is no change in the CODM before and after the reorganization of the segments.

The Company believes this new structure enables the Company to better focus its efforts on the Company's core customer segments and allows it to be more nimble and opportunistic as a company overall. The business units are determined in accordance with how management views and evaluates the Company's business and based on the criteria as outlined in the authoritative guidance. As a result, beginning in the three months ended July 3, 2011, the Company changed its segment reporting accordingly, and revised its prior period presentation to conform to the new segments.

The results of the reportable segments are derived directly from the Company's management reporting system. The results are based on the Company's method of internal reporting and are not necessarily in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Management measures the performance of each segment based on several metrics, including contribution income. Refer to the reconciliation of segment information to the Company's consolidated totals below to see the reconciliation of segment data to earnings prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

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Asset data is not reviewed by the Company's CODM at the segment level and therefore is not presented. Discrete financial information on individual products and services within the respective segments is not reviewed by the Company's CODM, and therefore a separate disclosure of similar classes of products and services below the segment level is not presented.

Financial information for each reportable segment is as follows (in thousands, except percentage data):

	Three Months Ended					
	Net Revenue	October 2, 2011 Contribution Income	Contribution Margin	Net Revenue	October 3, 2010 Contribution Income	Contribution Margin
Retail	\$ 127,082	\$ 19,958	15.7%	\$ 115,165	\$ 18,346	15.9%
Commercial	91,059	23,013	25.3%	75,532	16,910	22.4%
Service Provider	83,659	6,662	8.0%	45,320	997	2.2%
Total	\$ 301,800	\$ 49,633	16.4%	\$ 236,017	\$ 36,253	15.4%

	Nine Months Ended					
	Net Revenue	October 2, 2011 Contribution Income	Contribution Margin	Net Revenue	October 3, 2010 Contribution Income	Contribution Margin
Retail	\$ 352,076	\$ 60,843	17.3%	\$ 316,819	\$ 51,189	16.2%
Commercial	247,793	56,716	22.9%	211,766	48,433	22.9%
Service Provider	271,994	24,063	8.8%	114,936	9,199	8.0%
Total	\$ 871,863	\$ 141,622	16.2%	\$ 643,521	\$ 108,821	16.9%

Segment contribution income includes all product line segment revenues less the related cost of sales, research and development and sales and marketing costs. Contribution income is used, in part, to evaluate the performance of, and allocate resources to, each of the segments. Certain operating expenses are not allocated to segments because they are separately managed at the corporate level. These unallocated indirect costs include corporate costs, such as corporate research and development, general and administrative costs, stock-based compensation expenses, amortization of intangibles, acquisition-related integration costs, restructuring costs, litigation reserves and interest and other income (expense), net.

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The reconciliation of segment information to the Company's consolidated totals is as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010
Segment contribution income	\$ 49,633	\$ 36,253	\$ 141,622	\$ 108,821
Corporate and unallocated costs	(11,994)	(10,226)	(33,986)	(28,608)
Amortization of intangible assets	(1,064)	(1,344)	(3,610)	(3,970)
Stock-based compensation expense	(3,454)	(2,947)	(10,334)	(9,211)
Restructuring and other charges		8	(2,094)	76
Acquisition related compensation		(20)	(40)	(666)
Impact to cost of sales from acquisition accounting adjustments to inventory			(609)	
Litigation reserves, net	(44)		234	(211)
Interest income	115	132	350	302
Other income (expense), net	(267)	(326)	(938)	(388)
Income before income taxes	\$ 32,925	\$ 21,530	\$ 90,595	\$ 66,145

The Company's corporate headquarters and a significant portion of its operations are located in the United States. The Company also conducts sales, marketing, customer service activities and certain distribution center activities through several small sales offices in Europe, the Middle-East and Africa (EMEA) and Asia as well as outsourced distribution centers.

In the three months ended April 3, 2011, in order to achieve operational efficiencies, the Company combined its North American, Central American and South American sales forces to form the Americas territory. Previously, North America was its own geographic region and the Central American and South American territories were categorized within the Asia Pacific geographic region. Following this change, the Company is organized into the following three geographic territories: Americas, EMEA and Asia Pacific. The Company has reclassified the disclosure of net revenue by geography for prior periods to conform to the current period's presentation. The change did not result in material differences from what was previously reported. Net revenue by geography comprises gross revenue less such items as end-user customer rebates and other sales incentives deemed to be a reduction of net revenue per the authoritative guidance for revenue recognition, sales returns and price protection. For reporting purposes revenue is attributed to each geographic region based on the location of the customer. The following table shows net revenue by geography for the periods indicated (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010
United States	\$ 144,969	\$ 120,063	\$ 419,460	\$ 323,774
Americas (excluding U.S.)	4,040	1,345	11,022	8,487
United Kingdom	38,010	30,590	124,831	71,087
EMEA (excluding U.K.)	81,725	58,975	227,855	167,623
Asia Pacific	33,056	25,044	88,695	72,550
Total net revenue	\$ 301,800	\$ 236,017	\$ 871,863	\$ 643,521

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Long-lived assets, comprising fixed assets, are reported based on the location of the asset. Long-lived assets by geographic location are as follows (in thousands):

	October 2, 2011	December 31, 2010
United States	\$ 10,531	\$ 11,808
Americas (excluding U.S.)	46	22
EMEA	321	205
China	4,411	4,848
Asia Pacific (excluding China)	770	620
	\$ 16,079	\$ 17,503

Significant customers are as follows (as a percentage of net revenue):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010
Best Buy Co., Inc. and Affiliates (Retailer)	11%	16%	11%	16%
Ingram Micro, Inc. and Affiliates (Distributor)	10%	11%	10%	12%
All others	79%	73%	79%	72%
	100%	100%	100%	100%

13. Commitments and Contingencies*Litigation and Other Legal Matters**Wi-Lan Inc. v. NETGEAR*

In October 2007, a lawsuit was filed against the Company by Wi-Lan Inc. (Wi-Lan), a patent-holding company existing under the laws of Canada, in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas. Wi-Lan alleged that the Company infringed U.S. Patent Nos. 5,282,222, RE37,802 and 5,956,323. Wi-Lan accused the Company of infringement with respect to its wireless networking products compliant with the IEEE 802.11 standards and ADSL products compliant with the ITUG.992 standards. Wi-Lan also sued 21 other technology companies alleging similar claims of patent infringement. The Company filed its answer to the lawsuit in the first quarter of 2008. A claim construction hearing took place for the 222 and 802 Patents on March 11, 2010, and on May 11, 2010, the Court issued its order interpreting the claims of these patents (claim construction order). The claim construction hearing on the 323 patent occurred on September 1, 2010, and the Court subsequently issued its claim construction order for this patent. The Court ordered that infringement of the RE37,802 and 5,282,222 (Wi-Fi) patents would be tried first, as to all defendants, and infringement of the 5,956,323 (DSL) patent would be addressed in a second trial. Shortly before the beginning of the first trial, the Company and Wi-Lan entered into settlement discussions. Without admitting any wrongdoing or violation of law and to avoid the distraction and expense of continued litigation and the uncertainty of a jury verdict on the merits, the Company and Wi-Lan signed a binding release agreement in which the Company agreed to make a one-time lump sum payment to be paid by May 15, 2011 in consideration for mutual general releases. In the agreement, each party agreed to release the other party from all claims, known or unknown, under any of the 222, 802 and 323 Patents with respect to the manufacture, use, sale, etc. of products by the Company. Each party agreed to bear its own costs and attorneys' fees. The Company made the required one-time lump sum payment that was due by May 15, 2011. This arrangement is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows. The Court has dismissed all claims between Wi-Lan and the Company, including all claims presented by Wi-Lan's complaint and all of the Company's counterclaims, and neither of the scheduled trials between Wi-Lan and the Company will occur. This litigation matter is now concluded.

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In December 2007, a lawsuit was filed against the Company by Fujitsu Limited, LG Electronics, Inc. and U.S. Philips Corporation in the U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin. The plaintiffs allege that the Company infringes U.S. Patent Nos. 6,018,642, 6,469,993 and 4,975,952. The plaintiffs accuse the Company's wireless networking products compliant with the IEEE 802.11

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standards of infringement. The Company filed its answer to the lawsuit in the first quarter of 2008. The District Court held a claim construction hearing on August 15, 2008. On September 10, 2008, the District Court issued a claim construction order. In February 2009, the parties filed numerous motions for summary judgment concerning, among other things, non-infringement, invalidity, and other affirmative defenses. In September 2009, the District Court granted the Company's motion for summary judgment of non-infringement of the three patents-in-suit. The District Court determined that the Company's compliance with the 802.11 standard did not necessarily infringe the patents-in-suit and that the plaintiffs did not provide adequate evidence regarding the function of the Company's products to put the issue of infringement before a jury. In light of the District Court's determination that the patents-in-suit were not infringed, the District Court declined to address the Company's summary judgment claims of the invalidity of the patents in question. On December 23, 2009, the Plaintiffs filed two briefs with the Federal Circuit appealing the District Court's summary judgment rulings. On December 30, 2009, the District Court ordered litigation costs in the amount \$175,000 to be reimbursed to the Company, which were never collected or recognized. The Company's opposition brief to the Plaintiff's appeal was submitted on February 18, 2010. The Federal Circuit heard oral arguments on the Plaintiffs' appeal on June 7, 2010. On September 20, 2010, the Federal Circuit issued a unanimous ruling that made three separate findings. It affirmed a summary judgment ruling from the District Court that the Company did not infringe the claims of a Fujitsu patent related to wireless communications technology. In addition, the Court affirmed a summary judgment ruling that the Company did not infringe the claims of an LG Electronics Inc. patent also related to wireless communications technology. Further, the court affirmed the lower court's ruling that the Company did not infringe a Philips patent for a method of transmitting data messages in a communications network, except for four products. For those four products, the Court ruled that Philips produced sufficient evidence of direct infringement, so that an infringement trial for these four products could proceed. On October 19, 2010, plaintiff LG Electronics submitted a petition for rehearing to the Federal Circuit requesting that the Federal Circuit's decision be set aside with respect to LG Electronics' asserted patent and that a rehearing be granted. The Federal Circuit denied LG Electronics' petition for a rehearing on November 2, 2010, letting stand its September 20, 2010 order affirming the District Court's decision to grant the Company summary judgment of noninfringement on the patent asserted by LG Electronics. Subsequent to the Federal Circuit ruling, the parties began settlement discussions with respect to the four remaining products accused of infringing the Philips patent. On March 8, 2011, the District Court approved the settlement agreement between Philips and the Company. This arrangement is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. This litigation matter is now concluded.

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In January 2008, a lawsuit was filed against the Company by OptimumPath, L.L.C (OptimumPath), a patent-holding company existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina, in the U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina. OptimumPath claims that certain of the Company's wireless networking products infringe on OptimumPath's U.S. Patent No. 7,035,281. OptimumPath also sued six other technology companies alleging similar claims of patent infringement. The Company filed its answer to the lawsuit in the second quarter of 2008. Several defendants, including the Company, jointly filed a request for *inter partes* reexamination of the OptimumPath patent with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (the USPTO) on October 13, 2008. On January 12, 2009, a reexamination was ordered with respect to claims 1-3 and 8-10 of the patent, but denied with respect to claims 4-7 and 11-32 of the patent. On February 4, 2009, the defendants jointly filed a petition to challenge the denial of reexamination of claims 4-7 and 11-32. In March 2009, the District Court granted defendants' motion to transfer the case to the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California. In July 2009, the petition to challenge the denial of reexamination of claims 4-7 and 11-32 was denied. The Company and OptimumPath attended a Court-ordered mediation on September 22, 2009 but were unable to make progress towards settlement. The Company and other defendants filed a combined claim construction/summary judgment brief on December 23, 2010. OptimumPath responded on January 20, 2011, and the defendants replied on February 3, 2011. The oral arguments on claim construction and the summary judgment motion were made on February 17, 2011. On April 12, 2011, the District Court granted defendants' motion for summary judgment on OptimumPath's claim for literal infringement and defendants' motion to preclude OptimumPath's infringement claims based on the doctrine of equivalents. The Court also found that the accused devices did not infringe under the doctrine of equivalents. The Court also granted defendants' motion for summary judgment that asserted claims 1, 2, 6, and 9 through 13 of the 281 patent were invalidated by various prior art. The pretrial conference and trial dates were vacated. OptimumPath filed its notice of appeal to the Federal Circuit of the District Court's rulings on May 18, 2011. On May 23, 2011, the District Court entered the defendants' joint request for costs in the amount of \$102,554.00, which have not yet been collected or recognized. On June 29, 2011, the Federal Circuit docketed the appeal. OptimumPath submitted its opening brief in its appeal to the Federal Circuit on October 21, 2011, and the Company's answering brief is due on December 2, 2011. OptimumPath reply brief will then be due on December 16, 2011.

Ruckus Wireless v. NETGEAR

In May 2008, a lawsuit was filed against the Company by Ruckus Wireless (Ruckus), a developer of Wi-Fi technology, in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California. Ruckus alleges that the Company infringes U.S. Patent Nos. 7,358,912 (912 Patent) and 7,193,562 (562 Patent) in the course of deploying Wi-Fi antenna array technology in its WPN824 RangeMax wireless router. Ruckus also sued Rayspan Corporation alleging similar claims of patent infringement. The Company filed its answer to the lawsuit in the third quarter of 2008. The Company and Rayspan Corporation jointly filed a request for *inter partes* reexamination of the Ruckus patents with the USPTO on September 4, 2008. The Court issued a stay of the litigation while the reexaminations proceeded in the USPTO. On November 28, 2008, a reexamination was ordered with respect to claims 11-17 of the 562 Patent, but denied with respect to claims 1-10 and 18-36. On December 17, 2008, the defendants jointly filed a petition to challenge the denial of reexamination of claims 1-10 and 18-36 of the 562 Patent. In July 2009, the petition was denied, and the remaining claims 11-17 were confirmed. The Company is appealing the confirmation of claims 11-17. On December 2, 2008, reexamination was granted with regard to the 912 Patent. In early October 2009, the Company received an Action Closing Prosecution in the reexamination of the 912 Patent. All the claims of the 912 Patent, with the exception of the unchallenged claims 7 and 8, were finally rejected by the USPTO. On October 30, 2009, Ruckus submitted an after-final amendment in the 912 Patent reexamination proceeding. The Company's comments to Ruckus' after-final amendment were submitted on November 30, 2009. On December 1, 2009, the Court found that bifurcating the 562 Patent from the 912 Patent and commencing litigation on the 562 Patent while the USPTO reexamination process and appeals are still pending would be an inefficient use of the Court's resources. Accordingly, the Court ruled that the litigation stay should remain in effect. On September 12, 2010, the Company filed the rebuttal brief in its appeals of the USPTO's rulings during the reexamination of the 562 Patent, and the Company requested an oral hearing with the Board of Appeals at the USPTO to discuss this brief. On September 13, 2010, Ruckus filed a notice of appeal of the 912 Patent to appeal the adverse rulings it received from the USPTO in the reexamination of this patent. The Company filed a respondent's brief in the 912 Patent case on January 24, 2011. An oral hearing in the 562 case was set for February 1, 2011, but the Company decided to cancel it and let the USPTO decide the 562 case based solely on the previously submitted papers. On May 13, 2011, the USPTO indicated that the Company was successful in its appeal of the examiner's previous decision to allow claims 11-17 in the 562 reexamination, and the USPTO Board of Appeals reversed the examiner's decision and declared those claims invalid. On June 13, 2011, Ruckus submitted a request for rehearing by the Board of Appeals of its decision to reject claims 11-17 of the 562 Patent. On September 28, 2011, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences denied Ruckus's request for a rehearing in the 562 Patent reexamination case. The next step for Ruckus would be to file a notice of appeal to the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Ruckus has 60 days from September 28, 2011 until November 27, 2011 in which to file such a notice.

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On November 4, 2009, Ruckus filed a new complaint in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California alleging the Company and Rayspan Corporation infringe a patent that is related to the patents previously asserted against the Company and Rayspan Corporation by Ruckus, as discussed above. This newly asserted patent is U.S. Patent No. 7,525,486 entitled "Increased wireless coverage patterns." As with the previous Ruckus action, the WPN824 RangeMax wireless router is the alleged infringing device. The Company challenged the sufficiency of Ruckus' complaint in this new action and moved to dismiss the complaint. Ruckus opposed this motion. The Court partially agreed with the Company's motion and ordered Ruckus to submit a new complaint, which Ruckus did. The initial case management conference occurred on February 11, 2010. On March 25, 2010, the Court ordered a stay until the completion of the '562 Patent's reexamination proceedings in the first Ruckus lawsuit against the Company and Rayspan. The Court instructed the parties to submit status reports to the Court every six months, apprising the Court of the status of the pending reexamination proceedings in the USPTO. Upon final exhaustion of all pending reexamination proceedings of the '562 Patent, including any appeals, the Court ordered the parties to jointly submit to the Court a letter indicating that all appeals have been exhausted and requesting a further case management conference.

On November 19, 2010, the Company filed suit against Ruckus in the U.S. District Court, District of Delaware for infringement of four of the Company's patents. The Company alleges that Ruckus's manufacture, use, sale or offers for sale within the United States or importation into the United States of products, including wireless communication products, infringe United States Patent Nos. 5,812,531, 6,621,454, 7,263,143, and 5,507,035, all owned by the Company. The Company granted Ruckus an extension to file its answer to the Company's suit, and on January 11, 2011, Ruckus filed a motion to dismiss the Company's suit based on insufficient pleadings. The Company filed its response to Ruckus's motion on January 31, 2011. In addition, on May 6, 2011, Ruckus filed a motion to transfer venue to the Northern District of California. The Court denied Ruckus's motion to transfer the case to the Northern District of California and granted the Company leave to file an amended complaint rather than address the Ruckus motion to dismiss based on insufficient pleadings. The Company filed the proposed amended complaint. Nevertheless, Ruckus filed a second motion to dismiss based on insufficient pleadings by the Company. The Company has filed its opposition to Ruckus's motion, and the Court has not yet ruled on the motion.

Northpeak Wireless, LLC v. NETGEAR

In October 2008, a lawsuit was filed against the Company and 30 other companies by Northpeak Wireless, LLC ("Northpeak") in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama. Northpeak alleges that the Company's 802.11b compatible products infringe certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 4,977,577 and 5,987,058. The Company filed its answer to the lawsuit in the fourth quarter of 2008. On January 21, 2009, the District Court granted a motion to transfer the case to the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California. In August 2009, the parties stipulated to a litigation stay pending a reexamination request to the USPTO on the asserted patents. The reexaminations of the patents are proceeding. In March 2011, the USPTO confirmed the validity of the asserted claims of the '577 patent over certain prior art references. In April 2011, the USPTO issued a final office action rejecting both asserted claims of the '058 patent as being obvious in light of the prior art. The case remains stayed by stipulation, and no trial date has been set.

WIAV Networks, LLC v. NETGEAR

In July 2009, a lawsuit was filed against the Company and over 50 other companies by WIAV Networks, LLC ("WIAV") in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas. WIAV alleges that the Company and the other defendants infringe U.S. Patent Nos. 6,480,497 and 5,400,338. WIAV alleges that the Company's wireless networking devices, including various routers and gateways, infringe upon WIAV's patents. The Company filed its answer to the lawsuit in October 2009 and asserted that WIAV's patents were both invalid and not infringed upon by the Company. In March 2010, the Company and its co-defendants filed a motion to transfer the case to the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California. WIAV opposed the motion. On June 3, 2010, the Court heard the defendants' motion to transfer the case from the Eastern District of Texas to the Northern District of California. The Court took the motion under consideration, and on July 15, 2010, the Court ruled that it would transfer the case to the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California. Discovery has not commenced. On August 31, 2010, the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California ordered WIAV to demonstrate why the Court should not dismiss all but the first named defendant from the lawsuit. The parties briefed and argued this issue before the Court. In response, the Court dismissed without prejudice all the defendants from the case except Hewlett-Packard Company.

PACid Group, LLC v. NETGEAR

In July 2009, a lawsuit was filed against the Company and 30 other companies by The PACid Group, LLC ("PACid") in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas. PACid alleges that the Company and the other defendants infringe U.S. Patent Nos.

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5,963,646 (646 Patent) and 6,049,612 (612 Patent). PACid alleges that certain unnamed NETGEAR products that use encryption methods infringe upon PACid's patents. The Company filed its answer to the lawsuit in September 2009 and asserted that PACid's patents were both invalid and not infringed by the Company. Discovery has not yet commenced. Most of the Company's chipset suppliers have settled out of the lawsuit and obtained a license to the plaintiff's asserted patents. Because most of the accused infringement occurred in the chipset, this settlement by the chipset suppliers limits the claims the plaintiff has against the Company. On March 7, 2011, the Company attended a status conference. On May 17, 2011, the Court held another status conference. At this conference, the Company indicated to the Court that a small percentage of the relevant products have non-licensed chip sets. The Court ordered that within 21 days of the status conference PACid shall produce all license agreements it has entered into; within 30 days of the status conference, all defendants shall produce a declaration on sales data; and within 14 days from that defendant production, PACid shall dismiss without prejudice the appropriate defendants. The parties complied with the order, and PACid did not dismiss the Company. On August 23, 2011, at mediation between the Company and PACid, a settlement of this lawsuit was reached. Without admitting any wrongdoing or violation of law and to avoid the distraction and expense of continued litigation and the uncertainty of a jury verdict on the merits, the Company and PACid signed a binding release agreement in which the Company agreed to make a one-time lump sum payment in consideration for mutual general releases. In the agreement, each party agreed to release the other party from all claims, known or unknown, under any of the 646 and 612 Patents with respect to the manufacture, use, sale, etc. of products by the Company. Each party agreed to bear its own costs and attorneys' fees. The Company has made the required one-time lump sum payment. This arrangement is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. The Court has dismissed all claims between PACid and the Company, including all claims presented by PACid's complaint and all of the Company's counterclaims, and the trial in this matter will not occur. This litigation matter is now concluded.

MPH Technologies Oy v. NETGEAR

On February 4, 2010, the Company was sued by MPH Technologies Oy (MPH) for infringement of U.S. patent 7,346,926 entitled Method for Sending Messages Over Secure Mobile Communication Links. MPH alleges that the Company's VPN Client Software, Dual WAN gigabit SSL VPN Firewall, ProSafe Dual WAN VPN Firewall with 8-port 10/100 Switch, ProSafe VPN Firewall with 8-port 10/100 Switch, ProSafe VPN Firewall 8 with 8-Port 10/100 Switch, ProSafe VPN Firewall 8 with 4-Port 10/100 Mbps Switch, ProSafe 802.11g Wireless ADSL Modem VPN Firewall Router, ProSafe Wireless-N VPN Firewall, and ProSafe 802.11 wireless VPN Firewall 8 with 8-port 10/100 Mbps Switch infringe claims of the 926 Patent. On May 17, 2010, the defendants jointly filed a motion to transfer the case to the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California. In addition, the Company filed its answer, affirmative defenses, and counterclaims on that day. On June 9, 2010, the plaintiff filed its answer to the Company's invalidity counterclaim and its response to the defendants' motion to transfer. On June 23, 2010, the defendants filed their joint reply to plaintiff's response to the defendants' motion to transfer venue. On July 16, 2010, the Court issued an order transferring the case to the Northern District of California. On September 10, 2010, the Company amended its answer to the complaint. The initial scheduling conference occurred on December 2, 2010. In response to this conference, the Court ordered that the Plaintiff must file its opening claim construction brief no later than May 17, 2011 and that defendants must file their responsive claim construction briefs no later than May 31, 2011. The Court also ordered that a claim construction hearing take place on June 22, 2011. The Company and plaintiff signed a settlement agreement on May 15, 2011. In the agreement, the Company agreed to pay a one-time lump sum payment and grant MPH certain other patent rights in return for each party agreeing to release the other party from all claims, known or unknown, under the patent in suit and related patents with respect to the manufacture, use, sale, etc. of products by the Company. The Company received a fully paid, worldwide, perpetual license to the patent in suit and all foreign counterparts and related patents. Each party agreed to bear its own costs and attorneys' fees. The Company has subsequently made the required one-time lump sum payment. This arrangement is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows. On May 16, 2011, the Court dismissed the case with prejudice, with each party to bear its own attorneys' fees and costs. The Company has since made the lump sum payment to MPH, and this litigation matter is now concluded.

Ericsson v. NETGEAR

On September 14, 2010, Ericsson Inc. and Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson filed a patent infringement lawsuit against the Company and defendants D-Link Corporation, D-Link Systems, Inc., Acer, Inc., Acer America Corporation, and Gateway, Inc. in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas alleging that the defendants infringe certain Ericsson patents. The Company has been accused of infringing eight U.S. patents: 5,790,516; 6,330,435; 6,424,625; 6,519,223; 6,772,215; 5,987,019; 6,466,568; and 5,771,468. Ericsson generally alleges that the Company and the other defendants have infringed and continue to infringe the Ericsson patents through the defendants' IEEE 802.11-compliant products. In addition, Ericsson alleges that the Company has infringed, and continues to infringe, the claimed methods and apparatuses of the 468 Patent through the Company's PCMCIA routers. The Company filed its answer to the Ericsson complaint on December 17, 2010 where it asserted the affirmative defenses of

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noninfringement and invalidity of the asserted patents. On March 1, 2011, the defendants filed a motion to transfer venue to the District Court for the Northern District of California and their memorandum of law in support thereof. On March 21, 2011, Ericsson filed its opposition to the motion, and on April 1, 2011, defendants filed their reply to Ericsson's opposition to the motion to transfer. On June 8, 2011, Ericsson filed an amended complaint that added Dell, Toshiba and Belkin as defendants. At the status conference held on June 9, 2011, the Court set a Markman hearing for June 28, 2012 and trial for June 3, 2013. On June 14, 2011, Ericsson submitted its infringement contentions against the Company. On September 29, 2011, the Court denied the defendants motion to transfer venue to the Northern District of California. Discovery is ongoing.

Fujitsu v. NETGEAR

On September 3, 2010, Fujitsu filed a complaint against the Company, Belkin International, Inc., Belkin, Inc., D Link Corporation, D Link Systems, Inc., ZyXEL Communications Corporation, and Zyxel Communications, Inc in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California alleging that certain of the Company's products infringe upon Fujitsu's U.S. patent Re. 36,769 patent ('769 Patent) through various cards and interface devices within the Company's products. The Company answered the complaint denying the allegations of infringement and claiming that the asserted patent is invalid. In addition, the Company filed a motion to disqualify counsel for Fujitsu. The Company's disqualification motion was argued before the Court on December 16, 2010, and on December 22, 2010, the Court granted the Company's motion and disqualified counsel for Fujitsu. In response, Fujitsu requested a stipulation from all parties to reset the case management conference and scheduled hearing dates for the motions to dismiss. The initial case management conference was held on March 18, 2011. A claim construction hearing was held on October 14, 2011. The parties are currently participating in the discovery process.

Data Network Storage, LLC v. NETGEAR

In April 2009, a lawsuit was filed against the Company and 14 other companies by Data Network Storage, LLC (DNS) in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. DNS alleges that the Company and the other third parties infringe U.S. Patent No. 6,098,128. In particular, DNS is alleging that several of the Company's ReadyNAS products infringe upon DNS's patents. The Company filed its answer to the lawsuit in July 2009 and asserted that DNS's patents were both invalid and had not been infringed upon by the Company. In September 2009, at a Court-sanctioned early neutral evaluation, the parties were unable to reach an agreement on a settlement, and discovery continued. On January 27, 2010, the Court denied co-defendant Fujitsu America, Inc.'s motion to stay the litigation, and the Company submitted its invalidity contentions on February 1, 2010. The Company and the plaintiff entered into settlement discussions in early March. Without admitting any wrongdoing or violation of law and to avoid the distraction and expense of continued litigation and the uncertainty of a jury verdict on the merits, the Company agreed to make a one-time lump sum payment in consideration for a fully paid and perpetual license to, and a covenant not to sue on, the '128 patent and the plaintiff's entire portfolio of U.S. patents, related patents, and foreign counterparts. The Company has made the required one-time lump sum payment, and the lawsuit by DNS against the Company was dismissed with prejudice on April 23, 2010. This arrangement did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2010.

NETGEAR v. CSIRO

In May 2005, the Company filed a complaint for declaratory relief against the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO), in the San Jose division of the United States District Court, Northern District of California. The complaint alleged that the claims of CSIRO's U.S. Patent No. 5,487,069 are invalid and not infringed by any of the Company's products. CSIRO had asserted that the Company's wireless networking products implementing the IEEE 802.11a, 802.11g, and 802.11n wireless LAN standards infringe this patent. In July 2006, the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit affirmed the District Court's decision to deny CSIRO's motion to dismiss the action under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act. In September 2006, the Federal Circuit denied CSIRO's request for a rehearing en banc. CSIRO filed a response to the complaint in September 2006. In December 2006, the District Court granted CSIRO's motion to transfer the case to the Eastern District of Texas, where CSIRO had brought and won a similar lawsuit against Buffalo Technology (USA), Inc., which Buffalo appealed and which was partially remanded to the District Court. The District Court consolidated this action with three related actions involving other companies (such as Buffalo) accused of infringing CSIRO's patent. The Company attended a Court-mandated mediation in November 2007 but failed to resolve the litigation. The District Court held a June 26, 2008 claim construction hearing. On August 14, 2008, the District Court issued a claim construction order and denied a motion for summary judgment of invalidity. In December 2008, the parties filed numerous motions for summary judgment concerning, among other things, infringement, validity, and other affirmative defenses. The District Court commenced a jury trial on April 13, 2009 regarding all liability issues for the four consolidated cases. On April 20, 2009, the Company and CSIRO executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) setting forth the terms of a settlement and license

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agreement between the Company and CSIRO. Without admitting any wrongdoing or violation of law and to avoid the distraction and expense of continued litigation and the uncertainty of a jury verdict on the merits, the Company agreed to make a one-time lump sum payment in consideration for a fully paid perpetual license and a covenant not to sue with respect to the 069 patent and all foreign counterparts and related patents. Based on the historical and estimated projected future unit sales of the Company's products that were alleged to infringe the asserted patent, the Company allocated a portion of the settlement cost towards product shipments prior to the settlement, which the Company recorded as a litigation settlement expense of \$2.4 million, which was primarily recognized in the three months ended March 29, 2009. Additionally, the Company allocated \$2.6 million of the settlement cost to prepaid royalties which will be recognized as a component of cost of revenue as the related products are sold. Of this \$2.6 million, \$413,000 and \$551,000 were amortized and expensed in the year ended December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2010, respectively. Additionally, \$413,000 was amortized and expensed in the nine months ended October 2, 2011.

Finoc, LLC v. NETGEAR

In February 2009, a lawsuit was filed against the Company and 14 other companies by Finoc Design Consulting OY (Finoc) in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. Finoc alleged that the Company's wireless DSL gateway products infringe U.S. Patent No. 6,850,560. In June 2009, without admitting any patent infringement, wrongdoing or violation of law and to avoid the distraction and expense of continued litigation, the Company agreed to make a one-time lump sum payment of \$82,500 in consideration for a fully paid perpetual license to the patent in suit as well as a dismissal with prejudice by Finoc. Based on the historical and estimated projected future unit sales of the Company's products that were alleged to infringe the asserted patents, the Company allocated a portion of the settlement cost towards product shipments prior to the settlement, which the Company recorded as a litigation settlement expense in the three months ended June 28, 2009. Additionally, the Company allocated the balance of the settlement cost to prepaid royalties which will be recognized as a component of cost of revenue as the related products are sold.

Network-1 Security Solutions, Inc. v. NETGEAR

In February 2008, a lawsuit was filed against the Company by Network-1 Security Solutions, Inc. (Network-1), a patent-holding company existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. Network-1 alleged that the Company's power over Ethernet (PoE) products infringed its U.S. Patent No. 6,218,930. Network-1 also sued six other companies alleging similar claims of patent infringement. The Company filed its answer in the second quarter of 2008. In May 2009, without admitting any patent infringement, wrongdoing or violation of law and to avoid the distraction and expense of continued litigation, the Company agreed to make a one-time lump sum payment of \$350,000, which the Company recorded as a litigation settlement in fiscal 2009, in consideration for a license to the patent in suit as well as a dismissal with prejudice of the lawsuit. Under the license, the Company will pay future running royalties on certain of its PoE products which will be recognized as a component of cost of revenue as the related products are sold.

Chalumeau Power Systems v. NETGEAR.

On June 28, 2011, Chalumeau Power Systems LLC (Chalumeau) filed a complaint against several technology companies including the Company, Cisco Systems Inc., Hewlett-Packard Co., D-Link, and Avaya Inc. in Delaware alleging infringement of a patent for a remote device detection method. The patent number is U.S. Patent No. 5,991,885 (885 Patent) and is entitled Method and apparatus for detecting the presence of a remote device and providing power thereto. Chalumeau claims that the defendants have all made or sold devices that make use of infringing PoE technology, which allows electrical power and data to pass safely on Ethernet cabling. The Company is reviewing the complaint and is in the process of retaining outside legal counsel to defend it. The Company answered Chalumeau's complaint on September 1, 2011, and asserted various defenses and counterclaims, including those of noninfringement and invalidity of the 885 Patent. In October 2011, a settlement of this lawsuit was reached between Chalumeau and the Company through non-party RPX Corporation. Without admitting any wrongdoing or violation of law and to avoid the distraction and expense of continued litigation and the uncertainty of a jury verdict on the merits, the Company and Chalumeau signed a binding release agreement in which a payment was made to Chalumeau by RPX Corporation in consideration for mutual general releases from all claims, known or unknown, under the 885 Patent and its foreign counterparts with respect to the manufacture, use, sale, etc. of products by the Company. The Court has since dismissed Chalumeau's claims for relief against the Company and the Company's counterclaims for relief against Chalumeau, with prejudice and with all attorneys' fees, costs and expenses levied against the party incurring the same.

Table of Contents*Powerline Innovations, LLC v. NETGEAR*

On August 6, 2011 the Company, along with 16 other companies, was sued in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas, Tyler Division for patent infringement by a non-practicing entity called Powerline Innovations, LLC (Powerline Innovations). This is a single patent case, involving U.S. Patent No. 5,471,190, entitled Method and Apparatus for Resource Allocation in a Communication Network System. On the same day that it filed suit against the Company and 16 other companies, Powerline Innovations sued 14 additional companies in a separate suit in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas for infringement of the same patent. The complaint against the Company alleges that it infringes the 5,471,190 patent based on the Company s use of methods for establishing control relationships between plural devices and names the Company s Powerline AV Ethernet Adapter, Model XAV101, as an accused infringing product. The Company is currently investigating the allegations.

Summit Data Systems LLC v. NETGEAR.

On September 1, 2010, a non-practicing entity, Summit Data Systems LLC (Summit Data Systems), sued the Company and seven other companies alleging infringement of two patents U.S. Patent No. 7,392,291 (291 Patent), entitled Architecture for Providing Block-Level Access over a Computer Network and U.S. Patent No. 7,428,581 (581 Patent), entitled Architecture for Providing Block-Level Access over a Computer Network. The 581 Patent is a continuation of the 291 Patent. The Company s ReadyNAS and NVX products were listed by the plaintiff in the complaint as accused infringing products. The Company answered the complaint on November 1, 2010, asserting that the patents are not infringed and invalid. Subsequently, the Company participated in discovery, and trial for this matter was scheduled for March 2013. In October 2011, a settlement of this lawsuit was reached between Summit Data Systems and the Company through non-party RPX Corporation. Without admitting any wrongdoing or violation of law and to avoid the distraction and expense of continued litigation and the uncertainty of a jury verdict on the merits, the Company and Summit Data Systems signed a binding release agreement in which a payment was made to Summit Data Systems by RPX Corporation in consideration for mutual general releases from all claims, known or unknown, under the 291 Patent and 581 Patents and certain other patents and applications assigned to Summit Data Systems with respect to the manufacture, use, sale, etc. of products by the Company. The Court has since dismissed Summit Data Systems s claims for relief against the Company and the Company s counterclaims for relief against Summit Data Systems, with prejudice and with all attorneys fees, costs and expenses levied against the party incurring the same.

IP Indemnification Claims

In its sales agreements, the Company typically agrees to indemnify its direct customers, distributors and resellers (the Indemnified Parties) for any expenses or liability resulting from claimed infringements of patents, trademarks or copyrights of third parties that are asserted against the Indemnified Parties, subject to customary carve outs. The terms of these indemnification agreements are generally perpetual after execution of the agreement. The maximum amount of potential future indemnification is generally unlimited. From time to time, the Company receives requests for indemnity and may choose to assume the defense of such litigation asserted against the Indemnified Parties.

In June 2006, the Company received a request for indemnification from Charter and Charter Communications Operating, LLC, related to a lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas, by Rembrandt Technologies, L.P. (Rembrandt), a patent-holding company. Rembrandt also filed a similar lawsuit in the same jurisdiction against Comcast Corporation, Comcast Cable Communications, LLC and Comcast of Plano, LP. Rembrandt alleged that products implementing the DOCSIS standard, which are supplied to Charter, Comcast Corporation, Comcast Cable Communications, LLC and Comcast of Plano, LP by, among others, the Company, infringe various patents held by Rembrandt. In June 2007, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ordered these and other similar patent cases brought by Rembrandt consolidated and transferred to the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware. In November 2007, the Company along with Motorola, Inc., Cisco Systems, Inc., Scientific-Atlanta, Inc., ARRIS Group, Inc., Thomson, Inc. and Ambit Microsystems, Inc. filed a complaint for declaratory judgment in the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware against Rembrandt, seeking a declaration that eight asserted Rembrandt patents asserted in the transferred cases are either invalid or not infringed. The District Court held a claim construction hearing on August 5, 2008. On November 29, 2008, the District Court issued its claim construction order. After the District Court s order, Rembrandt agreed to drop three patents from the case, leaving five patents at issue. The District Court held a mediation on March 3-4, 2009 but the parties were unable to reach a resolution. On July 21, 2009, Rembrandt delivered to the Company and other parties an executed covenant not to sue on any of the eight patents originally in the suit, contending that the execution of the covenant divests the District Court of jurisdiction or renders moot the remaining claims and counterclaims in the action. On July 31, 2009, Rembrandt filed a motion to dismiss the litigation. While Rembrandt s motion was pending, the defendants filed motions for summary judgment, motions for sanctions, and responses to Rembrandt s motion to dismiss. In early October 2009, the District Court suspended all further dates for the case while it reviewed the pending motions and case status. On October 23, 2009, the Court ordered Rembrandt to supplement the covenant not to sue to include any products or services that comply with DOCSIS 1.0, 1.1, 2.0 or 3 and dismissed Rembrandt s various infringement claims on the eight patents with

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prejudice. The Court gave Rembrandt five days to withdraw its motion to dismiss the litigation if it found the Court's conditions on dismissal to be unacceptable. Rembrandt did not withdraw its motion to dismiss the litigation, and on October 30, 2009, Rembrandt executed a covenant not to sue on any of the eight patents in the case and any products or services that comply with DOCSIS 1.0, 1.1, 2.0 or 3. The Company and its co-defendants moved for attorneys' fees to be paid by Rembrandt. Rembrandt opposed the motion. On July 8, 2011, the Court denied the defendant's unopposed motion for summary judgment of noninfringement of the one patent remaining in the case, the '627 Patent. This ruling did not affect the Company since that patent was not asserted against the Company, other than postponing the Company's possible recovery of attorneys' fees. On July 13, 2011, the Court dismissed without prejudice the defendants' joint motion for fees because the motion is now not ripe given the Court's denial of the motion for summary judgment of noninfringement of the '627 Patent. The Company is now reviewing its options for recovering attorneys' fees.

All of the above described claims against the Company, or filed by the Company, whether meritorious or not, could be time-consuming, result in costly litigation, require significant amounts of management time, and result in the diversion of significant operational resources. Were an unfavorable outcome to occur, there exists the possibility it would have a material adverse impact on the Company's financial position and results of operations for the period in which the unfavorable outcome occurs or becomes probable. In addition, the Company is subject to legal proceedings, claims and litigation arising in the ordinary course of business, including litigation related to intellectual property and employment matters.

Based on currently available information, the Company does not believe that the ultimate outcomes of any unresolved matters, individually and in the aggregate, are likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, liquidity or results of operations within the next 12 months. However, litigation is subject to inherent uncertainties, and the Company's view of these matters may change in the future. Were an unfavorable outcome to occur, there exists the possibility of a material adverse impact on the Company's financial position and results of operations or liquidity for the period in which the unfavorable outcome occurs or becomes probable, and potentially in future periods.

Environmental Regulation

The European Union (EU) has enacted the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive, which makes producers of electrical goods, including home and commercial business networking products, financially responsible for specified collection, recycling, treatment and disposal of past and future covered products. The deadline for the individual member states of the EU to transpose the directive into law in their respective countries was August 13, 2004 (such legislation, together with the directive, the WEEE Legislation). Producers participating in the market were financially responsible for implementing these responsibilities under the WEEE Legislation beginning in August 13, 2005. Similar WEEE Legislation has been or may be enacted in other jurisdictions, including in the United States, Canada, Mexico, China, India, Australia and Japan. The Company adopted the authoritative guidance for asset retirement and environmental obligations in the third quarter of fiscal 2005 and has determined that its effect did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated results of operations and financial position for the three months ended October 2, 2011. The Company is continuing to evaluate the impact of the WEEE Legislation and similar legislation in other jurisdictions as individual countries issue their implementation guidance.

Additionally, the EU has enacted the Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive (RoHS Legislation), the REACH Directive and the Battery Directive. EU RoHS Legislation, along with similar legislation in China, requires manufacturers to ensure certain substances, including polybrominated biphenyls (PBB), polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE), mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium and lead (except for allowed exempted materials and applications), are below specified maximum concentration values in certain products put on the market after July 1, 2006. The REACH Directive similarly requires manufacturers to ensure the published list of substances of very high concern in certain products are below specified maximum concentration values. The Battery Directive prohibits use of certain types of battery technology in certain products. The Company believes it has met the requirements of the RoHS Legislation, the REACH Directive and the Battery Directive.

Additionally, the EU has enacted the Energy Using Product (EuP) Directive, which requires manufacturers of certain products to meet minimum energy efficiency limits. These limits are documented in EuP implementing measures issued for specific types of equipment and document minimum power supply efficiencies and may include required equipment standby modes which also reduce energy consumption. The Company believes it has met the requirements of the applicable EuP implementing measures.

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The Company has signed various employment agreements with key executives pursuant to which, if their employment is terminated without cause, such employees are entitled to receive their base salary (and commission or bonus, as applicable) for 52 weeks (for the Chief Executive Officer), 39 weeks (for the Senior Vice President of Worldwide Operations and Support) and up to 26 weeks (for other key executives). Such employees will also continue to have stock options vest for up to a one-year period following such termination without cause. If a termination without cause or resignation for good reason occurs within one year of a change in control, such employees are entitled to full acceleration (for the Chief Executive Officer) and up to two years acceleration (for other key executives) of any unvested portion of his or her stock options.

Leases

The Company leases office space, cars and equipment under operating leases, some of which are non-cancelable, with various expiration dates through December 2026. The terms of some of the Company's office leases provide for rental payments on a graduated scale. The Company recognizes rent expense on a straight-line basis over the lease period, and has accrued for rent expense incurred but not paid.

Guarantees and Indemnifications

The Company has entered into various inventory-related purchase agreements with suppliers. Generally, under these agreements, 50% of orders are cancelable by giving notice 46 to 60 days prior to the expected shipment date and 25% of orders are cancelable by giving notice 31 to 45 days prior to the expected shipment date. Orders are non-cancelable within 30 days prior to the expected shipment date. At October 2, 2011, the Company had \$161.7 million in non-cancelable purchase commitments with suppliers. The Company establishes a loss liability for all products it does not expect to sell for which it has committed purchases from suppliers. Such losses have not been material to date.

The Company, as permitted under Delaware law and in accordance with its Bylaws, indemnifies its officers and directors for certain events or occurrences, subject to certain limits, while the officer or director is or was serving at the Company's request in such capacity. The term of the indemnification period is for the officer's or director's lifetime. The maximum amount of potential future indemnification is unlimited; however, the Company has a Director and Officer Insurance Policy that enables it to recover a portion of any future amounts paid. As a result of its insurance policy coverage, the Company believes the fair value of these indemnification agreements is minimal. Accordingly, the Company has no liabilities recorded for these agreements as of October 2, 2011.

In its sales agreements, the Company typically agrees to indemnify its direct customers, distributors and resellers for any expenses or liability resulting from claimed infringements of patents, trademarks or copyrights of third parties. The terms of these indemnification agreements are generally perpetual any time after execution of the agreement. The maximum amount of potential future infringement indemnification is generally unlimited. The Company believes the estimated fair value of these agreements is minimal. Accordingly, the Company has no liabilities recorded for these agreements as of October 2, 2011.

14. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company measures certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis.

The following tables summarize the valuation of the Company's financial instruments as of October 2, 2011 (in thousands):

		As of October 2, 2011		
		Quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
	Total			
Cash equivalents money-market funds	\$ 24,624	\$ 24,624	\$	\$
Available-for-sale securities U.S. Treasuries (1)	145,192	145,192		
Available-for-sale securities Certificates of Deposit (1)	1,589	1,589		
Foreign currency forward contracts (2)	1,970		1,970	

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Total	\$ 173,375	\$ 171,405	\$ 1,970	\$
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- (1) Included in short-term investments on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet.
- (2) Included in prepaid expenses and other current assets on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet.

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	As of October 2, 2011			
	Total	Quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Foreign currency forward contracts (3)	\$ (573)	\$	\$ (573)	\$
Total	\$ (573)	\$	\$ (573)	\$

(3) Included in other accrued liabilities on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet. The following tables summarize the valuation of the Company's financial instruments as of December 31, 2010 (in thousands):

	As of December 31, 2010			
	Total	Quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Cash equivalents money-market funds	\$ 77,795	\$ 77,795	\$	\$
Available-for-sale securities Treasuries (1)	144,564	144,564		
Foreign currency forward contracts (2)	1,389		1,389	
Total	\$ 223,748	\$ 222,359	\$ 1,389	\$

(1) Included in short-term investments on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet.
(2) Included in prepaid expenses and other current assets on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet.

	As of December 31, 2010			
	Total	Quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Foreign currency forward contracts (3)	\$ (789)	\$	\$ (789)	\$
Total	\$ (789)	\$	\$ (789)	\$

(3) Included in other accrued liabilities on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet. The Company's investments in cash equivalents and available-for-sale securities are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy because they are valued based on quoted market prices in active markets. The Company enters into foreign currency forward contracts with only those counterparties that have long-term credit ratings of A+/A1 or higher. The Company's foreign currency forward contracts are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy as they are valued using pricing models that take into account the contract terms as well as currency rates and counterparty credit rates. The Company verifies the reasonableness of these pricing models using observable market data for related inputs into such models. Additionally, the Company includes an adjustment for non-performance risk in the recognized measure of fair value of derivative instruments. At October 2, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the adjustment for non-performance risk did not have a material impact on the fair value of the Company's foreign currency forward contracts. The carrying value of non-financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value in the

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financial statements on a recurring basis, including accounts receivable and accounts payable, approximate fair value due to their short maturities.

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The following table sets forth the activity for each component of other comprehensive income, net of related taxes, for the three and nine months ended October 2, 2011 and October 3, 2010 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010
Net income	\$ 26,747	\$ 13,095	\$ 68,533	\$ 37,287
Unrealized gains (losses) on derivative instruments	(70)	(40)	(317)	\$ 164
Unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities	(7)	(5)	22	13
Comprehensive income	\$ 26,670	\$ 13,050	\$ 68,238	\$ 37,464

The following table sets forth the components of cumulative other comprehensive income, net of related taxes, as of October 2, 2011 and December 31, 2010 (in thousands):

	October 2, 2011	December 31, 2010
Net unrealized gains (losses) on derivative instruments	\$ (44)	\$ 273
Net unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities	30	8
Total cumulative other comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes	\$ (14)	\$ 281

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**Forward-looking Statements**

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such statements are based upon current expectations that involve risks and uncertainties. Any statements contained herein that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. For example, the words believes, anticipates, plans, expects, intends and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Our actual results and the timing of certain events may differ significantly from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause such a discrepancy include, but are not limited to, those discussed in Part II Item 1A Risk Factors and Liquidity and Capital Resources below. All forward-looking statements in this document are based on information available to us as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes contained in this quarterly report. Unless expressly stated or the context otherwise requires, the terms we, our, us and NETGEAR refer to NETGEAR, Inc. and our subsidiaries.

Overview

We are a global networking company that delivers innovative products to consumers, businesses and service providers. For consumers, we make high performance, dependable and easy-to-use home networking, storage and digital media products to connect people with the Internet and their content and devices. For businesses, we provide networking, storage and security solutions without the cost and complexity of Big IT. We also supply leading service providers with retail, whole home networking solutions for their customers. Our products are built on a variety of proven technologies such as wireless, Ethernet and powerline, with a focus on reliability and ease-of-use.

Our product line consists of wired and wireless devices that enable networking, broadband access, network connectivity, network storage and security appliances. These products are available in multiple configurations to address the needs of our end-users in each geographic region in which our products are sold.

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We sell our networking products through multiple sales channels worldwide, including traditional retailers, online retailers, wholesale distributors, DMRs, VARs, and broadband service providers. Our retail channel includes traditional retail locations domestically and internationally, such as Best Buy, Fry's Electronics, Radio Shack, Staples, Wal-Mart, Argos (U.K.), Dixons (U.K.), PC World (U.K.), MediaMarkt (Germany, Austria), Dick Smith (Australia), JB HiFi (Australia) and Elkjop (Norway). Online retailers include Amazon.com, Dell, Newegg.com and Buy.com. Our DMRs include CDW Corporation, Insight Corporation and PC Connection in domestic markets and Misco throughout Europe. In addition, we also sell our products through broadband service providers, such as multiple system operators (MSOs), DSL, and other broadband technology operators domestically and internationally. Some of these retailers and broadband service providers purchase directly from us while others are fulfilled through wholesale distributors around the world. A substantial portion of our net revenue to date has been derived from a limited number of wholesale distributors and retailers, including Ingram Micro and Best Buy. We expect that these wholesale distributors and retailers will continue to contribute a significant percentage of our net revenue for the foreseeable future. Our service provider business has grown substantially and it is difficult to ascertain a seasonal pattern given that the business is less predictable than our other core businesses.

Our net revenue increased 27.9% from the three months ended October 3, 2010 to the three months ended October 2, 2011. The increase in net revenue was principally attributable to higher sales in several of our product categories in the Americas, Europe, Middle-East and Africa (EMEA) and Asia Pacific (APAC). These include wireless-N products sold to retailers and existing service provider customers, Powerline products, ReadyNAS products, and switch products.

The commercial business, consumer, and broadband service provider markets are intensely competitive and subject to rapid technological change. We expect our competition to continue to intensify. We believe that the principal competitive factors in these markets for networking products include product breadth, size and scope of the sales channel, brand name, timeliness of new product introductions, product availability, performance, features, functionality and reliability, ease-of-installation, maintenance and use, and customer service and support. To remain competitive, we believe we must continue to aggressively invest resources in developing new products and enhancing our current products while continuing to expand our channels and maintaining customer satisfaction worldwide.

Our gross margin decreased to 31.9% for the three months ended October 2, 2011, from 32.1% for the three months ended October 3, 2010. The decrease in gross margin was primarily attributable to relatively faster growth in our revenue from service providers, which generally carry lower gross margins than our other products. Operating expenses for the three months ended October 2, 2011 were \$63.2 million, or 20.9% of net revenue, compared to \$54.0 million, or 22.9% of net revenue, for the three months ended October 3, 2010.

Net income increased \$13.6 million, or 104.3%, to \$26.7 million for the three months ended October 2, 2011, from \$13.1 million for the three months ended October 3, 2010. This increase was primarily attributable to an increase in gross profit of \$20.6 million and a decrease in the provision for income taxes of \$2.2 million. This increase was primarily offset by an increase in operating expenses of \$9.2 million.

In the three months ended July 3, 2011, our business has been managed in three specific business units: retail, commercial and service provider. Each business unit is managed by a Senior Vice President/General Manager. We believe this structure enables us to better focus our efforts on our core customer segments and allows us to be more nimble and opportunistic as a company overall. As such, we provided further financial information specific to each of these three business units. Please see Note 12 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for more details. On the first day of the second fiscal quarter of 2011, we performed a goodwill impairment assessment, as a result of the change in reportable segments. We initially determined the fair value of the new business units and allocated goodwill to each segment based on their relative fair values. We compared the fair value of the new reporting units to the reporting unit's carrying value. We determined that goodwill was not impaired as of July 3, 2011 since the estimated fair values of each of our reporting units exceeded the carrying values.

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The following table sets forth the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations and the percentage change for the three and nine months ended October 2, 2011, with the comparable reporting periods in the preceding year.

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	October 2, 2011 (In thousands, except percentage data)	Percentage Change	October 3, 2010 (In thousands, except percentage data)	October 2, 2011 (In thousands, except percentage data)	Percentage Change	October 3, 2010 (In thousands, except percentage data)
Net revenue	\$ 301,800	27.9%	\$ 236,017	\$ 871,863	35.5%	\$ 643,521
Cost of revenue	205,490	28.2%	160,310	597,390	40.4%	425,428
Gross profit	96,310	27.2%	75,707	274,473	25.9%	218,093
Operating expenses:						
Research and development	12,738	20.6%	10,564	35,102	17.7%	29,814
Sales and marketing	39,600	16.2%	34,069	115,284	21.1%	95,216
General and administrative	10,851	16.0%	9,358	31,044	16.3%	26,697
Restructuring and other charges		(100.0%)	(8)	2,094	**	(76)
Litigation reserves, net	44	**		(234)	**	211
Total operating expenses	63,233	17.1%	53,983	183,290	20.7%	151,862
Income from operations	33,077	52.3%	21,724	91,183	37.7%	66,231
Interest income	115	(12.9%)	132	350	15.9%	302
Other income (expense), net	(267)	(18.1%)	(326)	(938)	141.8%	(388)
Income before income taxes	32,925	52.9%	21,530	90,595	37.0%	66,145
Provision for income taxes	6,178	(26.8%)	8,435	22,062	(23.5%)	28,858
Net income	\$ 26,747	104.3%	\$ 13,095	\$ 68,533	83.8%	\$ 37,287

** Percentage change not meaningful.

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The following table sets forth the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations, expressed as a percentage of net revenue, for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010
Net revenue	100%	100%	100%	100%
Cost of revenue	68.1	67.9	68.5	66.1
Gross margin	31.9	32.1	31.5	33.9
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	4.2	4.5	4.0	4.6
Sales and marketing	13.1	14.4	13.2	14.8
General and administrative	3.6	4.0	3.6	4.2
Restructuring and other charges		0.0	0.2	0.0
Litigation reserves, net	0.0		0.0	0.0
Total operating expenses	20.9	22.9	21.0	23.6
Income from operations	11.0	9.2	10.5	10.3
Interest income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Other income (expense), net	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Income before income taxes	10.9	9.1	10.4	10.3
Provision for income taxes	2.0	3.6	2.5	4.5
Net income	8.9%	5.5%	7.9%	5.8%

Three Months Ended October 2, 2011 Compared to Three Months Ended October 3, 2010**Net Revenue**

	Three Months Ended	
	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010
Net revenue	\$ 301,800	\$ 236,017
	Percentage Change	
	27.9%	

(In thousands, except percentage data)

Our net revenue consists of gross product shipments, less allowances for estimated returns for stock rotation and warranty, price protection, end-user customer rebates and other sales incentives deemed to be a reduction of net revenue per the authoritative guidance for revenue recognition and net changes in deferred revenue.

Net revenue increased \$65.8 million, or 27.9%, to \$301.8 million for the three months ended October 2, 2011, from \$236.0 million for the three months ended October 3, 2010. The increase in net revenue was principally attributable to higher sales in several of our product categories in the Americas, EMEA and APAC regions. These include wireless-N products sold to retailers and existing service provider customers, Powerline products, ReadyNAS products, and switch products.

In the three months ended April 3, 2011, in order to achieve operational efficiencies, we combined our North American, Central American and South American sales forces to form the Americas territory. Previously North America was its own geographic region and the Central American and South American territories were categorized within the Asia Pacific geographic region. Following this change, we are organized into the

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following three geographic territories: Americas, EMEA and Asia Pacific. We have reclassified the disclosure of net revenue by geography for prior periods to conform to the current period's presentation. The change did not result in material differences from what was previously reported. Net revenue by geography comprises gross revenue less such items as marketing incentives paid to customers, sales returns and price protection.

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Net revenue by geographic location is as follows:

	October 2, 2011	Three Months Ended Percentage Change	October 3, 2010
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
Americas	\$ 149,009	22.7%	\$ 121,408
Percentage of net revenue	49.4%		51.4%
Europe, Middle-East and Africa	\$ 119,735	33.7%	\$ 89,565
Percentage of net revenue	39.7%		38.0%
Asia Pacific	\$ 33,056	32.0%	\$ 25,044
Percentage of net revenue	10.9%		10.6%

Cost of Revenue and Gross Margin

	October 2, 2011	Three Months Ended Percentage Change	October 3, 2010
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
Cost of revenue	\$ 205,490	28.2%	\$ 160,310
Gross margin percentage	31.9%		32.1%

Cost of revenue consists primarily of the following: the cost of finished products from our third party contract manufacturers; overhead costs, including purchasing, product planning, inventory control, warehousing and distribution logistics; inbound freight; warranty costs associated with returned goods; write-downs for excess and obsolete inventory, and amortization expense of certain acquired intangibles. We outsource our manufacturing, warehousing and distribution logistics. We believe this outsourcing strategy allows us to better manage our product costs and gross margin. Our gross margin can be affected by a number of factors, including fluctuation in foreign exchange rates, sales returns, changes in average selling prices, end-user customer rebates and other sales incentives, and changes in our cost of goods sold due to fluctuations in prices paid for components, net of vendor rebates, warranty and overhead costs, inbound freight, conversion costs, and charges for excess or obsolete inventory.

Cost of revenue increased \$45.2 million, or 28.2%, to \$205.5 million for the three months ended October 2, 2011, from \$160.3 million for the three months ended October 3, 2010. Our gross margin decreased to 31.9% for the three months ended October 2, 2011, from 32.1% for the three months ended October 3, 2010. The decrease in gross margin was primarily attributable to relatively faster growth in our revenue from service providers, which generally carry lower gross margins than our other products. The decrease in gross margin was partially offset by a decrease in freight expense as a percentage of net revenue.

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	October 2, 2011	Three Months Ended Percentage Change	October 3, 2010
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
Research and development expense	\$ 12,738	20.6%	\$ 10,564
Percentage of net revenue		4.2%	4.5%

Research and development expenses consist primarily of personnel expenses, payments to suppliers for design services, safety and regulatory testing, product certification expenditures to qualify our products for sale into specific markets, prototypes and other consulting fees. Research and development expenses are recognized as they are incurred. We have invested in building our research and development organization to enhance our ability to introduce innovative and easy-to-use products. In the future, we believe that research and development expenses will increase in absolute dollars as we expand into new networking product technologies and broaden our core competencies.

Research and development expenses increased \$2.1 million, or 20.6%, to \$12.7 million for the three months ended October 2, 2011, from \$10.6 million for the three months ended October 3, 2010. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in payroll and other employee expenses mainly resulting from increased overall research and development headcount. Research and development headcount increased by 38 employees to 214 employees at October 2, 2011 compared to 176 employees at October 3, 2010. Research and development headcount increased 21.6% from the three months ended October 3, 2010 to the three months ended October 2, 2011.

Sales and Marketing

	October 2, 2011	Three Months Ended Percentage Change	October 3, 2010
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
Sales and marketing expense	\$ 39,600	16.2%	\$ 34,069
Percentage of net revenue		13.1%	14.4%

Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of advertising, trade shows, corporate communications and other marketing expenses, product marketing expenses, outbound freight costs, personnel expenses for sales and marketing staff and technical support expenses.

Sales and marketing expenses increased \$5.5 million, or 16.2%, to \$39.6 million for the three months ended October 2, 2011, from \$34.1 million for the three months ended October 3, 2010. Of this increase, \$4.1 million was related to an increase in payroll and other employee expenses primarily attributable to increased overall sales and marketing headcount. Sales and marketing headcount increased by 43 employees to 342 employees at October 2, 2011 compared to 299 employees at October 3, 2010. Additionally, outside service costs and miscellaneous marketing costs increased \$1.0 million due to increased marketing campaigns and higher call volumes resulting from increased sales.

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	October 2, 2011	Three Months Ended Percentage Change	October 3, 2010
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
General and administrative expense	\$ 10,851	16.0%	\$ 9,358
Percentage of net revenue	3.6%		4.0%

General and administrative expenses consist of salaries and related expenses for executives, finance and accounting, human resources, information technology, professional fees, allowance for doubtful accounts and other general corporate expenses.

General and administrative expenses increased \$1.5 million, or 16.0%, to \$10.9 million for the three months ended October 2, 2011, from \$9.4 million for the three months ended October 3, 2010. Of this increase, \$811,000 was related to an increase in payroll and other employee expenses primarily attributable to increased headcount. General and administrative headcount increased by 10 employees to 107 employees at October 2, 2011 compared to 97 employees at October 3, 2010. Additionally, \$842,000 increase is attributable to outside legal and other professional service costs.

Litigation Reserve

During the three months ended October 2, 2011 and October 3, 2010, we recorded a litigation reserve expense of \$44,000 and zero expense, respectively, for estimated costs related to the settlement of various lawsuits filed against us. For a detailed discussion of our litigation matters, please see Note 13 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Interest Income and Other Income (Expense), Net

	October 2, 2011	Three Months Ended October 3, 2010
	(In thousands)	
Interest income	\$ 115	\$ 132
Other income (expense), net	(267)	(326)
Total interest income and other income (expense), net	\$ (152)	\$ (194)

Interest income represents amounts earned on our cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments. Other income (expense), net, primarily represents gains and losses on transactions denominated in foreign currencies and other miscellaneous expenses.

Interest income decreased \$17,000 to \$115,000 for the three months ended October 2, 2011 from \$132,000 for the three months ended October 3, 2010. The decrease in interest is primarily attributable to a drop in interest rates in the three months ended October 2, 2011, as compared to the three months ended October 3, 2010.

Other income (expense), net, decreased \$59,000 in expenses, to an expense of \$267,000 for the three months ended October 2, 2011, from an expense of \$326,000 for the three months ended October 3, 2010. Our foreign currency hedging program reduced volatility associated with hedged currency exchange rate movements during three months ended October 2, 2011. The expense of \$267,000 is primarily attributable to expenses related to forward points for hedged currency. For details of our hedging program and related foreign currency contracts, please see Note 8 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Provision for Income Taxes

The income tax provision for the three months ended October 2, 2011 was \$6.2 million or an effective tax rate of 18.8 percent, compared to the tax provision for the three months ended October 3, 2010 of \$8.4 million or an effective tax rate of 39.2 percent. The

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decrease in income tax expense and the effective tax rate was primarily caused by higher forecasted pre-tax earnings in foreign jurisdictions with tax rates lower than the U.S. federal rate and the discrete tax benefit from the reversal of tax accruals for uncertain tax positions in various tax jurisdictions where the statutes of limitation have closed. The higher tax expense and effective tax rate for the three months ended October 3, 2010, was caused by a loss incurred in a country where such loss provided no tax benefit. Accordingly, tax was accrued ratably on the profitable operations based on the income earned during the period while no tax benefit was accrued on the loss. We are subject to income taxes in the U.S. and numerous foreign jurisdictions. Our future foreign tax rate could be affected by changes in the composition in earnings in countries with tax rates differing from the U.S. federal rate.

Net Income

Net income increased \$13.6 million, or 104.3%, to \$26.7 million for the three months ended October 2, 2011, from \$13.1 million for the three months ended October 3, 2010. This increase was primarily attributable to an increase in gross profit of \$20.6 million and a decrease in the provision for income taxes of \$2.2 million. This increase was primarily offset by an increase in operating expenses of \$9.2 million.

Segment Information

A description of our products and services, as well as segment financial data, for each segment can be found in Note 12 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Future changes to our organizational structure or business may result in changes to the reportable segments disclosed. The discussions below include the results of each of our segments for the three months ended October 2, 2011 with the comparable reporting periods in the preceding year.

Segment contribution income includes all product line segment net revenues less the related cost of sales, research and development, sales and marketing costs. Contribution income is used, in part, to evaluate the performance of, and allocate resources to, each of the segments. Certain operating expenses are not allocated to segments because they are separately managed at the corporate level. These unallocated indirect costs include corporate costs, such as corporate research and development, general and administrative costs, stock-based compensation expenses, amortization of intangibles, acquisition-related integration costs, restructuring costs, litigation reserves, and interest and other income (expense), net.

Retail

	Three Months Ended		
	October 2, 2011	Percent Change	October 3, 2010
	(in thousands, except percentage data)		
Net revenue	\$ 127,082	10.3%	\$ 115,165
Contribution income	19,958	8.8%	18,346
Contribution margin	15.7%		15.9%

Net revenue in the retail business unit increased \$11.9 million, or 10.3%, to \$127.1 million for the three months ended October 2, 2011, from \$115.2 million for the three months ended October 3, 2010. The increase is due to strong wireless-N products sold to retailers. Contribution income increased \$1.7 million, or 8.8%, to \$20.0 million for the three months ended October 2, 2011, from \$18.3 million for the three months ended October 3, 2010. The increase is due to strong revenue growth, partially offset by faster growth in sales and marketing operating expenses as a result of increased headcount.

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	Three Months Ended		
	October 2, 2011	Percent Change	October 3, 2010
	(in thousands, except percentage data)		
Net revenue	\$ 91,059	20.6%	\$ 75,532
Contribution income	23,013	36.1%	16,910
Contribution margin	25.3%		22.4%

Net revenue in the commercial business unit increased \$15.6 million, or 20.6%, to \$91.1 million for the three months ended October 2, 2011, from \$75.5 million for the three months ended October 3, 2010. The increase is due to strong sales of ReadyNAS and switch products. Contribution income increased \$6.1 million, or 36.1%, to \$23.0 million for the three months ended October 2, 2011, from \$16.9 million for the three months ended October 3, 2010. The increase is due to strong revenue growth, while operating expenses grew at a slower pace. Specifically operating expenses increased by 9.5% compared to a 20.6% increase in net revenue, as research and development and product marketing costs remained flat.

Service Provider

	Three Months Ended		
	October 2, 2011	Percent Change	October 3, 2010
	(in thousands, except percentage data)		
Net revenue	\$ 83,659	84.6%	\$ 45,320
Contribution income	6,662	568.2%	997
Contribution margin	8.0%		2.2%

Net revenue in the service provider business unit increased \$38.4 million, or 84.6%, to \$83.7 million for the three months ended October 2, 2011, from \$45.3 million for the three months ended October 3, 2010. The increase is due to strong service provider sales, driven primarily by the adoption of Docsis 3.0 products. Contribution income increased \$5.7 million, or 568.2%, to \$6.7 million for the three months ended October 2, 2011, from \$997,000 for the three months ended October 3, 2010. The increase is due to strong revenue growth, while headcount related expenses grew at a slower pace.

Nine Months Ended October 2, 2011 Compared to Nine Months Ended October 3, 2010**Net Revenue**

	Nine Months Ended		
	October 2, 2011	Percentage Change	October 3, 2010
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
Net revenue	\$ 871,863	35.5%	\$ 643,521

Net revenue increased \$228.4 million, or 35.5%, to \$871.9 million for the nine months ended October 2, 2011, from \$643.5 million for the nine months ended October 3, 2010. The increase in net revenue was principally attributable to higher sales in several of our product categories in the Americas, EMEA and APAC regions. These include wireless-N products sold to retailers and existing service provider customers, Powerline products, ReadyNAS products, and switch products. We also experienced relatively faster growth in our revenue from service providers as a result of increased deployments of Docsis 3.0 products.

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Net revenue by geographic location is as follows:

	October 2, 2011	Nine Months Ended Percentage Change	October 3, 2010
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
Americas	\$ 430,482	29.6%	\$ 332,261
Percentage of net revenue	49.4%		51.6%
Europe, Middle-East and Africa	\$ 352,686	47.7%	\$ 238,710
Percentage of net revenue	40.4%		37.1%
Asia Pacific	\$ 88,695	22.3%	\$ 72,550
Percentage of net revenue	10.2%		11.3%

Cost of Revenue and Gross Margin

	October 2, 2011	Nine Months Ended Percentage Change	October 3, 2010
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
Cost of revenue	\$ 597,390	40.4%	\$ 425,428
Gross margin	31.5%		33.9%

Cost of revenue increased \$172.0 million, or 40.4%, to \$597.4 million for the nine months ended October 2, 2011, from \$425.4 million for the nine months ended October 3, 2010. In addition, our gross margin decreased to 31.5% for the nine months ended October 2, 2011, from 33.9% for the nine months ended October 3, 2010. The decrease in gross margin was primarily attributable to relatively faster growth in our revenue from service providers, which generally carry lower gross margins than our other products. The decrease in gross margin was partially offset by a decrease in freight expense as a percentage of net revenue.

Operating Expenses**Research and Development**

	October 2, 2011	Nine Months Ended Percentage Change	October 3, 2010
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
Research and development expense	\$ 35,102	17.7%	\$ 29,814
Percentage of net revenue	4.0%		4.6%

Research and development expenses increased \$5.3 million, or 17.7%, to \$35.1 million for the nine months ended October 2, 2011, from \$29.8 million for the nine months ended October 3, 2010. The increase was primarily attributable to increased costs of \$4.1 million related to an increase in payroll and other employee expenses driven by additional headcount. Research and development headcount increased by 38 employees, or 21.6%, to 214 employees at October 2, 2011 compared to 176 employees at October 3, 2010. Furthermore, the increase was attributable to higher outside service costs of \$951,000, primarily related to our increased research and development projects.

Table of Contents**Sales and Marketing**

	Nine Months Ended		
	October 2, 2011	Percentage Change	October 3, 2010
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
Sales and marketing expense	\$ 115,284	21.1%	\$ 95,216
Percentage of net revenue		13.2%	14.8%

Sales and marketing expenses increased \$20.1 million, or 21.1%, to \$115.3 million for the nine months ended October 2, 2011, from \$95.2 million for the nine months ended October 3, 2010. Of this increase, \$11.7 million was related to an increase in payroll and other employee expenses primarily attributable to increased overall sales and marketing headcount. Sales and marketing headcount increased by 43 employees to 342 employees at October 2, 2011 compared to 299 employees at October 3, 2010. Additionally, outside service costs and miscellaneous marketing costs increased \$7.2 million attributable to increased marketing campaigns and higher call volumes resulting from increased sales.

General and Administrative

	Nine Months Ended		
	October 2, 2011	Percentage Change	October 3, 2010
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
General and administrative expense	\$ 31,044	16.3%	\$ 26,697
Percentage of net revenue		3.6%	4.2%

General and administrative expenses increased \$4.3 million, or 16.3%, to \$31.0 million for the nine months ended October 2, 2011, from \$26.7 million for the nine months ended October 3, 2010. Of this increase, \$2.9 million was related to an increase in payroll and other employee expenses primarily attributable to increased headcount. General and administrative headcount increased by 10 employees to 107 employees at October 2, 2011 compared to 97 employees at October 3, 2010. Additionally, \$2.0 million increase is attributable to outside legal and other professional service costs.

Restructuring and Other Charges

Restructuring and other charges increased \$2.2 million, to an expense of \$2.1 million for the nine months ended October 2, 2011, from a benefit of \$76,000 for the nine months ended October 3, 2010. Of the \$2.2 million increase, we incurred \$1.6 million in restructuring costs for employee severance related to the reorganization into three specific business units in the nine months ended October 2, 2011. In addition, we incurred \$464,000 in transition services in connection with the acquisition of the Customer Networking Solutions division of Westell Technologies, Inc. in the nine months ended October 2, 2011. For a further discussion of our restructuring expenses, please see Note 7 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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During the nine months ended October 2, 2011 and October 3, 2010, we recorded a litigation reserve benefit of \$234,000 and expense of \$211,000, respectively, for estimated costs related to the settlement of various lawsuits filed against us. The benefit was a result of recovery due to indemnification by one of our suppliers for previously reserved amounts. For a detailed discussion of our litigation matters, please see Note 13 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Interest Income and Other Income (Expense), Net

	Nine Months Ended	
	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010
	(In thousands)	
Interest income	\$ 350	\$ 302
Other income (expense), net	(938)	(388)
Total interest income and other income (expense), net	\$ (588)	\$ (86)

Interest income increased \$48,000, or 15.9%, to \$350,000 for the nine months ended October 2, 2011, from \$302,000 for the nine months ended October 3, 2010. The increase in interest income was primarily attributable to an increase in our average balance of cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments in the nine months ended October 2, 2011, as compared to the nine months ended October 3, 2010, which was partially offset by falling interest rates.

Other income (expense), net, increased to expense of \$938,000 for the nine months ended October 2, 2011, from expense of \$388,000 for the nine months ended October 3, 2010. Our foreign currency hedging program reduced volatility associated with hedged currency exchange rate movements during the nine months ended October 2, 2011. The expense of \$938,000 mainly related to forward points for hedged currency. For details of our hedging program and related foreign currency contracts, please see Note 8 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Provision for Income Taxes

The income tax provision for the nine months ended October 2, 2011 was \$22.1 million, or an effective tax rate of 24.4 percent, compared to the tax provision for the nine months ended October 3, 2010 of \$28.9 million, or 43.6 percent. The decrease in income tax expense and the effective tax rate for the nine months ended October 2, 2011 is primarily caused by higher forecasted pre-tax earnings in foreign jurisdictions with tax rates lower than the U.S. federal rate and the tax benefit from the reversal of tax accruals for uncertain tax positions in various tax jurisdictions where the statutes of limitation have closed. The decrease in income tax expense and effective tax rate for the nine month period ended October 2, 2011 compared to the same period in the prior year was also attributable to the discrete tax benefits recorded for the exercise of employee stock options during the three month period ended July 3, 2011. The higher tax expense and effective tax rate for the nine months ended October 3, 2010, was caused by a loss incurred in a country where such loss provided no tax benefit. Accordingly, tax was accrued ratably on the profitable operations based on the income earned during the period while no tax benefit was accrued on the loss. We are subject to income taxes in the U.S. and numerous foreign jurisdictions. Our future foreign tax rate could be affected by changes in the composition in earnings in countries with tax rates differing from the U.S. federal rate.

Table of Contents**Net Income**

Net income increased \$31.2 million to income of \$68.5 million for the nine months ended October 2, 2011, from net income of \$37.3 million for the nine months ended October 3, 2010. This increase was primarily attributable to an increase in gross profit of \$56.4 million and a decrease in the provision for income taxes of \$6.8 million. This increase was primarily offset by an increase in operating expenses of \$31.4 million.

Segment Information**Retail**

	Nine Months Ended		
	October 2, 2011	Percent Change	October 3, 2010
	(in thousands, except percentage data)		
Net revenue	\$ 352,076	11.1%	\$ 316,819
Contribution income	60,843	18.9%	51,189
Contribution margin		17.3%	16.2%

Net revenue in the retail business unit increased \$35.3 million, or 11.1%, to \$352.1 million for the nine months ended October 2, 2011, from \$316.8 million for the nine months ended October 3, 2010. The increase is due to strong wireless-N products sold to retailers. Contribution income increased \$9.6 million, or 18.9%, to \$60.8 million for the nine months ended October 2, 2011, from \$51.2 million for the nine months ended October 3, 2010. The increase is due to strong revenue growth, while cost of sales grew at a slower pace. Specifically cost of sales increased by only 8.1% compared to an 11.1% increase in net revenue primarily due to lower air freight expenses.

Commercial

	Nine Months Ended		
	October 2, 2011	Percent Change	October 3, 2010
	(in thousands, except percentage data)		
Net revenue	\$ 247,793	17.0%	\$ 211,766
Contribution income	56,716	17.1%	48,433
Contribution margin		22.9%	22.9%

Net revenue in the commercial business unit increased \$36.0 million, or 17.0%, to \$247.8 million for the nine months ended October 2, 2011, from \$211.8 million for the nine months ended October 3, 2010. The increase is due to strong sales of ReadyNAS and switch products. Contribution income increased \$8.3 million, or 17.1%, to \$56.7 million for the nine months ended October 2, 2011, from \$48.4 million for the nine months ended October 3, 2010. The increase is mainly due to strong revenue growth, while the total of cost of sales and operating expenses grew at a similar pace.

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	Nine Months Ended		
	October 2, 2011	Percent Change	October 3, 2010
	(in thousands, except percentage data)		
Net revenue	\$ 271,994	136.6%	\$ 114,936
Contribution income	24,063	161.6%	9,199
Contribution margin	8.8%		8.0%

Net revenue in the service provider business unit increased \$157.1 million, or 136.6%, to \$272.0 million for the nine months ended October 2, 2011, from \$114.9 million for the nine months ended October 3, 2010. The increase is due to strong service provider sales, driven primarily by the adoption of Docsis 3.0 products. Contribution income increased \$14.9 million, or 161.6%, to \$24.1 million for the nine months ended October 2, 2011, from \$9.2 million for the nine months ended October 3, 2010. The increase is due to strong revenue growth, while headcount related expenses grew at a steady pace.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our cash and cash equivalents balance increased from \$126.2 million as of December 31, 2010 to \$174.3 million as of October 2, 2011. Operating activities during the nine months ended October 2, 2011 provided cash of \$63.2 million, compared to \$9.3 million provided in the nine months ended October 3, 2010, primarily reflecting higher net income. Investing activities during the nine months ended October 2, 2011 used cash of \$46.0 million, primarily due to \$37.5 million in payments made in connection with business acquisitions, primarily the Westell acquisition. During the nine months ended October 2, 2011, financing activities provided cash of \$30.9 million, resulting primarily from the issuance of common stock related to stock option exercises and our employee stock purchase program.

Our days sales outstanding decreased from 78 days as of December 31, 2010 to 66 days as of October 2, 2011. Days sales outstanding as of December 31, 2010 was higher due to seasonal payment terms extended to our larger retail customers; as of October 2, 2011 we have returned to a more normal range of days sales outstanding.

Our accounts payable decreased from \$89.2 million at December 31, 2010 to \$75.7 million at October 2, 2011. The decrease is primarily attributable to timing of payments.

Inventory increased by \$8.6 million from \$127.4 million at December 31, 2010 to \$136.0 million at October 2, 2011. In the three months ended October 2, 2011 we experienced annualized ending inventory turns of approximately 6.0, slightly up from approximately 5.6 in the three months ended December 31, 2010.

On April 15, 2011, we completed the acquisition of certain intellectual property and other assets of the Customer Networking Solutions division of Westell at a purchase price of \$37.0 million in cash. The acquisition included inventories, property and equipment, intangible assets, and liabilities that existed at the closing, including employee bonuses and product warranties. We recorded \$11.7 million in goodwill in connection with the Westell acquisition. The acquisition qualifies as a business combination and was accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting. We believe the acquisition will bolster our service provider revenue growth and strengthen our market position among U.S. telecommunications operators. For details of the Westell acquisition, please see Note 3 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

We lease office space, cars and equipment under non-cancelable operating leases with various expiration dates through December 2026. The terms of certain of our facility leases provide for rental payments on a graduated scale. We recognize rent expense on a straight-line basis over the lease period, and have accrued for rent expense incurred but not paid.

We enter into various inventory-related purchase agreements with suppliers. Generally, under these agreements, 50% of the orders are cancelable by giving notice 46 to 60 days prior to the expected shipment date and 25% of orders are cancelable by giving notice 31 to 45 days prior to the expected shipment date. Orders are non-cancelable within 30 days prior to the expected shipment date. At October 2, 2011, we had approximately \$161.7 million in non-cancelable purchase commitments with suppliers. We establish a loss liability for all products we do not expect to sell for which we have committed purchases from suppliers. Such losses have not been material to date.

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We enter into foreign currency forward-exchange contracts, which typically mature in three to five months, to hedge a portion of our exposure to foreign currency fluctuations of foreign currency-denominated revenue, costs of revenue, certain operating expenses, receivables, payables, and cash balances. We record on the consolidated balance sheet at each reporting period the fair value of our forward-exchange contracts and record any fair value adjustments in our Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and in our Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. Gains and losses associated with currency rate changes on hedge contracts that are non-designated under the authoritative guidance for derivatives and hedging are recorded within other income (expense), net, offsetting foreign exchange gains and losses on our monetary assets and liabilities. Gains and losses associated with currency rate changes on hedge contracts that are cash flow hedges under the authoritative guidance for derivatives and hedging are recorded within cumulative other comprehensive income until the related revenue, costs of revenue, or expenses are recognized.

In October 2008, the Board of Directors approved plans to purchase shares of our common stock in the open market. As of October 2, 2011, we were authorized to purchase up to 4.8 million shares under the share repurchase plan. The stock repurchase authorization does not have an expiration date and the pace of repurchase activity will depend on various factors including, but not limited to, such factors as levels of cash generation from operations, cash requirements for acquisitions, and current stock price.

Contractual Obligations

The following table describes our commitments to settle contractual obligations in cash as of October 2, 2011 (in thousands):

Contractual Obligations	Less than 1 Year	1 - 3 Years	3 - 5 Years	Over 5 Years	Total
Operating leases	\$ 6,708	\$ 10,227	\$ 7,748	\$ 6,987	\$ 31,670
Purchase obligations	161,683				161,683
	\$ 168,391	\$ 10,227	\$ 7,748	\$ 6,987	\$ 193,353

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of October 2, 2011, we did not have any off-balance-sheet arrangements, as defined in Item 303(a)(4)(ii) of SEC Regulation S-K.

Based on our current plans and market conditions, we believe that our existing cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments will be sufficient to satisfy our anticipated cash requirements for at least the next twelve months. However, we may require or desire additional funds to support our operating expenses and capital requirements or for other purposes, such as acquisitions, and may seek to raise such additional funds through public or private equity financing or from other sources. We cannot assure you that additional financing will be available at all or that, if available, such financing will be obtainable on terms favorable to us and would not be dilutive. Our future liquidity and cash requirements will depend on numerous factors, including the introduction of new products and potential acquisitions of related businesses or technology.

As of October 2, 2011, we had total gross unrecognized tax benefits and related interest liabilities of \$18.7 million. The timing of any payments which could result from these unrecognized tax benefits will depend upon a number of factors. Accordingly, the timing of payment cannot be estimated. We do not expect a significant tax payment related to these obligations to occur within the next 12 months.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our critical accounting policies are disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010. Our critical accounting policies have not materially changed during the nine months ended October 2, 2011.

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Interest Rate Risk

We do not use derivative financial instruments in our investment portfolio. We have an investment portfolio of fixed income securities that are classified as available-for-sale securities. These securities, like all fixed income instruments, are subject to interest rate risk and will fall in value if market interest rates increase. We attempt to limit this exposure by investing primarily in highly rated short-term securities. Additionally, our investment policy generally limits the amount of credit exposure to any one issuer. Our investment policy requires investments to be rated triple-A with the objective of minimizing the potential risk of principal loss. Due to the short duration and conservative nature of our investment portfolio, a movement of 10% by market interest rates would not have a material impact on our operating results and the total value of the portfolio over the next fiscal year. We monitor our interest rate and credit risks, including our credit exposure to specific rating categories and to individual issuers. There were no impairment charges on our investments during the nine months ended October 2, 2011.

Foreign Currency Transaction Risk

We invoice some of our international customers in foreign currencies including, but not limited to, the Australian dollar, British pound, euro, and Japanese yen. As the customers that are currently invoiced in local currency become a larger percentage of our business, or to the extent we begin to bill additional customers in foreign currencies, the impact of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates could have a more significant impact on our results of operations. For those customers in our international markets that we continue to sell to in U.S. dollars, an increase in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to foreign currencies could make our products more expensive and therefore reduce the demand for our products. Such a decline in the demand for our products could reduce sales and negatively impact our operating results. Certain operating expenses of our foreign operations require payment in the local currencies.

We are exposed to risks associated with foreign exchange rate fluctuations due to our international sales and operating activities. These exposures may change over time as business practices evolve and could negatively impact our operating results and financial condition. The objective of these foreign currency forward contracts is to reduce the impact of currency exchange rate movements on our operating results by offsetting gains and losses on the forward contracts with increases or decreases in foreign currency transactions. The contracts are marked-to-market on a monthly basis with gains and losses included in other income (expense), net in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, and in cumulative other comprehensive income on the Balance Sheet. We do not use foreign currency contracts for speculative or trading purposes. Hedging of our balance sheet and anticipated cash flow exposures may not always be effective to protect us against currency exchange rate fluctuations. In addition, we do not fully hedge our balance sheet and anticipated cash flow exposures, leaving us at risk to foreign exchange gains and losses on the un-hedged exposures. If there were an adverse movement in exchange rates, we might suffer significant losses. See Note 8 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional disclosure on our foreign currency contracts, which are hereby incorporated by reference into this Part I, Item 3.

We are exposed to credit losses in the event of nonperformance by the counter-parties of our foreign currency forward contracts and non-designated hedges. We enter into foreign currency forward contracts and non-designated hedges with high-quality financial institutions. In addition, the foreign currency forward contracts and non-designated hedges are limited to a time period of less than one year, and we continuously evaluate the credit standing of our counter-party financial institutions. See Note 8 to the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

A hypothetical 10% movement in foreign exchange rates would result in an after-tax positive or negative impact of \$648,000 to net income, net of our hedged position, at October 2, 2011. Actual future gains and losses associated with our foreign currency exposures and positions may differ materially from the sensitivity analyses performed as of October 2, 2011 due to the inherent limitations associated with predicting the foreign currency exchange rates, and our actual exposures and positions. For the three and nine months ended October 2, 2011, 14.9% and 13.8%, respectively, of total net revenue was denominated in a currency other than the U.S. dollar.

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Based on an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of our management (including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer), our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), were effective as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, and (ii) accumulated and communicated to management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially effect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II: OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The information set forth under Note 13 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Part I, Item 1 of this report, is incorporated herein by reference. For an additional discussion of certain risks associated with legal proceedings, see the section entitled Risk Factors in Part II, Item 1A of this report.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. The risks described below are not exhaustive of the risks that might affect our business. Other risks, including those we currently deem immaterial, may also impact our business. Any of the following risks could materially adversely affect our business operations, results of operations and financial condition and could result in a significant decline in our stock price. Before deciding to purchase, hold or sell our common stock, you should carefully consider the risks described in this section. This section should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes thereto, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

We expect our operating results to fluctuate on a quarterly and annual basis, which could cause our stock price to fluctuate or decline.

Our operating results are difficult to predict and may fluctuate substantially from quarter-to-quarter or year-to-year for a variety of reasons, many of which are beyond our control. If our actual results were to fall below our estimates or the expectations of public market analysts or investors, our quarterly and annual results would be negatively impacted and the price of our stock could decline. Other factors that could affect our quarterly and annual operating results include those listed in the risk factors section of this report and others such as:

changes in the pricing policies of or the introduction of new products by us or our competitors;

unanticipated shift or decline in profit by geographical region that would adversely impact our tax rate;

slow or negative growth in the networking product, personal computer, Internet infrastructure, home electronics and related technology markets, as well as decreased demand for Internet access;

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operational disruptions, such as transportation delays or failure of our order processing system, particularly if they occur at the end of a fiscal quarter;

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geopolitical disruption leading to delay or even stoppage of our operations in manufacturing, transportation, technical support and research and development;

delay or failure of our service provider customers to purchase at the volumes that they forecast;

foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations in the jurisdictions where we transact sales and expenditures in local currency;

changes in or consolidation of our sales channels and wholesale distributor relationships or failure to manage our sales channel inventory and warehousing requirements;

delay or failure to fulfill orders for our products on a timely basis;

allowance for bad debts exposure with our existing customers and new customers, particularly as we expand into new international markets;

disruptions or delays related to our financial and enterprise resource planning systems;

our inability to accurately forecast product demand;

component supply constraints from our vendors;

unfavorable level of inventory and turns;

unanticipated shift in overall product mix from higher to lower margin products that would adversely impact our margins;

terms of our contracts with customers or suppliers that cause us to incur additional expenses or assume additional liabilities;

the inability to maintain healthy operations by our suppliers and other parties with which we have commercial relations;

delays in the introduction of new products by us or market acceptance of these products;

an increase in price protection claims, redemptions of marketing rebates, product warranty and stock rotation returns or allowance for doubtful accounts;

litigation involving patent infringement;

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epidemic or widespread failure, or unanticipated safety issues, in one or more of our products;

challenges associated with integrating acquisitions that we make, or with realizing value from our strategic investments in other companies;

labor unrest at facilities managed by our third-party manufacturers;

unanticipated increase in costs, including air freight, associated with shipping and delivery of our products;

our failure to implement and maintain the appropriate internal controls over financial reporting which may result in restatements of our financial statements; and

any changes in accounting rules.

As a result, period-to-period comparisons of our operating results may not be meaningful, and you should not rely on them as an indication of our future performance.

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We obtain several key components from limited or sole sources, and if these sources fail to satisfy our supply requirements, we may lose sales and experience increased component costs.

Any shortage or delay in the supply of key product components would harm our ability to meet scheduled product deliveries. Many of the semiconductors used in our products are specifically designed for use in our products and are obtained from sole source suppliers on a purchase order basis. In addition, some components that are used in all our products are obtained from limited sources. These components include connector jacks, plastic casings and physical layer transceivers. We also obtain switching fabric semiconductors, which are used in our Ethernet switches and Internet gateway products, and wireless local area network chipsets, which are used in all of our wireless products, from a limited number of suppliers. Semiconductor suppliers have experienced and continue to experience component shortages themselves, such as with substrates used in manufacturing chipsets, which in turn adversely impact our ability to procure semiconductors from them. Our third-party manufacturers generally purchase these components on our behalf on a purchase order basis, and we do not have any contractual commitments or guaranteed supply arrangements with our suppliers. If demand for a specific component increases, we may not be able to obtain an adequate number of that component in a timely manner. In addition, if worldwide demand for the components increases significantly, the availability of these components could be limited. Further, our suppliers may experience financial or other difficulties as a result of uncertain and weak worldwide economic conditions. It could be difficult, costly and time consuming to obtain alternative sources for these components, or to change product designs to make use of alternative components. In addition, difficulties in transitioning from an existing supplier to a new supplier could create delays in component availability that would have a significant impact on our ability to fulfill orders for our products.

If we are unable to obtain a sufficient supply of components, or if we experience any interruption in the supply of components, our product shipments could be reduced or delayed or our cost of obtaining these components may increase. Component shortages and delays affect our ability to meet scheduled product deliveries, damage our brand and reputation in the market, and cause us to lose sales and market share. For example, component shortages in the fourth quarter of 2009 limited our ability to supply all the worldwide demand for our products and our revenue was affected.

Another example relates to the recent record flooding in Thailand. Many major manufacturers of hard disk drives and their component suppliers maintain significant operations in Thailand in areas affected by the flooding. These include most, if not all, of our direct and indirect suppliers of hard disk drives for our ReadyNAS product line. All of our major direct and indirect suppliers of hard disk drives have informed us that our supply chain will be constrained for an indefinite amount of time, currently expected to be up to six months in some cases. Some have therefore declared a force majeure event and have stated that, in addition to and because of the supply constraints, pricing for hard disk drives has and will likely continue to increase significantly until they are able to stabilize the situation. We have already experienced increased prices in the cost of hard disk drives and we expect those increases to continue. As a result, the Company is not accepting any orders containing ReadyNAS products with hard disk drives at current prices and all shipments of ReadyNAS products with hard disk drives have been placed on hold until the Company can further evaluate the situation and determine appropriate revised pricing. In addition, all current sales and marketing promotions involving ReadyNAS products have been terminated indefinitely. Further, the Company declared the existence of a force majeure event under our contracts with certain customers. We reserved the right to and will soon revise pricing on all of our ReadyNAS products. The foregoing only applies to orders for ReadyNAS products containing hard disk drives. All other products, including ReadyNAS products that are diskless, shall not be affected.

In addition, the earthquakes in Northern Japan in March 2011 and the resultant nuclear threats and tsunamis created uncertainty of supply for certain components and raw materials for our products. We have made alternative arrangements and have planned accordingly but there is no guarantee that our ancillary planning will be effective to maintain production of our products

Our stock price may be volatile and your investment in our common stock could suffer a decline in value.

With the continuing uncertainty about economic conditions in the United States and abroad, there has been significant volatility in the market price and trading volume of securities of technology and other companies, which may be unrelated to the financial performance of these companies. These broad market fluctuations may negatively affect the market price of our common stock.

Some specific factors that may have a significant effect on our common stock market price include:

actual or anticipated fluctuations in our operating results or our competitors' operating results;

actual or anticipated changes in the growth rate of the general networking sector, our growth rates or our competitors' growth rates;

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conditions in the financial markets in general or changes in general economic conditions;

interest rate or currency exchange rate fluctuations;

our ability or inability to raise additional capital;

our ability to report accurate financial results in our periodic reports filed with the SEC;

disclosures of previously non-public information in connection with our segment reporting, which commenced in the second fiscal quarter of 2011; and

changes in stock market analyst recommendations regarding our common stock, other comparable companies or our industry generally.

Some of our competitors have substantially greater resources than we do, and to be competitive we may be required to lower our prices or increase our sales and marketing expenses, which could result in reduced margins and loss of market share.

We compete in a rapidly evolving and fiercely competitive market, and we expect competition to continue to be intense, including price competition. Our principal competitors in the commercial business market include Allied Telesyn, Barracuda, Buffalo, Data Robotics, Dell, D-Link, Fortinet, Inc., Hewlett-Packard, Huawei, Cisco Systems, the Linksys division of Cisco Systems, QNAP Systems, Seagate Technology, SonicWALL, Synology, WatchGuard and Western Digital. Our principal competitors in the home market for networking devices and television connectivity products include Apple, Belkin, D-Link, the Linksys division of Cisco Systems, and Roku. Our principal competitors in the broadband service provider market include Actiontec, ARRIS, Comtrend, D-Link, Hitron, Huawei, Motorola, Pace, Sagem, Scientific Atlanta—a Cisco company, SMC Networks, TechniColor, Ubee, Compal Broadband, ZTE and ZyXEL. Other current and potential competitors include numerous local vendors such as Devolo, LEA and AVM in Europe, Corega and Melco in Japan and TP-Link in China. Our potential competitors also include other consumer electronics vendors, including LG Electronics, Panasonic, Samsung, Sony, Toshiba and Vizio, who could integrate networking and streaming capabilities into their line of products, such as televisions, set top boxes and gaming consoles, and our channel customers who may decide to offer self-branded networking products. We also face competition from service providers who may bundle a free networking device with their broadband service offering, which would reduce our sales if we are not the supplier of choice to those service providers. In the service provider space, we are also facing significant and increased competition from original design manufacturers, or ODMs, and contract manufacturers who are selling and attempting to sell their products directly to service providers around the world.

Many of our existing and potential competitors have longer operating histories, greater name recognition and substantially greater financial, technical, sales, marketing and other resources. These competitors may, among other things, undertake more extensive marketing campaigns, adopt more aggressive pricing policies, obtain more favorable pricing from suppliers and manufacturers, and exert more influence on sales channels than we can. We anticipate that current and potential competitors will also intensify their efforts to penetrate our target markets. For example, price competition is intense in our industry in certain geographical regions and product categories. Specifically in the service provider space, many of our competitors price their products significantly below our product costs in order to gain market share. Average sales prices have declined in the past and may again decline in the future. These competitors may have more advanced technology, more extensive distribution channels, stronger brand names, greater access to shelf space in retail locations, bigger promotional budgets and larger customer bases than we do. These companies could devote more capital resources to develop, manufacture and market competing products than we could. If any of these companies are successful in competing against us, our sales could decline, our margins could be negatively impacted and we could lose market share, any of which could seriously harm our business and results of operations.

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Economic conditions are likely to materially adversely affect our revenue and results of operations.

Our business has been and may continue to be affected by a number of factors that are beyond our control such as general geopolitical, economic and business conditions, conditions in the financial services markets, and changes in the overall demand for networking products. A severe and/or prolonged economic downturn could adversely affect our customers' financial condition and the levels of business activity of our customers. Continued uncertainty about current global economic conditions could cause businesses to postpone spending in response to tighter credit, negative financial news and/or declines in income or asset values, which could have a material negative effect on the demand for networking products.

The recent economic problems affecting the banking system and financial markets and the recent uncertainty in global economic conditions has resulted in a number of adverse effects including tightening in the credit markets, a low level of liquidity in many financial markets, extreme volatility in credit, equity, currency and fixed income markets, instability in the stock market and high unemployment. For example, the recent failure of the European Union to stabilize some of its member economies, such as Greece, Portugal, Spain, Hungary and even Italy, has had international implications affecting the stability of global financial markets and hindering economies worldwide. Should the European Union monetary policy measures be insufficient to restore stability to the financial markets, the recovery of the global economy, including the U.S. and European Union economies where we have a significant presence, could be hindered or reversed, which could have a material adverse effect on us. There could also be a number of follow-on effects from these economic developments and negative economic trends on our business, including the inability of customers to obtain credit to finance purchases of our products; customer insolvencies; decreased customer confidence to make purchasing decisions; decreased customer demand; and decreased customer ability to pay their trade obligations.

If conditions in the global economy, U.S. economy or other key vertical or geographic markets remain uncertain or weaken further, such conditions could have a material adverse impact on our business, operating results and financial condition. In addition, if we are unable to successfully anticipate changing economic and political conditions, we may be unable to effectively plan for and respond to those changes, which could materially adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Our business is subject to the risks of international operations.

We derive a significant portion of our revenue from international operations. As a result, our financial condition and operating results could be significantly affected by risks associated with international activities, including economic and labor conditions, political instability, tax laws, changes in the value of the U.S. dollar versus local currencies, and natural disasters. Margins on sales of our products in foreign countries, and on sales of products that include components obtained from foreign suppliers, could be materially adversely affected by foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations and by international trade regulations. Additionally, certain foreign countries have complex regulatory requirements as conditions of doing business. Meeting these requirements may increase our operating expenses as we expand internationally.

If we do not effectively manage our sales channel inventory and product mix, we may incur costs associated with excess inventory, or lose sales from having too few products.

If we are unable to properly monitor, control and manage our sales channel inventory and maintain an appropriate level and mix of products with our wholesale distributors and within our sales channels, we may incur increased and unexpected costs associated with this inventory. We generally allow wholesale distributors and traditional retailers to return a limited amount of our products in exchange for other products. Under our price protection policy, if we reduce the list price of a product, we are often required to issue a credit in an amount equal to the reduction for each of the products held in inventory by our wholesale distributors and retailers. If our wholesale distributors and retailers are unable to sell their inventory in a timely manner, we might lower the price of the products, or these parties may exchange the products for newer products. Also, during the transition from an existing product to a new replacement product, we must accurately predict the demand for the existing and the new product.

We determine production levels based on our forecasts of demand for our products. Actual demand for our products depends on many factors, which makes it difficult to forecast. We have experienced differences between our actual and our forecasted demand in the past and expect differences to arise in the future. If we improperly forecast demand for our products we could end up with too many products and be unable to sell the excess inventory in a timely manner, if at all, or, alternatively we could end up with too few products and not be able to satisfy demand. This problem is exacerbated because we attempt to closely match inventory levels with product demand leaving limited margin for error. If these events occur, we could incur increased expenses associated with writing off excessive or obsolete inventory, lose sales, incur penalties for late delivery or have to ship products by air freight to meet immediate demand incurring incremental freight costs above the sea freight costs, a preferred method, and suffering a corresponding decline in gross margins.

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If we fail to continue to introduce new products that achieve broad market acceptance on a timely basis, we will not be able to compete effectively and we will be unable to increase or maintain net revenue and gross margins.

We operate in a highly competitive, quickly changing environment, and our future success depends on our ability to develop and introduce new products that achieve broad market acceptance. Our future success will depend in large part upon our ability to identify demand trends in the commercial business, retail, and service provider markets and quickly develop, manufacture and sell products that satisfy these demands in a cost effective manner. Successfully predicting demand trends is difficult, and it is very difficult to predict the effect introducing a new product will have on existing product sales. We will also need to respond effectively to new product announcements by our competitors by quickly introducing competitive products.

We have experienced delays and quality issues in releasing new products in the past, which resulted in lower quarterly net revenue than expected. In addition, we have experienced, and may in the future experience, product introductions that fall short of our projected rates of market adoption. Any future delays in product development and introduction or product introductions that do not meet broad market acceptance could result in:

loss of or delay in revenue and loss of market share;

negative publicity and damage to our reputation and brand;

a decline in the average selling price of our products;

adverse reactions in our sales channels, such as reduced shelf space, reduced online product visibility, or loss of sales channel; and

increased levels of product returns.

Throughout 2010 and 2011, we have significantly increased the rate of our new product introductions. If we cannot sustain the rapid pace of innovation, we may not be able to maintain or increase the market share of our products. In addition, if we are unable to successfully introduce new products with higher gross margins, our net revenue and overall gross margin would likely decline.

The average selling prices of our products typically decrease rapidly over the sales cycle of the product, which may negatively affect our net revenue and gross margins.

Our products typically experience price erosion, a fairly rapid reduction in the average unit selling prices over their respective sales cycles. In order to sell products that have a falling average unit selling price and maintain margins at the same time, we need to continually reduce product and manufacturing costs. To manage manufacturing costs, we must collaborate with our third-party manufacturers to engineer the most cost-effective design for our products. In addition, we must carefully manage the price paid for components used in our products. We must also successfully manage our freight and inventory costs to reduce overall product costs. We also need to continually introduce new products with higher sales prices and gross margins in order to maintain our overall gross margins. If we are unable to manage the cost of older products or successfully introduce new products with higher gross margins, our net revenue and overall gross margin would likely decline.

Changes in tax rates, adverse changes in tax laws or exposure to additional income tax liabilities could affect our future profitability.

Factors that could materially affect our future effective tax rates include but are not limited to:

Changes in the regulatory environment;

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Changes in accounting and tax standards or practices

Changes in the composition of operating income by tax jurisdiction; and

Our operating results before taxes.

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We are subject to income taxes in the United States and numerous foreign jurisdictions. Our effective tax rate has fluctuated in the past and may fluctuate in the future. Future effective tax rates could be affected by changes in the composition of earnings in countries with differing tax rates, changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities, or changes in tax laws.

We are also subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and other tax authorities, including state revenue agencies and foreign governments. In 2011, the IRS commenced an examination of the Company s 2008 and 2009 tax years. While we regularly assess the likelihood of favorable or unfavorable outcomes resulting from examinations by the IRS and other tax authorities to determine the adequacy of our provision for income taxes, there can be no assurance that the actual outcome resulting from these examinations will not materially adversely affect our financial condition and operating results. Additionally, the IRS and other tax authorities have increasingly focused attention on intercompany transfer pricing with respect to sales of products and services and the use of intangible assets. Tax authorities could disagree with our intercompany charges, cross-jurisdictional transfer pricing or other matters and assess additional taxes. Any such disagreements may affect our profitability.

We are subject to, and must remain in compliance with, numerous governmental regulations concerning the manufacturing and use of our products, as well as any such future regulations. Some of our customers also require that we comply with their own unique requirements relating to these matters. Any failure to comply with such regulations and requirements, and any associated unanticipated costs, may adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We manufacture and sell products which contain electronic components, and such components may contain materials that are subject to government regulation in both the locations that we manufacture and assemble our products, as well as the locations where we sell our products. For example, certain regulations limit the use of lead in electronic components. To the best of our knowledge, we maintain compliance with all current government regulations concerning the materials utilized in our products, for all the locations in which we operate. Since we operate on a global basis, this is a complex process which requires continual monitoring of regulations and an ongoing compliance process to ensure that we and our suppliers are in compliance with all existing regulations. There are areas where future regulations may be enacted which could increase our cost of the components that we utilize or require us to expend additional resources to ensure compliance. For example, the Securities and Exchange Commission has proposed new rules in December 2010 regarding investigation and disclosure of the use of certain conflict materials in our products and final rules may be forthcoming in the fourth quarter of 2011. If final rules are adopted, we contemplate that the rules may apply to our business and accordingly, we may need to expend additional resources to ensure compliance. While we do not currently know of any other proposed regulation regarding components in our products which would have a material impact on our business, if there is an unanticipated new regulation which significantly impacts our use of various components or requires more expensive components, that would have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

One area which has a large number of regulations is the environmental area. Environmental areas such as pollution and climate change have had significant legislative and regulatory efforts on a global basis, and there are expected to be additional changes to the regulations in these areas. These changes could directly increase the cost of energy which may have an impact on the way we manufacture products or utilize energy to produce our products. In addition, any new regulations or laws in the environmental area might increase the cost of raw materials we use in our products. Other regulations in the environmental area may require us to continue to monitor and ensure proper disposal or recycling of our products. While future changes in regulations appears likely, we are currently unable to predict how any such changes will impact us and if such impacts will be material to our business. If there is a new law or regulation that significantly increases our costs of manufacturing or causes us to significantly alter the way that we manufacture our products, this would have a material adverse affect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition to government regulations, many of our customers require us to comply with their own requirements regarding manufacturing, health and safety matters, employee treatment, use of materials and environmental concerns. Some customers may require us to periodically report on compliance with their unique requirements, and some customers reserve the right to audit our business for compliance. We are increasingly subject to requests for compliance with these customer requirements. We may not have the resources to maintain compliance with these customer requirements and failure to comply may result in decreased sales to these customers, which may have a material adverse affect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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We rely on a limited number of retailers and wholesale distributors for most of our sales, and if they refuse to pay our requested prices or reduce their level of purchases, our net revenue could decline.

We sell a substantial portion of our products through retailers, including Best Buy Co., Inc. and its affiliates, and wholesale distributors, including Ingram Micro, Inc. and Tech Data Corporation. We expect that a significant portion of our net revenue will continue to come from sales to a small number of retailers and wholesale distributors for the foreseeable future. In addition, because our accounts receivable are concentrated with a small group of purchasers, the failure of any of them to pay on a timely basis, or at all, would reduce our cash flow. We are also exposed to increased credit risk if any one of these limited numbers of retailers and wholesale distributors fails or becomes insolvent. We generally have no minimum purchase commitments or long-term contracts with any of these retailers or distributors. These purchasers could decide at any time to discontinue, decrease or delay their purchases of our products. These customers have a variety of suppliers to choose from and therefore can make substantial demands on us, including demands on product pricing and on contractual terms, which often results in the allocation of risk to us as the supplier. Accordingly, the prices that they pay for our products are subject to negotiation and could change at any time. Our ability to maintain strong relationships with our principal customers is essential to our future performance. If any of our major retailers or wholesale distributors reduce their level of purchases or refuse to pay the prices that we set for our products, our net revenue and operating results could be harmed. If our retailers or wholesale distributors increase the size of their product orders without sufficient lead-time for us to process the order, our ability to fulfill product demands would be compromised.

Additionally, if there is consolidation among our customer base, certain customers may be able to command increased leverage in negotiating prices and other terms of sale, which could adversely affect our profitability. In addition, if, as a result of increased leverage, customer pressures require us to reduce our pricing such that our gross margins are diminished, we could decide not to sell our products to a particular customer, which could result in a decrease in our revenue. Consolidation among our customer base may also lead to reduced demand for our products, replacement of our products with those of our competitors and cancellations of orders, each of which would harm our operating results.

We depend on large, recurring purchases from certain significant customers, and a loss, cancellation or delay in purchases by these customers could negatively affect our revenue.

The loss of recurring orders from any of our more significant customers could cause our revenue and profitability to suffer. Our ability to attract new customers will depend on a variety of factors, including the cost-effectiveness, reliability, scalability, breadth and depth of our products. In addition, a change in the mix of our customers, or a change in the mix of direct and indirect sales, could adversely affect our revenue and gross margins. During the three months ended October 2, 2011, sales to Best Buy and its affiliates accounted for approximately 11% of our net revenue and sales to Ingram Micro and its affiliates accounted for approximately 10% of our net revenue. During the nine months ended October 2, 2011, sales to Best Buy and its affiliates accounted for approximately 11% of our net revenue and sales to Ingram Micro and its affiliates accounted for approximately 10% of our net revenue. While these customers each accounted for greater than 10% of our net revenue during the three months and nine months ended October 2, 2011, there is no assurance that either of them will continue to purchase our products at the same rate for any future periods.

Although our financial performance may depend on large, recurring orders from certain customers and resellers, we do not generally have binding commitments from them. For example:

our reseller agreements generally do not require substantial minimum purchases;

our customers can stop purchasing and our resellers can stop marketing our products at any time; and

our reseller agreements generally are not exclusive and are for one-year terms, with no obligation of the resellers to renew the agreements.

Further, our revenue may be impacted by significant one-time purchases which are not contemplated to be repeatable, such as the one-time approximately \$10 million dollar order from a service provider customer in the three months ended July 3, 2011. While such purchases are reflected in our financial statements, we do not rely on and do not forecast for continued significant one-time purchases. As a result, lack of repeatable one-time purchases will adversely affect our revenue.

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Because our expenses are based on our revenue forecasts, a substantial reduction or delay in sales of our products to, or unexpected returns from, customers and resellers, or the loss of any significant customer or reseller, could harm or otherwise disrupt our business. Although our largest customers may vary from period to period, we anticipate that our operating results for any given period will continue to depend on large orders from a small number of customers.

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We depend substantially on our sales channels, and our failure to maintain and expand our sales channels would result in lower sales and reduced net revenue.

To maintain and grow our market share, net revenue and brand, we must maintain and expand our sales channels. Our sales channels consist of traditional retailers, online retailers, DMRs, VARs, and broadband service providers. Some of these entities purchase our products through our wholesale distributor customers. We generally have no minimum purchase commitments or long-term contracts with any of these third parties.

Traditional retailers have limited shelf space and promotional budgets, and competition is intense for these resources. If the networking sector does not experience sufficient growth, retailers may choose to allocate more shelf space to other consumer product sectors. A competitor with more extensive product lines and stronger brand identity, such as Cisco Systems, may have greater bargaining power with these retailers. Any reduction in available shelf space or increased competition for such shelf space would require us to increase our marketing expenditures simply to maintain current levels of retail shelf space, which would harm our operating margin. The recent trend in the consolidation of online retailers and DMR channels has resulted in intensified competition for preferred product placement, such as product placement on an online retailer's Internet home page. Expanding our presence in the VAR channel may be difficult and expensive. We compete with established companies that have longer operating histories and longstanding relationships with VARs that we would find highly desirable as sales channel partners. We also sell products to broadband service providers. Competition for selling to broadband service providers is intense. Penetrating service provider accounts typically involves a long sales cycle and the challenge of displacing incumbent suppliers with established relationships and field-deployed products. If we were unable to maintain and expand our sales channels, our growth would be limited and our business would be harmed.

We must also continuously monitor and evaluate emerging sales channels. If we fail to establish a presence in an important developing sales channel, our business could be harmed.

We depend on a limited number of third-party manufacturers for substantially all of our manufacturing needs. If these third-party manufacturers experience any delay, disruption or quality control problems in their operations, we could lose market share and our brand may suffer.

All of our products are manufactured, assembled, tested and generally packaged by a limited number of original design manufacturers (ODMs) and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). We rely on our manufacturers to procure components and, in some cases, subcontract engineering work. Some of our products are manufactured by a single manufacturer. We do not have any long-term contracts with any of our third-party manufacturers. Some of these third-party manufacturers produce products for our competitors. Due to weak economic conditions, the viability of some of these third-party manufacturers may be at risk. The loss of the services of any of our primary third-party manufacturers could cause a significant disruption in operations and delays in product shipments. Qualifying a new manufacturer and commencing volume production is expensive and time consuming. As we contemplate moving manufacturing into different jurisdictions, we will be subject to additional significant challenges in ensuring that quality, processes and costs, among other issues, are consistent with our expectations.

Our reliance on third-party manufacturers also exposes us to the following risks over which we have limited control:

unexpected increases in manufacturing and repair costs;

inability to control the quality of finished products;

inability to control delivery schedules;

potential lack of adequate capacity to manufacture all or a part of the products we require; and

potential labor unrest affecting the ability of the third-party manufacturers to produce our products.

All of our products must satisfy safety and regulatory standards and some of our products must also receive government certifications. Our ODMs and OEMs are primarily responsible for obtaining most regulatory approvals for our products. If our ODMs

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and OEMs fail to obtain timely domestic or foreign regulatory approvals or certificates, we would be unable to sell our products and our sales and profitability could be reduced, our relationships with our sales channel could be harmed, and our reputation and brand would suffer.

Specifically, substantially all of our manufacturing occurs in mainland China and any disruptions from natural disasters, health epidemics and political, social and economic instability would affect the ability of our ODMs to manufacture our products. In addition, our ODMs in China have continued to increase our costs of production, particularly in 2010 and 2011. These increased costs have affected our margins and ability to lower prices for our products to stay competitive. Recent labor unrest in China may also affect our ODMs as workers may strike and cause production delays. If our ODMs and OEMs fail to maintain good relations with their employees or contractors, and production and manufacturing of our products is affected, then we may be subject to shortages of products and quality of products delivered may be affected. Further, if our manufacturers or warehousing facilities are disrupted or destroyed, we would have no other readily available alternatives for manufacturing our products and our business would be significantly harmed.

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Our future success depends in large part upon the continued services of our key technical, sales, marketing, finance and senior management personnel. In particular, the services of Patrick C.S. Lo, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, who has led our company since its inception, are very important to our business. We do not maintain any key person life insurance policies. The loss of any of our senior management or other key research, development, sales or marketing personnel, particularly if lost to competitors, could harm our ability to implement our business strategy and respond to the rapidly changing needs of the commercial business, consumer, and service provider markets. While we have adopted an emergency succession plan for the short term, we have not formally adopted a long term succession plan. As a result, if we suffer the loss of services of any key executive, our long term business results may be harmed. In addition, because we do not have a formal long term succession plan, we may not be able to have the proper personnel in place to effectively execute our long term business strategy if Patrick Lo or other key personnel retire, resign or are otherwise terminated.

We are currently involved in numerous litigation matters and may in the future become involved in additional litigation, including litigation regarding intellectual property rights, which could be costly and subject us to significant liability.

The networking industry is characterized by the existence of a large number of patents and frequent claims and related litigation regarding infringement of patents, trade secrets and other intellectual property rights. In particular, leading companies in the data communications markets, some of which are our competitors, have extensive patent portfolios with respect to networking technology. From time to time, third parties, including these leading companies, have asserted and may continue to assert exclusive patent, copyright, trademark and other intellectual property rights against us demanding license or royalty payments or seeking payment for damages, injunctive relief and other available legal remedies through litigation. These also include third-party non-practicing entities who claim to own patents or other intellectual property that cover industry standards that our products comply with. If we are unable to resolve these matters or obtain licenses on acceptable or commercially reasonable terms, we could be sued or we may be forced to initiate litigation to protect our rights. The cost of any necessary licenses could significantly harm our business, operating results and financial condition. We may also choose to join defensive patent aggregation services in order to prevent or settle litigation against such non-practicing entities and avoid the associated significant costs and uncertainties of litigation. These patent aggregation services may obtain, or have previously obtained, licenses for the alleged patent infringement claims against us and other patent assets that could be used offensively against us. The costs of such defensive patent aggregation services, while potentially lower than the costs of litigation, may be significant as well. At any time, any of these non-practicing entities, or any other third-party could initiate litigation against us, or we may be forced to initiate litigation against them, which could divert management attention, be costly to defend or prosecute, prevent us from using or selling the challenged technology, require us to design around the challenged technology and cause the price of our stock to decline. In addition, third parties, some of whom are potential competitors, have initiated and may continue to initiate litigation against our manufacturers, suppliers, members of our sales channels or our service provider customers, alleging infringement of their proprietary rights with respect to existing or future products. In the event successful claims of infringement are brought by third parties, and we are unable to obtain licenses or independently develop alternative technology on a timely basis, we may be subject to indemnification obligations, be unable to offer competitive products, or be subject to increased expenses. Finally, consumer class-action lawsuits related to the marketing and performance of our home networking products have been asserted and may in the future be asserted against us. For additional information regarding certain of the lawsuits in which we are involved, see the information set forth under Note 13 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. If we do not resolve these claims on a favorable basis, our business, operating results and financial condition could be significantly harmed.

We are required to evaluate our internal controls under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and any adverse results from such evaluation could impact investor confidence in the reliability of our internal controls over financial reporting.

Pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we are required to furnish a report by our management on our internal control over financial reporting. Such report must contain among other matters, an assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of the end of our fiscal year, including a statement as to whether or not our internal control over financial reporting is effective. This assessment must include disclosure of any material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting identified by management.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2009, in connection with the restatement of our previously issued financial statements for the period ended March 29, 2009, and our assessment of our disclosure controls and procedures, management concluded that as of March 29, 2009, our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective and that we had a material weakness in internal control over financial reporting. The material weakness related to the accounting for income taxes. Specifically, we did not maintain a sufficient

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complement of tax personnel with the required proficiency to identify, evaluate, review, and report complex tax accounting matters. In order to remediate the material weakness, we hired additional personnel in the tax department with sufficient knowledge and experience in tax to strengthen the controls around the tax provision. We also engaged tax specialists to assist us in the preparation and review of the income tax provision. As a result of these actions, management has concluded that we have remediated the material weakness related to income taxes as of December 31, 2009.

Continued performance of the system and process documentation and evaluation needed to comply with Section 404 is both costly and challenging. During this process, if our management identifies one or more material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting, we will be unable to assert such internal control is effective. If we are unable to assert that our internal control over financial reporting is effective as of the end of a fiscal year or if our independent registered public accounting firm is unable to express an opinion on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, we could lose investor confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports, which may have an adverse effect on our stock price.

If our products contain defects or errors, we could incur significant unexpected expenses, experience product returns and lost sales, experience product recalls, suffer damage to our brand and reputation, and be subject to product liability or other claims.

Our products are complex and may contain defects, errors or failures, particularly when first introduced or when new versions are released. The industry standards upon which many of our products are based are also complex, experience change over time and may be interpreted in different manners. Some errors and defects may be discovered only after a product has been installed and used by the end-user. For example, in January 2008, we announced a voluntary recall of the XE103 Powerline Ethernet Adapter made for Europe and other countries using 220-240 volt power sources and sold individually or in a bundled kit. In addition, certain of our contracts include epidemic failure clauses. If invoked, these clauses may entitle the customer to return for replacement or obtain credits for products and inventory, as well as assess liquidated damage penalties and terminate an existing contract and cancel future or then current purchase orders. In such instances, we may also be obligated to cover significant costs incurred by the customer associated with the consequences of such epidemic failure, including freight and transportation required for product replacement. Costs or payments we make in connection with an epidemic failure may materially adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. If our products contain defects or errors, or are found to be noncompliant with industry standards, we could experience decreased sales and increased product returns, loss of customers and market share, and increased service, warranty and insurance costs. In addition, our reputation and brand could be damaged, and we could face legal claims regarding our products. A product liability or other claim could result in negative publicity and harm to our reputation, resulting in unexpected expenses and adversely impacting our operating results. For instance, if a third party were able to successfully overcome the security measures in our products, such a person or entity could misappropriate customer data, third party data stored by our customers and other information, including intellectual property. In addition, the operations of our end-user customers may be interrupted. If that happens, affected end-users or others may file actions against us alleging product liability, tort, or breach of warranty claims.

If disruptions in our transportation network occur or our shipping costs substantially increase, we may be unable to sell or timely deliver our products and our operating expenses could increase.

We are highly dependent upon the transportation systems we use to ship our products, including surface and air freight. Our attempts to closely match our inventory levels to our product demand intensify the need for our transportation systems to function effectively and without delay. On a quarterly basis, our shipping volume also tends to steadily increase as the quarter progresses, which means that any disruption in our transportation network in the latter half of a quarter will likely have a more material effect on our business than at the beginning of a quarter.

The transportation network is subject to disruption or congestion from a variety of causes, including labor disputes or port strikes, acts of war or terrorism, natural disasters and congestion resulting from higher shipping volumes. Labor disputes among freight carriers and at ports of entry are common, particularly in Europe, and we expect labor unrest and its effects on shipping our products to be a continuing challenge for us. Our international freight is regularly subjected to inspection by governmental entities. If our delivery times increase unexpectedly for these or any other reasons, our ability to deliver products on time would be materially adversely affected and result in delayed or lost revenue as well as customer imposed penalties. In addition, if increases in fuel prices occur, our transportation costs would likely increase. Moreover, the cost of shipping our products by air freight is greater than other methods. From time to time in the past, including in the fourth quarter of 2009, we have shipped products using extensive air freight to meet unexpected spikes in demand, shifts in demand between product categories and to bring new product introductions to market quickly. If we rely more heavily upon air freight to deliver our products, our overall shipping costs will increase. A prolonged transportation disruption or a significant increase in the cost of freight could severely disrupt our business and harm our operating results.

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We are exposed to the credit risk of some of our customers and to credit exposures in weakened markets, which could result in material losses.

A substantial portion of our sales are on an open credit basis, with typical payment terms of 30 to 60 days in the United States and, because of local customs or conditions, longer in some markets outside the United States. We monitor individual customer financial viability in granting such open credit arrangements, seek to limit such open credit to amounts we believe the customers can pay, and maintain reserves we believe are adequate to cover exposure for doubtful accounts.

In the past, there have been bankruptcies amongst our customer base. Although any resulting loss has not been material to date, future losses, if incurred, could harm our business and have a material adverse effect on our operating results and financial condition. To the degree that the recent turmoil in the credit markets makes it more difficult for some customers to obtain financing, our customers' ability to pay could be adversely impacted, which in turn could have a material adverse impact on our business, operating results, and financial condition.

If we fail to successfully overcome the challenges associated with profitably growing our broadband service provider sales channel, our net revenue and gross profit will be negatively impacted.

We sell a substantial portion of our products through broadband service providers worldwide. We face a number of challenges associated with penetrating, marketing and selling to the broadband service provider channel that differ from what we have traditionally faced with the other channels. Difficulties and challenges in selling to service providers include a longer sales cycle, more stringent product testing and validation requirements, a higher level of customization demands, requirements that suppliers take on a larger share of the risk with respect to contractual business terms, competition from established suppliers, pricing pressure resulting in lower gross margins, and irregular and unpredictable ordering habits. For example, even if we have a product which a service provider customer may wish to purchase, we may choose not to supply products to the potential service provider customer if the contract requirements, such as service level requirements, penalties, and liability provisions, are too onerous. Accordingly, our business may be harmed and our revenues may be reduced.

Further, as the deployment of DOCSIS 3.0 technology by broadband service providers increases worldwide during 2011, we anticipate competing in an extremely price sensitive market and our margins may be affected. Orders from service providers generally tend to be large but sporadic, which causes our revenues from them to fluctuate and challenges our ability to accurately forecast demand from them. In particular, managing inventory and production of our products for our service provider customers is a challenge. Many of our service provider customers have irregular purchasing requirements. These customers may decide to cancel orders for customized products specific to that customer, and we may not be able to reconfigure and sell those products in other channels. In addition, these customers may issue unforecasted orders for products which we may not be able to produce in a timely manner and as such, we may not be able to accept and deliver on such unforecasted orders. In certain cases, we may commit to fixed-price, long term purchase orders, with such orders priced in foreign currencies which could lose value over time in the event of adverse changes in foreign exchange rates. Even if we are selected as a supplier, typically a service provider will also designate a second source supplier, which over time will reduce the aggregate orders that we receive from that service provider. For example, we have been at the forefront of developing and selling DOCSIS 3.0 products to our service provider customers in 2010 and 2011. As our competitors develop DOCSIS 3.0 products, our service provider customers may use these competitor products as an alternate source for this technology. Our service provider customers may then require us to lower our prices or they may choose to purchase more DOCSIS 3.0 products from our competitors. Accordingly, our business may be harmed and our revenues may be reduced.

If we were to lose a service provider customer for any reason, we may experience a material and immediate reduction in forecasted revenue that may cause us to be below our net revenue and operating margin expectations for a particular period of time and therefore adversely affect our stock price. For example, many of our competitors in the service provider space aggressively price their products in order to gain market share. We may not be able to match the lower prices offered by our competitors. Many of the service provider customers will seek to purchase from the lowest cost provider, notwithstanding that our products may be higher quality or our products were previously validated for use on their proprietary network. Accordingly, we may lose customers who have lower, more aggressive pricing and our revenues may be reduced. In addition, service providers may choose to prioritize the implementation of other technologies or the roll out of other services than home networking. Weakness in orders from this industry could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, and financial condition. We have seen slowdowns in capital expenditures by certain of our service provider customers in the past, and believe there may be potential for similar slowdowns in the future. Any slowdown in

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the general economy, over supply, consolidation among service providers, regulatory developments and constraint on capital expenditures could result in reduced demand from service providers and therefore adversely affect our sales to them. If we do not successfully overcome these challenges, we will not be able to profitably grow our service provider sales channel and our growth will be slowed.

As part of growing our business, we have made and expect to continue to make acquisitions. If we fail to successfully select, execute or integrate our acquisitions, then our business and operating results could be harmed and our stock price could decline.

From time to time, we will undertake acquisitions to add new product lines and technologies, gain new sales channels or enter into new sales territories. For example, we closed our acquisition of the Customer Networking Solutions division of Westell Technologies, Inc. in April 2011. Acquisitions involve numerous risks and challenges, including but not limited to the following:

integrating the companies, assets, systems, products, sales channels and personnel that we acquire;

growing or maintaining revenues to justify the purchase price and the increased expenses associated with acquisitions;

entering into territories or markets that we have limited or no prior experience with;

establishing or maintaining business relationships with customers, vendors and suppliers who may be new to us;

overcoming the employee, customer, vendor and supplier turnover that may occur as a result of the acquisition; and

diverting management's attention from running the day to day operations of our business.

As part of undertaking an acquisition, we may also significantly revise our capital structure or operational budget, such as issuing common stock that would dilute the ownership percentage of our stockholders, assuming liabilities or debt, utilizing a substantial portion of our cash resources to pay for the acquisition or significantly increasing operating expenses. Our acquisitions have resulted and may in the future result in charges being taken in an individual quarter as well as future periods, which results in variability in our quarterly earnings. In addition, our effective tax rate in any particular quarter may also be impacted by acquisitions. Following the closing of an acquisition, we may also have disputes with the seller regarding contractual requirements and covenants. Any such disputes may be time consuming and distract management from other aspects of our business.

As part of the terms of acquisition, we may commit to pay additional contingent consideration if certain revenue or other performance milestones are met. We are required to evaluate the fair value of such commitments at each reporting date and adjust the amount recorded if there are changes to the fair value.

We cannot ensure that we will be successful in selecting, executing and integrating acquisitions. Failure to manage and successfully integrate acquisitions could materially harm our business and operating results. In addition, if stock market analysts or our stockholders do not support or believe in the value of the acquisitions that we choose to undertake, our stock price may decline.

We invest in companies for strategic reasons and may not realize a return on our investments.

We have made, and continue to seek to make, investments in companies around the world to further our strategic objectives and support our key business initiatives. These investments may include equity or debt instruments of public or private companies, and may be non-marketable at the time of our initial investment. We do not restrict the types of companies in which we seek to invest. These companies may range from early-stage companies that are often still defining their strategic direction to more mature companies with established revenue streams and business models. If any company in which we invest fails, we could lose all or part of our investment in that company. If we determine that an other-than-temporary decline in the fair value exists for an equity or debt investment in a public or private company in which we have invested, we will have to write down the investment to its fair value and recognize the related write-down as an investment loss. The

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performance of any of these investments could result in significant impairment charges and gains (losses) on other equity investments. We must also analyze accounting and legal issues when making these investments. If we do not structure these investments properly, we may be subject to certain adverse accounting issues, such as potential consolidation of financial results.

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Furthermore, if the strategic objectives of an investment have been achieved, or if the investment or business diverges from our strategic objectives, we may seek to dispose of the investment. Our non-marketable equity investments in private companies are not liquid, and we may not be able to dispose of these investments on favorable terms or at all. The occurrence of any of these events could harm our results. Gains or losses from equity securities could vary from expectations depending on gains or losses realized on the sale or exchange of securities and impairment charges related to debt instruments as well as equity and other investments.

We are exposed to adverse currency exchange rate fluctuations in jurisdictions where we transact in local currency, which could harm our financial results and cash flows.

Because a significant portion of our business is conducted outside the United States, we face exposure to adverse movements in foreign currency exchange rates. These exposures may change over time as business practices evolve, and they could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations, financial position and cash flows. Although a portion of our international sales are currently invoiced in United States dollars, we have implemented and continue to implement for certain countries and customers both invoicing and payment in foreign currencies. Our primary exposure to movements in foreign currency exchange rates relates to non-U.S. dollar denominated sales in Europe, Japan and Australia as well as our global operations, and non-U.S. dollar denominated operating expenses and certain assets and liabilities. In addition, weaknesses in foreign currencies for U.S. dollar denominated sales could adversely affect demand for our products. Conversely, a strengthening in foreign currencies against the U.S. dollar could increase foreign currency denominated costs. As a result we may attempt to renegotiate pricing of existing contracts or request payment to be made in U.S. dollars. We cannot be sure that our customers would agree to renegotiate along these lines. This could result in customers eventually terminating contracts with us or in our decision to terminate certain contracts, which would adversely affect our sales.

We implemented a hedging program in November 2008 to hedge exposures to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates as a response to the risks of changes in the value of foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities. We may enter into foreign currency forward contracts or other instruments, the majority of which mature within approximately five months. Our foreign currency forward contracts reduce, but do not eliminate, the impact of currency exchange rate movements. For example, we do not execute forward contracts in all currencies in which we conduct business. In addition, in the second fiscal quarter of 2009, we commenced implementation of a hedging program to reduce the impact of volatile exchange rates on net revenues, gross profit and operating profit for limited periods of time. However, the use of such hedging activities may only offset a portion of the adverse financial effect resulting from unfavorable movements in foreign exchange rates.

If our goodwill or amortizable intangible assets become impaired we may be required to record a significant charge to earnings.

Under generally accepted accounting principles, we review our amortizable intangible assets for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. Goodwill is required to be tested for impairment at least annually. Factors that may be considered when determining if the carrying value of our goodwill or amortizable intangible assets may not be recoverable include a significant decline in our expected future cash flows or a sustained, significant decline in our stock price and market capitalization.

As a result of our acquisitions, we have significant goodwill and amortizable intangible assets recorded on our balance sheet. In addition, significant negative industry or economic trends, such as those that have occurred as a result of the recent economic downturn, including reduced estimates of future cash flows or disruptions to our business could indicate that goodwill or amortizable intangible assets might be impaired. If, in any period our stock price decreases to the point where our market capitalization is less than our book value, this too could indicate a potential impairment and we may be required to record an impairment charge in that period. Our valuation methodology for assessing impairment requires management to make judgments and assumptions based on projections of future operating performance. We operate in highly competitive environments and projections of future operating results and cash flows may vary significantly from actual results. As a result, we may incur substantial impairment charges to earnings in our financial statements should an impairment of our goodwill or amortizable intangible assets be determined resulting in an adverse impact on our results of operations.

In the three months ended July 3, 2011, in connection with the Company's reorganization into three specific business units (retail, commercial, and service provider), the Company allocated goodwill to each business unit and evaluated those allocations for potential impairment. No impairment existed as of July 3, 2011. We will continue to test goodwill for impairment at least annually at the business unit level. The allocation of goodwill may have greater impact for certain of the business segments, as compared to the other segments. Accordingly, the performance of a business unit may be adversely affected by the allocation of goodwill.

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If we are unable to provide our third-party manufacturers a timely and accurate forecast of our component and material requirements, we may experience delays in the manufacturing of our products and the costs of our products may increase.

We provide our third-party manufacturers with a rolling forecast of demand, which they use to determine our material and component requirements. Lead times for ordering materials and components vary significantly and depend on various factors, such as the specific supplier, contract terms and demand and supply for a component at a given time. Some of our components have long lead times, such as wireless local area network chipsets, switching fabric chips, physical layer transceivers, connector jacks and metal and plastic enclosures. If our forecasts are not timely provided or are less than our actual requirements, our third-party manufacturers may be unable to manufacture products in a timely manner. If our forecasts are too high, our third-party manufacturers will be unable to use the components they have purchased on our behalf. The cost of the components used in our products tends to drop rapidly as volumes increase and the technologies mature. Therefore, if our third-party manufacturers are unable to promptly use components purchased on our behalf, our cost of producing products may be higher than our competitors due to an oversupply of higher-priced components. Moreover, if they are unable to use components ordered at our direction, we will need to reimburse them for any losses they incur.

We rely upon third parties for technology that is critical to our products, and if we are unable to continue to use this technology and future technology, our ability to develop, sell, maintain and support technologically innovative products would be limited.

We rely on third parties to obtain non-exclusive patented hardware and software license rights in technologies that are incorporated into and necessary for the operation and functionality of most of our products. In these cases, because the intellectual property we license is available from third parties, barriers to entry into certain markets may be lower for potential or existing competitors than if we owned exclusive rights to the technology that we license and use. Moreover, if a competitor or potential competitor enters into an exclusive arrangement with any of our key third-party technology providers, or if any of these providers unilaterally decide not to do business with us for any reason, our ability to develop and sell products containing that technology would be severely limited. If we are shipping products that contain third-party technology that we subsequently lose the right to license, then we will not be able to continue to offer or support those products. In addition, these licenses often require royalty payments or other consideration to the third party licensor. Our success will depend, in part, on our continued ability to access these technologies, and we do not know whether these third-party technologies will continue to be licensed to us on commercially acceptable terms, if at all. If we are unable to license the necessary technology, we may be forced to acquire or develop alternative technology of lower quality or performance standards, which would limit and delay our ability to offer new or competitive products and increase our costs of production. As a result, our margins, market share, and operating results could be significantly harmed.

We also utilize third-party software development companies to develop, customize, maintain and support software that is incorporated into our products. If these companies fail to timely deliver or continuously maintain and support the software, as we require of them, we may experience delays in releasing new products or difficulties with supporting existing products and customers. In addition, if these third-party licensors fail, then we may be unable to continue to sell products that incorporate the licensed technologies in addition to being unable to continue to maintain and support these products. We are increasingly exposed to these risks as we continue to develop and market more products containing third-party software, such as our TV connectivity, security and network attached storage products.

If the redemption rate for our end-user promotional programs is higher than we estimate, then our net revenue and gross margin will be negatively affected.

From time to time we offer promotional incentives, including cash rebates, to encourage end-users to purchase certain of our products. Purchasers must follow specific and stringent guidelines to redeem these incentives or rebates. Often qualified purchasers choose not to apply for the incentives or fail to follow the required redemption guidelines, resulting in an incentive redemption rate of less than 100%. Based on historical data, we estimate an incentive redemption rate for our promotional programs. If the actual redemption rate is higher than our estimated rate, then our net revenue and gross margin will be negatively affected.

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If we are unable to secure and protect our intellectual property rights, our ability to compete could be harmed.

We rely upon third parties for a substantial portion of the intellectual property that we use in our products. At the same time, we rely on a combination of copyright, trademark, patent and trade secret laws, nondisclosure agreements with employees, consultants and suppliers and other contractual provisions to establish, maintain and protect our intellectual property rights. Despite efforts to protect our intellectual property, unauthorized third parties may attempt to design around, copy aspects of our product design or obtain and use technology or other intellectual property associated with our products. For example, one of our primary intellectual property assets is the NETGEAR name, trademark and logo. We may be unable to stop third parties from adopting similar names, trademarks and logos, particularly in those international markets where our intellectual property rights may be less protected. Furthermore, our competitors may independently develop similar technology or design around our intellectual property. Our inability to secure and protect our intellectual property rights could significantly harm our brand and business, operating results and financial condition.

Our sales and operations in international markets expose us to operational, financial and regulatory risks.

International sales comprise a significant amount of our overall net revenue. International sales were 48% of overall net revenue in fiscal 2010 and 52% of overall net revenue for the three months ended October 2, 2011. We continue to be committed to growing our international sales and while we have committed resources to expanding our international operations and sales channels, these efforts may not be successful. International operations are subject to a number of other risks, including:

political and economic instability, international terrorism and anti-American sentiment, particularly in emerging markets;

preference for locally branded products, and laws and business practices favoring local competition;

exchange rate fluctuations;

increased difficulty in managing inventory;

delayed revenue recognition;

less effective protection of intellectual property;

stringent consumer protection and product compliance regulations, including but not limited to the Restriction of Hazardous Substances directive, the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment directive and the recently enacted Ecodesign directive (EuP) in Europe, that may vary from country to country and that are costly to comply with;

difficulties and costs of staffing and managing foreign operations;

business difficulties, including potential bankruptcy or liquidation, of any of our worldwide third party logistics providers; and

changes in local tax laws.

We are required to comply with local environmental legislation and our customers rely on this compliance in order to sell our products. If our customers do not agree with our interpretations and requirements of new legislation, such as the European Ecodesign directive (EuP), they may

cease to order our products and our revenue would be harmed.

We are expanding and reorganizing our operations and infrastructure, which may strain our operations and increase our operating expenses.

We are expanding and reorganizing our operations and pursuing market opportunities both domestically and internationally in order to grow our sales. We expect that this attempted expansion will require enhancements to our existing management information systems, and operational and financial controls. In addition, if we continue to grow, our expenditures will likely be significantly higher than our historical costs. We may not be able to install adequate controls in an efficient and timely manner as our business grows, and our current systems may not be adequate to support our future operations. The difficulties associated with installing and implementing new systems, procedures and controls may place a significant burden on our management, operational and financial resources. In addition, if we grow internationally, we will have to expand and enhance our communications infrastructure. Commencing with the three months ended July 3, 2011, we are reorganizing our business into three business units: retail, commercial, and service provider.

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The Company's reorganization into three business units may cause significant distraction to our management and employees. In addition, disclosures of previously non-public information in connection with our reorganization may also provide our competitors with strategic data which may put us at a competitive disadvantage and harm our business. These new disclosures about our performance may also cause our stock price to decline. If we fail to continue to improve our management information systems, procedures and financial controls or encounter unexpected difficulties during expansion and reorganization, our business could be harmed.

For example, we have invested, and will continue to invest, significant capital and human resources in the design and enhancement of our financial and enterprise resource planning systems, which may be disruptive to our underlying business. We depend on these systems in order to timely and accurately process and report key components of our results of operations, financial position and cash flows. If the systems fail to operate appropriately or we experience any disruptions or delays in enhancing their functionality to meet current business requirements, our ability to fulfill customer orders, bill and track our customers, fulfill contractual obligations, accurately report our financials and otherwise run our business could be adversely affected. Even if we do not encounter these adverse effects, the enhancement of systems may be much more costly than we anticipated. If we are unable to continue to enhance our information technology systems as planned, our financial position, results of operations and cash flows could be negatively impacted.

We have had to restate our historical financial statements.

In July 2009, we announced that we had incorrectly reported our income tax provision for the three months ended March 29, 2009 and, as a result of this error, we restated the financial statements in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 29, 2009. The restatement, which related solely to the correction of the income tax provision for the three months ended March 29, 2009, resulted in adjustments related to income taxes in our financial statements. In our previously filed financial statements for the three months ended March 29, 2009, we incorrectly included a particular foreign entity in calculating our estimated annualized tax provision. This foreign entity should not have been included in the calculation because the anticipated losses in that entity would not give rise to tax benefits. While our overall annual tax provision was not affected for the entire year, we made an error in inter-quarter allocations of the tax provision. Material changes to our previously reported financial information occurred as a result of this error.

In connection with this restatement we identified certain control deficiencies relating to the application of applicable accounting literature related to recordation of tax expenses. These deficiencies constituted a material weakness in internal control over financial reporting as of March 29, 2009, which led to items requiring correction in our financial statements and our conclusion to restate such financial statements to correct those items. Specifically, the control deficiencies related to our failure to correctly apply the authoritative guidance for income taxes in determining the proper allocation of our annualized tax provision.

Although this material weakness had been remediated by December 31, 2009, we cannot be certain that the measures we have taken since this restatement will ensure that restatements will not occur in the future. Execution of restatements like the one described above create a significant strain on our internal resources and could cause delays in our filing of quarterly or annual financial results, increase our costs and cause management distraction. Restatements may also significantly affect our stock price in an adverse manner.

Governmental regulations of imports or exports affecting Internet security could affect our net revenue.

Any additional governmental regulation of imports or exports or failure to obtain required export approval of our encryption technologies could adversely affect our international and domestic sales. The United States and various foreign governments have imposed controls, export license requirements, and restrictions on the import or export of some technologies, particularly encryption technology. In addition, from time to time, governmental agencies have proposed additional regulation of encryption technology, such as requiring the escrow and governmental recovery of private encryption keys. In response to terrorist activity, governments could enact additional regulation or restriction on the use, import, or export of encryption technology. This additional regulation of encryption technology could delay or prevent the acceptance and use of encryption products and public networks for secure communications, resulting in decreased demand for our products and services. In addition, some foreign competitors are subject to less stringent controls on exporting their encryption technologies. As a result, they may be able to compete more effectively than we can in the United States and the international Internet security market.

We are exposed to credit risk and fluctuations in the market values of our investment portfolio.

Although we have not recognized any material losses on our cash equivalents and short-term investments, future declines in their market values could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and operating results. Given the global nature of our

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business, we have investments with both domestic and international financial institutions. Accordingly, we face exposure to fluctuations in interest rates, which may limit our investment income. If these financial institutions default on their obligations or their credit ratings are negatively impacted by liquidity issues, credit deterioration or losses, financial results, or other factors, the value of our cash equivalents and short-term investments could decline and result in a material impairment, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and operating results.

Economic conditions, political events, war, terrorism, public health issues, natural disasters and other circumstances could materially adversely affect us.

Our corporate headquarters are located in Northern California and one of our warehouses is located in Southern California, both of which are regions known for seismic activity. Significantly all of our critical enterprise-wide information technology systems, including our main servers, are currently housed in colocation facilities near our headquarters in Northern California. While we have moved our critical information technology systems in 2010 to colocation facilities in a different geographic region in the United States, our headquarters and warehouses remain susceptible to seismic activity so long as they are located in California. In addition, substantially all of our manufacturing occurs in two geographically concentrated areas in mainland China, where disruptions from natural disasters, health epidemics and political, social and economic instability may affect the region. If our manufacturers or warehousing facilities are disrupted or destroyed, we would be unable to distribute our products on a timely basis, which could harm our business.

Moreover, if our computer information systems or communication systems, or those of our vendors or customers, are subject to disruptive hacker attacks or other disruptions, our business could suffer. We have not established a formal disaster recovery plan. Our back-up operations may be inadequate and our business interruption insurance may not be enough to compensate us for any losses that may occur. A significant business interruption could result in losses or damages and harm our business. For example, much of our order fulfillment process is automated and the order information is stored on our servers. If our computer systems and servers go down even for a short period at the end of a fiscal quarter, our ability to recognize revenue would be delayed until we were again able to process and ship our orders, which could cause our stock price to decline significantly.

We depend significantly on worldwide economic conditions and their impact on consumer spending levels, which have recently deteriorated significantly in many countries and regions, including without limitation the United States, and may remain depressed for the foreseeable future. Factors that could influence the levels of consumer spending include increases in fuel and other energy costs, conditions in the residential real estate and mortgage markets, labor and healthcare costs, access to credit, consumer confidence and other macroeconomic factors affecting consumer spending behavior.

In addition, war, terrorism, geopolitical uncertainties, public health issues, and other business interruptions have caused and could cause damage or disruption to international commerce and the global economy, and thus could have a strong negative effect on us, our suppliers, logistics providers, manufacturing vendors and customers. Our business operations are subject to interruption by natural disasters, fire, power shortages, terrorist attacks, and other hostile acts, labor disputes, public health issues, and other events beyond our control. For example, labor disputes at manufacturing facilities in China occurred in 2010 and have led to workers going on strike. The recent trend of labor unrest could materially affect our third-party manufacturers' abilities to manufacture our products. In addition, all of our major direct and indirect suppliers of hard disk drives have been affected by the recent record flooding in Thailand, and they have informed us that our supply chain will be constrained for an indefinite amount of time, currently expected to be up to six months in some cases. Some have therefore declared a force majeure event and have stated that, in addition to and because of the supply constraints, pricing for hard disk drives has and will likely continue to increase significantly until they are able to stabilize the situation. We have already experienced increased prices in the cost of hard disk drives and we expect those increases to continue. As a result, the Company is not accepting any orders containing ReadyNAS products with hard disk drives at current prices and all shipments of ReadyNAS products with hard disk drives have been placed on hold until the Company can further evaluate the situation and determine appropriate revised pricing. In addition, all current sales and marketing promotions involving ReadyNAS products have been terminated indefinitely. Further, the Company declared the existence of a force majeure event under our contracts with certain customers. We reserved the right to and will soon revise pricing on all of our ReadyNAS products. The foregoing only applies to orders for ReadyNAS products containing hard disk drives. All other products, including ReadyNAS products that are diskless, shall not be affected. Furthermore, earthquakes and resultant nuclear threats and tsunamis in Japan in March 2011 have caused some disruption to our supply of raw materials and components for our products and may impact our operating results in Japan.

Such events could decrease demand for our products, make it difficult or impossible for us to make and deliver products to our customers or to receive components from our suppliers, and create delays and inefficiencies in our supply chain. Should major public

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health issues, including pandemics, arise, we could be negatively affected by more stringent employee travel restrictions, additional limitations in freight services, governmental actions limiting the movement of products between regions, delays in production ramps of new products, and disruptions in the operations of our manufacturing vendors and component suppliers.

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

(a) None.

(b) None.

(c) On October 21, 2008, our Board of Directors authorized management to repurchase up to 6,000,000 shares of our outstanding common stock. Under this authorization, the timing and actual number of shares subject to repurchase are at the discretion of management and are contingent on a number of factors, such as levels of cash generation from operations, cash requirements for acquisitions and our share price. As of October 2, 2011, we were authorized to purchase up to 4.8 million shares under the share repurchase plan. We did not repurchase any shares of common stock under this repurchase authorization in the three months ended October 2, 2011.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Reserved**Item 5. Other Information**

None.

Item 6. Exhibits**Exhibit**

Number	Description
31.1	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Executive Officer
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SIGNATURES

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

NETGEAR, INC.
Registrant

/s/ CHRISTINE M. GORJANC
Christine M. Gorjanc
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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