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

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2014

OR

☐ **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: 001-35264

CARBONITE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of

33-1111329
(I.R.S. Employer

incorporation)

Identification No.)

Two Avenue de Lafayette, Boston, Massachusetts 02111

(Address of principal executive offices, including ZIP code)

(617) 587-1100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Large accelerated filer ☐

Accelerated filer ☒

Non-accelerated filer ☐ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company ☐

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

As of October 31, 2014, there were 26,967,767 shares of the registrant's Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, outstanding.

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Table of Contents**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****Carbonite, Inc.****Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets****(Unaudited)**

	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
	(in thousands, except share and per share data)	
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 56,469	\$ 50,392
Marketable securities	14,992	14,994
Trade accounts receivable, less allowances for doubtful accounts of \$169 and \$93	2,370	1,876
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	5,337	3,122
Total current assets	79,168	70,384
Property and equipment, net	25,549	22,111
Other assets	1,074	1,177
Acquired intangible assets, net	3,277	3,953
Goodwill	11,536	11,536
Total assets	\$ 120,604	\$ 109,161
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,674	\$ 3,810
Accrued expenses	11,665	8,156
Current portion of deferred revenue	71,727	69,498
Total current liabilities	86,066	81,464
Deferred revenue, net of current portion	15,274	14,502
Other long-term liabilities	4,294	374
Total liabilities	105,634	96,340
Commitments and contingencies (Note 9)		
Stockholders equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 6,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued		
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Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 45,000,000 shares authorized at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013; 26,954,923 and 26,539,975 shares issued at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively

Additional paid-in capital	148,733	142,557
Treasury stock, at cost (2,009 shares)	(22)	(22)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	185	(1)
Accumulated deficit	(134,195)	(129,978)
Total stockholders' equity	14,970	12,821
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 120,604	\$ 109,161

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

Table of Contents**Carbonite, Inc.****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations****(Unaudited)**

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)				
Revenue	\$ 31,274	\$ 27,683	\$ 90,706	\$ 78,407
Cost of revenue	9,585	8,899	28,566	26,192
Gross profit	21,689	18,784	62,140	52,215
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	6,114	5,220	17,689	15,597
General and administrative	3,997	2,988	11,348	11,293
Sales and marketing	12,056	11,742	37,061	35,935
Restructuring charges	3	11	12	283
Total operating expenses	22,170	19,961	66,110	63,108
Loss from operations	(481)	(1,177)	(3,970)	(10,893)
Interest and other income (expense), net	(208)		(217)	
Loss before income taxes	(689)	(1,177)	(4,187)	(10,893)
Provision for income taxes	(10)	(10)	(30)	(30)
Net loss	\$ (699)	\$ (1,187)	\$ (4,217)	\$ (10,923)
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.42)
Weighted-average number of common shares used in computing basic and diluted net loss per share	26,887,069	26,260,962	26,747,451	26,055,441

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Table of Contents**Carbonite, Inc.****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss****(Unaudited)**

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
(in thousands)				
Net loss	\$ (699)	\$ (1,187)	\$ (4,217)	\$ (10,923)
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Net unrealized loss on marketable securities	(1)	1	(9)	(11)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	199	1	195	(3)
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	198	2	186	(14)
Total comprehensive loss	\$ (501)	\$ (1,185)	\$ (4,031)	\$ (10,937)

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Table of Contents**Carbonite, Inc.****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows****(Unaudited)****Nine Months Ended
September 30,
2014 2013**

(in thousands)

Operating activities

Net loss	\$ (4,217)	\$ (10,923)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	9,377	9,461
Accretion of discount on marketable securities	(20)	(11)
Stock-based compensation expense	4,295	3,658
Provision for reserves on accounts receivable	76	(40)
Non-cash restructuring charge		114
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(570)	(678)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(2,215)	658
Other assets	103	(97)
Accounts payable	(587)	(3,534)
Accrued expenses	1,423	4,916
Other long-term liabilities	3,921	36
Deferred revenue	3,001	5,983
Net cash provided by operating activities	14,587	9,543

Investing activities

Purchases of property and equipment	(10,602)	(6,994)
Proceeds from maturities of marketable securities	10,250	10,000
Purchases of marketable securities	(10,233)	(10,000)
Decrease in restricted cash		500
Net cash used in investing activities	(10,585)	(6,494)

Financing activities

Proceeds from exercise of stock options	1,885	3,911
Net cash provided by financing activities	1,885	3,911
Effect of currency exchange rate changes on cash	190	(3)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	6,077	6,957
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	50,392	40,341

Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 56,469	\$ 47,298
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Non cash investing activities

Acquisition of property and equipment included in accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,537	(1,950)
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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

1. Nature of Business

Carbonite, Inc. (the Company) was incorporated in the State of Delaware on February 10, 2005 and is a provider of hybrid backup and recovery solutions. The Company's solutions provide advanced features packaged in an easy-to-use, cost-effective and secure manner that are designed to address the specific needs of small and medium-sized business, or SMBs, and are also attractive to consumers and larger enterprises.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) and include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

The accompanying unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the instructions to Form 10-Q, and the provisions of Regulation S-X pertaining to interim financial statements. Accordingly, certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in the financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto, included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, as filed with the SEC on March 5, 2014.

In the opinion of management, the condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the Company's financial position for the periods presented. The results for the periods presented are not necessarily indicative of future results.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Although the Company regularly assesses these estimates, actual results could differ materially from these estimates. Changes in estimates are recorded in the period in which they become known. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from management's estimates if past experience or other assumptions do not turn out to be substantially accurate, even if such assumptions are reasonable when made.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to credit risk primarily consist of cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, and accounts receivable. The Company maintains its cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities with high-quality financial institutions and, consequently, the Company believes that such funds are subject to minimal credit risk. Cash equivalents and marketable securities consist of investment grade debt securities or money market funds investing in such securities.

The Company sells its services primarily to small businesses and consumers. Payment for the majority of the Company's sales occurs via credit card. The Company regularly reviews its accounts receivable related to customers billed on traditional credit terms and provides an allowance for expected credit losses. Due to these factors, no additional credit risk beyond amounts provided for collection losses is believed by management to be probable in the Company's accounts receivable. The Company had one customer that represented 10% or more of the Company's accounts receivable balance at September 30, 2014. At December 31, 2013, no customer represented 10% or more of the Company's accounts receivable balance. No customer accounted for 10% or more of the Company's revenue for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2014 and September 30, 2013.

Revenue Recognition

The Company derives revenue from hybrid backup and recovery solutions subscription services. These services are standalone independent service solutions, which are generally contracted for a one- to three-year term. Subscription arrangements include access

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to use the Company's services via the internet. The Company recognizes revenue in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 605-10, *Overall Revenue Recognition*. Subscription revenue is recognized ratably on a daily basis upon activation of service over the subscription period, when persuasive evidence of an arrangement with a customer exists, the subscription period has been activated, the price is fixed or determinable, and collection is reasonably assured. Deferred revenues represent payments received from customers for subscription services prior to recognizing the revenue related to those payments.

Cash Equivalents and Marketable Securities

The Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original purchase maturity of three months or less to be the equivalent of cash for the purpose of balance sheet and statement of cash flows presentation.

Short-term investments in marketable securities are classified as available-for-sale and are recorded at fair value. Realized gains and losses and declines in value judged to be other-than-temporary are included in income based on the specific identification method. Unrealized gains and losses (excluding other-than-temporary impairments) are reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). At December 31, 2013 and September 30, 2014, the Company's marketable securities have remaining maturities within two years and have a total cost basis of \$15.0 million.

The Company reviews its investments for other-than-temporary impairment whenever evidence indicates that an investment's carrying amount is not recoverable within a reasonable period of time.

Business Combinations

In accordance with ASC 805, *Business Combinations*, the Company records assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values. Determining these fair values requires management to make significant estimates and assumptions, especially with respect to intangible assets.

The fair value of identifiable intangible assets is based on detailed valuations that use information and assumptions provided by management, which reflect management's best estimates of inputs and assumptions that a market participant would use. The Company's identifiable intangible assets acquired consist of developed technology, customer relationships, tradenames, and non-compete agreements. Developed technology consists of products that have reached technological feasibility, and tradenames represent both acquired company and product names. Customer relationships represent the underlying relationships and agreements with customers of the acquired company's installed base. Non-compete agreements represent the protection against the loss of business and resultant cash flows from direct competition. The Company estimates the useful lives of its intangible assets based upon the expected period over which the Company anticipates generating economic benefits from the related intangible asset.

Goodwill and Acquired Intangible Assets

The Company records goodwill when consideration paid in a business acquisition exceeds the fair value of the net assets acquired. The Company's estimates of fair value are based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable at that time but that are inherently uncertain and unpredictable. Assumptions may be incomplete or inaccurate, and unanticipated events or circumstances may occur, which may affect the accuracy or validity of such assumptions, estimates or actual results. Goodwill is not amortized, but rather is tested for impairment annually or more frequently if facts and circumstances warrant a review. The Company performs its assessment for impairment of goodwill on an annual basis and it has determined that there is a single reporting unit for the purpose of conducting this annual goodwill impairment assessment. For purposes of assessing potential impairment, the Company estimates the fair

value of the reporting unit (based on the Company's market capitalization) and compares this amount to the carrying value of the reporting unit (as reflected by the Company's total stockholders' equity). If the Company determines that the carrying value of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an impairment charge would be required. The Company's annual goodwill impairment test is at November 30th of each year.

Intangible assets acquired in a business combination are recorded under the acquisition method of accounting at their estimated fair values at the date of acquisition. The Company amortizes acquired intangible assets over their estimated useful lives based on the pattern of consumption of the economic benefits or, if that pattern cannot be readily determined, on a straight-line basis. The Company reviews its intangible assets with definite lives for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the related carrying amount may not be recoverable.

Internal-use Software and Website Development

The Company follows the guidance of ASC 350-40, *Internal Use Software* and ASC 350-50, *Website Development Costs*, in accounting for its software and website development costs. The costs incurred in the preliminary stages of development are expensed

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as incurred. Once an application has reached the development stage, internal and external costs, if direct and incremental, are capitalized until the application is substantially complete and ready for its intended use, at which point the costs are amortized over the estimated useful life of the software. As of September 30, 2014, the Company capitalized \$0.7 million of costs associated with internal-use software and capitalized no such costs as of December 31, 2013. The Company recorded immaterial amounts of amortization expense for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2014. There was no amortization expense of capitalized amounts recorded for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2013.

Income Taxes

The Company provides for income taxes under the liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities and are measured using the enacted tax rates in effect when the differences are expected to reverse. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance to reflect the uncertainty associated with their ultimate realization.

The Company accounts for uncertain tax positions recognized in the consolidated financial statements by prescribing a more-likely-than-not threshold for financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return.

Segment Information

Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise engaging in business activities for which discrete financial information is available and regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. The Company views its operations and manages its business as a single operating segment for purposes of assessing performance and making operating decisions. The Company does not disclose geographic information for revenue and long-lived assets, as revenue and long-lived assets located outside the United States do not exceed 10% of total revenue and total assets.

Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation

Stock-based compensation is recognized as an expense in the financial statements based on the grant date fair value of the stock awards granted. The Company expenses the fair value of the stock awards over the applicable service period on a straight line basis. The grant date fair value of options granted is calculated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model, which requires the use of subjective assumptions including volatility, expected term, risk-free interest rate, and expected dividend yield.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (ASU 2014-09), updated guidance and disclosure requirements for recognizing revenue. The new revenue recognition standard provides a five-step analysis of transactions to determine when and how revenue is recognized. The revenue standard is based on the principle that revenue should be recognized to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The guidance will be effective for the Company on January 1, 2017 and may be applied retrospectively to each prior period presented or retrospectively with the cumulative effect recognized as of the date of initial adoption. The Company is currently assessing the potential impact of the adoption of ASU 2014-09 on its consolidated financial statements.

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The Company calculates basic and diluted net loss per share of common stock by dividing the net loss by the weighted average number of unrestricted common shares outstanding for the period. The following potentially dilutive common stock equivalents have been excluded from the computation of diluted weighted-average shares outstanding as of September 30, 2014 and 2013 as they would be anti-dilutive due to the Company's net losses (in thousands):

	As of September 30,	
	2014	2013
Options to purchase common stock	3,198	3,222
Warrants		11
Restricted Stock Units	400	
Total	3,598	3,233

4. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company applies the guidance in ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, (ASC 820), which provides that fair value is based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In order to increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements, ASC 820 establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value into three broad levels, which are described below:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for assets or liabilities. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs.

Level 2: Other inputs that are observable directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities or market corroborated inputs.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs are used when little or no market data is available, which requires the Company to develop its own assumptions about how market participants would value the assets or liabilities. The fair value hierarchy gives the lowest priority to Level 3 inputs.

In determining fair value, the Company utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible in its assessment of fair value.

The Company's assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis, by level, within the fair value hierarchy are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	September 30, 2014				December 31, 2013			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:								
Cash equivalents money market funds	\$ 15,643	\$	\$	\$ 15,643	\$ 15,644	\$	\$	\$ 15,644

Marketable securities	U.S. treasury securities and time deposits	14,992	14,992	14,994	14,994	
Total	\$ 15,643	\$ 14,992	\$ 30,635	\$ 15,644	\$ 14,994	\$ 30,638

The Company's marketable securities are classified as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy as they are valued using professional pricing sources for comparable instruments, rather than direct observations of quoted prices in active markets.

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At both September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the carrying amount of goodwill was \$11.5 million. Goodwill is not amortized. The Company reviews goodwill for impairment at least annually in the fourth quarter, or on an interim basis if an event or circumstance occurs indicating the potential for impairment. To date, the Company has had no impairments of goodwill.

Purchased intangible assets consist of the following (in thousands):

		September 30, 2014			December 31, 2013		
	Weighted-Average Estimated Useful Life	Gross	Net	Gross	Net		
	(in years)	Carrying Value	Accumulated Amortization	Carrying Value	Carrying Value	Accumulated Amortization	Carrying Value
Developed technology	7.1	\$ 2,980	\$ 1,090	\$ 1,890	\$ 2,980	\$ 761	\$ 2,219
Customer relationships	6.5	1,580	630	950	1,580	401	1,179
Tradenames	8.0	400	96	304	400	58	342
Non-compete agreements	3.8	380	247	133	380	167	213
		\$ 5,340	\$ 2,063	\$ 3,277	\$ 5,340	\$ 1,387	\$ 3,953

The Company recorded amortization expense of \$0.2 million for each of the three month periods ended September 30, 2014 and September 30, 2013, and \$0.7 million for each of the nine month periods ended September 30, 2014 and September 30, 2013. Amortization relating to developed technology is recorded within cost of revenue, amortization of customer relationships is recorded within sales and marketing expenses, and amortization of trade names and non-compete agreements is recorded within general and administrative expenses. Future estimated amortization expense of acquired intangibles as of September 30, 2014 is as follows (in thousands):

Remainder of 2014	\$ 214
2015	830
2016	608
2017	483
2018	463
Thereafter	679
	\$ 3,277

6. Accrued Expenses

Accrued expenses consist of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Accrued media spend	\$ 1,828	\$ 2,989
Accrued compensation	2,000	1,201
Accrued other expenses	7,837	3,966
Total accrued expenses	\$ 11,665	\$ 8,156

7. Stock-based Awards

The Company's 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2005 Plan") provided for granting of incentive stock options, non-qualified options, restricted stock, or other awards to the Company's employees, officers, directors, and outside consultants up to an aggregate of 3,601,551 shares of the Company's common stock. In conjunction with the effectiveness of the 2011 Equity Award Plan (the "2011 Plan"), the Company's board of directors voted that no further stock options or other equity-based awards would be granted under the 2005 Plan.

The Company's 2011 Plan provides for the issuance of stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units, and other stock-based awards to the employees, officers, directors, and consultants of the Company or its subsidiaries. In connection with the approval of the 2011 Plan, the Company reserved 1,662,000 shares of common stock for issuance thereunder. On January 1st of each year,

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beginning January 1, 2012, the number of shares reserved under the 2011 Plan increased or will increase by the lesser of 1,500,000 shares, 4.0% of the outstanding shares of common stock and common stock equivalents, or another amount determined by the Company's board of directors. As of September 30, 2014, 918,927 shares of common stock were available for future grant under the 2011 Plan.

Stock-based awards granted to employees generally vest over a three- or four-year period, and, in the case of stock options, expire ten years from the date of grant. Certain awards provide for accelerated vesting if there is a change of control, as defined in the 2005 Plan or 2011 Plan, as applicable. The Company has generally granted stock options at exercise prices not less than the fair market value of its common stock on the date of grant.

Stock Options

The following summarizes stock option activity under stock incentive plans for the nine months ended September 30, 2014:

	Number of Shares	Weighted- Average Exercise Price per Share	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands) (2)
Outstanding at December 31, 2013	3,321,784	\$ 9.97		\$ 7,738
Granted	635,000	10.46		
Exercised	(373,104)	5.04		
Cancelled	(385,379)	10.56		
Outstanding at September 30, 2014	3,198,301	\$ 10.56	7.70	\$ 2,070
Exercisable as of September 30, 2014	1,506,897	\$ 10.23	6.61	\$ 1,480
Vested and expected to vest as of September 30, 2014 ₍₁₎	2,840,036	\$ 10.52	7.55	\$ 1,962

- (1) Represents the number of vested stock options as of September 30, 2014, plus the number of unvested stock options expected to vest as of September 30, 2014, based on the unvested stock options outstanding at September 30, 2014, adjusted for estimated forfeitures.
- (2) The aggregate intrinsic value is calculated as the positive difference, if any, between the exercise price of the underlying stock options and the fair market value of the Company's common stock on September 30, 2014.

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The Company estimates the fair value of stock options on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The determination of the fair value of stock option awards on the date of grant using this option-pricing model is affected by the Company's stock price, as well as a number of complex and highly subjective variables, including expected stock price volatility, expected term of an award, risk-free interest rate, and expected dividend yield. The assumptions used to estimate the fair value of the stock options were as follows:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013
Weighted-average fair value of common stock	\$ 10.60	\$ 10.18
Risk-free interest rate	1.88% to 2.10%	0.95% to 1.69%
Expected dividend yield	%	%
Expected volatility	52% to 53%	54%
Expected term (in years)	5.8 to 6.3	5.8 to 6.1

Restricted Stock Units

The Company recognizes non-cash compensation expense over the vesting term of restricted stock units. The fair value is measured based upon the number of units and the closing price of the Company's common stock underlying such units on the dates of grant. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Company granted 459,861 restricted stock units. Upon vesting and settlement, each restricted stock unit entitles the holder to receive one share of common stock. Total stock-based compensation expense recognized for the restricted stock units was \$0.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

The following table summarizes restricted stock unit activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2014:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Unvested as of December 31, 2013		\$
Restricted stock units granted	459,861	10.77
Restricted stock units vested	(14,844)	10.23
Restricted stock units cancelled	(45,030)	10.60
Unvested restricted stock units as of September 30, 2014	399,987	\$ 10.81

Stock-based Compensation Expense

Stock-based compensation is reflected in the consolidated statement of operations as follows (in thousands):

Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
September 30,		September 30,	
2014	2013	2014	2013

Cost of revenues	\$ 147	\$ 115	\$ 390	\$ 411
Research and development	252	280	1,016	678
General and administrative	767	530	2,126	1,694
Sales and marketing	275	249	763	875
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$ 1,441	\$ 1,174	\$ 4,295	\$ 3,658

8. Income Taxes

For each of the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the Company recorded a deferred tax provision of \$10 thousand related to tax amortization of goodwill. For each of the nine month periods ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the Company recorded a deferred tax provision of \$30 thousand related to the tax amortization of goodwill.

The Company has evaluated the positive and negative evidence bearing upon the realizability of its deferred tax assets. As required by the provisions of ASC 740, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, management has determined that it is more-likely-than-not that the Company will not utilize the benefits of federal and state deferred tax assets for financial reporting purposes. Accordingly, the deferred tax assets have been fully reserved at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

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The statute of limitations for assessment by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and state tax authorities is open for tax years ending December 31, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013, although carryforward attributes that were generated prior to tax year 2010 may still be adjusted upon examination by the IRS or state tax authorities if they either have been or will be used in a future period. There are currently no federal or state audits in progress.

9. Commitments and Contingencies**Operating Leases**

The Company leases various facilities under leases that expire at varying dates through 2024. Certain of these leases contain renewal options and require the Company to pay operating costs, including property taxes, insurance, and maintenance.

The Company has lease agreements to rent office space in Boston, Massachusetts (corporate headquarters), Lewiston, Maine, Sunnyvale, California and Munich, Germany. The Company has lease agreements to rent data center space in Wakefield, Massachusetts, Phoenix, Arizona, and Chandler, Arizona. The Company also maintains a hosting service agreement with a third-party data center vendor in Somerville, Massachusetts that is subject to annual renewal and a 120 day cancellation right. The terms of several of these leases include escalating rent and free rent periods. Accordingly, the Company recorded a deferred rent liability related to the free rent and escalating rent payments, such that rent is being recognized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the leases. At September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, \$4.7 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, was included in accrued expenses and other long-term liabilities related to the deferred rent.

In May 2014, the Company entered into a lease agreement for its new corporate headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts. The initial term of the lease of ten years and one month expires on December 31, 2024, and the Company has the option to extend the original term of the lease for one successive five-year period. Upon execution of the lease agreement, the Company was required to post a security deposit of \$0.8 million, which the Company will maintain as a letter of credit. The Company's landlord can draw against this letter of credit in the event of default by the Company. The facility was made available to the Company to begin its build-out on June 1, 2014, and as such, the Company began recording rent expense at that time. In accordance with the lease, the Company will receive a tenant improvement allowance throughout the build-out period. The rent expense is recorded net of the allowance over the term of the lease. The leasehold improvements associated with the initial build-out will be amortized over the initial term of the lease beginning on the date the facility is first occupied. The Company occupied the facility on October 17, 2014. Any additional leasehold improvements made during the course of occupancy will be amortized over the shorter of the useful life or remaining life of the lease.

Future non-cancellable minimum lease payments under all operating leases as of September 30, 2014, are as follows (in thousands):

	Office Leases	Data Center Leases	Total
Remainder of 2014	\$ 611	\$ 685	\$ 1,296
2015	2,769	2,641	5,410
2016	3,476	856	4,332
2017	2,081	817	2,898

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2018	2,181	275	2,456
Thereafter	12,652		12,652
	\$ 23,770	\$ 5,274	\$ 29,044

At September 30, 2014, the Company subleased certain office space to third parties that is included in the above table. Total sublease income under contractual terms is \$1.5 million, with both the sublease and the underlying lease expiring in December 2016.

Other Non-cancellable Commitments

As of September 30, 2014, the Company had non-cancellable commitments to vendors primarily consisting of advertising, marketing and broadband services contracts, as follows (in thousands):

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	Commitments
Remainder of 2014	\$ 3,437
2015	3,993
2016	666
2017	555
2018	83
	\$ 8,734

Litigation

In August 2010, Oasis Research, LLC (Oasis Research), a non-practicing entity, filed a lawsuit against the Company and several of its competitors and other online technology companies in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, alleging that the Company's cloud backup storage services, and the other companies' products or services, infringe certain of Oasis Research's patents. Oasis Research sought an award for damages in an unspecified amount. A trial was held in March 2013, and a jury verdict was returned against Oasis Research that found all of the asserted patents invalid. The court has not yet entered a judgment against Oasis Research, and the parties are awaiting decision on certain post-trial motions. The Company is not able to assess with certainty the outcome of this lawsuit or the amount or range of potential damages or future payments associated with this lawsuit at this time.

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is involved in litigation incidental to its business; however, the Company's management is not aware of any other pending legal proceeding or other loss contingency, whether asserted or unasserted, affecting the Company, for which it might become liable, or the outcome of which management expects to have a material impact on the Company.

10. Retirement Plan

The Company has a 401(k) defined contribution savings plan for its employees who meet certain employment status. The plan allows participants to defer a portion of their annual compensation on a pre-tax basis. Effective January 1, 2012, the Company elected to make a matching contribution of up to 4% of each employee's wages. For each of the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the total expense for the Company's matching contributions to the plan were \$0.2 million. For the nine month periods ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the total expense for the Company's matching contributions to the plan were \$0.6 million and \$0.5 million, respectively.

11. Restructuring

In November 2012, the Company adopted a plan to restructure its workforce in China. The execution of the restructuring of the workforce resulted in total charges of \$0.3 million and required cash outlays of \$0.3 million. The total charges consisted of \$0.2 million attributable to termination benefits and \$0.1 million to consulting fees. These expenses have been recorded through the restructuring line within the Company's consolidated statements of operations.

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31 2013, the Company had no amounts accrued related to restructuring.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, as filed on March 5, 2014 with the SEC.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, as well as assumptions that, if they never materialize or prove incorrect, could cause our results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or Exchange Act. Forward-looking statements are often identified by the use of words such as, but not limited to, anticipate, believe, can, continue, could, estimate, expect, intend, may, will, plan, project, seek, should, target, will, would, and similar expressions or variations intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements are based on the beliefs and assumptions of our management based on information currently available to management. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other important factors that could cause actual results and the timing of certain events to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those identified below, and those discussed in the section titled Risk Factors included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Furthermore, such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this report. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements.

Overview

We are a provider of hybrid backup and recovery solutions. Our solutions provide advanced features packaged in an easy-to-use, cost-effective and secure manner and are designed to address the specific needs of small and medium-sized businesses, or SMBs, and are also attractive to consumers and larger enterprises.

While we historically focused on the consumer market for our solutions, we have shifted our attention to the SMB market. In October 2012, we acquired Zmanda, Inc. in order to enhance our SMB solutions by introducing hybrid solutions that backup databases and file systems to the cloud or to local disk enabling SMBs to obtain all of their backup solutions from one vendor.

We derive our revenue from subscription fees. We generally charge customers the full subscription amount at the beginning of each subscription period. Our tiered business offerings provide a fixed amount of cloud storage for an unlimited number of connected devices and customers can purchase additional cloud storage at any time after the commencement of a subscription. For consumers, we offer three different annual cloud backup solutions, each including unlimited storage for one computer.

We invest in customer acquisition because we believe that the market for our backup and business continuity solutions is in the early stage of development. Our sales model is designed to sell large volumes of our solutions to SMBs globally both directly and through our sales network, including through distributors, value-added resellers, volume resellers, and major retailers. Our inside sales force supplements our channel efforts by, for example, following up on leads generated by our marketing programs and actively working to fulfill sales through our channel relationships. We

support our go-to-market network with a marketing approach that leverages our established brand in order to drive market awareness and demand generation among the broad population of SMBs and consumers.

As we grow our business we continue to invest in additional storage and infrastructure. Our operating costs continue to grow as our customers store more data, principally as a result of our investment in customer acquisition and research and development. We expect to continue to devote substantial resources to customer acquisition, improving our technologies, and expanding our solutions. In addition, we expect to invest heavily in our operations to support anticipated growth and public company reporting and compliance obligations. We defer revenue over our customers subscription periods but expense marketing costs as incurred. As a result of these factors, we expect to continue to incur GAAP operating losses on an annual basis for the foreseeable future.

Our Business Model

We evaluate the profitability of a customer relationship over its lifecycle because of the nature of our business model. We generally incur customer acquisition costs and capital equipment costs in advance of subscriptions while recognizing revenue ratably over the terms of the subscriptions. As a result, a customer relationship may not be profitable or result in positive cash flow at the

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beginning of the subscription period, even though it may be profitable or result in positive cash flow over the life of the customer relationship. While we offer monthly, annual and multi-year subscription plans, a significant majority of our customers are currently on annual subscription plans. The annual or multi-year commitments of our customers enhance management's visibility of our revenue, and charging customers at the beginning of the subscription period provides working capital. We typically generate positive cash flow during the first year of a multi-year subscription as we charge the subscription fee for the entire period at the beginning of the subscription.

Key Business Metrics

Our management regularly reviews a number of financial and operating metrics, including the following key metrics, to evaluate our business:

Bookings. We calculate bookings as revenue recognized during a particular period plus the change in total deferred revenue (excluding deferred revenue recorded in connection with acquisitions) during the same period. Our management uses this measure as a proxy for cash receipts. Bookings represent the aggregate dollar value of customer subscriptions received by us during a period. We initially record a subscription fee as deferred revenue and then recognize it ratably, on a daily basis, over the life of the subscription period.

Annual retention rate. We calculate annual retention rate as the percentage of customers on the last day of the prior year who remain customers on the last day of the current year, or for quarterly presentations, the percentage of customers on the last day of the comparable quarter in the prior year who remain customers on the last day of the current quarter. Our management uses these measures to determine the stability of our customer base and to evaluate the lifetime value of our customer relationships.

Renewal rate. We define renewal rate for a period as the percentage of customers who renew annual or multi-year subscriptions that expire during the period presented. Our management uses this measure to monitor trends in customer renewal activity.

Free cash flow. We calculate free cash flow as net cash provided by (used in) operating activities, less purchases of property and equipment, adjusted for the payments related to corporate headquarter relocation and the cash portion of the lease exit charge, as appropriate. Our management uses this measure to evaluate our operating results.

Subscription renewals may vary during the year based on the date of our customers' original subscriptions. As we recognize subscription revenue ratably over the subscription period, this generally has not resulted in a material seasonal impact on our revenue but may result in material monthly and quarterly variances in one or more of the key business metrics described above.

Performance Highlights

The following table presents our performance highlights for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 20142013		Nine Months Ended September 30, 20142013	
	(in thousands, except percentage data)			
Key metrics:				
Bookings	30,604	27,640	93,707	84,390
Annual retention rate	82%	85%	82%	85%
Renewal rate	80%	79%	80%	81%
Free cash flow	\$ 2,074	\$ 1,354	\$ 7,788	\$ 3,199

Our bookings increased over the periods presented, and we continue to invest in customer acquisition in an effort to drive continued growth in bookings, with bookings for our small business solutions representing 31% of total bookings for the third quarter of 2014, up from 27% in the third quarter of 2013.

Our free cash flow has improved by \$0.7 million and \$4.6 million over the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2014, respectively, compared to the corresponding periods in 2013, principally driven by growth in bookings and increased efficiencies in our business model.

Key Components of our Consolidated Statements of Operations

Revenue

We derive our revenue principally from subscription fees related to our services. We typically charge a customer's credit card or invoice a customer the full price of the subscription at the commencement of the subscription period and at each renewal date, unless the customer decides not to renew the subscription. We initially record a customer subscription fee as deferred revenue and then recognize it ratably, on a daily basis, over the life of the subscription period.

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Cost of revenue

Cost of revenue consists primarily of costs associated with our data center operations and customer support centers, including wages and benefits for personnel, depreciation of equipment, amortization of developed technology, rent, utilities and broadband, equipment maintenance, software license fees, and allocated overhead. The expenses related to hosting our services and supporting our customers are related to the number of customers and the complexity of our services and hosting infrastructure. We have also experienced a downward trend in the cost of storage equipment and broadband service, which we expect will continue in the future. We expect these expenses to increase in absolute dollars as we continue to increase the volume of customer data that we store and the complexity of our services, but decrease as a percentage of revenue.

Gross margin

Our gross margins have expanded as the result of introducing higher priced solutions targeting both SMBs and consumers, price increases on our solutions, a downward trend in the cost of storage equipment and services, and efficiencies of our customer support personnel in supporting our customers. We expect the gross margin trend to continue.

Operating expenses

Research and development. Research and development expenses consist primarily of wages and benefits for development personnel, consulting fees, rent, and depreciation. We have focused our research and development efforts on both improving ease of use, functionality and technological scalability of our existing solutions and developing new solutions. The majority of our research and development employees are located at our corporate headquarters in the U.S. We expect that research and development expenses will increase in absolute dollars on an annual basis as we continue to enhance and expand our services, but decrease as a percentage of revenue over time, as we expect to grow our revenue at a faster rate.

General and administrative. General and administrative expenses consist primarily of wages and benefits for management, finance, accounting, human resources, legal and other administrative personnel, legal and accounting fees, insurance, and other corporate expenses. We expect that general and administrative expenses will increase in absolute dollars on an annual basis as we continue to add personnel and enhance our internal information systems in connection with the anticipated growth of our business and as we continue to incur costs related to operating as a public company.

Sales and marketing. Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of advertising costs, wages, commissions and benefits for sales and marketing personnel, creative expenses for advertising programs, credit card fees, commissions paid to third-party partners and affiliates, and the cost of providing free trials. The largest component of sales and marketing expense is advertising for customer acquisition, which includes television, radio, and online advertisements, as well as the costs associated with cooperative marketing programs developed with our channel partners, promotional events, and web seminars. Online search costs consist primarily of pay-per-click payments to search engine operators. Advertising costs and sales commissions are expensed as incurred. To date, marketing and advertising costs have been incurred principally in the U.S., but we may increase our marketing and advertising expenditures in other countries. We expect that we will continue to commit significant resources to our sales and marketing efforts to grow our business and awareness of our brand and solutions. We expect that sales and marketing expenses will continue to increase in absolute dollars on an annual basis, but decrease as a percentage of revenue, as we expect to grow our revenue at a faster rate.

Restructuring charges. Restructuring charges consist of charges incurred related to the restructuring of our China operations, which is substantially complete.

Critical Accounting Policies

Our financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S., or GAAP. The preparation of our financial statements and related disclosures requires us to make estimates, assumptions, and judgments that affect the reported amount of assets, liabilities, revenue, costs and expenses, and related disclosures. We base our estimates and assumptions on historical experience and other factors that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, but all such estimates and assumptions are inherently uncertain and unpredictable. We evaluate our estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis. Actual results may differ from those estimates and assumptions, and it is possible that other professionals, applying their own judgment to the same facts and circumstances, could develop and support alternative estimates and assumptions that would result in material changes to our operating results and financial condition.

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We consider the assumptions and estimates associated with revenue recognition, business combinations, goodwill and acquired intangible assets, income taxes and stock-based compensation to be our critical accounting policies and estimates. There have been no material changes to our critical accounting policies since December 31, 2013. For further information on our critical and other significant accounting policies, see the notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements appearing elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and our Annual Report on Form 10-K, as filed on March 5, 2014 with the SEC.

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The following table sets forth, for the periods presented, data from our consolidated statements of operations as a percentage of revenue that each line item represents. The period-to-period comparison of financial results is not necessarily indicative of future results. The information contained in the table below should be read in conjunction with financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2014		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014	
	2013	(% of revenue)	2013	2013
Consolidated statements of operations data:				
Revenue	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of revenue	30.6	32.1	31.5	33.4
Gross profit	69.4	67.9	68.5	66.6
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	19.6	18.9	19.5	19.9
General and administrative	12.8	10.8	12.5	14.4
Sales and marketing	38.5	42.4	40.9	45.8
Restructuring charges	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Total operating expenses	70.9	72.1	72.9	80.5
Loss from operations	(1.5)	(4.2)	(4.4)	(13.9)
Other (expense) income	(0.7)		(0.2)	
Loss before income taxes	(2.2)	(4.2)	(4.6)	(13.9)
Provision for income taxes		(0.1)		
Net loss	(2.2)%	(4.3)%	(4.6)%	(13.9)%

Comparison of the Three Months and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 and 2013*Revenue*

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2014	2013	Change	2014	2013	Change
	(in thousands, except percentage data)					
Revenue	\$ 31,274	\$ 27,683	\$ 3,591	\$ 90,706	\$ 78,407	\$ 12,299

Revenue increased for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2014 as compared to the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2013, primarily due to increases in the average selling prices for our SMB and consumer solutions.

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	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2014	2013	Change		2014	2013	Change	
	(in thousands, except percentage data)							
Cost of revenue	\$ 9,585	\$ 8,899	\$ 686	7.7%	\$ 28,566	\$ 26,192	\$ 2,374	9.1%
Percent of revenue	30.6%	32.1%			31.5%	33.4%		
Components of cost of revenue:								
Personnel-related costs	\$ 3,232	\$ 2,631	\$ 601	22.8%	\$ 9,280	\$ 7,845	\$ 1,435	18.3%
Hosting and depreciation costs	5,309	5,247	62	1.2%	16,227	15,306	921	6.0%
Third-party outsourcing costs, software, amortization and other	1,044	1,021	23	2.3%	3,059	3,041	18	0.6%
Total cost of revenue:	\$ 9,585	\$ 8,899	\$ 686	7.7%	\$ 28,566	\$ 26,192	\$ 2,374	9.1%
Gross profit	\$ 21,689	\$ 18,784	\$ 2,905	15.5%	\$ 62,140	\$ 52,215	\$ 9,925	19.0%
Gross margin	69.4%	67.9%			68.5%	66.6%		

Our gross margin improvement for the three months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2013 was driven by sales growth of higher margin SMB products and efficiencies realized in our data centers. The increase in absolute dollars of total costs is due primarily to an increase in personnel-related costs for our customer service organization.

Our gross margin improvement for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2013 was driven by sales growth of higher margin SMB products and efficiencies realized in our data centers. The increase in absolute dollars of total costs is due primarily to an increase in personnel-related costs for our customer service organization and an increase in hosting and depreciation costs associated with our data center.

*Operating expenses**Research and development*

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2014	2013	Change		2014	2013	Change	
	(in thousands, except percentage data)							
Research and development	\$ 6,114	\$ 5,220	\$ 894	17.1%	\$ 17,689	\$ 15,597	\$ 2,092	13.4%
Percent of revenue	19.6%	18.9%			19.5%	19.9%		
Components of costs of research and development:								
Personnel-related costs	\$ 4,608	\$ 4,168	\$ 440	10.6%	\$ 13,685	\$ 12,163	\$ 1,522	12.5%
Third-party outsourcing costs	819	453	366	80.8%	2,216	1,303	913	70.1%
Hosting, independent contractors and other	687	599	88	14.7%	1,788	2,131	(343)	(16.1)%

Total research and development:	\$ 6,114	\$ 5,220	\$ 894	17.1%	\$ 17,689	\$ 15,597	\$ 2,092	13.4%
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Research and development expenses increased for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2014 as compared to the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2013, primarily as a result of an increase in personnel-related costs associated with additional research and development headcount and third-party outsourcing costs.

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	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2014	2013	Change		2014	2013	Change	
	(in thousands, except percentage data)							
General and administrative	\$ 3,997	\$ 2,988	\$ 1,009	33.8%	\$ 11,348	\$ 11,293	\$ 55	0.5%
Percent of revenue	12.8%	10.8%			12.5%	14.4%		
Components of general and administrative:								
Personnel-related costs	\$ 2,364	\$ 1,858	\$ 506	27.2%	\$ 7,008	\$ 5,559	\$ 1,449	26.1%
Professional fees	807	607	200	32.9%	2,415	3,817	(1,402)	(36.7)%
Sales tax, consulting and other	826	523	303	58.0%	1,925	1,917	8	0.4%
Total general and administrative:	\$ 3,997	\$ 2,988	\$ 1,009	33.8%	\$ 11,348	\$ 11,293	\$ 55	0.5%

General and administrative expenses increased for the three month period ended September 30, 2014 as compared to the three month period ended September 30, 2013 as a result of increased personnel-related costs and fees associated with our international expansion efforts.

General and administrative expenses remained relatively consistent for the nine month period ended September 30, 2014 as compared to the nine month period ended September 30, 2013 as a result of decreased legal costs, offset by increased personnel-related costs.

Sales and marketing

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2014	2013	Change		2014	2013	Change	
	(in thousands, except percentage data)							
Sales and marketing	\$ 12,056	\$ 11,742	\$ 314	2.7%	\$ 37,061	\$ 35,935	\$ 1,126	3.1%
Percent of revenue	38.5%	42.4%			40.9%	45.8%		
Components of sales and marketing:								
Personnel-related costs	\$ 3,616	\$ 2,218	\$ 1,398	63.0%	\$ 9,629	\$ 6,696	\$ 2,933	43.8%
Advertising costs	3,810	6,038	(2,228)	(36.9)%	14,558	19,512	(4,954)	(25.4)%
Costs of credit card transactions and offering free trials								
	1,511	1,346	165	12.3%	4,578	4,145	433	10.4%
Outside commissions, agency fees and other	3,119	2,140	979	45.7%	8,296	5,582	2,714	48.6%
Total sales and marketing:								
	\$ 12,056	\$ 11,742	\$ 314	2.7%	\$ 37,061	\$ 35,935	\$ 1,126	3.1%

Sales and marketing expenses increased for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2014 as compared to the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2013, primarily due to increased personnel-related costs and other costs, partially offset by decreased advertising-related costs due to a reduction in our traditional radio and television advertising spend.

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In addition to our results discussed above determined under GAAP, we believe that bookings, annual retention rate, renewal rate, and free cash flow are useful to investors in evaluating our operating performance. Management considers these financial and operating metrics critical to understanding our business, reviewing our historical performance, measuring and identifying current and future trends, and for planning purposes. Securities analysts also frequently use bookings and free cash flow as supplemental measures to evaluate the overall performances of companies.

	Three Months Ended September 30, 20142013		Nine Months Ended September 30, 20142013	
	(in thousands, except percentage data)			
Key metrics:				
Bookings (1)	30,604	27,640	93,707	84,390
Annual retention rate (2)	82%	85%	82%	85%
Renewal rate (3)	80%	79%	80%	81%
Free cash flow (4)	\$ 2,074	\$ 1,354	\$ 7,788	\$ 3,199

- (1) We define bookings as revenue recognized during the period plus the change in total deferred revenue (excluding deferred revenue recorded in connection with acquisitions) during the same period.
- (2) We define annual retention rate as the percentage of customers on the last day of the prior year who remain customers on the last day of the current year, or for quarterly presentations, the percentage of customers on the last day of the comparable quarter in the prior year who remain customers on the last day of the current quarter.
- (3) We define renewal rate for a period as the percentage of customers who renew annual or multi-year subscriptions that expire during the period presented.
- (4) We define free cash flow as net cash provided by (used in) operating activities, less purchases of property and equipment, and adjusted for the payments related to corporate headquarter relocation and the cash portion of the lease exit charge, as appropriate.

Bookings and free cash flow are financial data that are not calculated in accordance with GAAP. The tables below provide reconciliation of bookings and free cash flow to revenue and cash provided by (used in) operating activities, respectively, the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP.

Our management uses annual retention rate to determine the stability of our customer base and to evaluate the lifetime value of our customer relationships. As customers' annual and multi-year subscriptions come up for renewal throughout the calendar year based on the dates of their original subscriptions, measuring retention on a trailing twelve month basis at the end of each quarter provides our management with useful and timely information about the stability of our customer base. Management uses renewal rate to monitor trends in customer renewal activity.

Our management uses bookings as a proxy for cash receipts. Bookings represent the aggregate dollar value of customer subscriptions received by us during a period. We initially record a subscription fee as deferred revenue and then recognize it ratably, on a daily basis, over the life of the subscription period. Management uses free cash flow as a measure of our operating performance; for planning purposes, including the preparation of our annual operating budget; to allocate resources to enhance the financial performance of our business; to evaluate the effectiveness of our business strategies; to provide consistency and comparability with past financial performance; to determine capital

requirements; to facilitate a comparison of our results with those of other companies; and in communications with our board of directors concerning our financial performance. We also use free cash flow as a factor when determining management's incentive compensation. Management believes that the use of free cash flow provides consistency and comparability with our past financial performance, facilitates period-to-period comparisons of operations, and also facilitates comparisons with other peer companies, many of which use similar non-GAAP financial measures to supplement their GAAP results.

Although bookings and free cash flow are frequently used by investors and securities analysts in their evaluations of companies, bookings and free cash flow have limitations as analytical tools, and you should not consider them in isolation or as substitutes for analysis of our results of operations as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are:

bookings does not reflect our receipt of payment from customers;

free cash flow does not reflect our future requirements for contractual commitments to vendors;

free cash flow does not reflect the non-cash component of employee compensation or depreciation and amortization of property and equipment; and

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other companies in our industry may calculate bookings or free cash flow or similarly titled measures differently than we do, limiting their usefulness as comparative measures.

The following tables present reconciliations of our bookings and free cash flow to revenue and cash provided by operating activities, respectively, the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP.

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2014		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014	
	2013	2013	2013	2013
	(in thousands)			
Revenue	\$ 31,274	\$ 27,683	\$ 90,706	\$ 78,407
Add change in deferred revenue	(670)	(43)	3,001	5,983
Bookings	\$ 30,604	\$ 27,640	\$ 93,707	\$ 84,390

significant dilution, and any new equity securities we issue could have rights, preferences and privileges superior to those of holders of our common stock.

Our \$25 million revolving credit facility, all of which was available, expired on September 30, 2014. We are in negotiations with a financial institution to finalize the terms on a new \$25 million revolving credit facility agreement that is expected to be executed in 2014.

Uses of funds

We have increased our operating and capital expenditures in connection with the growth in our operations and the increase in our personnel, and we anticipate that we will continue to increase such expenditures in the future. Our future capital requirements may vary materially from those now planned and will depend on many factors, including:

the levels of advertising and promotion required to acquire and retain customers;

expansion of our data center infrastructure necessary to support our growth;

growth of our operations in the U.S. and worldwide;

potential future acquisition opportunities;

our development and introduction of new solutions; and

the expansion of our sales, customer support, research and development, and marketing organizations.

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Future capital expenditures will focus on acquiring additional data storage and hosting capacity and general corporate infrastructure. We are not currently party to any purchase contracts related to future capital expenditures, other than short-term purchase orders.

Cash flows

The following table summarizes our net cash inflows (outflows) for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 2013 (in thousands)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 14,587	\$ 9,543
Net cash used in investing activities	(10,585)	(6,494)
Net cash provided by financing activities	1,885	3,911

Operating activities

Our cash flows from operating activities are significantly influenced by the amount of our net loss, growth in subscription sales and customer growth, changes in working capital accounts, the timing of prepayments and payments to vendors, add-backs of non-cash expense items such as depreciation and amortization, and stock-based compensation expense.

In the nine months ended September 30, 2014, cash provided by operating activities was \$14.6 million, which was primarily driven by a \$3.0 million increase in deferred revenue associated with the increase in subscription sales and customer growth. Net cash inflows from operating activities included non-cash charges of \$13.7 million, including \$9.4 million of depreciation and amortization and \$4.3 million of stock based compensation. These cash inflows were partially offset by our net loss of \$4.2 million.

In the nine months ended September 30, 2013, cash provided by operating activities was \$9.5 million, which was primarily driven by a \$6.0 million increase in deferred revenue associated with the increase in subscription sales and customer growth. Net cash inflows from operating activities included other changes in working capital of \$1.3 million, due primarily to the timing of payments and customer receipts and non-cash charges of \$13.2 million, including \$9.5 million of depreciation and amortization and \$3.7 million of stock based compensation. These cash inflows were partially offset by our net loss of \$10.9 million.

Investing activities

In the nine months ended September 30, 2014, cash used in investing activities was \$10.6 million, consisting of capital expenditures of \$10.6 million.

In the nine months ended September 30, 2013, cash used in investing activities was \$6.5 million, consisting of capital expenditures of \$7.0 million primarily for server equipment and other data center infrastructure, partially offset by the release of \$0.5 million of restricted cash related to the settlement of litigation.

Financing activities

In the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and September 30, 2013, cash provided by financing activities was \$1.9 million and \$3.9 million, respectively, consisting of net proceeds from the exercise of stock options.

Off-balance sheet arrangements

As of September 30, 2014, we did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

Contractual obligations

The following table summarizes our contractual obligations at September 30, 2014 and the effect such obligations are expected to have on our liquidity and cash flow in future periods.

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	Total	Payment Due by Period			More Than 5 Years
		Less Than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	
		(in thousands)			
Office lease obligations	\$ 23,770	\$ 2,522	\$ 7,869	\$ 6,449	\$ 6,930
Hosting facility lease obligations	5,274	2,942	1,851	481	
Other purchase commitments	8,734	7,263	1,471		
Total	\$ 37,778	\$ 12,727	\$ 11,191	\$ 6,930	\$ 6,930

The commitments under our office lease obligations shown above consist primarily of lease payments for our Boston, Massachusetts corporate headquarters and our Lewiston, Maine customer support facility. In May 2014, we entered into a lease agreement for our new corporate headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts. The initial term of the lease of ten years and one month expires on December 31, 2024, and we have an option to extend the original term of the lease for one successive five-year period. Upon execution of the lease agreement, we were required to post a security deposit of \$0.8 million, which we will maintain as a letter of credit. Our landlord can draw against this letter of credit in the event of default by us. The facility was made available to us to begin our build-out on June 1, 2014, and as such, we began recording rent expense at that time. In accordance with the lease, we will receive a tenant improvement allowance throughout the build-out period. The rent expense is recorded net of the allowance over the term of the lease. The leasehold improvements associated with the initial build-out will be amortized over the initial term of the lease beginning on the date the facility is first occupied. Any additional leasehold improvements made during the course of occupancy will be amortized over the shorter of the useful life or remaining life of the lease.

We also lease a small amount of general office space in Sunnyvale, California under a lease agreement that expires in March 2020.

Our Lewiston, Maine support facility lease expires on June 1, 2016. We may terminate this lease at any time after May 31, 2013 with six months notice. The lease contains a renewal option for an additional two years and requires us to pay a proportion of increases in operating expenses and real estate taxes after January 1, 2013.

The commitment under our hosting facility obligations shown above consists of Somerville, Massachusetts, Wakefield, Massachusetts, Chandler, Arizona, and Phoenix, Arizona data centers.

Other purchase commitments shown above consist of contractual commitments to various vendors primarily for advertising, marketing, and broadband services.

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ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK
Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

For quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk affecting us, see Item 7A Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 5, 2014. Our exposure to market risks has not changed materially from that set forth in our Annual Report.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES
Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2014. The term disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act, means controls and other procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives, and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based on the evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2014, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of such date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation required by Rule 13a-15(d) and 15d-15(d) of the Exchange Act that occurred during the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Inherent Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, believes that our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting are designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and are effective at the reasonable assurance level. However, our management does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or our internal control over financial reporting will prevent all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of a simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people or by management override of the controls. The design of any system of controls is also based in part

upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

In August 2010, Oasis Research, a non-practicing entity, filed a lawsuit against us and several of our competitors and other online technology companies in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, alleging that our cloud backup storage services, and the other companies' products or services, infringe certain of Oasis Research's patents. Oasis Research sought an award for damages in an unspecified amount. A trial was held in March 2013 and a jury verdict was returned against Oasis Research that found all of the asserted patents invalid. The court has not yet entered a judgment against Oasis Research and the parties are awaiting decision on certain post-trial motions. We are not able to assess with certainty the outcome of this lawsuit or the amount or range of potential damages or future payments associated with this lawsuit at this time. Any litigation is subject to inherent uncertainties, and there can be no assurance that the expenses associated with defending this lawsuit or its resolution will not have a material adverse impact on our business, operations, financial condition, or cash flows.

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In addition to this lawsuit, from time to time, we have been and may become involved in legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of our business. Although the results of litigation and claims cannot be predicted with certainty, we are not presently involved in any other legal proceeding in which the outcome, if determined adversely to us, would be expected to have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, or financial condition. Regardless of the outcome, litigation can have an adverse impact on us because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of management resources, and other factors.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks described below and the other information in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q before making an investment decision. Our business, prospects, financial condition, or operating results could be harmed by any of these risks, as well as other risks not currently known to us or that we currently consider immaterial. The trading price of our common stock could decline due to any of these risks, and, as a result, you may lose all or part of your investment.

Risks Related to Our Business

We have experienced periods of losses and negative cash flow since our inception, and we may not be able to achieve or sustain profitability or positive cash flow in the future.

We experienced net losses of \$23.5 million for 2011, \$18.9 million for 2012, \$10.6 million for 2013, and \$4.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, respectively, and have an accumulated deficit of \$134.2 million as of September 30, 2014. We do not expect to be profitable for the foreseeable future. We expect to continue making significant expenditures to develop and expand our business, including for advertising, customer acquisition, technology infrastructure, storage capacity, product development, and international expansion, in an effort to increase and service our customer base. We also expect that our quarterly results may fluctuate due to a variety of factors described elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including the timing and amount of our advertising expenditures, which are seasonal, as well as the timing and amount of expenditures related to the development of technologies and solutions and to defend intellectual property infringement and other claims. In addition, as a public company, we incur significant legal, accounting, and other expenses, including increased costs for director and officer liability insurance that we did not incur as a private company. We may also incur increased losses and negative cash flow in the future for a number of reasons, and we may encounter unforeseen expenses, difficulties, complications, delays, and other unknown events. For these reasons, we expect to continue to record net losses for the next several years and we may not be able to achieve or maintain positive cash flow from operations or profitability.

Any significant disruption in our service or loss or misuse of our customers' data could damage our reputation and harm our business and operating results.

Our brand, reputation, and ability to attract, retain, and serve our customers are dependent upon the reliable performance of our service and our customers' ability to readily access their stored files. Our customers rely on our cloud backup solution to store digital copies of their valuable data files, including financial records, business information, photos, and other personally meaningful content. Our data centers are vulnerable to damage or interruption from human error, intentional bad acts, computer viruses or hackers, earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, fires, war, terrorist attacks, power losses, hardware failures, systems failures, telecommunications failures, and similar events, any of which could limit our customers' ability to access their files and could prevent us from being able to continuously back up our customers' files. Prolonged delays or unforeseen difficulties in connection with adding storage capacity or upgrading our network architecture when required may cause our service quality to suffer. A

breach of our network security and systems could also cause the loss or public disclosure of, or access by third parties to, our customers' stored files. Any event that significantly disrupts our service or exposes our customers' stored files to misuse could damage our reputation and harm our business and operating results, including reducing our revenue, causing us to issue credits to customers, subjecting us to potential liability, harming our renewal rates, or increasing our cost of acquiring new customers.

The market for cloud backup solutions is competitive, and if we do not compete effectively, our operating results could be harmed.

The market for cloud backup solutions is competitive and rapidly changing. We compete with cloud backup providers and providers of traditional hardware-based backup systems.

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With the introduction of new technologies and market entrants, we expect competition to intensify in the future. Many of our actual and potential competitors benefit from competitive advantages over us, such as greater name recognition, longer operating histories, more varied services, and larger marketing budgets, as well as greater financial, technical, and other resources. In addition, many of our competitors have established marketing relationships and major distribution agreements with computer manufacturers, internet service providers, and resellers, giving them access to larger customer bases. Some of our competitors may make acquisitions or enter into strategic relationships to offer a more comprehensive service than we do. These combinations may make it more difficult for us to compete effectively. We expect these trends to continue as competitors attempt to strengthen or maintain their market positions.

Demand for our cloud backup solutions is sensitive to price. Many factors, including our advertising, customer acquisition and technology costs, and our current and future competitors' pricing and marketing strategies, can significantly affect our pricing strategies. Certain of our competitors offer, or may in the future offer, lower-priced or free products or services that compete with our solutions. Similarly, certain competitors may use internet-based marketing strategies that enable them to acquire customers at a lower cost than us. There can be no assurance that we will not be forced to engage in price-cutting initiatives, or to increase our advertising and other expenses to attract and retain customers in response to competitive pressures, either of which could have a material adverse effect on our revenue and operating results.

Our limited operating history makes it difficult to evaluate our current business and future prospects.

We have been in existence since 2005, and our revenue has grown rapidly from \$19.1 million in 2009 to \$107.2 million in 2013, representing a compound annual growth rate of 54% over that period. We do not expect that this growth rate will continue in future periods and you should not rely on the revenue growth of any prior quarterly or annual periods as an indication of our future performance. In addition, because we recognize revenue from customers over the terms of their subscriptions, a large portion of our revenue for each quarter reflects deferred revenue from subscriptions entered into during previous quarters, and downturns or upturns in subscription sales or renewals may not be reflected in our operating results until later periods. We may not achieve sufficient revenue to achieve or maintain positive cash flow from operations or profitability, and our limited operating history may make it difficult for you to evaluate our current business and our future prospects. We have encountered and will continue to encounter risks and difficulties frequently experienced by growing companies in rapidly changing industries, including increasing expenses as we continue to grow our business. If we do not manage these risks successfully, our business will be harmed. If our future growth fails to meet investor or analyst expectations, it could have a negative effect on our stock price. If our growth rate were to decline significantly or become negative, it could adversely affect our financial condition and operating results.

A decline in demand for our solutions or for cloud backup solutions in general could cause our revenue to decline.

We derive, and expect to continue to derive, substantially all of our revenue from the sale of our cloud backup solutions, a rapidly changing market. Changes in customer preferences for cloud backup solutions may have a disproportionately greater impact on us than if we offered multiple products and services. The market for cloud backup solutions is subject to rapidly changing customer demand and trends in preferences. Some of the potential factors that could affect interest in and demand for cloud backup solutions include:

- awareness of our brand and the cloud backup solutions category generally;

the appeal and reliability of our solutions;

the price, performance, features, and availability of products and services that compete with ours;

public concern regarding privacy and data security;

our ability to maintain high levels of customer satisfaction; and

the rate of growth in online solutions generally.

In addition, substantially all of our revenue is currently derived from customers in the U.S. Consequently, a decrease of interest in and demand for cloud backup solutions in the U.S. could have a disproportionately greater impact on us than if our geographic mix of revenue was less concentrated.

If we are unable to attract new customers to our solutions on a cost-effective basis, our revenue and operating results would be adversely affected.

We generate substantially all of our revenue from the sale of subscriptions to our solutions. In order to grow, we must continue to attract a large number of customers on a cost-effective basis, many of whom have not previously used cloud backup solutions. We use and periodically adjust a diverse mix of advertising and marketing programs to promote our solutions. Significant increases in the

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pricing of one or more of our advertising channels would increase our advertising costs or cause us to choose less expensive and perhaps less effective channels. As we add to or change the mix of our advertising and marketing strategies, we intend to expand into channels with significantly higher costs than our current programs, which could adversely affect our operating results. We may incur advertising and marketing expenses significantly in advance of the time we anticipate recognizing any revenue generated by such expenses, and we may only at a later date, or never, experience an increase in revenue or brand awareness as a result of such expenditures. We have made in the past, and may make in the future, significant investments to test new advertising, and there can be no assurance that any such investments will lead to the cost-effective acquisition of additional customers. If we are unable to maintain effective advertising programs, our ability to attract new customers could be adversely affected, our advertising and marketing expenses could increase substantially, and our operating results may suffer.

A portion of our potential customers locate our website through search engines, such as Google, Bing, and Yahoo!. Our ability to maintain the number of visitors directed to our website is not entirely within our control. If search engine companies modify their search algorithms in a manner that reduces the prominence of our listing, or if our competitors' search engine optimization efforts are more successful than ours, fewer potential customers may click through to our website. In addition, the cost of purchased listings has increased in the past and may increase in the future. A decrease in website traffic or an increase in search costs could adversely affect our customer acquisition efforts and our operating results.

A significant portion of our customers first try our cloud backup solutions through free trials. We seek to convert these free trial users to paying customers of our solutions. If our rate of conversion suffers for any reason, our revenue may decline and our business may suffer.

If we are unable to retain our existing customers, our revenue and operating results would be adversely affected.

If our efforts to satisfy our existing customers are not successful, we may not be able to retain them, and as a result, our revenue and ability to grow would be adversely affected. We may not be able to accurately predict future trends in customer renewals. Customers choose not to renew their subscriptions for many reasons, including if customer service issues are not satisfactorily resolved, a desire to reduce discretionary spending, or a perception that they do not use the service sufficiently, that the solution is a poor value, or that competitive services provide a better value or experience. If our customer retention rate decreases, we may need to increase the rate at which we add new customers in order to maintain and grow our revenue, which may require us to incur significantly higher advertising and marketing expenses than we currently anticipate, or our revenue may decline. A significant decrease in our customer retention rate would therefore have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and operating results.

Our relationships with our partners may be terminated or may not continue to be beneficial in generating new customers, which could adversely affect our ability to increase our customer base.

We maintain a network of active partners, which refer customers to us through links on their websites and outbound promotion to their customers. If we are unable to maintain our contractual relationships with existing partners or establish new contractual relationships with potential partners, we may experience delays and increased costs in adding customers, which could have a material adverse effect on us. The number of customers that we are able to add through these relationships is dependent on the marketing efforts of our partners, over which we have very little control.

If we are unable to expand our base of small business customers, our business could be adversely affected.

In 2010, we introduced the first version of our backup solution targeted toward small businesses, which are generally companies that are too small to have a dedicated in-house IT staff. We have committed and continue to commit substantial resources to the expansion and increased marketing of our small business solutions. If we are unable to market and sell our solutions to small businesses with competitive pricing and in a cost-effective manner, our ability to grow our revenue and achieve profitability will be harmed. We believe that it is more difficult and expensive to attract and retain small business customers than consumers, because small businesses:

are difficult to reach without using more expensive, targeted sales campaigns;

may have different or much more complex needs than those of individual consumers, such as archiving, version control, enhanced security requirements, and other forms of encryption and authentication, which our solutions may not adequately address; and

frequently cease operations due to the sale or failure of their business.

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In addition, small businesses frequently have limited budgets and are more likely to be significantly affected by economic downturns than larger, more established companies. As a result, they may choose to spend funds on items other than our solutions, particularly during difficult economic times. If we are unsuccessful in meeting the needs of potential small business customers, it could adversely affect our future growth and operating results.

If we are unable to sustain market recognition of and loyalty to our brand, or if our reputation were to be harmed, we could lose customers or fail to increase the number of our customers, which could harm our revenue, operating results, and financial condition.

Given our small business and consumer market focus, maintaining and enhancing the Carbonite brand is critical to our success. We believe that the importance of brand recognition and loyalty will increase in light of increasing competition in our markets. We plan to continue investing substantial resources to promote our brand, both domestically and internationally, but there is no guarantee that our brand development strategies will enhance the recognition of our brand. Some of our existing and potential competitors have well-established brands with greater recognition than we have. If our efforts to promote and maintain our brand are not successful, our operating results and our ability to attract and retain customers may be adversely affected. In addition, even if our brand recognition and loyalty increases, this may not result in increased use of our solutions or higher revenue.

Our solutions, as well as those of our competitors, are regularly reviewed in computer and business publications. Negative reviews, or reviews in which our competitors' products and services are rated more highly than our solutions, could negatively affect our brand and reputation. From time-to-time, our customers express dissatisfaction with our solutions, including, among other things, dissatisfaction with our customer support, our billing policies, and the way our solutions operate. If we do not handle customer complaints effectively, our brand and reputation may suffer, we may lose our customers' confidence, and they may choose not to renew their subscriptions. In addition, many of our customers participate in online blogs about computers and internet services, including our solutions, and our success depends in part on our ability to generate positive customer feedback through such online channels where consumers seek and share information. If actions that we take or changes that we make to our solutions upset these customers, their blogging could negatively affect our brand and reputation. Complaints or negative publicity about our solutions or billing practices could adversely impact our ability to attract and retain customers and our business, financial condition, and operating results.

The termination of our relationship with any major credit card company would have a severe, negative impact on our ability to collect revenue from customers. Increases in credit card processing fees would increase our operating expenses and adversely affect our operating results.

Substantially all of our customers purchase our solutions online with credit cards, and our business depends upon our ability to offer credit card payment options. The termination of our ability to process payments on any major credit card would significantly impair our ability to operate our business and significantly increase our administrative costs related to customer payment processing. If we fail to maintain our compliance with the data protection and documentation standards adopted by the major credit card issuers and applicable to us, these issuers could terminate their agreements with us, and we could lose our ability to offer our customers a credit card payment option. If these issuers increase their credit card processing fees because we experience excessive chargebacks or refunds or for other reasons, it could adversely affect our business and operating results.

Any significant disruption in service on our websites, in our computer systems, or caused by our third party storage and system providers could damage our reputation and result in a loss of customers, which would harm our business, financial condition, and operating results.

Our brand, reputation, and ability to attract, retain and serve our customers are dependent upon the reliable performance of our websites, network infrastructure and payment systems, and our customers' ability to readily access their stored files. We have experienced interruptions in these systems in the past, including server failures that temporarily slowed down our websites' performance and our customers' ability to access their stored files, or made our websites and infrastructure inaccessible, and we may experience interruptions in the future. In addition, while we operate and maintain the primary elements of our websites and network infrastructure, some elements of this complex system are operated by third parties that we do not control and that would require significant time to replace. We expect this dependence on third parties to increase. In particular, we utilize Amazon Web Services and Google Cloud Storage to provide us with computing and storage capacity pursuant to agreements that continue until terminated upon written notice by either party. Interruptions in our systems or the third-party systems on which we rely, whether due to system failures, computer viruses, physical or electronic break-ins, or other factors, could affect the security or availability of our websites and infrastructure and prevent us from being able to continuously back up our customers' data or our customers from accessing their stored data.

In addition, prolonged delays or unforeseen difficulties in connection with adding storage capacity or upgrading our network architecture when required may cause our service quality to suffer. Problems with the reliability or security of our systems could harm our reputation. Damage to our reputation and the cost of remedying these problems could negatively affect our business, financial condition, and operating results.

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Our systems provide redundancy at the disk level, but do not keep separate, redundant copies of stored customer files. Instead, we rely on the fact that our customers, in effect, back up our system by maintaining the primary instance of their files. We do not intend to create redundant backup sites for our solutions. As such, a total failure of our systems, or the failure of any of our systems, could result in the loss of or a temporary inability to back up our customers' data and result in our customers being unable to access their stored files. If one of our data centers fails at the same time that our customers' computers fail, we would be unable to provide stored copies of their data. If this were to occur, our reputation could be compromised and we could be subject to liability to the customers that were affected.

We depend on data centers operated by third parties and any disruption in the operation of these facilities could adversely affect our business.

We host our services and serve all of our customers from our own network servers or from third-party systems such as Amazon Web Services and Google Cloud Storage, all of which are located in data center facilities operated by third parties. While we control and have access to our own network servers and all of the components of our network, we do not control third-party systems or the operation of network servers located in data center facilities operated by third parties. Our data center leases expire at various times in 2015, 2016, and 2018 with rights of extension, and a separate data center hosting arrangement is cancellable by us upon 120 days' notice. Our third-party storage system agreements continue until terminated upon written notice by either party. If we are unable to renew these agreements on commercially reasonable terms, we may be required to transfer to new data center facilities, and we may incur significant costs and possible service interruption in connection with doing so.

Problems faced by our third-party data center facilities, with the telecommunications network providers with whom we or they contract, or with the systems by which our telecommunications providers allocate capacity among their customers, including us, could adversely affect the experience of our customers. Our third-party data center operators could decide to close their facilities without adequate notice. Our third-party data center facilities are also vulnerable to damage or interruption from human error, intentional bad acts, pandemics, earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, fires, war, terrorist attacks, power losses, hardware failures, systems failures, telecommunications failures, and similar events. The occurrence of a natural disaster, power failure or an act of terrorism, vandalism or other misconduct, a decision to close the facilities without adequate notice, or other unanticipated problems could result in lengthy interruptions in our services. The occurrence of any of the foregoing events could damage our systems and hardware or could cause them to fail completely, and our insurance may not cover such events or may be insufficient to compensate us for the potentially significant losses, including the potential harm to the future growth of our business, that may result from interruptions in our service as a result of system failures.

In addition, any financial difficulties, such as bankruptcy, faced by our third-party data center operators or any of the service providers with whom we or they contract may have negative effects on our business, the nature and extent of which are difficult to predict. Finally, if our third-party data center providers are unable to keep up with our growing needs for capacity, this could have an adverse effect on our business. Any changes in third-party service levels at our data centers or any errors, defects, disruptions, or other performance problems with our services could harm our reputation and may damage our customers' stored files. Interruptions in our services might reduce our revenue, cause us to issue credits or refunds to customers, subject us to potential liability, or harm our renewal rates.

If the security of our customers' confidential information stored in our systems is breached or their stored files are otherwise subjected to unauthorized access, our reputation and business may be harmed, and we may be exposed to liability.

Our customers rely on our online system to store digital copies of their files, including financial records, business information, photos, and other personally meaningful content. We also store credit card information and other

personal information about our customers. A breach of our network security and systems or other events that cause the loss or public disclosure of, or access by third parties to, our customers' stored files could have serious negative consequences for our business, including possible fines, penalties and damages, reduced demand for our solutions, an unwillingness of customers to provide us with their credit card or payment information, an unwillingness of our customers to use our solutions, harm to our reputation and brand, loss of our ability to accept and process customer credit card orders, and time-consuming and expensive litigation. Third parties may be able to circumvent our security by deploying viruses, worms, and other malicious software programs that are designed to attack or attempt to infiltrate our systems and networks and we may not immediately discover these attacks or attempted infiltrations. Further, outside parties may attempt to fraudulently induce our employees, consultants, or affiliates to disclose sensitive information in order to gain access to our information or our customers' information. The techniques used to obtain unauthorized access, disable or degrade service, or sabotage systems change frequently, often are not recognized until launched against a target, and may originate from less regulated or remote areas around the world. As a result, we may be unable to proactively address these techniques or to implement adequate preventative

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or reactionary measures. In addition, employee or consultant error, malfeasance, or other errors in the storage, use, or transmission of personal information could result in a breach of customer or employee privacy. We maintain insurance coverage to mitigate the potential financial impact of these risks; however, our insurance may not cover all such events or may be insufficient to compensate us for the potentially significant losses, including the potential damage to the future growth of our business, that may result from the breach of customer or employee privacy.

Many states have enacted laws requiring companies to notify individuals of data security breaches involving their personal data. These mandatory disclosures regarding a security breach often lead to widespread negative publicity, which may cause our customers to lose confidence in the effectiveness of our data security measures. Any security breach, whether successful or not, would harm our reputation and could cause the loss of customers. Similarly, if a well-publicized breach of data security at any other cloud backup service provider or other major consumer website were to occur, there could be a general public loss of confidence in the use of the internet for cloud backup services or commercial transactions generally. Any of these events could have material adverse effects on our business, financial condition, and operating results.

We process, store and use personal information and other data, which subjects us to governmental regulation and other legal obligations related to privacy, and our actual or perceived failure to comply with such obligations could harm our business.

We receive, store, and process personal information and other customer data. There are numerous federal, state, local, and foreign laws regarding privacy and the storing, sharing, use, processing, disclosure and protection of personal information and other customer data, the scope of which are changing, subject to differing interpretations, and may be inconsistent among countries or conflict with other rules. We generally seek to comply with industry standards and are subject to the terms of our privacy policies and privacy-related obligations to third parties. We strive to comply with all applicable laws, policies, legal obligations, and industry codes of conduct relating to privacy and data protection to the extent possible. However, it is possible that these obligations may be interpreted and applied in a manner that is inconsistent from one jurisdiction to another and may conflict with other rules or our practices. Any failure or perceived failure by us to comply with our privacy policies, our privacy-related obligations to customers or other third parties, our privacy-related legal obligations, or any compromise of security that results in the unauthorized release or transfer of personally identifiable information or other customer data, may result in governmental enforcement actions, litigation, or public statements against us by consumer advocacy groups or others and could cause our customers to lose trust in us, which could have an adverse effect on our reputation and business. Our customers may also accidentally disclose their passwords or store them on a mobile device that is lost or stolen, creating the perception that our systems are not secure against third-party access. Additionally, if third parties that we work with, such as vendors or developers, violate applicable laws or our policies, such violations may also put our customers information at risk and could in turn have an adverse effect on our business. Any significant change to applicable laws, regulations, or industry practices regarding the use or disclosure of our customers' data, or regarding the manner in which the express or implied consent of customers for the use and disclosure of such data is obtained, could require us to modify our solutions and features, possibly in a material manner, and may limit our ability to develop new services and features that make use of the data that our customers voluntarily share with us.

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Our solutions are used by customers in the health care industry and we must comply with numerous federal and state laws related to patient privacy in connection with providing our solutions to these customers.

Our solutions are used by customers in the health care industry and we must comply with numerous federal and state laws related to patient privacy in connection with providing our solutions to these customers. In particular, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, or HIPAA, and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, or HITECH, include privacy standards that protect individual privacy by limiting the uses and disclosures of individually identifiable health information and implementing data security standards. Because our solutions may backup individually identifiable health information for our customers, our customers are mandated by HIPAA to enter into written agreements with us known as business associate agreements that require us to safeguard individually identifiable health information. Business associate agreements typically include:

a description of our permitted uses of individually identifiable health information;

a covenant not to disclose that information except as permitted under the agreement and to make our subcontractors, if any, subject to the same restrictions;

assurances that appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards are in place to prevent misuse of that information;

an obligation to report to our customers any use or disclosure of that information other than as provided for in the agreement;

a prohibition against our use or disclosure of that information if a similar use or disclosure by our customers would violate the HIPAA standards;

the ability of our customers to terminate their subscription to our solution if we breach a material term of the business associate agreement and are unable to cure the breach;

the requirement to return or destroy all individually identifiable health information at the end of the customer's subscription; and

access by the Department of Health and Human Services to our internal practices, books, and records to validate that we are safeguarding individually identifiable health information.

We may not be able to adequately address the business risks created by HIPAA or HITECH implementation or comply with our obligations under our business associate agreements. Furthermore, we are unable to predict what changes to HIPAA, HITECH or other laws or regulations might be made in the future or how those changes could affect our business or the costs of compliance. Failure by us to comply with any of the federal and state standards regarding patient privacy may subject us to penalties, including civil monetary penalties and, in some circumstances,

criminal penalties, which could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and operating results.

We may not be able to respond to rapid technological changes with new solutions, which could have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

The cloud backup market is characterized by rapid technological change and frequent new product and service introductions. Our ability to attract new customers and increase revenue from existing customers will depend in large part on our ability to enhance and improve our existing solutions, introduce new features and products, and sell into new markets. Customers may require features and capabilities that our current solutions do not have. Our failure to develop solutions that satisfy customer preferences in a timely and cost-effective manner may harm our ability to renew our subscriptions with existing customers and create or increase demand for our solutions, and may adversely impact our operating results.

The introduction of new services by competitors or the development of entirely new technologies to replace existing offerings could make our solutions obsolete or adversely affect our business and operating results. In addition, any new markets or countries into which we attempt to sell our solutions may not be receptive. We may experience difficulties with software development, design, or marketing that could delay or prevent our development, introduction, or implementation of new solutions and enhancements. We have in the past experienced delays in the planned release dates of new features and upgrades, and have discovered defects in new solutions after their introduction. There can be no assurance that new solutions or upgrades will be released according to schedule, or that when released they will not contain defects. Either of these situations could result in adverse publicity, loss of revenue, delay in market acceptance, or claims by customers brought against us, all of which could have a material adverse effect on our reputation, business, operating results, and financial condition. Moreover, upgrades and enhancements to our solutions may require substantial investment and we have no assurance that such investments will be successful. If customers do not widely adopt enhancements to our solutions, we may not be able to realize a return on our investment. If we are unable to develop, license, or acquire enhancements to our existing solutions on a timely and cost-effective basis, or if such enhancements do not achieve market acceptance, our business, operating results, and financial condition may be adversely affected.

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Our quarterly operating results have fluctuated in the past and may continue to do so in the future. As a result, we may fail to meet or exceed the expectations of securities analysts or investors, which could cause our stock price to decline.

Our quarterly operating results may fluctuate as a result of a variety of factors, many of which are outside of our control. If our quarterly operating results or guidance fall below the expectations of securities analysts or investors, the price of our common stock could decline substantially. The following factors, among others, could cause fluctuations in our quarterly operating results or guidance:

our ability to attract new customers and retain existing customers;

our ability to accurately forecast revenue and appropriately plan our expenses;

our ability to introduce new solutions;

the actions of our competitors, including pricing changes or the introduction of new products;

our ability to effectively manage our growth;

the mix of annual and multi-year subscriptions at any given time;

seasonal variations or other cyclicalities in the demand for our solutions, including the purchasing and budgeting cycles of our small business customers;

the timing and cost of advertising and marketing efforts;

the timing and cost of developing or acquiring technologies, services, or businesses;

the timing, operating cost, and capital expenditures related to the operation, maintenance, and expansion of our business;

service outages or security breaches and any related impact on our reputation;

our ability to successfully manage any future acquisitions of businesses, solutions, or technologies;

the impact of worldwide economic, industry, and market conditions and those conditions specific to internet usage and online businesses;

costs associated with defending intellectual property infringement and other claims; and

changes in government regulation affecting our business.

We believe that our quarterly revenue and operating results may vary significantly in the future and that period-to-period comparisons of our operating results may not be meaningful. You should not rely on the results of one quarter as an indication of future performance.

Seasonal variations in our business may also cause fluctuations in our financial results. For example, we generally spend more on advertising during the first and third quarters of each year to capitalize on lower advertising rates in these periods and increased sales of devices that create or store data during post-holiday and back to school periods and our bookings tend to be higher in these periods. While we believe that these seasonal trends have affected and will continue to affect our quarterly results, our trajectory of rapid growth may have overshadowed these effects to date. We believe that our business may become more seasonal in the future as our growth rate slows, and that such seasonal variations in advertising expenditures and customer purchasing patterns may result in fluctuations in our financial results.

Growth may place significant demands on our management and our infrastructure.

We have experienced substantial growth in our business. This growth has placed and may continue to place significant demands on our management and our operational and financial infrastructure. As our operations grow in size, scope, and complexity, we will need to improve and upgrade our systems and infrastructure to attract, service, and retain an increasing number of customers. The expansion of our systems and infrastructure will require us to commit substantial financial, operational, and technical resources in advance of an increase in the volume of business, with no assurance that the volume of business will increase. Any such additional capital investments will increase our cost base. Continued growth could also strain our ability to maintain reliable service levels for our customers, develop and improve our operational, financial, and management controls, enhance our reporting systems and procedures, and recruit, train, and retain highly skilled personnel. If we fail to achieve the necessary level of efficiency in our organization as we grow, our business, financial condition, and operating results could be harmed.

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We may expand by acquiring or investing in other companies, which may divert our management's attention, result in additional dilution to our stockholders, and consume resources that are necessary to sustain our business.

We may in the future acquire complementary products, services, technologies, or businesses. We may also enter into relationships with other businesses to expand our portfolio of solutions or our ability to provide our solutions in foreign jurisdictions, which could involve preferred or exclusive licenses, additional channels of distribution, discount pricing, or investments in other companies. We do not have substantial experience with integrating and managing acquired businesses or assets. Negotiating these transactions can be time-consuming, difficult and expensive, and our ability to complete these transactions may often be subject to conditions or approvals that are beyond our control. Consequently, these transactions, even if undertaken and announced, may not close.

Acquisitions may also disrupt our business, divert our resources, and require significant management attention that would otherwise be available for the development of our business. Moreover, the anticipated benefits of any acquisition, investment, or business relationship may not be realized or we may be exposed to unknown liabilities, including litigation against the companies that we may acquire. In connection with any such transaction, we may:

issue additional equity securities that would dilute our stockholders;

use cash that we may need in the future to operate our business;

incur debt on terms unfavorable to us, that we are unable to repay, or that may place burdensome restrictions on our operations;

incur large charges or substantial liabilities; or

become subject to adverse tax consequences or substantial depreciation, deferred compensation, or other acquisition-related accounting charges.

Any of these risks could harm our business and operating results.

Integration of an acquired company's operations may present challenges.

The integration of an acquired company requires, among other things, coordination of administrative, sales and marketing, accounting and finance functions, and expansion of information and management systems. Integration may prove to be difficult due to the necessity of coordinating geographically separate organizations and integrating personnel with disparate business backgrounds and accustomed to different corporate cultures. We may not be able to retain key employees of an acquired company. Additionally, the process of integrating a new product or service may require a disproportionate amount of time and attention of our management and financial and other resources. Any difficulties or problems encountered in the integration of a new product or service could have a material adverse effect on our business.

The integration of an acquired company may cost more than we anticipate, and it is possible that we will incur significant additional unforeseen costs in connection with such integration, which may negatively impact our earnings.

In addition, we may only be able to conduct limited due diligence on an acquired company's operations. Following an acquisition, we may be subject to unforeseen liabilities arising from an acquired company's past or present operations and these liabilities may be greater than the warranty and indemnity limitations that we negotiate. Any unforeseen liability that is greater than these warranty and indemnity limitations could have a negative impact on our financial condition.

Even if successfully integrated, there can be no assurance that our operating performance after an acquisition will be successful or will fulfill management's objectives.

The loss of one or more of our key personnel, or our failure to attract, integrate, and retain other highly qualified personnel, could harm our business.

We depend on the continued service and performance of our key personnel. We do not have long-term employment agreements with any of our officers or key employees. In addition, many of our key technologies and systems are custom-made for our business by our personnel. The loss of key personnel, including key members of our management team, as well as certain of our key marketing, sales, product development, or technology personnel, could disrupt our operations and have an adverse effect on our ability to grow our business. In addition, several of our key personnel have only recently been employed by us, and we are still in the process of integrating these personnel into our operations. Our failure to successfully integrate these key employees into our business could adversely affect our business.

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To execute our growth plan, we must attract and retain highly qualified personnel. Competition for these employees is intense, and we may not be successful in attracting and retaining qualified personnel. We have from time to time in the past experienced, and we expect to continue to experience, difficulty in hiring and retaining highly skilled employees with appropriate qualifications. New hires require significant training and, in most cases, take significant time before they achieve full productivity. Our recent hires and planned hires may not become as productive as we expect, and we may be unable to hire or retain sufficient numbers of qualified individuals. Many of the companies with which we compete for experienced personnel have greater resources than we have. In addition, in making employment decisions, particularly in the internet and high-technology industries, job candidates often consider the value of the stock options that they are to receive in connection with their employment. In addition, employees may be more likely to leave us if the shares they own or the shares underlying their vested options have significantly appreciated in value relative to the original purchase prices of the shares or the exercise prices of the options, or if the exercise prices of the options that they hold are significantly above the market price of our common stock. If we fail to attract new personnel, or fail to retain and motivate our current personnel, our business and growth prospects could be severely harmed.

We are currently involved in a search for a new chief executive officer and if this search is delayed, or if the new chief executive officer is not successfully integrated, our business could be negatively impacted.

On February 10, 2014, David Friend, our founder, chairman, president, and chief executive officer informed our board of directors that he would resign as our president and chief executive officer effective upon his successor being named and thereafter become executive chairman of our board of directors. Our board of directors has engaged a search firm to conduct a search for a new president and chief executive officer to lead Carbonite. To the extent that (i) there is a delay in selecting Mr. Friend's successor, (ii) Mr. Friend chooses not to continue as our president and chief executive officer until his successor is appointed, or (iii) Mr. Friend's successor is not successfully integrated, our business could be negatively impacted.

Our corporate culture has contributed to our success, and if we cannot maintain this culture as we grow, we could lose the innovation, creativity, and teamwork fostered by our culture, and our business may be harmed.

We believe that our corporate culture has been a key contributor to our success. If we do not continue to develop our corporate culture as we grow and evolve, including maintaining our culture of transparency with our employees, it could harm our ability to foster the innovation, creativity, and teamwork that we believe that we need to support our growth. As our organization grows and we are required to implement more complex organizational structures, we may find it increasingly difficult to maintain the beneficial aspects of our corporate culture, which could negatively impact our future success. In addition, the availability of a public market for our securities could create disparities of wealth among our employees, which could adversely impact relations among employees and our corporate culture in general.

Unanticipated changes in effective tax rates or adverse outcomes resulting from examination of our income or other tax returns could adversely affect our operating results and financial condition.

We are subject to income taxes in the United States and various foreign jurisdictions, and our domestic and international tax liabilities will be subject to the allocation of expenses in differing jurisdictions. Our future effective tax rates could be subject to volatility or adversely affected by a number of factors, including:

changes in the valuation of our deferred tax assets and liabilities;

expected timing and amount of the release of tax valuation allowances;

expiration of, or detrimental changes in, research and development tax credit laws;

tax effects of stock-based compensation;

costs related to intercompany restructurings;

changes in tax laws, regulations, accounting principles or interpretations thereof; or

future earnings being lower than anticipated in countries where we have lower statutory tax rates and higher than anticipated earnings in countries where we have higher statutory tax rates.

In addition, we may be subject to audits of our income and sales taxes by the Internal Revenue Service and other foreign and state tax authorities. Outcomes from these audits could have an adverse effect on our operating results and financial condition.

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Our ability to use net operating losses to offset future taxable income may be subject to certain limitations.

As of December 31, 2013, we had federal, state, and foreign net operating loss carryforwards, or NOLs, of \$123.6 million, \$99.7 million, and \$1.8 million, respectively, available to offset future taxable income, which expire in various years through 2034 if not utilized. A lack of future taxable income would adversely affect our ability to utilize these NOLs before they expire. Under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Internal Revenue Code, substantial changes in our ownership may limit the amount of pre-change NOLs that can be utilized annually in the future to offset taxable income. Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code, or Section 382, imposes limitations on a company's ability to use NOLs if a company experiences a more-than-50-percent ownership change over a three-year testing period. Based upon our analysis as of December 31, 2013, there was no ownership change experienced during 2013. If changes in our ownership occur in the future, our ability to use NOLs may be further limited. For these reasons, we may not be able to utilize a material portion of the NOLs, even if we achieve profitability. If we are limited in our ability to use our NOLs in future years in which we have taxable income, we will pay more taxes than if we were able to fully utilize our NOLs. This could adversely affect our operating results and the market price of our common stock.

Any expenses or liability resulting from litigation could adversely affect our operating results and financial condition.

From time to time, we may be subject to claims or litigation, including intellectual property litigation as described elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Any such claims or litigation may be time-consuming and costly, divert management resources, require us to change our services, require us to credit or refund subscription fees, or have other adverse effects on our business. Any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and could require us to pay significant monetary damages. In addition, we receive and must respond on a periodic basis to subpoenas from law enforcement agencies seeking information in connection with criminal investigations. While we have in place a procedure to respond to such subpoenas, any failure on our part to properly respond to such subpoena requests could expose us to litigation or other proceedings and adversely affect our business, financial condition, and operating results.

Our success depends on our customers' continued high-speed access to the internet and the continued reliability of the internet infrastructure.

Our business depends on our customers' high-speed access to the internet, as well as the continued maintenance and development of the internet infrastructure. The future delivery of our solutions will depend on third-party internet service providers to expand high-speed internet access, to maintain a reliable network with the necessary speed, data capacity and security, and to develop complementary products and services, including high-speed modems, for providing reliable and timely internet access and services. All of these factors are out of our control. To the extent that the internet continues to experience an increased number of users, frequency of use, or bandwidth requirements, the internet may become congested and be unable to support the demands placed on it, and its performance or reliability may decline. Any internet outages or delays could adversely affect our ability to provide services to our customers.

Our business may be significantly impacted by a change in the economy, including any resulting effect on consumer spending.

Our business may be affected by changes in the economy generally, including any resulting effect on consumer spending. Our solutions are discretionary purchases, and our customers may reduce their discretionary spending on our solutions during an economic downturn. Although we have not experienced a material reduction in subscription renewals, we may experience such a reduction in the future, especially in the event of a prolonged recessionary period.

Conversely, media prices may increase in a period of economic growth, which could significantly increase our marketing and advertising expenses. As a result, our business, financial condition, and operating results may be significantly affected by changes in the economy generally.

We face many risks associated with our plans to expand internationally, which could harm our business, financial condition, and operating results.

We anticipate that our efforts to expand internationally will entail the marketing and advertising of our services and brand and the development of localized websites. We do not have substantial experience in selling our solutions in international markets or in conforming to the local cultures, standards, or policies necessary to successfully compete in those markets, and we must invest significant resources in order to do so. We may not succeed in these efforts or achieve our customer acquisition or other goals. For some international markets, customer preferences and buying behaviors may be different, and we may use business or pricing models that are different from our traditional subscription model to provide cloud backup and related services to customers. Our revenue from new foreign markets may not exceed the costs of establishing, marketing, and maintaining our international solutions, and therefore may not be profitable on a sustained basis, if at all.

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In addition, conducting international operations subjects us to new risks that we have not generally faced in the U.S. These risks include:

localization of our solutions, including translation into foreign languages and adaptation for local practices and regulatory requirements;

lack of experience in other geographic markets;

strong local competitors;

cost and burden of complying with, lack of familiarity with, and unexpected changes in foreign legal and regulatory requirements, including consumer and data privacy laws;

difficulties in managing and staffing international operations;

fluctuations in currency exchange rates or restrictions on foreign currency;

potentially adverse tax consequences, including the complexities of transfer pricing, foreign value added or other tax systems, double taxation and restrictions, and/or taxes on the repatriation of earnings;

dependence on third parties, including channel partners with whom we do not have extensive experience;

compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, economic sanction laws and regulations, export controls, and other U.S. laws and regulations regarding international business operations;

increased financial accounting and reporting burdens and complexities;

political, social, and economic instability abroad, terrorist attacks, and security concerns in general; and

reduced or varied protection for intellectual property rights in some countries.

Operating in international markets also requires significant management attention and financial resources. The investment and additional resources required to establish operations and manage growth in other countries may not produce desired levels of revenue or profitability.

Our software contains encryption technologies, certain types of which are subject to U.S. and foreign export control regulations and, in some foreign countries, restrictions on importation and/or use. Any failure on our part to comply with encryption or other applicable export control requirements could result in financial penalties or other sanctions under the U.S. export regulations, including restrictions on future export activities, which could harm our business and operating results. Regulatory restrictions could impair our access to technologies that we seek for improving our solutions and may also limit or reduce the demand for our solutions outside of the U.S.

Risks Related to Intellectual Property

Assertions by a third party that our solutions infringe its intellectual property, whether or not correct, could subject us to costly and time-consuming litigation or expensive licenses.

There is frequent litigation in the software and technology industries based on allegations of infringement or other violations of intellectual property rights. Many companies are devoting significant resources to obtaining patents that could affect many aspects of our business. Third parties may claim that our technologies or solutions infringe or otherwise violate their patents or other intellectual property rights. As we face increasing competition and become increasingly visible as a publicly-traded company, or if we become more successful, the possibility of new third-party claims may increase.

We have licensed proprietary technologies from third parties that we use in our technologies and business, and we cannot be certain that the owners' rights in their technologies will not be challenged, invalidated, or circumvented. If we are forced to defend ourselves against intellectual property infringement claims, whether they have merit or are determined in our favor, we may face costly litigation, diversion of technical and management personnel, limitations on our ability to use our current websites and technologies, and an inability to market or provide our solutions. As a result of any such claim, we may have to develop or acquire non-infringing technologies, pay damages, enter into royalty or licensing agreements, cease providing certain services, adjust our marketing and advertising activities, or take other actions to resolve the claims. These actions, if required, may be costly or unavailable on terms acceptable to us, or at all.

Furthermore, we may acquire proprietary technologies from third parties and may incorporate such technologies in our solutions. In addition to the general risks described above associated with intellectual property and other proprietary rights, we are subject to the additional risk that the seller of such technologies may not have appropriately created, maintained, or enforced their rights in such technology.

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Our success depends in large part on our ability to protect and enforce our intellectual property rights. If we are not able to adequately protect our intellectual property and proprietary technologies to prevent use or appropriation by our competitors, the value of our brand and other intangible assets may be diminished, and our business may be adversely affected.

Our future success and competitive position depend in large part on our ability to protect our intellectual property and proprietary technologies. We rely on a combination of trademark, patent, copyright, and trade secret laws, as well as confidentiality procedures and contractual restrictions, to establish and protect our proprietary rights, all of which provide only limited protection and may not now or in the future provide us with a competitive advantage.

CARBONITE is a registered trademark in the U.S. and in over 30 other countries, including countries in the European Union. Carbonite also has additional registrations and pending applications for additional marks in the U.S. and other countries, including but not limited to Carbonite The Better Backup Plan , Green Dot Logo, Back it up. Get it back ,

Because Your Life is On Your Computer , Carbonite and the Green Dot Logo, Carbonite Lock Logo and Chinese character representations for Carbonite. We cannot assure you that any future trademark registrations will be issued for pending or future applications or that any registered trademarks will be enforceable or provide adequate protection of our proprietary rights. We currently have six issued patents and 20 pending patent applications in the U.S. and internationally. We cannot assure you that any patents will issue from any such patent applications, that patents that issue from such applications will give us the protection that we seek, or that any such patents will not be challenged, invalidated, or circumvented. Any patents that may issue in the future from our pending or future patent applications may not provide sufficiently broad protection and may not be enforceable in actions against alleged infringers.

There can be no assurance that the steps that we take will be adequate to protect our technologies and intellectual property, that our trademark and patent applications will lead to registered trademarks or issued patents, that others will not develop or patent similar or superior technologies, products, or services, or that our trademarks, patents, and other intellectual property will not be challenged, invalidated, or circumvented by others. Furthermore, effective trademark, patent, copyright, and trade secret protection may not be available in every country in which our services are available or where we have employees or independent contractors. In addition, the legal standards relating to the validity, enforceability, and scope of protection of intellectual property rights in internet-related industries are uncertain and still evolving.

We may be involved in lawsuits to protect or enforce our patents, which could materially harm our business.

The steps we have taken may not adequately protect our intellectual property or prevent unauthorized use of our technologies. Others may independently develop technologies that are competitive to ours or infringe our intellectual property. To counter infringement or unauthorized use, we may be required to file patent infringement claims, which can be expensive and time-consuming to litigate. In addition, in an infringement proceeding, a court may decide that a patent of ours is not valid or is unenforceable, or may refuse to stop others from using the technology at issue on the grounds that our patent(s) do not cover such technology. An adverse determination of any litigation or defense proceedings could put one or more of our patents at risk of being invalidated or interpreted narrowly and could put our patent applications at risk of not being issued. If our efforts to protect our technologies and intellectual property are inadequate, the value of our brand and other intangible assets may be diminished and competitors may be able to mimic our solutions and methods of operations. Any of these events could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and operating results.

Furthermore, because of the substantial amount of discovery required in connection with intellectual property litigation, there is a risk that some of our confidential information could be compromised by disclosure. In addition, during the course of any such litigation, there could be public announcements of the results of hearings, motions, or other interim proceedings or developments. If securities analysts or investors perceive these results to be negative, it

could have a substantial adverse effect on the price of our common stock.

Confidentiality agreements with employees and others may not adequately prevent disclosure of our trade secrets and proprietary information. Failure to protect our proprietary information could make it easier for third parties to compete with our solutions and harm our business.

We have devoted substantial resources to the development of our proprietary technologies and related processes. In order to protect our proprietary technologies and processes, we rely in part on trade secret laws and confidentiality agreements with our employees, licensees, independent contractors, and other advisors. These agreements may not effectively prevent disclosure of confidential information and may not provide an adequate remedy in the event of unauthorized disclosure of confidential information. In addition, others may independently discover our trade secrets, in which case we would not be able to assert trade secret rights, or develop similar technologies and processes. Further, laws in certain jurisdictions may afford little or no trade secret protection, and any changes in, or unexpected interpretations of, the intellectual property laws in any country in which we operate may compromise our ability to enforce our intellectual property rights. Costly and time-consuming litigation could be necessary to enforce and determine the scope of our proprietary rights, and failure or inability to obtain or maintain trade secret protection or otherwise protect our proprietary rights could adversely affect our business.

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Our use of open source software could negatively affect our ability to sell our solutions and subject us to possible litigation.

A portion of the technologies licensed by us to our customers incorporates so-called open source software, and we may incorporate open source software in the future. Such open source software is generally licensed by its authors or other third parties under open source licenses. These licenses may subject us to certain unfavorable conditions, including requirements that we offer our solutions that incorporate the open source software for no cost, that we make publicly available source code for modifications or derivative works we create based upon, incorporating, or using the open source software, and/or that we license such modifications or derivative works under the terms of the particular open source license. Additionally, if a third-party software provider has incorporated open source software into software that we license from such provider, we could be required to disclose any of our source code that incorporates or is a modification of such licensed software. If an author or other third party that distributes open source software that we use or license were to allege that we had not complied with the conditions of the applicable license, we could be required to incur significant legal expenses defending against such allegations and could be subject to significant damages, enjoined from the sale of our solutions that contained the open source software, and required to comply with the foregoing conditions. Any of the foregoing could disrupt the distribution and sale of our solutions and harm our business.

We rely on third-party software, including server software and licenses from third parties to use patented intellectual property, that is required to develop and provide our solutions.

We rely on software licensed from third parties to develop and offer our solutions, including server software from Microsoft and other patented third-party technologies. In addition, we may need to obtain future licenses from third parties to use intellectual property associated with the development of our solutions, which might not be available to us on acceptable terms, or at all. Any loss of the right to use any software required for the development and maintenance of our solutions could result in delays in the provision of our solutions until equivalent technology is either developed by us, or, if available from others, is identified, obtained, and integrated, which delay could harm our business. Any errors or defects in third-party software could result in errors or a failure of our solutions, which could harm our business.

If we are unable to protect our domain names, our reputation, brand, customer base, and revenue, as well as our business and operating results, could be adversely affected.

We have registered domain names for websites, or URLs, that we use in our business, such as www.carbonite.com. If we are unable to maintain our rights in these domain names, our competitors or other third parties could capitalize on our brand recognition by using these domain names for their own benefit. In addition, although we own the Carbonite domain name under various global top level domains such as .com and .net, as well as under various country-specific domains, we might not be able to, or may choose not to, acquire or maintain other country-specific versions of the Carbonite domain name or other potentially similar URLs. Domain names similar to ours have already been registered in the U.S. and elsewhere, and our competitors or other third parties could capitalize on our brand recognition by using domain names similar to ours. The regulation of domain names in the U.S. and elsewhere is generally conducted by internet regulatory bodies and is subject to change. If we lose the ability to use a domain name in a particular country, we may be forced to either incur significant additional expenses to market our solutions within that country, including the development of a new brand and the creation of new promotional materials, or elect not to sell our solutions in that country. Either result could substantially harm our business and operating results. Regulatory bodies could establish additional top-level domains, appoint additional domain name registrars, or modify the requirements for holding domain names. As a result, we may not be able to acquire or maintain the domain names that utilize the name Carbonite in all of the countries in which we currently conduct or intend to conduct business. Further, the

relationship between regulations governing domain names and laws protecting trademarks and similar proprietary rights varies among jurisdictions and is unclear in some jurisdictions. We may be unable to prevent third parties from acquiring and using domain names that infringe, are similar to, or otherwise decrease the value of, our brand or our trademarks. Protecting and enforcing our rights in our domain names and determining the rights of others may require litigation, which could result in substantial costs, divert management attention, and not be decided favorably to us.

Material defects or errors in our software could harm our reputation, result in significant costs to us, and impair our ability to sell our solutions.

The software applications underlying our solutions are inherently complex and may contain material defects or errors, particularly when first introduced or when new versions or enhancements are released. We have from time to time found defects or errors in our solutions, and new defects or errors in our existing solutions may be detected in the future by us or our customers. The costs incurred in correcting such defects or errors may be substantial and could harm our operating results. In addition, we rely on hardware purchased or leased and software licensed from third parties to offer our solutions. Any defects in, or unavailability of, our or third-party software or hardware that cause interruptions to the availability of our solutions could, among other things:

cause a reduction in revenue or delay in market acceptance of our solutions;

require us to issue credits or refunds to our customers or expose us to claims for damages;

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cause us to lose existing customers and make it more difficult to attract new customers;

divert our development resources or require us to make extensive changes to our solutions or software, which would increase our expenses;

increase our technical support costs; and

harm our reputation and brand.

Risks Related to Ownership of our Common Stock

Our stock price may be volatile due to fluctuations in our operating results and other factors, each of which could cause our stock price to decline.

Shares of our common stock were sold in our initial public offering in August 2011 at a price of \$10.00 per share, and our common stock has subsequently traded as high as \$21.10 and as low as \$5.75. An active, liquid, and orderly market for our common stock may not be developed or sustained, which could depress the trading price of our common stock. The market price for shares of our common stock could be subject to significant fluctuations in response to various factors, some of which are beyond our control. Some of the factors that may cause the market price for shares of our common stock to fluctuate include:

fluctuations in our quarterly financial results or the quarterly financial results of companies perceived to be similar to us;

actual or anticipated fluctuations in our key operating metrics, financial condition, and operating results;

loss of existing customers or inability to attract new customers;

actual or anticipated changes in our growth rate;

announcements of technological innovations or new offerings by us or our competitors;

our announcement of actual results for a fiscal period that are lower than projected or expected or our announcement of revenue or earnings guidance that is lower than expected;

changes in estimates of our financial results or recommendations by securities analysts;

failure of any of our solutions to achieve or maintain market acceptance;

changes in market valuations of similar companies;

success of competitive products or services;

changes in our capital structure, such as future issuances of securities or the incurrence of debt;

announcements by us or our competitors of significant products or services, contracts, acquisitions, or strategic alliances;

regulatory developments in the U.S. or foreign countries;

actual or threatened litigation involving us or our industry;

additions or departures of key personnel;

general perception of the future of the cloud backup market or our solutions;

share price and volume fluctuations attributable to inconsistent trading volume levels of our shares;

sales of our shares of common stock by our existing stockholders; and

changes in general economic, industry, and market conditions.

In addition, the stock market in general, and the market for internet-related companies in particular, has experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have often been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of those companies. Securities class action litigation has often been instituted against companies following periods of volatility in the overall market and in the market price of a company's securities. This litigation, if instituted against us, could result in very substantial costs, divert our management's attention and resources, and harm our business, financial condition, and operating results. In addition, recent fluctuations in the financial and capital markets have resulted in volatility in securities prices.

If we fail to maintain proper and effective internal controls, our ability to produce accurate and timely financial statements could be impaired, which could harm our operating results, our ability to operate our business, and investors' views of us.

Ensuring that we have adequate internal financial and accounting controls and procedures in place so that we can produce accurate financial statements on a timely basis is a costly and time-consuming effort that needs to be evaluated frequently. As part of

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our process of documenting and testing our internal control over financial reporting, we may identify areas for further attention and improvement. Implementing any appropriate changes to our internal controls may distract our officers and employees, entail substantial costs to modify our existing processes, and take significant time to complete. These changes may not, however, be effective in maintaining the adequacy of our internal controls, and any failure to maintain that adequacy, or consequent inability to produce accurate financial statements on a timely basis, could increase our operating costs and harm our business. In addition, investors' perceptions that our internal controls are inadequate or that we are unable to produce accurate financial statements on a timely basis may harm our stock price and make it more difficult for us to effectively market and sell our solutions to new and existing customers.

Our failure to raise additional capital or generate the cash flows necessary to expand our operations and invest in our business could reduce our ability to compete successfully.

Although we currently anticipate that our available funds will be sufficient to meet our cash needs for at least the next 12 months, we may require additional financing in the future. Our ability to obtain financing will depend, among other things, on our development efforts, business plans, operating performance and condition of the capital markets at the time we seek financing. If we need to raise additional funds, we may not be able to obtain additional debt or equity financing on favorable terms, if at all. If we raise additional equity financing, our stockholders may experience significant dilution of their ownership interests, and the per share value of our common stock could decline. If we engage in debt financing, we may be required to accept terms that restrict our ability to incur additional indebtedness and force us to maintain specified liquidity or other ratios. If we need additional capital and cannot raise it on acceptable terms, we may not be able to, among other things:

develop or enhance our solutions;

continue to expand our development, sales, and marketing organizations;

acquire complementary technologies, products, or businesses;

expand our operations in the U.S. or internationally;

hire, train, and retain employees;

respond to competitive pressures or unanticipated working capital requirements; or

continue our operations.

Future sales of shares of our common stock by existing stockholders could depress the market price of our common stock.

If our existing stockholders sell, or indicate an intent to sell, a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market, the trading price of our common stock could decline significantly. Two of our largest shareholders

are venture capital funds, which are typically structured to have a finite life. As these venture capital funds approach or pass the respective terms of their funds, their decision to sell or hold our common stock may be based not only on the underlying investment merits of our securities but also on the requirements of their internal fund structure. Additionally, our directors, executive officers, and holders of more than 5% of our common stock, and their respective affiliates beneficially own approximately 18.7 million shares of our common stock, which represents 66.5% of our issued and outstanding shares of common stock as of September 30, 2014. If these shares are sold, or if it is perceived that they will be sold in the public market, the trading price of our common stock could decline substantially.

Our directors, executive officers, and principal stockholders have substantial control over us and could delay or prevent a change in corporate control.

Our directors, executive officers, and holders of more than 5% of our common stock, together with their affiliates, beneficially hold a majority of our outstanding shares of common stock and have the ability to control the outcome of matters submitted to our stockholders for approval, including the election of directors and any merger, consolidation, or sale of all or substantially all of our assets. In addition, these stockholders, acting together, have the ability to control or influence the management and affairs of our company. This concentration of ownership could limit your ability to influence corporate matters and may have the effect of delaying or preventing a change in control of our company.

If securities or industry analysts do not publish or cease publishing research or reports about us, our business, or our market, or if they change their recommendations regarding our stock adversely, our stock price and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for our common stock will be influenced by the research and reports that industry or securities analysts may publish about us, our business, our market, or our competitors. If any of the analysts who cover us change their recommendation regarding our securities adversely, or provide more favorable relative recommendations about our competitors, our stock price would likely decline. If any analyst who covers us were to cease coverage of our company or fail to regularly publish reports on us, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which in turn could cause our stock price or trading volume to decline.

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Our management will continue to have broad discretion over the use of the proceeds we received in our initial public offering and might not apply the proceeds in ways that increase the value of your investment.

Our management will continue to have broad discretion to use our net proceeds from our initial public offering, and you will be relying on the judgment of our management regarding the application of these proceeds. Our management might not apply these proceeds in ways that increase the value of your investment. We intend to use the remaining net proceeds from our initial public offering primarily for general corporate purposes, including working capital, sales and marketing activities, general and administrative matters, and capital expenditures. We may also use a portion of these proceeds to acquire, invest in, or obtain rights to complementary technologies, solutions, or businesses. Until we use these proceeds from our initial public offering, we plan to invest them, and these investments may not yield a favorable rate of return. If we do not invest or apply the remaining net proceeds from our initial public offering in ways that enhance stockholder value, we may fail to achieve expected financial results, which could cause our stock price to decline.

We do not currently intend to pay dividends on our common stock and, consequently, your ability to achieve a return on your investment will depend on appreciation in the price of our common stock.

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock and do not intend to do so for the foreseeable future. We currently intend to invest our future earnings, if any, to fund our growth and continuing operations. Therefore, you are not likely to receive any dividends on your shares of common stock for the foreseeable future and the success of an investment in shares of our common stock will depend upon any future appreciation in their value. Our common stock may not appreciate in value or even maintain the price at which our stockholders have purchased their shares.

Anti-takeover provisions contained in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, as well as provisions of Delaware law, could impair a takeover attempt.

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that could have the effect of delaying or preventing changes in control or changes in our management without the consent of our board of directors. These provisions include:

a classified board of directors with three-year staggered terms, which may delay the ability of stockholders to change the membership of a majority of our board of directors;

no cumulative voting in the election of directors, which limits the ability of minority stockholders to elect director candidates;

the exclusive right of our board of directors to elect a director to fill a vacancy created by the expansion of the board of directors or the resignation, death, or removal of a director, which prevents stockholders from being able to fill vacancies on our board of directors;

the ability of our board of directors to determine to issue shares of preferred stock and to determine the price and other terms of those shares, including preferences and voting rights, without stockholder approval,

which could be used to significantly dilute the ownership of a hostile acquirer;

a prohibition on stockholder action by written consent, which forces stockholder action to be taken at an annual or special meeting of our stockholders;

the requirement that a special meeting of stockholders may be called only by the chairman of the board of directors, the chief executive officer, or the board of directors, which may delay the ability of our stockholders to force consideration of a proposal or to take action;

limiting the liability of, and providing indemnification to, our directors and officers;

controlling the procedures for the conduct and scheduling of stockholder meetings;

providing the board of directors with the express power to postpone previously scheduled annual meetings of stockholders and to cancel previously scheduled special meetings of stockholders;

providing that directors may be removed prior to the expiration of their terms by stockholders only for cause; and

advance notice procedures that stockholders must comply with in order to nominate candidates to our board of directors or to propose matters to be acted upon at a stockholders' meeting, which may discourage or deter a potential acquiror from conducting a solicitation of proxies to elect the acquiror's own slate of directors or otherwise attempting to obtain control of us.

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These provisions, alone or together, could delay hostile takeovers and changes in control of our company or changes in our management.

As a Delaware corporation, we are also subject to provisions of Delaware law, including Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which prevents some stockholders holding more than 15% of our outstanding common stock from engaging in certain business combinations without approval of the holders of substantially all of our outstanding common stock. Any provision of our certificate of incorporation or bylaws or Delaware law that has the effect of delaying or deterring a change in control could limit the opportunity for our stockholders to receive a premium for their shares of our common stock, and could also affect the price that some investors are willing to pay for our common stock.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Not Applicable.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

Not Applicable.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not Applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibits

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| 3.1(1) | Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Carbonite, Inc. |
| 3.2(2) | Amended and Restated By-Laws of Carbonite, Inc. |
| 10.1 | Sixth Amendment to the Datacenter Lease with GIP Wakefield LLC, dated as of September 30, 2014. |
| 31.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 31.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 32.1 | Certifications of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 32.2 | Certifications of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document. |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document. |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document. |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document. |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document. |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document. |
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- (1) Filed as Exhibit 3.1 to Registrant Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2011 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 10, 2011, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (2) Filed as Exhibit 3.2 to Amendment No. 2 to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 13, 2011, and incorporated herein by reference.
- Portions of this exhibit have been omitted pending a determination by the Securities and Exchange Commission as to whether these portions should be granted confidential treatment.

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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.

CARBONITE, INC.

Dated: November 6, 2014

By: /s/ David Friend
David Friend
Chief Executive Officer

Dated: November 6, 2014

By: /s/ Anthony Folger
Anthony Folger
Chief Financial Officer