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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2007

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**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 1-14036

DST SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

333 West 11th Street, Kansas City, Missouri
(Address of principal executive offices)

43-1581814

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

64105
(Zip Code)

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(816) 435-1000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

No Changes

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

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

Yes No

Number of shares outstanding of the Company's common stock as of September 30, 2007:

Common Stock \$0.01 par value 61,456,397

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

Introductory Comments

The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of DST Systems, Inc. ("DST" or the "Company") included herein have been prepared by the Company, without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations, although the Company believes that the disclosures are adequate to enable a reasonable understanding of the information presented. These Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.

The results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year 2007.

DST Systems, Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

(unaudited and dollars in millions, except per share amounts)

	September 30, 2007	December 31, 2006
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 287.5	\$ 60.6
Transfer agency investments	150.4	125.6
Short-term investments	168.4	
Accounts receivable	309.0	369.5
Inventories	16.5	17.9
Deferred income taxes	36.6	39.5
Other assets	76.5	39.4
	1,044.9	652.5
Investments	1,769.4	1,647.4
Properties	493.5	542.8
Goodwill	118.0	164.7
Intangibles	33.6	41.2
Other assets	61.8	70.5
Total assets	\$ 3,521.2	\$ 3,119.1
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 944.7	\$ 948.0
Transfer agency deposits	150.4	125.6
Accounts payable	72.1	100.0
Accrued compensation and benefits	122.5	94.2
Deferred revenues and gains	64.0	71.5
Other liabilities	115.1	138.2
Income taxes payable	340.5	118.8
	1,809.3	1,596.3
Long-term debt	69.0	493.2
Deferred income taxes	407.9	401.6
Income taxes payable	86.9	
Other liabilities	68.0	55.7
	2,441.1	2,546.8
Commitments and contingencies (Note 10)		
Stockholders' equity		
Common stock, \$0.01 par; 400 million shares authorized, 95.3 million shares issued	1.0	1.0
Additional paid-in capital	135.0	120.6
Retained earnings	2,265.2	1,434.9
Treasury stock (33.9 million and 29.6 million shares, respectively), at cost	(1,904.2)	(1,519.3)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	583.1	535.1
Total stockholders' equity	1,080.1	572.3
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 3,521.2	\$ 3,119.1

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

DST Systems, Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income

*(in millions, except per share amounts)**(unaudited)*

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Operating revenues	\$ 419.5	\$ 373.7	\$ 1,262.9	\$ 1,136.9
Out-of-pocket reimbursements	153.3	149.8	462.2	533.1
Total revenues	572.8	523.5	1,725.1	1,670.0
Costs and expenses	463.4	417.7	1,384.7	1,364.8
Depreciation and amortization	34.1	29.4	95.6	89.6
Income from operations	75.3	76.4	244.8	215.6
Interest expense	(11.6)	(14.0)	(49.2)	(59.8)
Other income, net	14.9	10.2	41.6	39.7
Gain on sale of business				52.8
Gain on sale of Asurion	996.3		996.3	
Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated affiliates	5.4	(2.3)	52.7	32.1
Income before income taxes	1,080.3	70.3	1,286.2	280.4
Income taxes	407.5	15.6	475.2	88.5
Net income	\$ 672.8	\$ 54.7	\$ 811.0	\$ 191.9
Average common shares outstanding	59.9	66.3	61.5	67.1
Diluted shares outstanding	69.9	72.0	71.2	72.8
Basic earnings per share	\$ 11.24	\$ 0.83	\$ 13.18	\$ 2.86
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 9.62	\$ 0.76	\$ 11.37	\$ 2.63

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

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

(in millions and unaudited)

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006
Cash flows operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 811.0	\$ 191.9
Depreciation and amortization	95.6	89.6
Net realized gain on investments	(8.0)	(13.6)
Gain on sale of business and properties	(13.3)	(52.8)
Gain on sale of Asurion	(996.3)	
Share-based compensation expense	20.7	18.4
Amortization of debt issuance costs	0.9	13.0
Deferred income taxes	2.9	(6.2)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	(52.7)	(32.1)
Cash dividend from unconsolidated affiliates		31.5
Changes in accounts receivable	(3.9)	68.0
Net proceeds from accounts receivable securitization	70.0	
Changes in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(50.3)	(28.3)
Changes in income taxes payable	403.0	2.2
Changes in accrued compensation and benefits	34.5	0.6
Other, net	(1.0)	10.1
Total adjustments to net income	(497.9)	100.4
Net	313.1	292.3
Cash flows investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(58.3)	(103.6)
Proceeds from sale of investments	46.6	108.6
Investments in securities	(271.7)	(49.8)
Cash distribution from unconsolidated affiliates		248.5
Proceeds from (investments in and advances to) unconsolidated affiliates	26.7	(20.1)
Acquisition of businesses	(14.9)	(1.3)
Proceeds from the sale of Asurion	980.0	
Proceeds from the sale of properties	42.5	1.7
Net	750.9	184.0
Cash flows financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	84.9	49.1
Principal payments on long-term debt	(20.0)	(30.8)
Net decrease in revolving credit facilities	(410.5)	(93.9)
Common stock repurchased	(511.8)	(404.8)
Excess tax benefits from share based compensation	20.3	8.3
Net	(837.1)	(472.1)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	226.9	4.2
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	60.6	80.2
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 287.5	\$ 84.4

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

DST Systems, Inc.

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

(unaudited)

1. Summary of Accounting Policies

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In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting of normal interim closing procedures) necessary to present fairly the financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries at September 30, 2007, and the results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, and cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006.

Certain amounts in the prior year's consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

The results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year 2007.

2. Asurion Corporation Transaction

On July 3, 2007, the Board of Directors of Asurion consummated a transaction whereby certain private equity firms acquired a significant stake in Asurion ("Asurion Transaction"). In connection with the sale, DST received cash proceeds of \$980 million and estimated receivables of approximately \$43.9 million that are expected to be collected within one year from the closing of the transaction, and DST's equity interest in Asurion has been reduced from 37.4% to approximately 6%. Effective with the closing of the transaction, DST accounts for its investment in Asurion under the cost basis of accounting and no longer records equity in earnings of Asurion. At September 30, 2007, DST's net investment in Asurion was \$3.1 million. The sale of Asurion resulted in DST recording a \$996.3 million pretax gain during the three months ended September 30, 2007. Included in the determination of this pretax gain was \$43.9 million of estimated receivables, which represent the remaining portion of the sales proceeds to be received by DST. The final determination of these estimated receivables could differ from the amount currently recorded, which could result in an adjustment to the pretax gain. The determination of the estimated receivables is expected to be finalized in fourth quarter 2007. A majority of the cash proceeds received in connection with this transaction have been used to pay down debt and related facilities, while the remainder of the proceeds was invested in cash and short-term investments and will be used in fourth quarter 2007 to satisfy tax obligations associated with the sale.

3. Business Acquisitions

During third quarter 2007, DST acquired two businesses for an aggregate of \$14.9 million. TASS, LLC (TASS), based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, provides mutual fund shareowner subaccounting services, on a full service basis, to the broker/dealer industry. TASS uses the subaccounting platform of TA2000, DST's proprietary shareowner accounting and recordkeeping systems, to perform these services for its customers. Mosiki, LLC (Mosiki), based in Boston Massachusetts, provides professional consulting services and solutions to investment management software customers. TASS and Mosiki are both included in the Financial Services Segment. The acquisition of TASS and Mosiki do not have a material impact on the consolidated financial results of DST. The Company is in the process of

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integrating the TASS operations with DST's mutual fund service offerings and integrating Mosiki with DST International's investment management software service offerings. DST believes the expansion of its mutual fund and investment management software offerings will provide broader product offerings to existing and new customers.

Both acquisitions were accounted for as a purchase and the results of TASS and Mosiki are included in DST's consolidated financial statements beginning July 31, 2007 and August 9, 2007, respectively. The minimum aggregate purchase price was \$14.9 million and \$2.3 million of net liabilities were assumed. The purchase price was paid in cash at closing and was funded with available cash balances and existing credit facilities. There are provisions in both acquisition agreements that allow for additional consideration to be paid if certain operating performance measures are met, including revenue, operating income and number of subaccounts processed on the subaccounting platform of TA2000, as these operating performance measures are described in the acquisition agreements. As of September 30, 2007, the aggregate amount of contingent consideration that could be paid related to these business acquisitions was approximately \$34 million. Approximately \$24 million of that amount would be due in 2011 while the remainder would be paid from 2008 through 2011. DST has preliminarily allocated the total purchase prices for these businesses to the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of the acquisition. The purchase price allocation resulted in approximately \$8.9 million of customer relationship intangible assets, \$2.8 million of other intangible assets related to proprietary software, tradenames, and non-compete agreements, \$5.5 million of goodwill, and \$2.3 million of net liabilities assumed. The intangible assets will be amortized over a period ranging from 3-15 years. The Company has not yet finalized its accounting for the acquired assets of TASS and Mosiki; when finalized, it is possible that the purchase price allocation will be adjusted.

4. Investments

Investments are as follows (in millions):

	2007 Ownership Percentage	Carrying Value	
		September 30, 2007	December 31, 2006
Available-for-sale securities:			
State Street Corporation	3%	\$ 770.9	\$ 762.7
Computershare Ltd.	5%	244.2	207.8
Euronet Worldwide	5%	56.1	56.0
Other available-for-sale securities		306.3	249.4
		1,377.5	1,275.9
Unconsolidated affiliates:			
Boston Financial Data Services	50%	143.6	120.0
International Financial Data Services, U.K.	50%	55.9	41.8
International Financial Data Services, Canada	50%	24.7	17.8
Argus Health Systems	50%	17.2	13.8
Asurion Corporation			8.6
Unconsolidated real estate affiliates		63.2	95.9
Other unconsolidated affiliates		29.1	26.3
		333.7	324.2
Other:			
Trading securities		51.6	42.9
Held-to-maturity		6.6	4.4
		58.2	47.3
Total investments		\$ 1,769.4	\$ 1,647.4

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State Street Corporation issued approximately 61.0 million shares in connection with its July 2, 2007 acquisition of Investors Financial Services Corporation. As a result of this share issuance, DST's approximate ownership percentage in State Street Corporation has been diluted from approximately 3.4% to approximately 2.8%.

The following table summarizes certain information related to the Company's available-for-sale securities (in millions):

	September 30, 2007	December 31, 2006
Book cost basis	\$ 474.5	\$ 426.9
Gross unrealized gains	907.2	850.6
Gross unrealized losses	(4.2)	(1.6)
Market value	\$ 1,377.5	\$ 1,275.9

The Company has a cash management service for full service mutual fund transfer agency clients, whereby end-of-day available client bank balances are invested overnight by and in the name of the Company into credit-quality money market funds. Invested balances are returned to the full service mutual fund transfer agency client accounts the following business day. The Company had \$150.4 million and \$125.6 million of transfer agency investments and deposits at September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively.

The following table summarizes the fair value and gross unrealized losses of the Company's investments by the length of time that the securities have been in a continuous loss position, as of September 30, 2007 (in millions):

	Less than 12 months		Greater than 12 months		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
Common stock	\$ 43.8	\$ 4.0	\$ 1.0	\$ 0.2	\$ 44.8	\$ 4.2

Future adverse changes in market conditions or poor operating results of underlying investments could result in losses or an inability to recover the carrying value of the investments. These may not be reflected in an investment's current carrying value, thereby possibly requiring an impairment charge in the future. Such a charge could have a material effect on the Company's financial position and results of operations.

The Company recognized \$3.1 million and \$5.1 million of investment impairments for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and \$0.1 million and \$1.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, which the Company believed were other than temporary. The impairments recorded during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, related to available for sale investments in the Investments and Other Segment and other investments held by the Financial Services segment. A decline in a security's net realizable value that is other than temporary is treated as a loss based on quoted or derived market value and is reflected in the other income, net line in the statement of income.

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The following table summarizes equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated affiliates (in millions):

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Boston Financial Data Services, Inc.	\$ 7.6	\$ 6.2	\$ 23.6	\$ 20.1
International Financial Data Services, U.K.	3.0	1.4	10.4	5.0
International Financial Data Services, Canada	0.4	1.5	2.9	1.8
Argus Health Systems	1.5	0.8	3.4	3.8
Asurion Corporation		(10.9)	21.9	4.2
Other	(7.1)	(1.3)	(9.5)	(2.8)
	\$ 5.4	\$ (2.3)	\$ 52.7	\$ 32.1

The Other category in the table above includes principally various real estate joint ventures. During the three months ended September 30, 2007, DST's real estate joint ventures recorded \$4.9 million (DST's portion) of impairment charges on real estate held for sale.

5. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Goodwill

The following table summarizes the changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, by segment (in millions):

	December 31, 2006	Acquisitions	Disposals	Other	September 30, 2007
Financial Services	\$ 155.4	\$ 5.5	\$	\$ (52.3)	\$ 108.6
Output Solutions	9.3			0.1	9.4
Total	\$ 164.7	\$ 5.5	\$	\$ (52.2)	\$ 118.0

As further described in Note 8, DST adopted a new income tax accounting standard on January 1, 2007. The adoption of this accounting standard resulted in a reduction in goodwill of approximately \$52.6 million and intangible assets of approximately \$16.5 million that were acquired during the April 2005 acquisition of DST Health Solutions, Inc.

As described in Note 3, DST acquired two businesses during the three months ended September 30, 2007. The goodwill recorded in connection with these 2007 business acquisitions, in the amount of \$5.5 million, is tax deductible.

Intangible Assets

The following table summarizes intangible assets (in millions):

	September 30, 2007		December 31, 2006	
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization
Amortizable intangible assets:				
Customer relationships	\$ 36.0	\$ 4.2	\$ 45.3	\$ 5.0
Other	2.9	1.1	3.0	2.1
Total	\$ 38.9	\$ 5.3	\$ 48.3	\$ 7.1

As described in Note 3, DST acquired two businesses during the three months ended September 30, 2007. The intangible assets recorded in connection with these 2007 business acquisitions were \$8.9 million of customer relationships and \$2.0 million of tradenames and non-compete agreements included in the table above, and \$0.8 million of capitalized software which is classified in properties in the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

Amortization of intangible assets for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 was approximately \$0.6 million and \$1.7 million, respectively. Amortization of intangible assets for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 was approximately \$0.6 million and \$1.9 million, respectively. The Company estimates that amortization expense attributable to intangible assets recorded as of September 30, 2007 will be approximately \$0.7 million for the remainder of 2007, \$3.0 million for each of 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 and \$2.5 million for 2012.

6. Debt*Senior Convertible Debentures*

Holders of the Company's \$840 million senior convertible debentures were eligible to convert these bonds during the three months ended March 31, 2007, June 30, 2007 and September 30, 2007 as a result of DST's common stock trading above 120% of the applicable conversion price (\$49.08) for at least 20 trading days during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ended December 31, 2006, March 31, 2007 and June 30, 2007. Actual conversions during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 have been less than \$0.1 million, and cash was used to settle the principal portion of these conversions. The senior debentures continue to be convertible through December 31, 2007 as the stock price conversion feature was still in effect at September 30, 2007. Conversion rights, and ultimate classification as a current or non-current liability, for subsequent quarters will be a function of future DST stock prices.

Equipment Promissory Note

During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, DST purchased \$22.0 million of computer equipment with promissory notes. The notes mature from April 1, 2010 through October 1, 2010 and are secured by the equipment. Interest accrues at fixed rates ranging from approximately 4.6% to 4.9% per year.

BFDS Promissory Note

Since March 2006, the Company has maintained a promissory note with Boston Financial Data Services, Inc. (BFDS). The agreement provides for unsecured revolving borrowings by the Company of up to \$100 million and matures on July 1, 2010. The amount outstanding under this loan agreement was \$85.0 million at September 30, 2007. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, the Company recorded interest expense related to this loan of \$1.3 million and \$3.0 million, respectively.

Syndicated Line of Credit

The Company amended its revolving \$600 million syndicated line of credit facility as of July 19, 2007 to, among other things, (i) allow DST to repurchase or redeem its capital stock in an amount not to exceed \$600 million with proceeds received from the Asurion transaction described in Note 2, (ii) increase the amount of permitted restricted payments for the last half of 2007, and (iii) allow a one time addition of \$150 million to the \$50 million exclusion on real property liens if incurred prior to June 30, 2008.

7. Accounts Receivable Securitization Program

On May 24, 2007, DST entered into a \$200 million accounts receivable securitization program with a third party multi-seller asset-backed commercial paper conduit. Under the terms of the securitization program, (a) DST periodically acquires accounts receivable originated by certain of its domestic subsidiaries, including DST Output, DST Health Solutions and DST Technologies (the *Subsidiary Originators*), (b) DST transfers receivables originated by DST and receivables acquired from the *Subsidiary Originators*, on a periodic basis, to a wholly-owned bankruptcy remote special purpose subsidiary of DST (the *SPE*), and (c) the *SPE* then sells undivided interests in the receivables to the commercial paper conduit. DST retains servicing responsibility over the receivables.

The assets of the *SPE* are not available to satisfy the creditors of any other person, including DST or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates. Further, neither DST nor the *SPE* guarantees collectability of the receivables or the creditworthiness of obligors. The conduit's purchase commitment will expire on May 22, 2008 unless otherwise extended in accordance with the program agreements.

The periodic transfers of undivided interests in the receivables by the *SPE* to the conduit meet the requirements for sale accounting treatment in accordance with SFAS No. 140, *Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishment of Liabilities*. Accordingly, the portion of the receivables transferred to the conduit, up to an advance amount which cannot exceed \$200 million, have been removed from the balance sheet. The *SPE* retains an interest in the receivables in excess of the amount transferred to the conduit, and such receivables will continue to be recognized on the balance sheet. The carrying value of the retained interest approximates its estimated fair value at the balance sheet date. Increases in the level of assumed interest rates and/or credit losses compared to assumptions in effect at the balance sheet date by 10% or 20% would not materially affect the fair value of the retained interest at the reporting date.

At September 30, 2007, the total outstanding undivided interest in the receivables held by the conduit was \$70.0 million. Aggregate transfers of undivided interests in the receivables from the *SPE* to the conduit totaled \$437.6 million and \$640.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and from May 24, 2007 (inception date) through September 30, 2007, respectively. A \$17.4 million retained interest in the receivables partially sold is included in accounts receivable on the consolidated balance sheet at September 30, 2007. The impact on net income stemming from these transfers was not material.

Delinquencies and credit losses related to the accounts receivable sold were not significant from the inception date of the securitization program through September 30, 2007.

8. Income Taxes

Effective January 1, 2007, DST adopted FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes* an interpretation of FASB No. 109 (*FIN 48*). This interpretation clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an entity's financial statements. *FIN 48* indicates that the impact from adoption should be reflected as a cumulative effect adjustment from a change in accounting principle to the beginning retained earnings amount reported for that fiscal year, unless the amount relates to a previous business combination, in which case the impact would be recorded as an adjustment to the purchase price allocation for the previous business combination. The adjustment to the purchase price allocation would first reduce remaining goodwill and identified intangibles related to the business combination and the residual would be reflected as a cumulative effect adjustment to beginning retained earnings.

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DST's adoption resulted in approximately \$87.5 million of previously recorded liabilities for uncertain tax positions being released, of which \$68.2 million (net of related deferred income taxes) resulted in a reduction in previously recorded identified intangibles (including capitalized software) relating to the Company's April 2005 acquisition of DST Health Solutions, and the remainder of \$19.3 million was recorded as an increase in stockholders' equity as a cumulative effect adjustment. The reduction in the identified intangibles resulted in a reduction in amortization expense of approximately \$1.5 million and \$4.4 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2006. The reduced amortization will continue in the future, as no identified intangibles remain from the DST Health Solutions acquisition.

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Prior to the adoption of FIN 48, the Company classified all income tax uncertainties as current liabilities. Upon adoption of FIN 48, the Company reclassified approximately \$64.0 million of income tax uncertainties that are estimated to take more than 12 months to resolve to non-current liabilities.

The amount of gross unrecognized tax benefits as of January 1, 2007 is \$53.8 million. Included in the Company's net unrecognized tax benefit at January 1, 2007 are \$47.3 million of tax positions which, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate. Also included in the net unrecognized tax benefit at January 1, 2007 are \$3.7 million of tax positions for which the ultimate deductibility is highly certain but for which there is uncertainty about the timing of such deductibility. Because of the impact of deferred tax accounting, other than interest and penalties, the disallowance of the shorter deductibility period would not affect the annual effective tax rate but would accelerate the payment of cash to the taxing authority to an earlier period. The amount of unrecognized tax benefits increased \$31.2 million through September 30, 2007. The change is due to additional amounts recorded for increases in uncertain tax positions under FIN 48, partially offset by a favorable resolution of an international income tax issue which resulted in a \$3.8 million reduction in income tax expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits in income taxes, which is consistent with the recognition of these items in prior reporting periods. As of January 1, 2007, the Company had \$13.1 million of interest and penalties accrued associated with unrecognized tax benefits. The liability for interest and penalties increased \$3.1 million through September 30, 2007.

It is expected that the amount of unrecognized tax benefits will change during the next year; however, the Company does not expect the change to have a significant impact on its results of operations or financial position.

The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and various state and foreign jurisdictions. The IRS examination of the tax years ended December 31, 1999 through 2001 concluded during 2006. In connection with the examination of the Company's 2000 tax return, the IRS is continuing to examine a transaction the Company consummated in that year. An IRS examination for the tax years ended December 31, 2002 through 2005 began during 2006. As of September 30, 2007, the IRS has not proposed any significant adjustments which would be material to the Company's financial statements. Various state, local, and foreign income tax returns are also under examination by taxing authorities. The Company does not believe that the outcome of any examination will have a material impact on its financial statements.

In general, the Company records income tax expense during interim periods based on its best estimate of the full year's effective tax rate. Certain items, however, are given discrete period treatment and, as a result, the tax effects of such items are reported in full in the relevant interim period. The Company's effective tax rate was 37.7% and 37.0% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively, compared to 22.2% and 31.6% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively. The higher effective tax rates for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to the same periods in the prior year, are primarily due to the absence of the 80% dividends received deduction for a portion of the Asurion dividend received during 2006, combined with the Asurion Transaction described above, which resulted in an increase in the effective annual tax rate during third quarter 2007. The full year 2007 effective tax rate can be affected as a result of variances among the estimates and amounts of full year sources of taxable income (e.g. domestic consolidated, joint venture and/or international), the realization of tax credits (e.g. historic rehabilitation, research and experimentation and state incentive), adjustments which may arise from the resolution of tax matters under review and the Company's assessment of its liability for unrecognized tax benefits.

9. Stockholders Equity

Earnings per share. The computation of basic and diluted earnings per share is as follows (in millions, except per share amounts):

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Net income	\$ 672.8	\$ 54.7	\$ 811.0	\$ 191.9
Dilutive securities at unconsolidated affiliates			(1.1)	(0.2)
Net income for dilutive computation	\$ 672.8	\$ 54.7	\$ 809.9	\$ 191.7
Average common shares outstanding (excluding restricted stock)	59.9	66.3	61.5	67.1
Incremental shares from assumed conversions of stock options, vesting of stock based compensation and debenture conversion	10.0	5.7	9.7	5.7
Diluted potential common shares	69.9	72.0	71.2	72.8
Basic earnings per share	\$ 11.24	\$ 0.83	\$ 13.18	\$ 2.86
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 9.62	\$ 0.76	\$ 11.37	\$ 2.63

The Company had approximately 61.5 million and 66.1 million shares outstanding at September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. For financial reporting purposes, however, unvested restricted shares in the amount of 2.6 million and 2.5 million at September 30, 2007 and 2006, are excluded from the determination of average common shares outstanding used in the calculation of basic earnings per share in the above table. Shares from options to purchase common stock that were excluded from the diluted earnings per share calculation because they were anti-dilutive were 0.8 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006. There were no anti-dilutive shares from options to purchase common stock during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007. The Company has issued convertible senior debentures that if converted in the future would have a potentially dilutive effect on the Company's stock. The Series A debentures are convertible into 11.0 million shares of common stock and the Series B debentures are convertible into 6.1 million shares of common stock, subject to adjustment. The Company intends to settle any conversions with cash for the principal and accrued and unpaid interest and issue common stock for any conversion value amount over the principal and accrued and unpaid interest amounts. Related to the debentures, the calculation of diluted earnings per share includes an incremental amount of shares assumed to be issued for the conversion spread when the Company's average daily stock price exceeds \$49.08 per share. There was additional dilution of approximately 6.5 million shares and 6.1 million shares for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2.8 million shares for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, related to the Company's average daily share price exceeding \$49.08 per share.

Stock repurchases

The Company repurchased 2,625,000 shares of DST common stock for \$205.9 million or approximately \$78.44 per share during the three months ended September 30, 2007. For the nine months ended September 30, 2007, the Company had repurchased 6,011,900 shares of DST common stock at an average cost of \$77.34 per share. Cash proceeds from operations and borrowings on debt facilities were used to repurchase these shares. At September 30, 2007, approximately 3.0 million shares remained under the existing share repurchase authorization plan.

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Comprehensive income. Components of comprehensive income consist of the following (in millions):

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2007		For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006	
Net income	\$ 672.8	\$ 54.7	\$ 811.0	\$ 191.9
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments:				
Unrealized holding gains (losses) arising during the period	(55.0)	28.3	43.2	116.9
Proportional share of unconsolidated affiliate interest rate swap	(0.4)	(7.3)	5.9	3.1
Less reclassification adjustments for net gains and losses included in net income	0.1	(0.4)	(8.0)	(16.5)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	11.1	0.5	23.8	12.3
Deferred income taxes	20.5	(8.3)	(16.9)	(40.2)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(23.7)	12.8	48.0	75.6
Comprehensive income	\$ 649.1	\$ 67.5	\$ 859.0	\$ 267.5

10. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company and its subsidiaries are involved in various legal proceedings arising in the normal course of their businesses. While the ultimate outcome of these legal proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, it is the opinion of management, after consultation with legal counsel, that the final outcome in such proceedings, in the aggregate, would not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial condition, results of operations and cash flow of the Company.

The Company has \$4.3 million of letters of credit outstanding at September 30, 2007. Letters of credit are secured by the Company's debt facility.

The Company has entered into agreements with certain officers whereby upon defined circumstances constituting a change in control of the Company, certain benefit entitlements are automatically funded and such officers are entitled to specific cash payments upon termination of employment.

The Company has established trusts to provide for the funding of corporate commitments and entitlements of Company officers, directors, employees and others in the event of a change in control of the Company. Assets held in such trusts at September 30, 2007 were not significant.

The Company has entered into an agreement to guarantee 50% of the obligations of a 50% owned joint venture as a tenant under a real estate lease for an office building. The initial term of the lease is 10 years and 7 months, commencing March 1, 2007 and expiring September 30, 2017, with two five-year options to extend. The base rent for the initial term is \$4.8 million per year, plus all operating expenses for the building.

The Company has entered into an agreement to guarantee 50% of a \$10.0 million line of credit provided to a 50% owned real estate joint venture. The line of credit becomes due and the Company's guarantee thereof expires on December 16, 2007. At September 30, 2007, total borrowings against the line of credit were \$10.7 million.

The Company entered into an agreement to guarantee 10% of any amounts between \$10.0 million and \$20.0 million, and 20% of any amounts thereafter, related to a \$48.2 million construction loan to a 50% owned real estate joint venture. The \$48.2 million loan matures on the earlier of the completion of the project or December 31, 2007. At September 30, 2007, total borrowings on the loan were \$20.0 million. The agreement was modified in September 2007 to eliminate the guarantee.

The Company entered into an agreement to guarantee \$1.0 million (which, in the event a certain debt service coverage ratio requirement is not met, will increase to \$2.0 million) plus any enforcement costs related to a \$32.0 million mortgage loan to a 33% owned real estate joint venture. The \$32.0 million loan matures on July 1, 2010. At September 30, 2007, total borrowings on the loan were \$28.4 million and the Company's guarantee totaled \$1.0 million.

The Company is a 50% partner in a limited purpose real estate joint venture. The real estate joint venture was formed to develop and lease approximately 1.1 million square feet of office space to the U.S. government. The project was substantially completed in fourth quarter 2006 and became fully leased in 2007. The project was financed with \$315.4 million of non-recourse insured bonds (issued June 2004) with the remaining funding from equal equity contributions from the Company and its real estate joint venture partner. At September 30, 2007, the Company and its joint venture partner had each contributed \$28.5 million of equity for the project. The letters of credit associated with this project were terminated in August 2007.

The Company's 50% owned joint ventures are generally governed by shareholder or partnership agreements. The agreements generally entitle the Company to elect one-half of the directors to the board in the case of corporations and to have 50% voting/managing interest in the case of partnerships. The agreements generally provide that the Company or the other party has the option to establish a price payable in cash, or a promise to pay cash, for all of the other's ownership in the joint venture and to submit an offer, in writing, to the other party to sell to the other party all of its ownership interests in the joint venture or to purchase all ownership interests owned by the other party at such offering price. The party receiving the offer generally has a specified period of time to either accept the offer to purchase, or to elect to purchase the offering party's interest at the offering price. The Company cannot estimate the potential aggregate offering price that it could be required to receive or elect to pay in the event this option becomes operable; however, the amount could be material.

Guarantees

In addition to the guarantees entered into as mentioned above, the Company has also guaranteed certain obligations of certain joint ventures under service agreements entered into by the joint ventures and their customers. The amount of such obligations is not stated in the agreements. Depending on the negotiated terms of the guaranty and/or the underlying service agreement, the Company's liability under the guaranty may be subject to time and materiality limitations, monetary caps and other conditions and defenses.

In certain instances in which the Company licenses proprietary systems to customers, the Company gives certain warranties and infringement indemnities to the licensee, the terms of which vary depending on the negotiated terms of each respective license agreement, but which generally warrant that such systems will perform in accordance with their specifications. The amount of such obligations is not stated in the lease agreements. The Company's liability for breach of such warranties may be subject to time and materiality limitations, monetary caps and other conditions and defenses.

From time to time, the Company enters into agreements with unaffiliated parties containing indemnification provisions, the terms of which vary depending on the negotiated terms of each respective agreement. The amount of such obligations is not stated in the agreements. The Company's liability under such indemnification provisions may be subject to time and materiality limitations, monetary caps and other conditions and defenses. Such indemnity obligations include the following:

The Company has entered into purchase and service agreements with its vendors, and consulting agreements with providers of consulting services to the Company, pursuant to which the Company has agreed to indemnify certain of such vendors and consultants, respectively, against third party claims arising from the Company's use of the vendor's product or the services of the vendor or consultant.

In connection with the acquisition or disposition of subsidiaries, operating units and business assets by the Company, the Company has entered into agreements containing indemnification provisions, the terms of which vary depending on the negotiated terms of each respective agreement, but which are generally described as follows: (i) in connection with acquisitions made by the Company, the Company has agreed to indemnify the seller against third party claims made against the seller relating to the subject subsidiary, operating unit or asset and arising after the closing of the transaction, and (ii) in connection with dispositions made by the Company, the Company has agreed to indemnify the buyer against damages incurred by the buyer due to the buyer's reliance on representations and warranties relating to the subject subsidiary, operating unit or business assets in the disposition agreement if such representations or warranties were untrue when made, or due to any breach of the representations, warranties, agreements or covenants contained in the agreement.

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The Company has entered into agreements with certain third parties, including banks and escrow agents, that provide software escrow, fiduciary and other services to the Company or to its benefit plans or customers. Under such agreements, the Company has agreed to indemnify such service providers for third party claims relating to the carrying out of their respective duties under such agreements.

The Company has entered into agreements with lenders providing financing to the Company pursuant to which the Company agrees to indemnify such lenders for third party claims arising from or relating to such financings. In connection with real estate mortgage financing, the Company has entered into environmental indemnity agreements in which the Company has agreed to indemnify the lenders for any damage sustained by the lenders relating to any environmental contamination on the subject properties.

In connection with the acquisition or disposition of real estate by the Company, the Company has entered into real estate contracts containing indemnification provisions, the terms of which vary depending on the negotiated terms of each respective contract, but which are generally described as follows: (i) in connection with acquisitions by the Company, the Company has agreed to indemnify the seller against third party claims made against the seller arising from the Company's on-site inspections, tests and investigations of the subject property made by the Company as part of its due diligence and against third party claims relating to the operations on the subject property after the closing of the transaction, and (ii) in connection with dispositions by the Company, the Company has agreed to indemnify the buyer for damages incurred by the buyer due to the buyer's reliance on representations and warranties relating to the subject property made by the Company in the real estate contract if such representations or warranties were untrue when made and against third party claims relating to operations on the subject property prior to the closing of the transaction.

In connection with the leasing of real estate by the Company, as landlord and as tenant, the Company has entered into occupancy leases containing indemnification provisions, the terms of which vary depending on the negotiated terms of each respective lease, but which are generally described as follows: (i) in connection with leases in which the Company is the tenant, the Company has agreed to indemnify the landlord against third party claims relating to the Company's occupancy of the subject property, including claims arising from loss of life, bodily injury and/or damage to property thereon, and (ii) in connection with leases in which the Company is the landlord, the Company has agreed to indemnify the tenant against third party claims to the extent occasioned wholly or in part by any negligent act or omission of the Company or arising from loss of life, bodily injury and/or damage to property in or upon any of the common areas or other areas under the Company's control.

At September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, the Company had not accrued any liability on the aforementioned guarantees or indemnifications as they relate to future performance criteria or indirect indebtedness of others in accordance with FIN 45, *Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others*.

11. New Accounting Standards

Fair Value Measurements

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standard ("SFAS") No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* (SFAS 157), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value under generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 does not require any new fair value measurements, but provides guidance on how to measure fair value by providing a fair value hierarchy used to classify the source of the information. The Company will be required to adopt this standard in the first quarter of 2008. Management is currently evaluating the requirements of SFAS 157 and has not yet determined the impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*, including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 (SFAS 159). SFAS 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value that are not currently required to be measured at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected are reported in earnings. SFAS 159 does not affect any existing accounting literature that requires certain assets and liabilities to be carried at fair value. The Company will be required to adopt this standard in the first quarter of 2008.

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Management is currently evaluating the requirements of SFAS 159 and has not yet determined the impact on the consolidated financial statements.

Earnings Per Share

The FASB previously issued an exposure draft on a proposed accounting standard that would amend SFAS No. 128, *Earnings per Share* (SFAS 128), to clarify guidance for mandatorily convertible instruments, the treasury stock method, contingently issuable shares, and contracts that may be settled in cash or shares.

The proposed amendment, which is designed for convergence with international accounting standards, would require the use of the *if-converted* method from the date of issuance of the convertible debentures. The proposed amendment would remove the ability of a company to support the presumption that the convertible securities will be satisfied in cash and not converted into shares of common stock. Accordingly, the Company's stated intention to settle conversions of its convertible debentures with cash for the principal and accrued and unpaid interest and issue common stock for any conversion value amount over the principal and accrued and unpaid interest amounts would no longer be accepted under SFAS 128, if amended as proposed. The final statement has yet to be issued. Retrospective application would be required for all changes to SFAS 128, except that retrospective application would be prohibited for contracts that were either settled in cash prior to adoption or modified prior to adoption to require cash settlement. For DST, adoption of this statement, as proposed, will require retroactive restatement of the Company's diluted earnings per share calculations subsequent to the issuance of the convertible debentures. In calculating diluted earnings per share under the revised SFAS 128 *if-converted* method included in the exposure draft, the Company would need to increase net income for the interest expense associated with the convertible debentures, net of tax, and increase the incremental shares assumed to be issued upon conversion by 17.1 million shares (less shares already included in diluted earnings per share), the amount of shares that would be issued if all \$840 million of convertible debentures would be converted to equity. Under this *if-converted* method, diluted earnings per share would have been \$8.42 and \$0.70 (versus reported diluted earnings per share of \$9.62 and \$0.76) for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and \$10.04 and \$2.48 (versus reported diluted earnings per share of \$11.37 and \$2.63) for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The above pro-forma information presents only the effect on diluted earnings per share of the *if-converted* method included in the exposure draft, but does not include any other computational changes (i.e., treasury stock method considerations) discussed in the exposure draft. DST is continuing to monitor the FASB's progress towards finalizing this proposed accounting standard.

The proposed change in accounting principle would affect the calculation of diluted earnings per share during the period the debentures are outstanding, but would not affect DST's ability to ultimately settle the convertible debentures in cash, shares or any combination thereof.

The estimated impact of this new accounting standard reflects the Company's current estimates based upon the exposure draft in its current form. There may be material differences between these estimates and the actual impact of the standard when issued as final.

Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments

In September 2007, the FASB issued proposed FASB Staff Position (FSP) No. APB 14-a, *Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement)*. This FSP clarifies that issuers of convertible debt instruments that may be settled in cash upon conversion (including partial cash settlement) should separately account for the liability and equity components in a manner that will reflect the entity's nonconvertible debt borrowing rate when interest cost is recognized in subsequent periods. The FSP will be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2007. Early adoption is not permitted. This FSP will be applied retrospectively to all periods presented. DST is still evaluating the impact of this FSP and currently believes that the adoption of this proposed standard would result in higher interest expense on

DST's \$840 million of senior convertible debentures and will result in the separation of the debt and equity components of the senior convertible debentures on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet.

12. Segment Information

The Company's operating business units offer sophisticated information processing and software services and products. The Company has elected to organize and report on these business units as two operating Segments (Financial Services and Output Solutions). In addition, investments in equity securities and certain financial interests and the Company's real estate subsidiaries and affiliates have been aggregated into an Investments and Other Segment.

Included in costs and expenses in the Investments and Other Segment for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 is a gain of \$12.4 million related to the sale of certain real property.

Information concerning total assets by reporting segment is as follows (in millions):

	September 30, 2007	December 31, 2006
Financial Services	\$ 1,597.8	\$ 2,332.9
Output Solutions	387.5	374.4
Investments and Other	2,635.3	2,174.8
Eliminations	(1,099.4)	(1,763.0)
	\$ 3,521.2	\$ 3,119.1

The Company evaluates the performance of its Segments based on income before income taxes, non-recurring items and interest expense. Intersegment revenues are reflected at rates prescribed by the Company and may not be reflective of market rates.

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Summarized financial information concerning the Segments is shown in the following tables (in millions):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2007					Consolidated Total
	Financial Services	Output Solutions	Investments/ Other	Eliminations		
Operating revenues	\$ 279.5	\$ 136.4	\$ 3.6	\$	\$	\$ 419.5
Intersegment operating revenues	1.6		13.0		(14.6)	
Out-of-pocket reimbursements	16.5	136.9			(0.1)	153.3
Total revenues	297.6	273.3	16.6		(14.7)	572.8
Costs and expenses	210.7	256.6	10.8		(14.7)	463.4
Depreciation and amortization	21.6	9.9	2.6			34.1
Income from operations	65.3	6.8	3.2			75.3
Other income, net	1.0		13.9			14.9
Gain on sale of Asurion	996.3					996.3
Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated affiliates	12.7		(7.3)			5.4
Earnings before interest and income taxes	\$ 1,075.3	\$ 6.8	\$ 9.8	\$	\$	\$ 1,091.9

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2006					Consolidated Total
	Financial Services	Output Solutions	Investments/ Other	Eliminations		
Operating revenues	\$ 238.7	\$ 131.4	\$ 3.6	\$	\$	\$ 373.7
Intersegment operating revenues	1.9		12.9		(14.8)	
Out-of-pocket reimbursements	14.3	135.4	0.1			149.8
Total revenues	254.9	266.8	16.6		(14.8)	523.5
Costs and expenses	165.0	256.9	10.6		(14.8)	417.7
Depreciation and amortization	17.6	9.1	2.7			29.4
Income from operations	72.3	0.8	3.3			76.4
Other income, net	3.2		7.0			10.2
Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated affiliates	(1.3)		(1.0)			(2.3)
Earnings before interest and income taxes	\$ 74.2	\$ 0.8	\$ 9.3	\$	\$	\$ 84.3

Earnings before interest and income taxes in the segment reporting information above less interest expense of \$11.6 million and \$14.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, is equal to the Company's income before income taxes on a consolidated basis for the corresponding periods.

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	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007				Consolidated Total
	Financial Services	Output Solutions	Investments/ Other	Eliminations	
Operating revenues	\$ 831.4	\$ 421.4	\$ 10.1	\$	\$ 1,262.9
Intersegment operating revenues	5.4		38.0	(43.4)	
Out-of-pocket reimbursements	48.0	414.2	0.2	(0.2)	462.2
Total revenues	884.8	835.6	48.3	(43.6)	1,725.1
Costs and expenses	627.6	781.8	18.9	(43.6)	1,384.7
Depreciation and amortization	59.2	29.1	7.3		95.6
Income from operations	198.0	24.7	22.1		244.8
Other income, net	7.5		34.1		41.6
Gain on sale of Asurion	996.3				996.3
Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated affiliates	63.5		(10.8)		52.7
Earnings before interest and income taxes	\$ 1,265.3	\$ 24.7	\$ 45.4	\$	\$ 1,335.4

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006				Consolidated Total
	Financial Services	Output Solutions	Investments/ Other	Eliminations	
Operating revenues	\$ 724.9	\$ 400.0	\$ 12.0	\$	\$ 1,136.9
Intersegment operating revenues	4.3		35.5	(39.8)	
Out-of-pocket reimbursements	46.0	487.4	0.3	(0.6)	533.1
Total revenues	775.2	887.4	47.8	(40.4)	1,670.0
Costs and expenses	517.5	857.0	30.7	(40.4)	1,364.8
Depreciation and amortization	56.5	24.7	8.4		89.6
Income from operations	201.2	5.7	8.7		215.6
Other income, net	9.0		30.7		39.7
Gain on sale of business	52.8				52.8
Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated affiliates	34.5		(2.4)		32.1
Earnings before interest and income taxes	\$ 297.5	\$ 5.7	\$ 37.0	\$	\$ 340.2

Earnings before interest and income taxes in the segment reporting information above less interest expense of \$49.2 million and \$59.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, is equal to the Company's income before income taxes on a consolidated basis for the corresponding periods.

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

The discussions set forth in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contain statements concerning potential future events. Such forward-looking statements are based upon assumptions by the Company's management, as of the date of this Quarterly Report, including assumptions about risks and uncertainties faced by the Company. In addition, management may make forward-looking statements orally or in other writings, including, but not limited to, in press releases, in the annual report to shareholders and in the Company's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Readers can identify these forward-looking statements by the use of such verbs as expects, anticipates, believes or similar verbs or conjugations of such verbs. If any of management's assumptions prove incorrect or should unanticipated circumstances arise, the Company's actual results could materially differ from those anticipated by such forward-looking statements. The differences could be caused by a number of factors or combination of factors including, but not limited to, those factors referred to below in Part II, Item 1A, Risk Factors. Readers are strongly encouraged to consider the factors referred to in such section and any amendments or modifications thereof when evaluating any forward-looking statements concerning the Company. The Company's reports filed with or furnished to the SEC on Form 8-K, Form 10-K, Form 10-Q and other forms and any amendments to those reports, may be obtained by contacting the SEC's Public Reference Branch at 1-800-SEC-0330 or by accessing the forms electronically, free of charge, through the SEC's Internet website at <http://www.sec.gov> or through the Company's Internet website, as soon as reasonably practicable after filing with the SEC, at <http://www.dstsystems.com>. The Company will not update any forward-looking statements in this Quarterly Report to reflect future events or developments.

The information contained in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations should be read in conjunction with the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included in this Form 10-Q and the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.

INTRODUCTION

The business units of DST Systems, Inc. (DST or the Company) offer sophisticated information processing and software services and products. These business units are reported as two operating Segments (Financial Services and Output Solutions). In addition, investments in equity securities and certain financial interests and the Company's real estate subsidiaries and affiliates have been aggregated into an Investments and Other Segment.

Financial Services

The Company's Financial Services Segment provides sophisticated information processing and computer software services and products primarily to mutual funds, investment managers, insurance companies, healthcare providers, banks, brokers, financial planners, healthcare payers, third party administrators and medical practice groups. The Company's proprietary software systems include mutual fund shareowner and unit trust recordkeeping systems for U.S. and international mutual fund companies; a defined-contribution participant recordkeeping system for the U.S. retirement plan market; investment management systems offered to U.S. and international investment managers and fund accountants; a business process management and customer contact system offered to mutual funds, insurance companies, brokerage firms, banks, cable television operators, healthcare providers and mortgage servicing organizations; record-keeping systems to support managed account investment products; and healthcare processing systems and services, including consumer directed healthcare administration solutions, offered to healthcare payers, third party administrators and medical practice groups.

The Financial Services Segment distributes its services and products on a direct basis and through subsidiaries and joint venture affiliates in the U.S., United Kingdom (U.K.), Canada, Europe, Australia, South Africa and Asia-Pacific and, to a lesser degree, distributes such services and products through various strategic alliances.

Output Solutions

The Company's Output Solutions Segment provides single source, integrated print and electronic statement and billing output solutions. The Output Solutions Segment also offers a variety of related professional services, including marketing and personalization services, and postal optimization solutions. The Output Solutions Segment also provides electronic presentment, payment and distribution solutions.

The Output Solutions Segment conducts its operations from five production facilities located throughout North America and the U.K. DST Output is among the largest First-Class mailers in the U.S. DST Output Canada offers customer communications and document automation solutions to the Canadian market. DST International Output provides personalized print and electronic communications principally in the U.K.

The Output Solutions Segment distributes its products directly to customers and through relationships in which its services are combined with or offered concurrently through providers of data processing services. The Output Solutions Segment's products are also distributed or bundled with product offerings to customers of the Financial Services Segment.

Investments and Other

The Investments and Other Segment holds investments in equity securities and certain financial interests and the Company's real estate subsidiaries and affiliates. The assets held by the Investments and Other Segment are primarily passive in nature. The Investments and Other Segment holds investments in equity securities with a market value of approximately \$1.4 billion at September 30, 2007, including approximately 11.3 million shares of State Street Corporation (State Street), 29.6 million shares of Computershare and 1.9 million shares of Euronet Worldwide, Inc., with a market value of \$770.9 million, \$244.2 million and \$56.1 million, respectively, based on closing exchange values at September 30, 2007. Additionally, the Company owns and operates real estate mostly in the U.S. and U.K., which is held primarily for lease to the Company's other business Segments. The Company is a partner in certain real estate joint ventures that lease office space to the Company, certain of its unconsolidated affiliates and unrelated third parties.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table summarizes the Company's operating results (dollars in millions, except per share amounts):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Revenues				
Operating revenues				
Financial Services	\$ 281.1	\$ 240.6	\$ 836.8	\$ 729.2
Output Solutions	136.4	131.4	421.4	400.0
Investments and Other	16.6	16.5	48.1	47.5
Eliminations	(14.6)	(14.8)	(43.4)	(39.8)
	419.5	373.7	1,262.9	1,136.9
% change from prior year period	12.3%		11.1%	
Out-of-pocket reimbursements				
Financial Services	16.5	14.3	48.0	46.0
Output Solutions	136.9	135.4	414.2	487.4
Investments and Other		0.1	0.2	0.3
Eliminations	(0.1)		(0.2)	(0.6)
	153.3	149.8	462.2	533.1
% change from prior year period	2.3%		(13.3)%	
Total revenues	\$ 572.8	\$ 523.5	\$ 1,725.1	\$ 1,670.0
% change from prior year period	9.4%		3.3%	
Income from operations				
Financial Services	\$ 65.3	\$ 72.3	\$ 198.0	\$ 201.2
Output Solutions	6.8	0.8	24.7	5.7
Investments and Other	3.2	3.3	22.1	8.7
	75.3	76.4	244.8	215.6
Interest expense	(11.6)	(14.0)	(49.2)	(59.8)
Other income, net	14.9	10.2	41.6	39.7
Gain on sale of business				52.8
Gain on sale of Asurion	996.3		996.3	
Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated affiliates	5.4	(2.3)	52.7	32.1
Income before income taxes	1,080.3	70.3	1,286.2	280.4
Income taxes	407.5	15.6	475.2	88.5
Net income	\$ 672.8	\$ 54.7	\$ 811.0	\$ 191.9
Basic earnings per share	\$ 11.24	\$ 0.83	\$ 13.18	\$ 2.86
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 9.62	\$ 0.76	\$ 11.37	\$ 2.63

Consolidated revenues

Consolidated total revenues (including out-of-pocket (OOP) reimbursements) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, increased \$49.3 million or 9.4% and \$55.1 million or 3.3%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2006. Consolidated operating revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2007 increased \$45.8 million or 12.3% as compared to the same period in 2006, primarily from the inclusion of approximately \$22.0 million of operating revenues from Amisys Synertech, Inc. (ASI) which was acquired on October 2, 2006 and increases in mutual fund shareowner accounts serviced, international professional service revenues, and higher Output Solutions volumes, partially offset by lower software license fees. Consolidated operating revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 increased \$126.0 million or 11.1% as compared to the same period in 2006, primarily from the inclusion of approximately \$68.3 million of operating revenues from ASI, higher Output Solutions volumes, increases in mutual fund shareowner accounts serviced and increases in software license fee revenues. Consolidated OOP reimbursements during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 increased \$3.5 million or 2.3% and decreased \$70.9 million or 13.3%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2006. The increase during the three months ended September 30, 2007 is due to higher processing volumes in the Financial Services and Output Solutions Segments. The decrease during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 is primarily from lower Output Solutions OOP reimbursement revenues as a result of certain clients purchasing postage directly from the postal service in 2007 rather than have Output Solutions acquire postage on behalf of the client.

Financial Services Segment total revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 increased \$42.7 million or 16.8% and \$109.6 million or 14.1%, respectively, over the same periods in 2006. Financial Services Segment operating revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2007 increased \$40.5 million or 16.8% as compared to the same period in 2006 primarily from the inclusion of \$22.0 million of ASI revenues and higher mutual fund shareowner accounts serviced, partially offset by lower software license fees. Financial Services Segment operating revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 increased \$107.6 million or 14.8% as compared to the same period in 2006 primarily from the inclusion of \$68.3 million of ASI revenues, higher mutual fund shareowner accounts serviced, higher license fees for investment management and AWD software and higher professional service revenues.

Output Solutions Segment total revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, increased \$6.5 million or 2.4% and decreased \$51.8 million or 5.8%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2006. Output Solutions Segment operating revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2007 increased \$5.0 million or 3.8% over the same period in 2006 reflecting higher U.S. processing volumes and increased international revenues. Output Solutions Segment operating revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 increased \$21.4 million or 5.3% over the same period in 2006, principally from higher U.S. processing volumes, a contract termination fee of \$3.1 million and increased international revenues.

Investments and Other Segment operating revenues, primarily rental income for facilities leased to the Company's operating segments, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 were \$16.6 million and \$48.1 million, an increase of \$0.1 million or 0.6% and \$0.6 million or 1.3%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2006. The increase is due to higher rental income.

Income from operations

Consolidated income from operations for the three months ended September 30, 2007 was \$75.3 million, a decrease of \$1.1 million or 1.4% compared to the same period in 2006. Absent the favorable impact of a state sales and use tax settlement recorded during third quarter 2006, consolidated income from operations increased \$5.8 million during the three months ended September 30, 2007 attributable to higher contributions from Output Solutions and mutual fund shareowner processing, partially offset by \$4.3 million of costs associated with the partial

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termination of a non-qualified deferred compensation plan. Consolidated income from operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was \$244.8 million, a net increase of \$29.2 million or 13.5% compared to the same period in 2006. Absent the favorable impact of the 2006 state sales and use tax settlement discussed above, consolidated income from operations increased \$36.1 million attributable to higher contributions from Output Solutions, a \$12.4 million gain resulting from the sale of office buildings in California and higher contributions from mutual fund shareowner processing, partially offset by \$4.3 million of costs associated with the partial termination of a deferred compensation plan recorded in 2007.

Financial Services Segment income from operations for the three months ended September 30, 2007 was \$65.3 million, a decrease of \$7.0 million or 9.7% compared to the same period in 2006. Absent the favorable impact of a state sales and use tax settlement recorded during third quarter 2006, income from operations decreased \$0.1 million during the three months ended September 30, 2007. Increased revenues from higher mutual fund shareowner accounts serviced, increased international services revenues and the elimination of amortization of DST Health Solutions intangibles resulting from the adoption of FIN 48 were offset by \$3.3 million of costs associated with the partial termination of a non-qualified deferred compensation plan, higher personnel costs to support growth in mutual fund shareowner processing, increased personnel related costs at DST International from higher revenues and certain management restructurings and amortization of ASI intangible assets. Financial Services Segment income from operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was \$198.0 million, a decrease of \$3.2 million or 1.6% compared to the same period in 2006, primarily for the reasons mentioned above. The FIN 48 reduction in intangible amortization expense during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 was approximately \$1.5 million and \$4.4 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2006. The reduced amortization will continue in the future as no identified intangibles remain from the April 2005 acquisition of DST Health Solutions.

Output Solutions Segment income from operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 increased \$6.0 million and \$19.0 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2006, reflecting higher U.S. processing volumes, increased international revenues and cost efficiencies realized from the implementation of new proprietary printing and inserting technologies, partially offset by higher personnel costs associated with the increased volumes. Included in operating income for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was a \$3.1 million contract termination fee.

Investments and Other Segment income from operations was \$3.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$0.1 million or 3.0% as compared to the same period in 2006. Income from operations was \$22.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$13.4 million or 154.0% as compared to the same period in 2006, primarily due to a \$12.4 million gain from the sale of office buildings in California recorded in second quarter 2007 and lower depreciation expense.

Interest expense

Interest expense was \$11.6 million and \$49.2 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$2.4 million and \$10.6 million, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2006. The decrease of \$2.4 million for the third quarter is primarily the result of lower average debt balances outstanding as a result of using a portion of the Asurion sale proceeds to pay down debt. Included in interest expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 is the write-off of \$12.7 million of debt issuance costs related to the Company's senior convertible debentures. Absent this item, interest expense increased during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 by approximately \$2.1 million compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2006. On this basis, the increase in interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 is the result of higher average debt balances outstanding and higher interest rates.

Other income, net

Other income was \$14.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$4.7 million compared to the same period in 2006, principally from higher dividend income and interest income earned from investment of a portion of the cash proceeds from the sale of Asurion that will be used in the fourth quarter 2007 to fund the Company's income tax obligations resulting from the sale, partially offset by \$0.4 million of lower securities gains during third quarter 2007 as compared to third quarter 2006, and costs associated with the accounts receivable securitization program. Net gains on securities during third quarter 2007 in the amount of \$3.1 million were offset by \$3.1 million of other than

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temporary impairment charges recorded on certain available-for-sale securities. Other income was \$41.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, a net increase of \$1.9 million compared to the same period in 2006 attributable to higher dividend income from securities, higher interest income earned in 2007 due to higher cash balances invested as a result of the Asurion proceeds, higher other income principally associated with the recovery in value of a bankruptcy claim in 2007 that was written down in 2006, offset by \$8.5 million of lower securities gains in 2007 as compared to 2006.

Gain on sale of business

During the nine months ended September 30, 2006, the Company recognized a \$52.8 million net gain from the January 1, 2006 lock\line merger with Asurion.

Gain on sale of Asurion

During the three months ended September 30, 2007, the Company recorded a \$996.3 million gain from the sale of most of its investment in Asurion (Asurion Transaction). In connection with the sale, DST received cash proceeds of \$980 million and estimated receivables of approximately \$43.9 million that are expected to be collected within one year from the closing of the transaction, and DST's equity interest in Asurion has been reduced to approximately 6%. Included in the determination of this pretax gain was \$43.9 million of estimated receivables, which represent the remaining portion of the sales proceeds to be received by DST. The final determination of these estimated receivables could differ from the amount currently recorded, which could result in an adjustment to the pretax gain. The Company expects the determination of the estimated receivables to be finalized in fourth quarter 2007.

Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated affiliates

The following table summarizes the Company's equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated affiliates (in millions):

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Boston Financial Data Services	\$ 7.6	\$ 6.2	\$ 23.6	\$ 20.1
International Financial Data Services, U.K.	3.0	1.4	10.4	5.0
International Financial Data Services, Canada	0.4	1.5	2.9	1.8
Argus Health Systems	1.5	0.8	3.4	3.8
Asurion Corporation		(10.9)	21.9	4.2
Other unconsolidated affiliates	(7.1)	(1.3)	(9.5)	(2.8)
	\$ 5.4	\$ (2.3)	\$ 52.7	\$ 32.1

DST's equity in earnings of BFDS for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 increased \$1.4 million and \$3.5 million, respectively, due to increased mutual fund shareowner servicing revenues from an increase in shareowner accounts processed and improvements in operations.

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DST's equity in IFDS U.K. earnings for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 increased \$1.6 million and \$5.4 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2006, primarily from improvements in operations and increased revenues from higher shareowner accounts serviced in 2007. Accounts serviced by IFDS U.K. were 5.8 million at September 30, 2007, unchanged from June 30, 2007 and an increase of 0.2 million or 3.6% from December 31, 2006 and September 30, 2006.

DST's equity in IFDS Canada earnings for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 was \$0.4 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, a decrease of \$1.1 million as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2006 and an increase of \$1.1 million as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2006. An increase in revenues from higher accounts serviced during the three months ended September 30, 2007 was more than offset by higher personnel related costs. The \$1.1 million increase during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 is attributable to increased revenues from higher shareowner accounts serviced, improvements in operations and a deferred tax benefit, partially offset by higher depreciation resulting from a change in accounting method during 2007. Accounts serviced by IFDS Canada were 7.4 million at September 30, 2007, unchanged from June 30, 2007 and an increase of 0.3 million or 4.2% from December 31, 2006 and an increase of 0.4 million or 5.7% from September 30, 2006.

DST's equity in Argus earnings for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 increased \$0.7 million and decreased \$0.4 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2006. The increase for the three months ended September 30, 2007 was a result of higher pharmacy claim processing revenues. The decrease for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 is primarily due to an impairment charge of internally developed capitalized software in the second quarter of 2007. Absent the software impairment charge, higher levels of pharmacy claims processed were offset by increases in personnel and data processing costs associated with the higher claim volumes.

Prior to the closing of the Asurion Transaction, DST held a 37.4% equity interest in Asurion and accounted for its interest in the subsidiary under the equity method. As a result of the Asurion Transaction, DST's equity interest in Asurion has been reduced to approximately 6%. Effective with the closing, DST accounts for its investment in Asurion under the cost basis and no longer records equity in earnings for Asurion. Equity in losses of Asurion during the three months ended September 30, 2006 were primarily due to increased compensation expense from dividend-equivalent bonus payments made to Asurion's vested stock option holders in connection with a debt-financed distribution made to all of its shareholders in third quarter 2006. Equity in earnings of Asurion was \$21.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 as compared to \$4.2 million for the same period in 2006. The increase in 2007 earnings is mostly due to higher revenues primarily from higher subscribers to Asurion's handset insurance programs, operational cost improvements and the absence of compensation costs in 2007 related to the dividend-equivalent bonus payments made in 2006.

The Other category above includes principally various real estate joint ventures. During the three months ended September 30, 2007, DST's real estate joint ventures recorded \$4.9 million (DST's portion) of impairment charges on real estate held for sale. DST is a 50% partner in a limited purpose real estate joint venture formed to develop and lease approximately 1.1 million square feet of office space to the U.S. government. The project was substantially completed in fourth quarter 2006 and became fully leased in 2007. Although the project is expected to have positive cash flow from leasing operations, it will reflect negative earnings under generally accepted accounting principles due to non-cash charges for depreciation and amortization. Results for 2007 reflect this development and are expected to continue in the future. In addition, this joint venture recorded \$1.5 million of additional depreciation in third quarter 2007. The increase in equity in losses of Other for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, as compared to the same period in 2006, is primarily due to the reasons mentioned above.

Income taxes

In general, the Company records income tax expense during interim periods based on its best estimate of the full year's effective tax rate. Certain items, however, are given discrete period treatment and, as a result, the tax effects of such items are reported in full in the relevant interim period. The Company's effective tax rate was 37.7% and 37.0% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively, compared to 22.2% and 31.6% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively. The higher effective tax rates for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to the same periods in the prior year, are primarily due to the absence of the 80% dividends received deduction for a portion of the Asurion dividend received during 2006, combined with the Asurion Transaction described above, which resulted in an increase in the effective annual tax rate during third quarter 2007. The income tax expense associated with the Asurion gain is approximately \$381.0 million if calculated on a discrete period basis. However, the tax effect of this gain was required to be recorded through the effective tax rate, which resulted in approximately \$379.3 million being recognized in third quarter 2007 and the remaining amount of \$1.7 million to be recognized in fourth quarter 2007. Excluding the effects of discrete period items, the Company estimates its recurring tax rate for the remainder of 2007 to be approximately 37.0%. The full year 2007 effective tax rate can be affected as a result of variances among the estimates and amounts of full year sources of taxable income (e.g. domestic consolidated, joint venture and/or international), the realization of tax credits (e.g. historic rehabilitation, research and experimentation and state incentive), adjustments which may arise from the resolution of tax matters under review and the Company's assessment of its liability for unrecognized tax benefits.

Business Segment Comparisons

FINANCIAL SERVICES SEGMENT

Revenues

Financial Services Segment total revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 were \$297.6 million and \$884.8 million, an increase of \$42.7 million or 16.8% and \$109.6 million or 14.1%, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2006. Financial Services Segment operating revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2007 were \$281.1 million, an increase of \$40.5 million or 16.8% as compared to the same period in 2006, primarily from the inclusion of \$22.0 million of ASI revenues, higher mutual fund shareowner accounts serviced, partially offset by lower software license revenues. Financial Services Segment operating revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 were \$836.8 million, an increase of \$107.6 million or 14.8% as compared to the same period in 2006, primarily from the inclusion of \$68.3 million of ASI revenues, higher mutual fund shareowner accounts serviced, higher license fees for investment management and AWD software and higher professional service revenues.

U.S. operating revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 were \$240.3 million and \$717.1 million, an increase of \$31.3 million or 15.0% and \$86.8 million or 13.8%, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2006, primarily from the inclusion of ASI revenues of \$22.0 million and \$68.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively, and higher mutual fund shareowner accounts serviced. International operating revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 were \$40.8 million and \$119.7 million, an increase of \$9.2 million and \$20.8 million, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2006. The increase in international revenues during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 is primarily attributable to higher professional service revenues.

Financial Services Segment software license fee revenues are derived principally from DST International (investment management systems), AWD (workflow management and CRM solutions) and DST Health Solutions (medical claims processing systems). Operating revenues include approximately \$9.9 million and \$40.2 million of software license fee revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$700,000 and an increase of \$5.9 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2006. The decrease during the three months ended September 30, 2007 is due to lower AWD license fee revenues, partially offset by higher medical claims processing software and investment management software license revenues. The increase during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 is due primarily to higher international investment management software revenues, partially offset by lower AWD software license revenues. While license revenues are not a significant percentage of DST's total operations, they can significantly impact earnings in the period in which they are recognized. Revenues and operating results from individual license sales depend heavily on the timing, size and nature of the contract.

U.S. mutual fund open shareowner accounts processed totaled 118.2 million at September 30, 2007, a net increase of 8.0 million or 7.3% since June 30, 2007, an increase of 12.4 million or 11.7% since December 31, 2006, and an increase of 13.5 million or 12.9% since September 30, 2006. The net increase during the three months ended September 30, 2007 included 7.6 million accounts from previously announced client conversions and approximately 200,000 subaccounts from DST's third quarter 2007 business acquisition of a company that provides mutual fund shareowner subaccounting services. Tax-advantaged retirement and educational savings accounts serviced (which include 529 and Coverdell savings plan accounts) totaled 45.9 million at September 30, 2007, a net increase of 3.8 million accounts or 9.0% since June 30, 2007 and an increase of 5.6 million or 13.9% from the 40.3 million at September 30, 2006. The net increase in tax-advantaged retirement and educational savings accounts serviced is primarily due to the client conversions mentioned above.

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Since June 30, 2007, the Company received new client commitments from clients with approximately 130,000 mutual fund shareowner accounts and 300,000 mutual fund subaccounts. The new mutual fund shareowner accounts and the new mutual fund subaccounts are scheduled to convert in first quarter 2008. The Company currently has total new client commitments for approximately 430,000 mutual fund shareowner accounts and approximately 7.1 million mutual fund subaccounts, based on current levels. The mutual fund shareowner accounts are expected to convert in the first half of 2008 and the mutual fund subaccounts are expected to convert at various times over the next year.

DST has traditionally offered mutual fund shareowner subaccounting services on a remote (ASP) and shared service basis to broker/dealers who perform shareowner accounting and recordkeeping for mutual fund accounts that have been sold by the broker/dealer's registered representatives. DST uses its mutual fund system, TA2000, as the subaccounting platform with enhancements to meet the complex reconciliation and system interfaces required by the broker/dealers. Using the same system for both transfer agency shareowner recordkeeping and subaccounting should ensure the accounting for shareowner ownership positions in the mutual fund is the same, since the recordkeeping is done by one system - TA2000. Revenues for subaccounting services are generally based on the number of subaccounts serviced, and, as a result of the level of services provided directly by the broker/dealer, the per account revenue is less than what DST derives from its traditional mutual fund shareowner processing services.

Costs and expenses

Financial Services Segment costs and expenses (including OOP costs) during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 were \$210.7 million and \$627.6 million, an increase of \$45.7 million or 27.7% and \$110.1 million or 21.3%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2006. Costs and expenses in the Financial Services Segment are primarily comprised of compensation and benefits incurred by the employees providing data processing services, but also include reimbursable operating expenses and other costs. Reimbursable operating expenses included in costs and expenses were \$16.5 million and \$48.0 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively, an increase of \$2.2 million and \$2.0 million compared to the same periods in 2006. Excluding reimbursable operating expenses, costs and expenses increased \$43.5 million during the three months ended September 30, 2007 to \$194.2 million due primarily to the inclusion of ASI, higher personnel costs to support the growth in mutual fund shareowner processing, increased personnel related costs at DST International from higher revenues and certain management restructurings, higher software / hardware maintenance charges, \$3.3 million of costs associated with the partial termination of a deferred compensation plan, amortization of ASI intangible assets, and the absence of a \$4.3 million favorable sales and use tax settlement that occurred in 2006. Excluding reimbursable operating costs, costs and expenses increased \$108.1 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 to \$579.6 million due primarily to the inclusion of ASI, increased personnel costs to support business growth and the other reasons mentioned above.

Depreciation and amortization

Financial Services Segment depreciation and amortization costs during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 increased \$4.0 million or 22.7% and \$2.7 million or 4.8%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2006. Depreciation and amortization during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 included a \$2.6 million reduction in depreciation expense resulting from the favorable settlement of a sales and use tax matter which reduced DST's depreciable basis in certain fixed assets. Absent this item, depreciation and amortization expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 increased \$1.4 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2006. The increase during the three months ended September 30, 2007 is attributable to higher depreciation from internally developed software placed in service during the third quarter and the inclusion of ASI, partially offset by the absence of amortization of DST Health Solutions intangible assets resulting from the adoption of FIN 48. The reduced amortization will continue in the future as no identified intangibles remain from the April 2005 acquisition of DST Health Solutions.

Income from operations

Financial Services Segment income from operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 decreased \$7.0 million or 9.7% and \$3.2 million or 1.6%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2006, to \$65.3 million and \$198.0 million, respectively. Absent the favorable impact of a \$6.9 million state sales and use tax settlement recorded during third quarter 2006, income from operations for the three and

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nine months ended September 30, 2007 decreased \$0.1 million and increased \$3.7 million, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2006. The decrease during the three months ended September 30, 2007 is attributable to \$3.3 million of costs associated with the partial termination of a non-qualified deferred compensation plan, higher personnel costs to support growth in mutual fund shareowner processing, increased personnel related costs at DST International from higher revenues and certain management restructurings and amortization of ASI intangible assets, offset by increased revenues from higher mutual fund shareowner accounts serviced, increased international services revenues and the elimination of amortization of DST Health Solutions intangibles resulting from the adoption of FIN 48. The increase in income from operations during the

nine months ended September 30, 2007 is attributable to higher contributions from mutual fund shareowner processing from higher mutual fund accounts serviced, partially offset by higher personnel costs to support this growth as well as the other costs mentioned above.

OUTPUT SOLUTIONS SEGMENT

Revenues

Output Solutions Segment total revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 were \$273.3 million and \$835.6 million, an increase of \$6.5 million or 2.4% and a decrease of \$51.8 million or 5.8%, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2006. Output Solutions Segment operating revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 were \$136.4 million and \$421.4 million, an increase of \$5.0 million or 3.8% and \$21.4 million or 5.3%, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2006. The increase during the three months ended September 30, 2007 is attributable to higher U.S. processing volumes and increased international revenues. The increase during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 is attributable to the reasons mentioned above, as well as a contract termination fee of \$3.1 million recorded in the first quarter 2007.

Output Solutions Segment images produced for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 were 4.4 billion and 13.0 billion, an increase of 7.3% and 14.0%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2006. Items mailed during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 were 0.7 billion and 2.0 billion, an increase of 0.1 billion as compared to both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006. Revenues per image have declined 4.2% from third quarter 2006 principally as a result of higher relative volume increases from customers with lower unit pricing.

Costs and expenses

Output Solutions Segment costs and expenses (including OOP costs) during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 were \$256.6 million and \$781.8 million, a decrease of \$0.3 million or 0.1% and \$75.2 million or 8.8%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2006. Costs and expenses in the Output Solutions Segment are primarily comprised of reimbursable operating expenses, compensation and benefits costs, material costs (principally paper and ink) and other operating costs. Reimbursable operating expenses included in costs and expenses were \$136.9 million and \$414.2 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively, an increase of \$1.5 million and a decrease of \$73.2 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2006. The increase during the three months ended September 30, 2007 is attributable to higher processing volumes. The decrease during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 is principally from lower postage expenses as certain clients are purchasing postage directly from the postal service in 2007 rather than have Output Solutions acquire postage on behalf of the client. Excluding reimbursable operating expenses, costs and expenses decreased \$1.8 million during the three months ended September 30, 2007 to \$119.7 million from lower material and equipment costs as a result of the implementation of new proprietary printing and inserting technologies, partially offset by higher personnel costs associated with the increased volumes and \$0.8 million of costs related to partially terminating a deferred compensation plan in 2007. Excluding reimbursable operating costs, costs and expenses decreased \$2.0 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 to \$367.6 million for the same reasons.

Depreciation and amortization

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Output Solutions Segment depreciation and amortization during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, increased \$0.8 million or 8.8% and \$4.4 million or 17.8%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2006, attributable to depreciation on new proprietary printing and inserting equipment. Output Solutions continues to invest in new printing and inserting technologies. During fourth quarter 2007, depreciation and amortization is expected to increase above third quarter 2007 levels as new digital printing equipment is purchased and placed in service.

Income from operations

Output Solutions Segment income from operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 was \$6.8 million and \$24.7 million, an increase of \$6.0 million and \$19.0 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in

2006 reflecting higher U.S. processing volumes, increased international revenues and cost efficiencies realized from the implementation of new proprietary printing and inserting technologies, partially offset by higher personnel costs associated with the increased volumes. Included in operating income for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was a \$3.1 million contract termination fee from a client that completed the internalization of its print / mail operations as a result of a merger with a company with in-house capabilities at the end of the first quarter of 2007. Operating revenues from this client were approximately \$20.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. Third quarter 2007 income from operations includes operating revenues from certain annual mailings and approximately \$1.2 million of cost reductions primarily due to the finalization of year to date vendor rebates. These two items are not expected to recur in fourth quarter 2007. The Company is aware that certain of its clients have been studying the impact of summarizing the amount of detail included in a billing statement. If the amount of detail included in these billing statements declines in the future, this could reduce the number of pages included in a package mailed, which may adversely impact Output Solutions' revenues.

INVESTMENTS AND OTHER SEGMENT

Revenues

Investments and Other Segment operating revenues, primarily rental income from facilities leased to the Company's operating segments, were \$16.6 million and \$48.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$0.1 million or 0.6% and \$0.6 million or 1.3%, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2006 due to higher rental activities.

Costs and expenses

Investments and Other Segment costs and expenses increased \$0.2 million during the three months ended September 30, 2007, as compared to the same period in 2006, due primarily to costs associated with the partial termination of a deferred compensation plan in 2007. Costs and expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 decreased \$11.8 million, as compared to the same period in 2006, due primarily to a \$12.4 million gain resulting from the sale of office buildings in California during second quarter 2007. Absent this gain, costs and expenses were \$31.3 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$0.6 million as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2006, attributable to higher operating costs associated with higher rental income revenues and \$0.2 million of costs associated with the deferred compensation plan mentioned above.

Depreciation and amortization

Investments and Other Segment depreciation and amortization decreased \$0.1 million and \$1.1 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2006 primarily due to the sale of property.

Income from operations

Investments and Other Segment income from operations was \$3.2 million and \$22.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$0.1 million or 3.0% and an increase of \$13.4 million or 154.0%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2006. The decrease during the three months ended September 30, 2007 is due to the additional costs associated with the deferred compensation plan charge described above. The increase for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was attributable to a \$12.4 million gain from the sale of office buildings in California recorded in the second quarter 2007 and lower depreciation expense.

Segment Operating Data

The following table presents operating data for the Company's operating business segments:

	September 30, 2007	December 31, 2006		
Financial Services Operating Data				
Mutual fund shareowner accounts processed (millions)				
U.S.				
Non-retirement accounts	72.3	65.3		
IRA mutual fund accounts	27.4	23.3		
Other retirement accounts	5.7	4.2		
TRAC mutual fund accounts	4.6	6.1		
Section 529 and Educational IRA's	8.2	6.9		
	118.2	105.8		
International				
United Kingdom (1)	5.8	5.6		
Canada (2)	7.4	7.1		
TRAC participants (millions)	4.4	4.5		
Automated Work Distributor workstations (thousands)	125.5	120.8		
DST Health Solutions covered lives (millions)	25.8	25.3		
	For the Three Months Ended September 30,	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Output Solutions Operating Data				
Images produced (billions)	4.4	4.1	13.0	11.4
Items mailed (billions)	0.7	0.6	2.0	1.9
Other Operating Data				
Pharmacy claims processed by Argus (millions)	145.5	134.7	436.4	381.8

(1) Processed by International Financial Data Services (U.K.) Limited, an unconsolidated affiliate of the Company.

(2) Processed by International Financial Data Services (Canada) Limited, an unconsolidated affiliate of the Company.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Sources and Uses of Cash

The Company's primary source of liquidity has historically been cash provided by operations. Principal uses of cash are operations, reinvestment in the Company's proprietary technologies, capital expenditures, stock repurchases, and payments on debt. Information on the Company's consolidated cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 is presented in the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows, categorized by operating activities, investing activities, and financing activities.

Operating Activities

The Company's cash flow from operating activities totaled \$313.1 million and \$292.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Operating cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year 2007. Income tax expense associated with the Asurion gain was approximately \$379.3 million during the three months ended September 30, 2007. Income taxes resulting from the Asurion sale are expected to be paid in fourth quarter 2007 and will cause a reduction in operating cash flow for the three months ending December 31, 2007. The net increase in operating cash flow during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 is due to \$70 million of proceeds from accounts receivable securitizations, increases in accrued compensation and benefit liabilities and increases in income taxes payable unrelated to the Asurion gain, partially offset by increases in accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Operating cash flows during 2007 resulted principally from net income of \$811.0 million and non-cash items included in the determination of net income, including depreciation and amortization expense of \$95.6 million and equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates of \$52.7 million. Significant working capital related adjustments to net income include decreases in accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$50.3 million and accounts receivable of \$3.9 million, and increases in accrued compensation and benefits of \$34.5 million and income taxes payable (unrelated to the Asurion gain) of approximately \$23.7 million. The Company had \$287.5 million of cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2007, an increase of \$226.9 million from December 31, 2006.

Cash Management Service

The Company has a cash management service for full service mutual fund transfer agency clients, whereby end-of-day available client bank balances are invested overnight by and in the name of the Company into credit-quality money market funds. All invested balances are returned to the full service mutual fund transfer agency client accounts the following business day. The Company had \$150.4 million and \$125.6 million of mutual fund transfer agency client investments and deposits at September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively.

Investing Activities

Cash flows provided by investing activities totaled \$750.9 million and \$184.0 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The increase in cash flows provided by investing activities during 2007 was primarily attributable to the \$980.0 million of proceeds received from the Asurion investment sale in third quarter 2007. Also contributing the net increase in cash provided by investing

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activities during 2007 were higher proceeds from the repayment of loans by affiliates and higher proceeds from the sale of properties, partially offset by higher investment purchases, lower proceeds from the sale of investment securities and lower distributions from unconsolidated affiliates.

Proceeds from the sale of Asurion and properties

In connection with the July 3, 2007 sale of Asurion, DST received cash proceeds of \$980 million and estimated receivables of approximately \$43.9 million that are expected to be collected within one year from the closing of the transaction, and DST's equity interest in Asurion has been reduced to approximately 6%. The final determination of these estimated receivables could differ from the amount currently recorded, which could result in an adjustment to the \$996.3 million pretax gain recorded. The Company expects the determination of the estimated receivables to be finalized in fourth quarter 2007. A majority of the Asurion sale proceeds were used to pay down the Company's line

of credit facilities. The remainder of the proceeds was invested in cash and short-term investments and will be used in fourth quarter 2007 to satisfy tax obligations associated with the sale.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, the Company received approximately \$42.5 million from the sale of properties, principally from the sale of office buildings in California.

Capital Expenditures

The Company continues to make significant investments in capital equipment, software, systems and facilities.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, the Company expended \$58.3 million on capital expenditures. Of this total, approximately \$3.8 million related to the Investments and Other Segment, which consists primarily of building acquisitions and building improvements. The Output Solutions Segment expenditures were approximately \$20.3 million primarily for new printing and inserting technologies that will be used to support new and existing business. Output Solutions continues to invest in new printing and inserting technologies. During fourth quarter 2007, Output Solutions anticipates additional purchases of new digital printing equipment. Future capital expenditures are expected to be funded primarily by cash flows from operating activities, secured term notes, proceeds from accounts receivable securitizations or draws from bank lines of credit, as required.

Investments

The Company made \$271.7 million of investments in securities during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and received payments from unconsolidated affiliates of approximately \$26.7 million. Included in the \$271.7 million of investment purchases during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 is approximately \$168.0 million of Asurion proceeds that were invested in short-term debt securities that mature on December 14, 2007. Proceeds from these short-term investments, along with other invested cash balances, are expected to be used in fourth quarter 2007 to satisfy tax obligations associated with the Asurion sale. During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, the Company received \$46.6 million from the sale of investments in available-for-sale and other securities.

Business Acquisitions

During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, the Company purchased two businesses in the Financial Services Segment for \$14.9 million. The minimum aggregate purchase price of \$14.9 million was paid in cash during third quarter 2007 and was funded with available cash balances and existing credit facilities. There are provisions in both business acquisition agreements that allow for additional consideration to be paid if certain operating performance measures are met. As of September 30, 2007, the aggregate amount of contingent consideration that could be paid related to these business acquisitions was approximately \$34 million. Approximately \$24 million of that amount would be due in 2011 while the remainder would be paid from 2008 through 2011.

Financing Activities

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Cash flows used in financing activities totaled \$837.1 million and \$472.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Common Stock Issuances and Repurchases

The Company received proceeds of \$84.9 million and \$49.1 million from the issuance of common stock upon the exercise of employee stock options during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

The Company repurchased approximately 6,011,900 shares of DST common stock for \$465.0 million or approximately \$77.34 per share during the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Cash flows from operations and borrowings on debt facilities were used to repurchase these shares.

On May 8, 2007, DST's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of an additional 5.0 million shares under the existing share repurchase authorization plan. The plan allows, but does not require, the repurchase of common stock in open market and private transactions through July 31, 2008. The Company may enter into one or more plans with its brokers or banks for pre-authorized purchases within defined limits pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 to affect all or a

portion of such share repurchases. At September 30, 2007, the Company had approximately 3.0 million shares remaining to be purchased under this plan.

Payments made for tax withholding obligations arising from the exercise of options to purchase the Company's stock are included in common stock repurchased in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows. The amount of such share withholdings for option exercises was \$46.8 million and \$18.9 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Off Balance Sheet Obligations

As of September 30, 2007, the Company had no material off balance sheet arrangements, other than the accounts receivable securitization program described below.

Financing Sources

The Company has used the following primary sources of financing: the syndicated line of credit facility; convertible debentures; subsidiary line of credit facilities; secured promissory notes; the sale of accounts receivable under the Company's accounts receivable securitization program; and loans from unconsolidated affiliates. The Company has also utilized bridge loans to augment the above sources of debt financing. The net decrease in the Company's line of credit facilities was \$410.5 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The Company had \$1,013.7 million and \$1,441.2 million of debt outstanding at September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively.

Senior Convertible Debentures

Holders of the Company's \$840 million senior convertible debentures were eligible to convert these bonds during the three months ended March 31, 2007, June 30, 2007 and September 30, 2007 as a result of DST's common stock trading above 120% of the applicable conversion price (\$49.08) for at least 20 trading days during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ended December 31, 2006, March 31, 2007 and June 30, 2007. Actual conversions during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 have been less than \$0.1 million, and cash was used to settle the principal portion of these conversions. The senior debentures continue to be convertible through December 31, 2007 as the stock price conversion feature was still in effect at September 30, 2007. Conversion rights, and ultimate classification as a current or non-current liability, for subsequent quarters will be a function of future DST stock prices.

Equipment Promissory Note

During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, DST purchased \$22.0 million of computer equipment with promissory notes. The notes mature from April 1, 2010 through October 1, 2010 and are secured by the equipment. Interest accrues at fixed rates ranging from approximately 4.6% to 4.9% per year.

BFDS Promissory Note

As previously announced, the Company entered into a promissory note with Boston Financial Data Services, Inc. (BFDS). The agreement provides for unsecured revolving borrowings by the Company of up to \$100 million and matures on July 1, 2010. The amount outstanding under this loan agreement was \$85.0 million at September 30, 2007. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, the Company recorded interest expense related to this loan of \$1.3 million and \$3.0 million, respectively.

Syndicated Line of Credit

The Company amended its revolving \$600 million syndicated line of credit facility as of July 19, 2007 to, among other things, (i) allow DST to repurchase or redeem its capital stock in an amount not to exceed \$600 million with proceeds received from the Asurion transaction described below in Significant Transactions, (ii) increase the amount of permitted restricted payments for the last half of 2007, and (iii) allow a one time addition of \$150 million to the \$50 million exclusion on real property liens if incurred prior to June 30, 2008.

Accounts Receivable Securitization Program

On May 24, 2007, DST entered into a \$200 million accounts receivable securitization program with a third party multi-seller asset-backed commercial paper conduit. Under the terms of the securitization program, (a) DST periodically acquires accounts receivable originated by certain of its domestic subsidiaries, including DST Output, DST Health Solutions and DST Technologies (the *Subsidiary Originators*), (b) DST transfers receivables originated by DST and receivables acquired from the *Subsidiary Originators*, on a periodic basis, to a wholly-owned bankruptcy remote special purpose subsidiary of DST (the *SPE*), and (c) the *SPE* then sells undivided interests in the receivables to the commercial paper conduit. DST retains servicing responsibility over the receivables.

The assets of the *SPE* are not available to satisfy the creditors of any other person, including DST or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates. Further, neither DST nor the *SPE* guarantees collectability of the receivables or the creditworthiness of obligors. The conduit's purchase commitment will expire on May 22, 2008 unless otherwise extended in accordance with the program agreements.

The periodic transfers of undivided interests in the receivables by the *SPE* to the conduit meet the requirements for sale accounting treatment in accordance with SFAS No. 140, *Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishment of Liabilities*. Accordingly, the portion of the receivables transferred to the conduit, up to an advance amount which cannot exceed \$200 million, have been removed from the balance sheet. The *SPE* retains an interest in the receivables in excess of the amount transferred to the conduit, and such receivables will continue to be recognized on the balance sheet. The carrying value of the retained interest approximates its estimated fair value at the balance sheet date. Increases in the level of assumed interest rates and/or credit losses compared to assumptions in effect at the balance sheet date by 10% or 20% would not materially affect the fair value of the retained interest at the reporting date.

At September 30, 2007, the total outstanding undivided interest in the receivables held by the conduit was \$70.0 million. Aggregate transfers of undivided interests in the receivables from the *SPE* to the conduit totaled \$437.6 million and \$640.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and from May 24, 2007 (inception date) through September 30, 2007, respectively. A \$17.4 million retained interest in the receivables partially sold is included in accounts receivable on the consolidated balance sheet at September 30, 2007. The impact on net income stemming from these transfers was not material.

Delinquencies and credit losses related to the accounts receivable sold were not significant from the inception date of the securitization program through September 30, 2007.

Overall Liquidity

The Company believes that its existing cash balances and other current assets, together with cash provided by operating activities and, as necessary, the Company's bank and revolving credit facilities and accounts receivable securitization program, will suffice to meet the Company's operating and debt service requirements and other current liabilities for at least the next 12 months. Further, the Company believes that its longer term liquidity and capital requirements will also be met through cash provided by operating activities, bank credit facilities and available-for-sale securities.

Guarantees

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The Company has guaranteed certain obligations of certain joint ventures under service agreements entered into by the joint ventures and their customers. The amount of such obligations is not stated in the agreements. Depending on the negotiated terms of the guaranty and/or the underlying service agreement, the Company's liability under the guaranty may be subject to time and materiality limitations, monetary caps and other conditions and defenses.

In certain instances in which the Company licenses proprietary systems to customers, the Company gives certain warranties and infringement indemnities to the licensee, the terms of which vary depending on the negotiated terms of each respective license agreement, but which generally warrant that such systems will perform in accordance with their specifications. The amount of such obligations is not stated in the lease agreements. The Company's liability for breach of such warranties may be subject to time and materiality limitations, monetary caps and other conditions and defenses.

From time to time, the Company enters into agreements with unaffiliated parties containing indemnification provisions, the terms of which vary depending on the negotiated terms of each respective agreement. The amount of such obligations is not stated in the agreements. The Company's liability under such indemnification provisions may be subject to time and materiality limitations, monetary caps and other conditions and defenses. Such indemnity obligations include the following:

The Company has entered into purchase and service agreements with its vendors, and consulting agreements with providers of consulting services to the Company, pursuant to which the Company has agreed to indemnify certain of such vendors and consultants, respectively, against third party claims arising from the Company's use of the vendor's product or the services of the vendor or consultant.

In connection with the acquisition or disposition of subsidiaries, operating units and business assets by the Company, the Company has entered into agreements containing indemnification provisions, the terms of which vary depending on the negotiated terms of each respective agreement, but which are generally described as follows: (i) in connection with acquisitions made by the Company, the Company has agreed to indemnify the seller against third party claims made against the seller relating to the subject subsidiary, operating unit or asset and arising after the closing of the transaction, and (ii) in connection with dispositions made by the Company, the Company has agreed to indemnify the buyer against damages incurred by the buyer due to the buyer's reliance on representations and warranties relating to the subject subsidiary, operating unit or business assets in the disposition agreement if such representations or warranties were untrue when made, or due to any breach of the representations, warranties, agreements or covenants contained in the agreement.

The Company has entered into agreements with certain third parties, including banks and escrow agents, that provide software escrow, fiduciary and other services to the Company or to its benefit plans or customers. Under such agreements, the Company has agreed to indemnify such service providers for third party claims relating to the carrying out of their respective duties under such agreements.

The Company has entered into agreements with lenders providing financing to the Company pursuant to which the Company agrees to indemnify such lenders for third party claims arising from or relating to such financings. In connection with real estate mortgage financing, the Company has entered into environmental indemnity agreements in which the Company has agreed to indemnify the lenders for any damage sustained by the lenders relating to any environmental contamination on the subject properties.

In connection with the acquisition or disposition of real estate by the Company, the Company has entered into real estate contracts containing indemnification provisions, the terms of which vary depending on the negotiated terms of each respective contract, but which are generally described as follows: (i) in connection with acquisitions by the Company, the Company has agreed to indemnify the seller against third party claims made against the seller arising from the Company's on-site inspections, tests and investigations of the subject property made by the Company as part of its due diligence and against third party claims relating to the operations on the subject property after the closing of the transaction, and (ii) in connection with dispositions by the Company, the Company has agreed to indemnify the buyer for damages incurred by the buyer due to the buyer's reliance on representations and warranties relating to the subject property made by the Company in the real estate contract if such representations or warranties were untrue when made and against third party claims relating to operations on the subject property prior to the closing of the transaction.

In connection with the leasing of real estate by the Company, as landlord and as tenant, the Company has entered into occupancy leases containing indemnification provisions, the terms of which vary depending on the negotiated terms of each respective lease, but which are generally described as follows: (i) in connection with leases in which the Company is the tenant, the Company has agreed to indemnify the landlord against third party claims relating to the Company's occupancy of the subject property, including claims arising from loss of life, bodily injury and/or damage to property thereon, and (ii) in connection with leases in which the Company is the landlord, the Company has agreed to indemnify the tenant against third party claims to the extent occasioned wholly or in part by any negligent act or omission of the Company or arising from loss of life, bodily injury and/or damage to property in or upon any of the common areas or other areas under the Company's control.

At September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, the Company had not accrued any liability on the aforementioned guarantees or indemnifications as they relate to future performance criteria or indirect indebtedness of others in accordance with FIN 45, Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others.

Significant Transactions

Asurion Corporation Transaction

On July 3, 2007, the Board of Directors of Asurion consummated a transaction whereby certain private equity firms acquired a significant stake in Asurion. In connection with the transaction, DST received cash proceeds of \$980 million and estimated receivables of approximately \$43.9 million that are expected to be collected within one year from the closing of the transaction, and DST's equity interest in Asurion has been reduced from 37.4% to approximately 6%. Effective with the closing of the transaction on July 3, 2007, DST accounts for its investment in Asurion under the cost basis of accounting and no longer records equity in earnings of Asurion. At September 30, 2007, DST's net investment in Asurion was \$3.1 million. The sale of Asurion resulted in DST recording a \$996.3 million pretax gain during the three months ended September 30, 2007. Included in the determination of this pretax gain was \$43.9 million of estimated receivables, which represent the remaining portion of the sales proceeds to be received by DST. The final determination of these estimated receivables could differ from the amount currently recorded, which could result in an adjustment to the pretax gain. The determination of the estimated receivables is expected to be finalized in the fourth quarter 2007. A majority of the cash proceeds received in connection with this transaction have been used to pay down debt and related facilities, while the remainder of the proceeds was invested in cash and short-term investments and will be used in fourth quarter 2007 to satisfy tax obligations associated with the sale.

OTHER

Comprehensive income (loss). The Company's comprehensive income totaled \$649.1 million and \$859.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively, as compared to comprehensive income of \$67.5 million and \$267.5 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006. Comprehensive income includes net income of \$672.8 million and \$811.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively, compared to \$54.7 million and \$191.9 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, and other comprehensive loss of \$23.7 million and other comprehensive income of \$48.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively, compared to other comprehensive income of \$12.8 million and \$75.6 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006. Other comprehensive income consists of unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities, net of deferred taxes, reclassifications for net gains and losses included in net income, foreign currency translation adjustments, and the Company's share of an unconsolidated affiliate's interest rate swap. The principal difference between net income and comprehensive income is the net change in unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities.

Other than temporary impairments. At September 30, 2007, the Company's available-for-sale securities had unrealized holding losses of \$4.2 million. If it is determined that a reduction in a security's net realizable value is other than temporary, a realized loss will be recognized in the statement of operations and the cost basis of the security reduced to its estimated fair value. The Company does not believe that the unrealized losses at September 30, 2007 are other than temporary.

The Company recognized investment impairments of \$3.1 million and \$5.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared to \$0.1 million and \$1.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, which the Company believed were other than temporary. The impairments related to investments held by the Investments and Other Segment and other investments held by the Financial Services Segment. A decline in a security's net realizable value that is other than temporary is treated as a loss based on quoted market value and is reflected in the Other income, net line in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income.

Seasonality. Generally, the Company does not have significant seasonal fluctuations in its business operations. Processing and Output Solutions volumes for mutual fund customers are usually highest during the quarter ended March 31 due primarily to processing year-end transactions and printing and mailing of year-end statements and tax forms during January. The Company has historically added operating equipment in the last half of the year in preparation for processing year-end transactions, which has the effect of increasing costs for the second half of the year. Revenues and operating results from individual license sales depend heavily on the timing and size of the contract.

New Accounting Standards

Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes

On January 1, 2007, DST adopted FASB Interpretation (FIN) No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 (FIN 48). This interpretation clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an entity's financial statements. FIN 48 indicates that the impact from adoption should be reflected as a cumulative effect adjustment from a change in accounting principle to the beginning retained earnings amount reported for that fiscal year, unless the amount relates to a previous business combination, in which case the impact would be recorded as an adjustment to the purchase price allocation for the previous business combination. The adjustment to the purchase price allocation would first reduce remaining goodwill and identified intangibles related to the business combination and the residual would be reflected as a cumulative effect adjustment to beginning retained earnings. DST's adoption of this standard on January 1, 2007, resulted in approximately \$87.5 million of previously recorded liabilities for uncertain tax positions being released, of which \$68.2 million (net of deferred taxes) resulted in a reduction in previously recorded intangible assets (including capitalized software) and goodwill relating to the Company's April 2005 acquisition of DST Health Solutions, Inc., and the remainder was recorded as an increase in stockholders equity as a cumulative effect adjustment in retained earnings. Prior to the adoption of FIN 48 on January 1, 2007, the Company classified all income tax uncertainties as current liabilities. Upon adoption of FIN 48, the Company reclassified income tax uncertainties that are estimated to take more than 12 months to resolve as non-current.

Fair Value Measurements

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS 157), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value under generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 does not require any new fair value measurements, but provides guidance on how to measure fair value by providing a fair value hierarchy used to classify the source of the information. The Company will be required to adopt this standard in the first quarter of 2008. Management is currently evaluating the requirements of SFAS 157 and has not yet determined the impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities, including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 (SFAS 159). SFAS 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value that are not currently required to be measured at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected are reported in earnings. SFAS 159 does not affect any existing accounting literature that requires certain assets and liabilities to be carried at fair value. The Company will be required to adopt this standard in the first quarter of 2008. Management is currently evaluating the requirements of SFAS 159 and has not yet determined the impact on the consolidated financial statements.

Earnings Per Share

The FASB previously issued an exposure draft on a proposed accounting standard that would amend SFAS No. 128, Earnings per Share (SFAS 128), to clarify guidance for mandatorily convertible instruments, the treasury stock method, contingently issuable shares, and contracts that may be settled in cash or shares.

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The proposed amendment, which is designed for convergence with international accounting standards, would require the use of the if-converted method from the date of issuance of the convertible debentures. The proposed amendment would remove the ability of a company to support the presumption that the convertible securities will be satisfied in cash and not converted into shares of common stock. Accordingly, the Company's stated intention to settle conversions of its convertible debentures with cash for the principal and accrued and unpaid interest and issue common stock for any conversion value amount over the principal and accrued and unpaid interest amounts would no longer be accepted under SFAS 128, if amended as proposed. The final statement has yet to be issued.

Retrospective application would be required for all changes to SFAS 128, except that retrospective application would be prohibited for contracts that were either settled in cash prior to adoption or modified prior to adoption to require cash settlement. For DST, adoption of this statement, as proposed, will require retroactive restatement of the Company's diluted earnings per share calculations subsequent to the issuance of the convertible debentures. In calculating diluted earnings per share under the revised SFAS 128 if converted method included in the exposure draft, the Company would need to increase net income for the interest expense associated with the convertible debentures, net of tax, and increase the incremental shares assumed to be issued upon conversion by 17.1 million shares (less shares already included in diluted earnings per share), the amount of shares that would be issued if all \$840 million of convertible debentures would be converted to equity. Under this if converted method, diluted earnings per share would have been \$8.42 and \$0.70 (versus reported diluted earnings per share of \$9.62 and \$0.76) for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and \$10.04 and \$2.48 (versus reported diluted earnings per share of \$11.37 and \$2.63) for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The above pro-forma information presents only the effect on diluted earnings per share of the if converted method included in the exposure draft, but does not include any other computational changes (i.e., treasury stock method considerations) discussed in the exposure draft. DST is continuing to monitor the FASB's progress towards finalizing this proposed accounting standard.

The proposed change in accounting principle would affect the calculation of diluted earnings per share during the period the debentures are outstanding, but would not affect DST's ability to ultimately settle the convertible debentures in cash, shares or any combination thereof.

The estimated impact of this new accounting standard reflects the Company's current estimates based upon the exposure draft in its current form. There may be material differences between these estimates and the actual impact of the standard when issued as final.

Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments

In September 2007, the FASB issued proposed FASB Staff Position (FSP) No. APB 14-a, Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement). This FSP clarifies that issuers of convertible debt instruments that may be settled in cash upon conversion (including partial cash settlement) should separately account for the liability and equity components in a manner that will reflect the entity's nonconvertible debt borrowing rate when interest cost is recognized in subsequent periods. The FSP will be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2007. Early adoption is not permitted. This FSP will be applied retrospectively to all periods presented. DST is still evaluating the impact of this FSP and currently believes that the adoption of this proposed standard would result in higher interest expense on DST's \$840 million of senior convertible debentures and will result in the separation of the debt and equity components of the senior convertible debentures on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

In the operations of its businesses, the Company's financial results can be affected by changes in equity pricing, interest rates and currency exchange rates. Changes in interest rates and exchange rates have not materially impacted the consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows of the Company. Changes in equity values of the Company's investments have had a material effect on the Company's comprehensive income and financial position.

Available-for-sale equity price risk

The Company's investments in available-for-sale equity securities are subject to price risk. The fair value of the Company's available-for-sale investments as of September 30, 2007 was approximately \$1.4 billion. The impact of a 10% change in fair value of these investments would be approximately \$84.0 million to comprehensive income. As discussed under Comprehensive income (loss) above, net unrealized gains on the Company's investments in available-for-sale securities have had a material effect on the Company's comprehensive income and financial position.

Interest rate risk

The Company and certain of its joint ventures derive a certain amount of their service revenues from investment earnings related to cash balances maintained in transfer agency customer bank accounts that the Company is agent for. The balances maintained in the bank accounts are subject to fluctuation. At September 30, 2007, the Company and its joint ventures had approximately \$1.8 billion of cash balances maintained in such accounts, of which \$1.7 billion was maintained at the joint ventures. The Company estimates that a 50 basis point change in interest rate would increase or decrease net income by approximately \$2.9 million.

At September 30, 2007, the Company had approximately \$1.0 billion of debt, of which \$103.8 million was subject to variable interest rates (Federal Funds rates, LIBOR rates, prime rates). At September 30, 2007, the Company's proportional share of an unconsolidated affiliate's interest rate swap was a gain of \$11.4 million. The Company estimates that a 10% increase in interest rates would not be material to the Company's consolidated pretax earnings or to the fair value of its debt.

In addition to the financial instruments listed above, the program fees incurred on proceeds from the sale of receivables under the Company's receivables securitization program are determined based on variable interest rates (LIBOR).

Foreign currency exchange rate risk

The operation of the Company's subsidiaries in international markets results in exposure to movements in currency exchange rates. The principal currencies involved are the British pound, Canadian dollar, Australian dollar, Thai baht and Indian rupee. Currency exchange rate fluctuations have not historically materially affected the consolidated financial results of the Company. At September 30, 2007, the Company's international subsidiaries had approximately \$206.9 million in total assets, and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, these international subsidiaries reported an approximate \$14.6 million net loss and \$0.2 million net income, respectively. The Company estimates that a 10% change in exchange rates could change total consolidated assets by approximately \$20.7 million. Furthermore, a 10% change in exchange rates based upon historical earnings in international operations would not have a significant effect on consolidated net income.

The Company's international subsidiaries use the local currency as the functional currency. The Company translates all assets and liabilities at balance sheet date exchange rates and income and expense accounts at average rates during the period. While it is generally not the Company's practice to enter into derivative contracts, from time to time the Company and its subsidiaries do utilize forward foreign currency exchange contracts to minimize the impact of currency movements.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

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The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, including without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports that it files under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Based on an evaluation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report conducted by the Company's management, with the participation of the Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer believe that these controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2007.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13(a)-15(f) and 15(d)-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the quarter ended September 30, 2007, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 4T. Controls and Procedures

Not applicable.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The Company and its subsidiaries are involved in various legal proceedings arising in the normal course of their businesses. While the ultimate outcome of such legal proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes, after consultation with legal counsel, that the final outcome in such proceedings, in the aggregate, would not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows of the Company.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There are many risks and uncertainties that can affect our future business, financial performance or share price. Many of these are beyond our control.

A description follows of some of the important factors that could have a material negative impact on our future business, operating results, financial condition or share price. This discussion includes a number of forward-looking statements. You should refer to the description of the qualifications and limitations on forward-looking statements in the first paragraph under Item 2 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of this Form 10-Q. The risk factors have not changed materially from the date of our periodic report on Form 10-Q for the previous quarter.

Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, reference in this section to we, ours, us or similar terms means the Company, together with its subsidiaries. The level of importance of each of the following trends and risks may vary from time to time, and the trends and risks are not listed in any specific order of importance. These risks, however, are not the only risks facing our Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results.

Trends or events affecting our clients or their industries could decrease the demand for our products and services.

We derive our consolidated revenues from the delivery of products and services to clients in the mutual fund, investment management, healthcare, telecommunications and utilities, video/broadband/satellite TV, other financial service (i.e. brokerage, insurance, banking, financial planning and mortgage) and other industries. A decline or lack of growth in demand for our products and services in any of the industries we serve could adversely affect our business and earnings. Demand for our products and services among companies in those industries could decline for many reasons. Consolidation or limited growth in an industry could reduce the number of our clients and potential clients. Events that adversely affect our clients' businesses, rates of growth or numbers of customers they serve, including decreased demand for our customers' products and services, adverse conditions in our customers' markets or adverse economic conditions generally, could decrease demand for our products and services and the number of transactions we process. We cannot always predict the needs of changing industries or whether potential customers will accept our products or services. Concentrating our resources based on trends or events that do not occur as we expected could negatively impact any of our various businesses.

The demand for our products and services could decrease if we do not continually address our and our clients' technology and capacity requirements.

Our clients use computer technology-based products and services in the complex and rapidly changing markets in which they operate. We must substantially invest in technology and systems to meet customer demand for transaction processing and volume capacities. If we do not meet clients' technology and capacity demands in advance of our competitors or if the investments we make are not cost-effective or do not result in successful products or services, our businesses could be adversely affected.

Damage to our facilities or declining real estate values could impact our operations or financial condition.

We own, lease and manage real estate as part of our business. The performance of our services also depends upon facilities that house central computer operations or operating centers or in which we process information, images, bills or statements. Declining property values in the markets in which we own investment properties may adversely affect our financial condition. Significant damage to any of our operating facilities could interrupt the operations at those facilities and interfere with our ability to serve customers.

We may be unable to attract and retain capable technical personnel for our processing businesses or quality executives to manage the complex structure of our business.

Our success depends on recruiting and retaining adept management and personnel with expertise in software and systems development and the types of computer hardware and software we utilize. Losing key personnel or not hiring qualified personnel could have a material adverse effect on our operations. Companies in our industry compete fiercely for qualified management and technical personnel. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to adequately compete for or keep qualified personnel. Lack of qualified management could increase the risk of unfavorable business strategies, especially in a complex business like ours with multiple segments and operating entities. Lack of qualified technical personnel could also affect our ability to develop the systems and services our clients demand.

Our businesses are subject to substantial competition.

We are subject to intense competition from other established service providers in all industries we serve. Competitors may offer more appealing pricing structures. Some of our clients have developed or are developing the in-house capacity to perform the transaction processing, recordkeeping, and output services they have paid us to perform. Some of our competitors and clients have greater financial and human resources and access to capital than we do.

Our failure to successfully compete in any of our operating segments could have a material adverse effect on our financial results. Competition could also affect the revenue mix of services we provide, resulting in decreased revenues in lines of business with higher profit margins.

Subaccounting services performed by brokerage firms could adversely impact our revenues.

Our mutual fund transfer agency competition includes brokerage firms that perform sub-accounting services for customers who purchase or sell shares of our clients' mutual funds. A brokerage firm typically maintains an omnibus account with us that represents the aggregate number of shares of a mutual fund owned by the brokerage firm's customers. The omnibus account structure results in fewer mutual fund shareowner accounts on our systems, which adversely affects our revenues.

We offer subaccounting services to brokerage firms that perform mutual fund shareowner subaccounting. As the record keeping functions in connection with subaccounting are more limited than traditional shareowner accounting, the fees charged are generally lower on a per unit basis. There is a risk that brokerage firms that use our subaccounting products would convert accounts currently on our traditional recordkeeping system to the subaccounting system, which could result in lower revenues.

We and companies in which we own a significant interest are subject to government regulation. Any regulatory violations could adversely affect our business.

A number of our businesses are subject to U.S. or foreign regulatory oversight, as well as recordkeeping and reporting obligations. Any violation of those obligations or related laws or regulations could expose us or those businesses to costly fines or sanctions or damage our reputation, which could adversely affect our business or financial performance.

Our clients are subject to government regulation which could affect our business.

Our clients are subject to extensive government regulation, including investment adviser, broker/dealer and financial and healthcare privacy regulations. Any violation by our clients of applicable laws and regulations could diminish their business or financial condition and thus their demand for our products and services. Demand could also decrease if we do not continue to offer products and services that help our clients comply with regulations.

We operate internationally and are thus exposed to foreign political, economic and other conditions that could adversely affect our revenues from or support by foreign operations.

Consolidated revenues from our subsidiaries in Canada, Europe and elsewhere outside the U.S. are an important element of our revenues. Inherent risks in our international business activities could decrease our international sales and have a material adverse effect on our overall financial condition, results of operations and cash flow. These risks include potentially unfavorable foreign economic conditions, political conditions or national priorities, foreign government regulation, potential expropriation of assets by foreign governments, the failure to bridge cultural differences, and limited or prohibited access to our foreign operations and the support they provide. We may also have difficulty repatriating profits or be adversely affected by exchange rate fluctuations in our international business.

Various events may cause our financial results to fluctuate from quarter to quarter or year to year. The nature of these events might inhibit our ability to anticipate and act in advance to counter them.

We cannot always control when and whether events occur that could cause varying financial results. Unfavorable results may occur that we did not anticipate or take advance action to address. The various reasons our quarterly and annual results may fluctuate include unanticipated economic conditions and costs for starting up significant client operations, for hiring staff, and for developing products. Our results may also vary as a result of pricing pressures, increased cost of supplies, timing of license fees, the evolving and unpredictable markets in which our products and services are sold, changes in accounting principles, and competitors' new products or services.

Our revenues and profit margins could decrease if clients cancel contracts, fail to renew contracts, renegotiate contracts or use our services at less than anticipated rates.

Client contract terminations, non-renewals, renegotiations or under-utilization of our services could decrease our revenues and profit margins. We derive revenue by selling products and services under long-term contracts. We cannot unilaterally extend the terms of these contracts when they expire. Some of these contracts contain termination for convenience clauses, which enable clients to cancel the agreements by providing written notice to us. Any failure to extend these contracts under their current terms, or any early termination of these contracts by customers, could adversely affect our business.

Claims against us, including claims for the lost market value of securities and class action claims, could cause significant liability and damage our reputation and business prospects.

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We may be subject to damage claims, including class-action claims, for delays in transaction processing; for calculation errors, errors resulting in disclosure of confidential information, or other processing or operational errors; or for mismanagement of claims or other processes. Because of the sensitive nature of the financial and healthcare transactions we process, our liability and alleged damages may significantly exceed the fees we receive for performing

the service at issue. Litigation can include class action claims based, among other theories, upon various regulatory requirements and consumer protection and privacy laws that class action plaintiffs may attempt to use to assert private rights of action. Any of these claims and related settlements or judgments could affect our profitability, damage our reputation, decrease demand for our services, or cause us to make costly operating changes.

We are substantially dependent on our intellectual property rights, and a claim for infringement or a requirement to indemnify a client for infringement could adversely affect us.

We have made substantial investments in software and other intellectual property on which our business is highly dependent. Any loss of our intellectual property rights, or any significant claim of infringement or indemnity for violation of the intellectual property rights of others, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flow. We rely on patent, trade secret and copyright laws, nondisclosure agreements, and other contractual and internal security measures to protect our proprietary technology. We cannot guarantee these measures will be effective. Our products and services rely on technology developed by others, including open source software, and we have no control over possible infringement of someone else's intellectual property rights by the provider of this technology. The owner of the rights could seek damages from us rather than or in addition to the persons who provide the technology to us. We could be subject at any time to intellectual property infringement claims that are costly to evaluate and defend. Our clients may also face infringement claims, allege that such claims relate to our products and services, and seek indemnification from us.

Failure to protect the confidential information of our clients could hurt our business.

We often maintain trade secrets and proprietary information, including sensitive financial and personal health information of our clients customers, electronically. A material breach of our security systems and procedures could lead to significant claims for liability, cause our customers to reconsider using our services and products, damage our reputation, or otherwise have a material adverse effect on us. We maintain systems and procedures to protect against unauthorized access to electronic information and computer viruses, but we cannot guarantee these systems and procedures will always protect us. Rapid advances in technology may prevent us from anticipating all potential security threats, and the limits of technology and skills or the prohibitive cost of more advanced security solutions might prevent us from addressing these threats.

We do not control certain businesses in which we have significant ownership.

We invest in joint ventures and other unconsolidated affiliates as part of our business strategy, and part of our net income is derived from our pro rata share of the earnings of those businesses. Despite owning significant equity interests in those companies and having directors on their boards, we do not control their operations, strategies or financial decisions. The other owners may have economic, business or legal interests or goals that are inconsistent with our goals or the goals of the businesses we co-own. Our pro rata share of any losses due to unfavorable performance of those companies could impact our financial statements.

We own interests in companies under agreements that may inhibit our ability to sell our interests and the other owners may ask us to increase our investment.

We own interests in Boston Financial Data Services, International Financial Data Services Limited Partnership, International Financial Data Services Limited, and Argus Health Systems, Inc. Our interests in these companies are subject to buy/sell arrangements which may restrict our ability to sell our interests when we believe it is prudent to do so. These arrangements may also require that we purchase the other owners interests to prevent someone else from acquiring them. The businesses or other owners may encourage us to increase our investment in or make contributions to the businesses at an inopportune time.

The financial results of our reinsurance subsidiary could be adversely affected if actual loss experience exceeds estimated loss experience.

Our subsidiary, Vermont Western Assurance, Inc., which we refer to as Vermont Western, reinsures a portion of the risk in connection with replacing lost stock certificates for registered shareholders of unrelated companies. Vermont Western utilizes underwriting procedures and actuarial advisors to assess risk and establish reserves against loss. Vermont Western does not control clients' loss experience. Vermont Western could inaccurately assess risk at any time and actual loss experience could exceed estimates. Vermont Western's results, if unfavorable, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, operating results or cash flow.

We hold equity investments in companies that operate in various industries, and the value of those investments could decrease.

We hold significant investments in available-for-sale equity securities of other companies that are subject to fluctuations in market prices. A significant decline in the value of our equity investments could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations. We may not always be able to resell those investments at higher prices than we paid for them or than the value of the consideration used to acquire them.

Various plans, agreements, laws and organizational documents may make more difficult or prevent a change in control.

Provisions in our Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaws, certain plans and agreements, and applicable laws could make it more difficult for, or give us a warning of, a person making a tender offer for our shares or effecting a takeover which is not approved by our Board of Directors. The provisions include:

- super-majority stockholder approval required for certain actions

- staggered terms for directors

- specific procedures for stockholders to nominate new directors

- cumulative voting in election of directors

- the Board's authority to issue and set the terms of preferred stock

- a stockholders rights plan giving stockholders rights to purchase preferred stock if certain changes in our ownership occur

- various rights of debenture holders, joint venture co-owners, lenders and certain customers and executives in the event of a change in control

- public reporting of ownership and of changes in ownership by stockholders with at least a 5% interest in us

- legal restrictions on business combinations with certain stockholders

Because of contractual commitments, a change in control could affect our operating results and weaken our management retention and incentive tools.

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A change in control of the Company would trigger various rights and obligations in service agreements with our customers, in agreements governing our joint ventures, and in incentive award and employment agreements with our management. A change in control could also allow some clients to terminate their agreements with us or to obtain rights to use our processing software. We are parties to joint venture agreements that allow other co-owners to buy our equity interests if we undergo a change in control. A change in control or a termination of employment without cause or their resignation for good reason (each as defined in applicable agreements) after a change in control could accelerate certain restricted stock and other awards we have granted to our management employees. This award vesting may decrease an employee's incentive to continue employment with us. Certain executive officers have agreements with us that require us to continue to employ them for three years after a change in control or to pay certain amounts if we terminate their employment without cause or they resign for good reason following a change in control. The executives might not be incented to achieve results for the new owners of our business, and the cost of keeping the executives on the payroll might deter potential new owners from acquiring us or hinder new owners from hiring replacement management.

Our equity incentive and stockholders rights plans could have a dilutive effect on our common stock.

Our directors, officers and certain managers have received restricted stock and options to purchase our common stock as part of their compensation. These equity grants could have a dilutive effect on our common stock. A change of control would trigger the right of stockholders under our stockholders rights plan to purchase 1/1000th shares of our preferred stock for each share of our common stock, which could be dilutive in value to common stockholders who do not exercise those rights.

Conversion of our debentures could have a dilutive effect on our common stock or affect our liquidity.

In August 2003, we issued \$840 million aggregate principal amount of convertible senior debentures. Issuing common stock to settle conversions could be dilutive to the price of our common stock, and settlement of conversions for cash could affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flow. The debentures are convertible into shares of common stock under specified circumstances, which we refer to as Conversion Triggers. We cannot accurately predict when certain Conversion Triggers outside of our control may occur. To satisfy a conversion notice subsequent to a Conversion Trigger, we must deliver our common stock unless we properly notify the holder that we will settle with cash or a combination of cash and shares of common stock. How we settle a conversion notice will depend on liquidity, financial needs, or other circumstances existing at the time of a Conversion Trigger.

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

Stock repurchases

The following table sets forth information with respect to shares of DST common stock repurchased by the Company during the three months ended September 30, 2007.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
July 1-July 31	646,051 (1)	\$ 80.99	625,000	4,974,200(2)
August 1-August 31	1,185,271 (1)	\$ 76.37	1,150,000	3,824,200(2)
September 1-September 30	896,674 (1)	\$ 79.42	850,000	2,974,200(2)

(1) For the three months ended September 30, 2007, the Company purchased, in accordance with the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan (formerly the 1995 Stock Option and Performance Award Plan), 102,996 shares of its common stock for participant income tax withholding in conjunction with stock option exercises, as requested by the participants. These purchases were not made under the publicly-announced repurchase plans or programs, but were allowed by the rules of the Compensation Committee of the DST Board of Directors. Of these shares, 21,051 shares were purchased in July 2007, 35,271 shares were purchased in August 2007, and 46,674 shares were purchased in September 2007.

(2) On May 8, 2007, DST's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of an additional 5.0 million shares under the existing share repurchase authorization plan. The plan allows, but does not require, the repurchase of common stock in open market and private transactions through July 31, 2008. The Company may enter into one or more plans with its brokers or banks for pre-authorized purchases within defined limits pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 to effect all or a portion of such share repurchases. At September 30, 2007, the Company had approximately 3.0 million shares remaining to be purchased under this plan.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

None.

Item 5. Other Information

(a) Disclosure of Unreported 8-K Information

None.

(b) Material Changes to Director Nominee Procedures

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

(a) Exhibits:

31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer of Registrant

31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer of Registrant

32 Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 of Chief Executive Officer of Registrant and Chief Financial Officer of Registrant

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, and in the capacities indicated, on November 7, 2007.

DST Systems, Inc.

/s/ Kenneth V. Hager

Kenneth V. Hager
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
(Principal Financial Officer)