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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

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

For the Quarterly Period Ended: March 31, 2013

OR

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

For the Transition Period From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Commission File Number: 001-33603

**The Dolan Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**43-2004527**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**222 South Ninth Street, Suite 2300,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402**

(Address, including zip code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**(612) 317-9420**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

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

On March 31, 2013, there were 30,916,664 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

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(in thousands, except share data)

|   | March 31,<br>2013<br>(unaudited) | December 31,<br>2012 |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                                  |                      |
| Current assets  |                                  |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 2,448                         | \$ 3,509             |
| Accounts receivable, including unbilled services (net of allowances for doubtful accounts of \$1,649 and \$1,809 as of March 31, 2013, and December 31, 2012, respectively) | 55,683                           | 60,300               |
| Unbilled pass-through costs   | 3,025                            | 4,668                |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets   | 4,437                            | 3,271                |
| Income tax receivable   | 14,516                           | 10,823               |
| Assets held for sale  | 4,841                            |                      |
| <b>Total current assets</b>   | <b>84,950</b>                    | <b>82,571</b>        |
| Investments   | 9,402                            | 10,069               |
| Property and equipment, net   | 16,494                           | 18,091               |
| Finite-lived intangible assets, net   | 147,434                          | 162,212              |
| Goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets   | 147,408                          | 151,329              |
| Deferred income taxes   | 23,734                           | 23,358               |
| Other assets  | 1,801                            | 1,910                |
| <b>Total assets</b>   | <b>\$ 431,223</b>                | <b>\$ 449,540</b>    |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>  |                                  |                      |
| Current liabilities   |                                  |                      |
| Current portion of long-term debt   | \$ 15,149                        | \$ 15,162            |
| Accounts payable  | 18,181                           | 20,860               |
| Accrued pass-through liabilities  | 9,654                            | 10,617               |
| Accrued compensation  | 5,814                            | 7,941                |
| Accrued liabilities   | 5,301                            | 5,283                |
| Due to sellers of acquired businesses   |                                  | 5,017                |
| Deferred revenue  | 13,017                           | 13,278               |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>  | <b>67,116</b>                    | <b>78,158</b>        |
| Long-term debt, less current portion  | 135,095                          | 150,881              |
| Other liabilities   | 6,447                            | 7,240                |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>  | <b>208,658</b>                   | <b>236,279</b>       |
| <b>Redeemable noncontrolling interest</b>   | <b>9,839</b>                     | <b>7,283</b>         |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 15)   |                                  |                      |
| Stockholders' equity  |                                  |                      |

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| Common stock, \$0.001 par value; authorized: 70,000,000 shares; outstanding: 30,916,664 and 30,955,321 shares as of March 31, 2013, and December 31, 2012, respectively  | 31                | 31                |
| Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; authorized: 5,000,000 shares;<br>Series A Junior Participating: designated: 5,000 shares; no shares outstanding<br>Series B: designated: 1,600,000 shares; outstanding: 700,000 shares as of March 31, 2013, no shares as of December 31, 2012 | 1                 |                   |
| Other comprehensive loss, net of tax   | (727)             | (867)             |
| Additional paid-in capital   | 316,419           | 301,956           |
| Accumulated deficit  | (95,752)          | (88,285)          |
| <b>Total The Dolan Company stockholders equity</b>   | <b>219,972</b>    | <b>212,835</b>    |
| Noncontrolling interest  | (7,246)           | (6,857)           |
| <b>Total stockholders equity</b>   | <b>212,726</b>    | <b>205,978</b>    |
| <b>Total liabilities and stockholders equity</b>   | <b>\$ 431,223</b> | <b>\$ 449,540</b> |

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**Table of Contents****The Dolan Company****Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income**

(in thousands, except per share data)

|   | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>March 31,</b> |             |
|---|---|-------------|
|   | <b>2013</b>                             | <b>2012</b> |
| <b>Revenues</b>   |   |             |
| Professional Services   | \$ 38,919                               | \$ 42,103   |
| Business Information  | 15,776                                  | 17,695      |
| <b>Total revenues</b>   | 54,695                                  | 59,798      |
| <b>Operating expenses</b>   |   |             |
| Direct operating: Professional Services                                   | 20,781                                  | 20,020      |
| Direct operating: Business Information                                    | 5,999                                   | 6,514       |
| Selling, general and administrative                                       | 23,236                                  | 24,729      |
| Amortization  | 4,016                                   | 4,280       |
| Depreciation  | 1,993                                   | 1,869       |
| Fair value and other adjustments on earnout liabilities and due to seller | (5,021)                                 | 81          |
| <b>Total operating expenses</b>   | 51,004                                  | 57,493      |
| Equity in earnings of affiliates  | 32                                      | 425         |
| <b>Operating income</b>   | 3,723                                   | 2,730       |
| <b>Non-operating expense</b>  |   |             |
| Interest expense, net of interest income                                  | (2,538)                                 | (2,032)     |
| <b>Income from continuing operations before income taxes</b>              | 1,185                                   | 698         |
| Income tax expense  | (785)                                   | (247)       |
| <b>Income from continuing operations</b>                                  | 400                                     | 451         |
| Discontinued operations, net of tax                                       | (7,351)                                 | (628)       |
| <b>Net loss</b>   | (6,951)                                 | (177)       |
| Less: Net (loss) income attributable to noncontrolling interests          | (269)                                   | 346         |
| <b>Net (loss) income attributable to The Dolan Company</b>                | (7,220)                                 | 169         |
| Income allocated to preferred shares                                      | (247)                                   |             |
| <b>Net (loss) income allocable to common shares</b>                       | \$ (7,467)                              | \$ 169      |
| <b>Earnings per common share basic and diluted:</b>                       |   |             |
| Income from continuing operations attributable to The Dolan Company       | \$                                      | \$ 0.03     |
| Discontinued operations attributable to The Dolan Company                 | (0.24)                                  | (0.02)      |
| Net (loss) income allocated to preferred shares                           | (0.01)                                  |             |
| Net (loss) income attributable to The Dolan Company common stockholders   | (0.25)                                  | 0.01        |

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| Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic   | 30,328 | 30,175 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted | 30,328 | 30,272 |

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**The Dolan Company**

**Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income**

(in thousands)

|   | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |             |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|
|   | <b>March 31,</b>          |             |
|   | <b>2013</b>               | <b>2012</b> |
| Net (loss) income attributable to The Dolan Company           | \$ (7,220)                | \$ 169      |
| <b>Other comprehensive income:</b>                            |                           |             |
| Unrealized gain on interest rate swap, net of tax             | 140                       | 35          |
| Comprehensive (loss) income attributable to The Dolan Company | \$ (7,080)                | \$ 204      |

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**Table of Contents****The Dolan Company****Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders Equity**

(in thousands, except share data)

|  | The Dolan Company Stockholders |                     |                        |                        | Equity                     |   |                          | Noncontrolling Interest | Total      |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
|  | Common Stock Shares            | Common Stock Amount | Preferred Stock Shares | Preferred Stock Amount | Additional Paid-In Capital | Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit) | Other Comprehensive Loss |                         |            |
| Balance at December 31, 2011   | 30,576,597                     | \$ 30               |                        | \$                     | \$ 294,476                 | \$ 13,471                               | \$ (1,285)               | \$                      | \$ 306,692 |
| Net loss attributable to The Dolan Company   |                                |                     |                        |                        |                            | (101,756)                               |                          |                         | (101,756)  |
| Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest   |                                |                     |                        |                        |                            |   |                          | (6,857)                 | (6,857)    |
| Change in noncontrolling interest in NDeX  |                                |                     |                        |                        | 791                        |   |                          |                         | 791        |
| Unrealized gain on interest rate swap, net of tax  |                                |                     |                        |                        |                            |   | 418                      |                         | 418        |
| Issuance of common stock pursuant to the exercise of stock options                                       | 13,500                         |                     |                        |                        | 30                         |   |                          |                         | 30         |
| Share-based compensation expense, including issuance of restricted stock (shares are net of forfeitures) | 365,224                        | 1                   |                        |                        | 3,727                      |   |                          |                         | 3,728      |
| Decrease in redeemable noncontrolling interest in DiscoverReady, net of tax                              |                                |                     |                        |                        | 2,932                      |   |                          |                         | 2,932      |
| Balance at December 31, 2012   | 30,955,321                     | \$ 31               |                        | \$                     | \$ 301,956                 | \$ (88,285)                             | \$ (867)                 | \$ (6,857)              | \$ 205,978 |
| Net loss attributable to The Dolan Company   |                                |                     |                        |                        |                            | (7,220)                                 |                          |                         | (7,220)    |
| Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest   |                                |                     |                        |                        |                            |   |                          | (389)                   | (389)      |
| Issuance of preferred stock, net of offering costs   |                                |                     | 700,000                | 1                      | 14,966                     |   |                          |                         | 14,967     |
| Preferred stock dividend   |                                |                     |                        |                        |                            | (247)                                   |                          |                         | (247)      |
| Unrealized gain on interest rate swap, net of tax  |                                |                     |                        |                        |                            |   | 140                      |                         | 140        |
| Share-based compensation expense, including issuance of restricted stock (shares are net of forfeitures) | (38,657)                       |                     |                        |                        | 713                        |   |                          |                         | 713        |
| Increase in redeemable noncontrolling interest in DiscoverReady, net of tax                              |                                |                     |                        |                        | (1,216)                    |   |                          |                         | (1,216)    |
| Balance at March 31, 2013  | 30,916,664                     | \$ 31               | 700,000                | \$ 1                   | \$ 316,419                 | \$ (95,752)                             | \$ (727)                 | \$ (7,246)              | \$ 212,726 |

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**Table of Contents****The Dolan Company****Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

(in thousands)

|   | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>March 31,</b> |                |
|---|---|----------------|
|   | 2013                                    | 2012           |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>   |   |                |
| Net (loss) income   | \$ (6,951)                              | \$ (177)       |
| Loss from discontinued operations   | 7,351                                   | 628            |
| Income from continuing operations   | 400                                     | 451            |
| Distributions received from The Detroit Legal News Publishing, LLC  | 700                                     | 700            |
| Distributions paid to holders of noncontrolling interests   | (83)                                    |                |
| Non-cash operating activities:  |   |                |
| Amortization  | 4,016                                   | 4,280          |
| Depreciation  | 1,993                                   | 1,869          |
| Equity in earnings of affiliates  | (32)                                    | (425)          |
| Share-based compensation expense  | 707                                     | 790            |
| Deferred income taxes and income tax receivable   | 551                                     |                |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs   | 84                                      | 100            |
| Non-cash fair value and other adjustment on earnouts and due to seller recorded in connection with acquisitions | (5,021)                                 | 81             |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:  |   |                |
| Accounts receivable and unbilled pass-through costs   | 6,211                                   | 1,216          |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets   | (1,123)                                 | (940)          |
| Other assets  | 26                                      | 1              |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities  | (6,575)                                 | 70             |
| Deferred revenue and other liabilities  | (210)                                   | 1,597          |
| Cash provided by operating activities - continuing operations   | 1,644                                   | 9,790          |
| Cash used in operating activities - discontinued operations   | (135)                                   | (1,546)        |
| <b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>  | <b>1,509</b>                            | <b>8,244</b>   |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>   |   |                |
| Capital expenditures  | (1,691)                                 | (1,256)        |
| Cash used in investing activities - continuing operations   | (1,691)                                 | (1,256)        |
| Cash used in investing activities - discontinued operations   | (47)                                    | (273)          |
| <b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>  | <b>(1,738)</b>                          | <b>(1,529)</b> |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>   |   |                |
| Net borrowings (payments) on senior revolving note  | 2,800                                   | (3,700)        |
| Payments on senior long-term debt   | (18,550)                                | (1,250)        |
| Payments on unsecured notes payable   |   | (620)          |
| Proceeds of preferred stock offering, net of offering costs   | 14,966                                  |                |
| Payments of deferred financing costs  |   | (313)          |
| Other   | (48)                                    | (99)           |
| <b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>  | <b>(832)</b>                            | <b>(5,982)</b> |

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| <b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>        | (1,061)         | 733             |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period  | 3,509           | 752             |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period</b> | <b>\$ 2,448</b> | <b>\$ 1,485</b> |

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**Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements**

**Note 1. Basis of Presentation and Liquidity**

**Basis of Presentation:** The condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2012, which has been derived from audited financial statements, and the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of The Dolan Company (the Company) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and the instructions to the quarterly report on Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted pursuant to these rules and regulations. Accordingly, these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and related notes for the year ended December 31, 2012, included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K filed on March 8, 2013, with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In the opinion of management, these unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements reflect all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the Company's interim financial results. All such adjustments are of a normal and recurring nature. The results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of results for the full calendar year.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements include the accounts of the Company, its wholly-owned subsidiaries and its majority ownership interests in American Processing Company, LLC d/b/a NDeX (NDeX), DiscoverReady LLC (DiscoverReady) and Legislative Information Services of America (LISA). The Company accounts for the percentage interests in NDeX, DiscoverReady and LISA that it does not own as noncontrolling interest (NCI).

All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

In the first quarter of 2013, the Company committed to a plan of action to sell two of its stand-alone businesses within the Business Information segment and its NDeX Indiana operations within its Mortgage Default Processing Services segment. Accordingly, the Company has removed from its operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, the results of these businesses and has presented them within discontinued operations. The assets of these operations, which are expected to be sold, net of related liabilities, are included in assets held for sale at March 31, 2013. See Note 8 for further information on businesses held for sale.

**Liquidity:** For the three months ended March 31, 2013, the Company incurred a net loss \$7.0 million, primarily as a result of a before-tax \$10.7 million impairment charge to certain long lived assets and goodwill in discontinued operations. Cash provided by continuing operations was \$1.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013.

The principal source of liquidity in the future will be cash flows from continuing operations. In order to operate profitably on a continuous basis in the future, the Company must increase revenue and eliminate costs to achieve and maintain positive operating margins. The Company is taking actions, including workforce reductions, in seeking to achieve profitability and to meet the financial and non-financial obligations and covenants contained within the senior secured credit facility, and is prepared to take further actions as needed. The Company's ability to generate sufficient cash flows in 2013 could be negatively impacted by the business challenges in our mortgage default foreclosure and public notice business which the Company currently faces and could result in noncompliance with the Company's senior secured credit facility. Any failure to comply with these covenants in the future may result in an event of default, which if not cured or waived, could result in the lenders accelerating the maturity of the Company's indebtedness or preventing access to additional funds under the credit facility, or requiring prepayment of outstanding indebtedness under the credit facility. During 2012 the Company obtained waivers of noncompliance or entered into amendments with lenders to modify certain covenants for two quarters. While the Company believes that it will have the ability to obtain waivers for noncompliance with covenants in the future, there can be no assurances in this regard. If the maturity of the indebtedness is accelerated, sufficient cash resources to satisfy the debt obligations may not be available and the Company may not be able to continue operations as planned. The indebtedness under the credit agreement is secured by a security interest in substantially all tangible and intangible assets of the Company. If the Company is unable to repay such indebtedness, the banks could foreclose on these assets. Given the Company's ability to service its debt and its past relationship with its lenders, the Company believes that this is unlikely.

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Any noncompliance with the bank covenants may require the Company to seek additional funds through the equity markets, raise funds through debt instruments, or curtail planned activities and operations. However, additional funding may not be available on acceptable terms or at all. If additional funds are raised by issuing equity securities, dilution to existing shareholders may result.

**Note 2. Basic and Diluted Income Per Share**

Basic per share amounts are computed, generally, by dividing net income attributable to The Dolan Company by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding. The Company has employed the two-class method to calculate earnings per share, as it relates to the redeemable noncontrolling interest in NDeX, based on net income attributable to its common stockholders. At March 31, 2013, there were 700,000 shares of preferred stock issued and outstanding. There were no shares of preferred stock issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2012. Dividends on preferred stock increase the net loss allocable to common stockholders. Diluted per share amounts assume the conversion, exercise, or issuance of all potential common stock instruments (see Note 14 for information on stock options and restricted stock) unless their effect is anti-dilutive, thereby reducing the loss per share or increasing the income per share.

The following table computes basic and diluted net (loss) income attributable to The Dolan Company per share (in thousands except for per share amounts):

|  | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |                |
|--|---------------------------|----------------|
|  | <b>March 31,</b>          |                |
|  | <b>2013</b>               | <b>2012</b>    |
| Net (loss) income attributable to The Dolan Company  | \$ (7,220)                | \$ 169         |
| Income allocated to preferred shares   | (247)                     |                |
| <b>Net (loss) income attributable to The Dolan Company common stockholders</b>                   | <b>\$ (7,467)</b>         | <b>\$ 169</b>  |
| <b>Basic:</b>  |                           |                |
| Shares used in the computation of basic net income (loss) per common share                       | 30,328                    | 30,175         |
| Net (loss) income attributable to The Dolan Company common stockholders per share basic          | \$ (0.25)                 | \$ 0.01        |
| <b>Diluted:</b>  |                           |                |
| Shares used in the computation of basic net income (loss) per common share                       | 30,328                    | 30,175         |
| Stock options and restricted stock   |                           | 97             |
| Shares used in the computation of dilutive net income per common share                           | 30,328                    | 30,272         |
| <b>Net (loss) income attributable to The Dolan Company common stockholders per share diluted</b> | <b>\$ (0.25)</b>          | <b>\$ 0.01</b> |

For the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, options to purchase 3.0 million and 2.2 million weighted shares of common stock, respectively, were excluded from the computation because their effect would have been anti-dilutive. For the three months ended March 31, 2013, options to purchase approximately 0.1 million weighted shares of common stock were excluded from the computation because of the reported net loss.

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Management is responsible for determining the fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date. The fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed represent management's estimate of fair values. Management determines valuations through a combination of methods, which include discounted cash flow models, outside valuations and appraisals and market conditions. The results of the business combinations are included in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations from the respective transaction dates forward.

**Acquisition of ACT Litigation Services, Inc.:** On July 25, 2011, the Company, through DiscoverReady, completed the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of ACT Litigation Services, Inc. (ACT), and as such, the results of ACT's operations are included in the Company's financial statements from that date forward. The acquisition included a \$5.0 million holdback by the Company to secure certain obligations of ACT and its shareholders and certain earnout payments, which management estimates at each reporting date. In March 2013, ACT and its former shareholders released the Company from the \$5.0 million holdback. In 2012, the Company made net payments of \$13.7 million related to earnouts. The Company and ACT have agreed that there will be no further amounts paid in conjunction with these earnouts and holdbacks. The earnout liability was a Level 3 fair value measurement within the FASB's fair value hierarchy, and such liability was adjusted to fair value at each reporting date, with the adjustment reflected in fair value and other adjustments on earnout liabilities.

**Note 4. Derivative Instruments**

The Company has entered into two interest rate swap agreements to manage the risk associated with a portion of its floating-rate long-term debt. The Company does not utilize derivative instruments for speculative purposes. Both interest rate swaps involve the exchange of fixed-rate and variable-rate payments without the exchange of the underlying notional amount on which the interest payments are calculated. The notional amount of the first interest rate swap agreement was \$50 million through December 30, 2012, is \$35 million from December 31, 2012 through December 30, 2013, and \$25 million from December 31, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The notional amount of the second interest rate swap agreement is \$25 million through December 31, 2014. The Company has designated both swaps as cash flow hedges and has determined that they qualify for hedge accounting treatment. Changes in fair value of the cash flow hedge are recorded in other comprehensive loss (net of tax) until income or loss from the cash flows of the hedged item is realized.

At March 31, 2013, and December 31, 2012, the Company had \$0.7 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, in other accumulated comprehensive loss related to unrealized losses (net of tax) on the cash flow hedges. Unrealized gains and losses are reflected in net income (loss) when the related cash flows or hedged transactions occur and offset the related performance of the hedged item.

The cash flow hedges were highly effective for the three months ended March 31, 2013. The Company does not expect to reclassify any amounts from other comprehensive income to net income (loss) during 2013. The occurrence of these related cash flows and hedged transactions remains probable.

The Company had liabilities of \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million resulting from interest rate swaps at March 31, 2013, and December 31, 2012, respectively, which are included in other liabilities on the balance sheet. Total floating-rate borrowings not offset by the swap agreements at March 31, 2013, totaled \$90.0 million.

By their nature, derivative instruments are subject to market risk. Derivative instruments are also subject to credit risk associated with counterparties to the derivative contracts. Credit risk associated with derivatives is measured based on the replacement cost should the counterparty with a contract in a gain position to the Company fail to perform under the terms of the contract. The Company does not anticipate nonperformance by the counterparty.

**Note 5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The Company's financial assets and liabilities are measured at fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price). The Company classifies the inputs used to measure fair value into the following hierarchy:

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- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 Quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, or quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or inputs other than quoted prices that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for the asset or liability.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability that are supported by little or no market activity. These fair values are determined using pricing models for which the assumptions utilize management's estimates or market participant assumptions.

**Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis.** The fair value hierarchy requires the use of observable market data when available. In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the fair value measurement has been determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular item to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, including the consideration of inputs specific to the asset or liability.

The fair value of interest rate swaps are determined by the counterparty based on interest rate changes. Interest rate swaps are valued based on observable interest rate yield curves for similar instruments. The fair value of the earnout liability recorded in connection with various acquisitions is determined by management based on projected financial performance and an estimated discount rate. The fair value of the redeemable noncontrolling interest in DiscoverReady is determined by management using a market approach, calculated as trailing 12 month earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization multiplied by an estimated multiple of earnings, less net debt.

The following table summarizes the balances of liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2013 (in thousands):

|   | Level 1   | Level 2         | Level 3         | Total            |
|---|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Interest rate swaps                                 | \$        | \$ 1,192        | \$              | \$ 1,192         |
| Redeemable noncontrolling interest in DiscoverReady |           |                 | 9,839           | 9,839            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$</b> | <b>\$ 1,192</b> | <b>\$ 9,839</b> | <b>\$ 11,031</b> |

The following table summarizes the balances of liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

|   | Level 1   | Level 2         | Level 3         | Total           |
|---|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Interest rate swaps                                 | \$        | \$ 1,421        | \$              | \$ 1,421        |
| Redeemable noncontrolling interest in DiscoverReady |           |                 | 7,283           | 7,283           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$</b> | <b>\$ 1,421</b> | <b>\$ 7,283</b> | <b>\$ 8,704</b> |

The following table summarizes the changes in fair value for the Level 3 liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs for the three months ended March 31, 2013 (in thousands):

|   | Redeemable NCI in DiscoverReady |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2012  | \$ 7,283                        |
| Minority Partner's Share of Earnings  | 658                             |
| Distribution to Minority Partner  | (82)                            |
| Fair Value Adjustment Included in Additional Paid-in Capital and Deferred Taxes | 1,980                           |
| <b>Balance at March 31, 2013</b>  | <b>\$ 9,839</b>                 |





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**Non-Financial Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis.** Certain assets and liabilities are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis and are subject to fair value adjustments in certain circumstances (e.g., when there is evidence of impairment).

The following table summarizes the adjusted basis on non-financial assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis as of March 31, 2013 (in thousands):

|                                     | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3  | Total    |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Long-lived assets held for sale (a) | \$      | \$      | \$ 4,841 | \$ 4,841 |

The following table summarizes the adjusted basis on non-financial assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis as of December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

|                                     | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3  | Total    |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Long-lived assets held and used (b) | \$      | \$      | \$ 1,120 | \$ 1,120 |

- (a) The Company recorded held for sale impairment charges of \$10.7 million, of which \$0.9 million was property and equipment, \$7.9 million was finite-lived intangible assets, \$1.3 million was indefinite-lived intangible assets, and \$0.6 million was goodwill, during the first quarter of 2013 related to two of its stand-alone businesses within the Business Information segment, reducing the original carrying value of these assets from \$15.7 million to \$5.0 million. See Note 8 for additional discussion of these impairments recorded within discontinued operations.
- (b) The Company recorded an impairment charge of \$19.9 million, of which \$0.3 million was property and equipment and \$19.6 million was finite-lived intangible assets, in 2012 related to certain long-lived assets held and used in its Mortgage Default Processing Services segment. This impairment reduced the original carrying value of these assets from \$21.0 million to \$1.1 million.

**Fair Value of Financial Instruments:** The carrying value of cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses approximate fair value because of the short-term nature of these instruments. The carrying value of the Company's debt is the remaining amount due to its debtors under borrowing arrangements. To estimate the fair value of its debt, the Company estimates an interest rate it would be required to pay if it had to refinance its debt. At March 31, 2013, the carrying value of debt under the Company's senior credit facility of \$150.0 million approximates its estimated fair value.

**Note 6. Investments**

Investments consisted of the following at March 31, 2013, and December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

|  | Accounting Method | Percent Ownership | March 31, 2013  | December 31, 2012 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| The Detroit Legal News Publishing, LLC | Equity            | 35.0%             | \$ 8,868        | \$ 9,535          |
| Other                                  | Cost              | 13.0%             | 534             | 534               |
| <b>Total</b>                           |                   |                   | <b>\$ 9,402</b> | <b>\$ 10,069</b>  |

In 2012, the Company's ownership in other investments decreased to 13.0% from 19.5%. Because the Company has determined that it no longer has significant influence over this other investment's activities, the Company now accounts for this investment under the cost method.

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For the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, the equity (loss) in earnings of affiliates is as follows (in thousands):

|  | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>March 31,</b> |               |
|--|---|---------------|
|  | <b>2013</b>                             | <b>2012</b>   |
| The Detroit Legal News Publishing, LLC | \$ 32                                   | \$ 443        |
| Other                                  |   | (18)          |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$ 32</b>                            | <b>\$ 425</b> |

**The Detroit Legal News Publishing, LLC:** The Company owns a 35% membership interest in The Detroit Legal News Publishing, LLC ( DLNP ). DLNP publishes ten legal newspapers, along with one quarterly magazine, all located in southern Michigan. The Company accounts for this investment using the equity method. Under DLNP's membership operating agreement, the Company receives quarterly distributions based on its ownership percentage.

The difference between the Company's carrying value and its 35% share of the members' equity of DLNP relates principally to an underlying customer list at DLNP that is being amortized over its estimated economic life through 2015.

The following tables summarize certain key information relating to the Company's investment in DLNP as of March 31, 2013, and December 31, 2012, and for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands):

|  | <b>As of March 31,<br/>2013</b> | <b>As of December 31,<br/>2012</b> |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Carrying value of investment                               | \$ 8,868                        | \$ 9,535                           |
| Underlying finite-lived customer list, net of amortization | 4,021                           | 4,398                              |

|  | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>March 31,</b> |             |
|--|---|-------------|
|  | <b>2013</b>                             | <b>2012</b> |
| Equity in earnings of DLNP, net of amortization of customer list | \$ 32                                   | \$ 443      |
| Distributions received   | 700                                     | 700         |
| Amortization expense   | 377                                     | 377         |

**Note 7. Long-lived Assets and Goodwill**

In the first quarter of 2013, the Company committed to a plan of action to sell two of its stand-alone businesses within the Business Information segment, DataStream and LISA, and the NDeX Indiana operations within its Mortgage Default Processing Services segment. As part of the held for sale impairment test, the Company allocated a portion of the Business Information segment's goodwill to the disposal group of \$2.2 million. As discussed in Note 8 below, the allocated goodwill and certain indefinite-lived intangible assets were tested for impairment and reported as held for sale at March 31, 2013. The Company performed an interim test on the goodwill of the retained businesses in the Business Information segment, resulting in no impairment.

**Goodwill:** The Company reviews goodwill for impairment annually in the fourth quarter or whenever an indicator is identified which suggests an impairment may be present. As discussed above, the Company allocated \$2.2 million of its goodwill in its Business Information Segment to the disposal group as shown in the table below and, as discussed in Note 8, recorded impairment charges of \$0.6 million.

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The following table represents the balances of goodwill (in thousands):

|                                  | <b>Mortgage<br/>Default<br/>Processing<br/>Services</b> | <b>Litigation<br/>Support<br/>Services</b> | <b>Business<br/>Information</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|----------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Goodwill as of December 31, 2011 | \$ 131,710  | \$ 80,272                                  | \$ 62,843                       | \$ 274,825   |
| Impairment                       | (131,710)   |  |                                 | (131,710)    |
| Goodwill as of December 31, 2012 |   | 80,272                                     | 62,843                          | 143,115      |
| Allocate to disposal group       |   |  | (2,244)                         | (2,244)      |
| Goodwill as of March 31, 2013    | \$  | \$ 80,272                                  | \$ 60,599                       | \$ 140,871   |

**Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets:** Indefinite-lived intangible assets consist of trademarks and domain names that the Company has determined have an indefinite life and therefore will not be amortized. The Company reviews indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment annually in the fourth quarter or whenever an indicator is identified which suggests an impairment may be present. As discussed in Note 8, during the quarter ended March 31, 2013, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$1.3 million on indefinite-lived intangible assets in a certain disposal group, reducing the original carrying value of \$1.7 million to \$0.4 million. This indefinite-lived intangible asset is reported as held for sale as of March 31, 2013.

The following table represents the balances of indefinite-lived intangible assets (in thousands):

|                                      | <b>March 31,<br/>2013</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2012</b> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mortgage Default Processing Services | \$ 6,537                  | \$ 6,537                     |
| Business Information                 |                           | 1,677                        |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>\$ 6,537</b>           | <b>\$ 8,214</b>              |

**Finite-Lived Intangible Assets:** As discussed in Note 8, during the quarter ended March 31, 2013, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$7.9 million related to the assets held for sale. This finite-lived intangible asset is reported as held for sale as of March 31, 2013. Total amortization expense for finite-lived intangible assets for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, was \$4.0 million and \$4.3 million, respectively.

|                                | Amortization<br>Period | As of March 31, 2013 |                             |            | As of December 31, 2012 |                             |            |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
|                                |                        | Gross<br>Amount      | Accumulated<br>Amortization | Net        | Gross<br>Amount         | Accumulated<br>Amortization | Net        |
| Mastheads                      | 30                     | \$ 11,045            | \$ (3,293)                  | \$ 7,752   | \$ 11,045               | \$ (3,202)                  | \$ 7,843   |
| Customer lists/relationships   | 2-15                   | 117,972              | (47,597)                    | 70,375     | 126,001                 | (46,586)                    | 79,415     |
| Noncompete agreements          | 4-5                    | 5,302                | (4,963)                     | 339        | 5,302                   | (4,793)                     | 509        |
| Long-term service contracts    | 15-25                  | 91,841               | (28,858)                    | 62,983     | 91,841                  | (27,758)                    | 64,083     |
| Trademark/domain names         | 10                     | 1,651                | (562)                       | 1,089      | 1,651                   | (521)                       | 1,130      |
| Trade names                    | 15                     | 6,969                | (2,073)                     | 4,896      | 6,969                   | (1,865)                     | 5,104      |
| Technology                     | 5-20                   |                      |                             |            | 4,875                   | (747)                       | 4,128      |
| Total finite-lived intangibles |                        | \$ 234,780           | \$ (87,346)                 | \$ 147,434 | \$ 247,684              | \$ (85,472)                 | \$ 162,212 |

**Note 8. Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations**

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In the first quarter of 2013, the Company committed to a plan of action to sell two of its stand-alone businesses within the Business Information segment, DataStream and LISA, and the NDeX Indiana operations within its Mortgage Default Processing Services segment. The business operations and cash flows have been eliminated from ongoing operations as a result of the anticipated sales and the Company will not have significant continuing involvement in the operations after the sales. At March 31, 2013, the Company classified the net assets and liabilities of these operations in assets held for sale.

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As part of the held for sale impairment test, the Company tested the disposal groups' indefinite lived assets and any portion of goodwill allocated to the disposal group. This test resulted in an impairment of \$1.3 million in indefinite-lived assets, reducing the original carrying value of \$1.7 million to \$0.4 million. The Company allocated \$2.2 million of the Business Information segment's goodwill to the disposal group and impaired \$0.6 million of the allocated goodwill. The Company measured the property and equipment and finite-lived assets of the disposal group at the lower of its carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell. This resulted in a \$0.9 million and \$7.9 million impairment on property and equipment and finite-lived assets, respectively. The Company recorded a total of \$10.7 million in non-cash impairment charges in the quarter in discontinued operations.

The assets and liabilities of these businesses and operations classified as assets held for sale as of March 31, 2013, are summarized as follows (in thousands):

|  | <b>March 31,<br/>2013</b> |
|--|---------------------------|
| Property and Equipment                 | \$ 339                    |
| Intangible Assets and Goodwill         | 4,638                     |
| <b>Total assets held for sale</b>      | <b>4,977</b>              |
| Current liabilities                    | 136                       |
| <b>Total liabilities held for sale</b> | <b>136</b>                |
| <b>Total net assets held for sale</b>  | <b>\$ 4,841</b>           |

The following amounts have been segregated from continuing operations and are reflected as discontinued operations for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands):

|   | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>March 31,</b> |             |
|---|---|-------------|
|   | <b>2013</b>                             | <b>2012</b> |
| Total Revenue                               | \$ 2,717                                | \$ 7,749    |
| Discontinued operations before income taxes | \$ (11,294)                             | \$ (1,056)  |
| Income tax (benefit) expense                | (3,943)                                 | (428)       |
| Discontinued operations, net of tax benefit | \$ (7,351)                              | \$ (628)    |

**Note 9. Long-Term Debt, Capital Lease Obligation**

A summary of long-term debt is as follows (in thousands):

|                                     | <b>March 31,<br/>2013</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2012</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Senior secured debt (see below):    |                           |                              |
| Senior variable-rate term note      | \$ 118,950                | \$ 137,500                   |
| Senior variable-rate revolving note | 31,000                    | 28,200                       |
| <b>Total senior secured debt</b>    | <b>149,950</b>            | <b>165,700</b>               |
| Capital lease obligations           | 294                       | 343                          |

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|                                      |            |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
|                                      | 150,244    | 166,043    |
| Less current portion                 | 15,149     | 15,162     |
| Long-term debt, less current portion | \$ 135,095 | \$ 150,881 |

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**Senior Secured Debt:** The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries have a credit agreement with a syndicate of banks for a \$215.0 million senior secured credit facility comprised of a term loan facility with an outstanding balance of \$119.0 million at March 31, 2013, due and payable in quarterly installments with a final maturity date of December 6, 2015, and a revolving credit facility in an aggregate amount of up to \$65.0 million (of which \$31.0 million was drawn at March 31, 2013), with a final maturity date of December 6, 2015. On January 22, 2013, we entered into a fourth amendment to the Credit Agreement, which, among other changes, permits the payment of distributions on preferred stock of the Company, requires that a portion of the proceeds from the issuance of preferred stock be used to pay down the loans under the Credit Agreement and makes certain other adjustments to the covenants and restrictions applicable to us.

**Note 10. Common and Preferred Stock**

In 2013, the Company sold 700,000 shares (the Shares) of newly designated 8.5% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the Series B Preferred Stock). The Shares were offered to the public at a price of \$23.00 per share and have a \$25.00 per share liquidation preference. Proceeds of \$15.0 million, net of underwriting commission of \$0.9 million and offering expenses of \$0.2 million, were received on January 31, 2013, and used to pay existing debt under the senior credit facility. The Series B Preferred Stock is redeemable at the Company's option beginning on January 31, 2018, or upon a change in control, has no maturity date, and contains certain conversion rights to common stock in the event of a change in control. The Company declared a \$0.2 million preferred stock dividend payable to holders of record as of March 31, 2013, to be paid in the second quarter of 2013.

**Note 11. Income Taxes**

For the three months ended March 31, 2013, the Company recorded an income tax expense of \$0.8 million, or 66.2% of income from continuing operations before income taxes. The Company's tax rate for 2013 differs from the federal statutory rate of 35% primarily due to state income tax expense and the impact of noncontrolling interests.

For the three months ended March 31, 2012, the Company recorded income tax expense of \$0.2 million, or 35.4% of income from continuing operations before income taxes. The Company's tax rate for 2012 differs from the federal statutory rate of 35% due to state income tax expense, the impact of noncontrolling interests and discrete items recorded during the period associated with stock-based compensation. The provision for income taxes for March 31, 2012 was based on the Company's estimates of the effective tax rates for the full 2012 fiscal year.

In assessing the need for a valuation allowance, the Company considered both positive and negative evidence related to the likelihood of realization of deferred tax assets. As with at December 31, 2012, the Company provided a valuation allowance against a portion of its state net operating losses as of March 31, 2013. In making the determination that no further valuation allowance against the Company's deferred tax assets was warranted, the Company considered its most recent twelve quarters of earnings history, excluding discrete impairment charges, as well as the Company's projections of future taxable income.

**Note 12. Major Customers and Related Parties**

The Company has two mortgage default process services customers, Trott & Trott and the Barrett Law Firm, which together accounted for 24.9% and 34.7% of the Company's total revenues in the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The Company has one litigation support services customer, which is a large financial services company, which accounted for 20.0% of the Company's total revenues for the first three months in 2013.

NDeX has entered into long-term services agreements with its law firm customers, including Trott & Trott and the Barrett law firm, that provide for the exclusive referral of mortgage default and other files for processing. These services agreements also contemplate the review and possible revision of the fees, on an annual basis, for the services NDeX provides.

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The Company has two operating divisions: Professional Services and Business Information, and three reportable segments: (1) Mortgage Default Processing Services; (2) Litigation Support Services; and (3) Business Information. The Mortgage Default Processing Services and Litigation Support Services segments are part of the Professional Services Division as these segments provide professional services supporting, primarily, attorneys and/or their clients. The Business Information segment is part of the Business Information Division. The Mortgage Default Processing Services segment generates revenue from NDeX, which provides mortgage default processing and related services to its customers. The Litigation Support Services segment generates revenue by providing discovery management and document review services through DiscoverReady and appellate services through Counsel Press. Both of these operating segments generate revenues through fee-based arrangements. The Business Information segment provides products, data and certain services through subscription-based products and a variety of media, including court and commercial newspapers, weekly business journals and the Internet. The Business Information segment generates revenues primarily from display and classified advertising (which includes events), public notices, and subscriptions and other. The Company determined its reportable segments based on the types of products sold and services performed.

The tables below reflect summarized financial information concerning the Company's reportable segments for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands):

|  | Professional Services             |                       |                         |            |           |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
|  | Mortgage<br>Default<br>Processing | Litigation<br>Support | Business<br>Information | Corporate  | Total     |
| <b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2013</b>     |                                   |                       |                         |            |           |
| <b>Income (expense)</b>                      |                                   |                       |                         |            |           |
| Revenues                                     | \$ 16,016                         | \$ 22,903             | \$ 15,776               | \$         | \$ 54,695 |
| Direct operating expenses                    | (10,732)                          | (10,049)              | (5,999)                 |            | (26,780)  |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | (7,575)                           | (6,718)               | (7,474)                 | (1,469)    | (23,236)  |
| Amortization and depreciation                | (2,426)                           | (2,214)               | (1,051)                 | (318)      | (6,009)   |
| Fair value adjustment on earnout liabilities |                                   | 5,021                 |                         |            | 5,021     |
| Equity in earnings of affiliates             |                                   |                       | 32                      |            | 32        |
| Operating (loss) income                      | \$ (4,717)                        | \$ 8,943              | \$ 1,284                | \$ (1,787) | \$ 3,723  |
| <b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2012</b>     |                                   |                       |                         |            |           |
| <b>Income (expense)</b>                      |                                   |                       |                         |            |           |
| Revenues                                     | \$ 23,700                         | \$ 18,403             | \$ 17,695               | \$         | \$ 59,798 |
| Direct operating expenses                    | (11,746)                          | (8,274)               | (6,514)                 |            | (26,534)  |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | (7,493)                           | (7,627)               | (7,771)                 | (1,838)    | (24,729)  |
| Amortization and depreciation                | (2,732)                           | (2,164)               | (1,084)                 | (169)      | (6,149)   |
| Fair value adjustment on earnout liabilities |                                   | (81)                  |                         |            | (81)      |
| Equity in earnings of affiliates             |                                   |                       | 425                     |            | 425       |
| Operating income (loss)                      | \$ 1,729                          | \$ 257                | \$ 2,751                | \$ (2,007) | \$ 2,730  |



**Table of Contents****Note 14. Share-Based Compensation**

The Company has reserved 4.8 million shares of its common stock for issuance under its incentive compensation plan, of which there were 1.3 million shares available for issuance as of March 31, 2013. Total share-based compensation expense related to stock options and restricted stock for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, was \$0.7 million and \$0.8 million, respectively.

*Stock Options:* Share-based compensation expense related to stock options for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, was \$0.3 million and \$0.4 million, respectively.

The following table represents stock option activity for the three months ended March 31, 2013:

|  | Number<br>of Shares | Weighted<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price | Weighted<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Contractual<br>Life (in years) |
|--|---------------------|--|--|
| Outstanding options at December 31, 2012 | 2,547,195           | \$ 12.18                                 | 3.59   |
| Granted                                  |                     |  |  |
| Exercised                                |                     |  |  |
| Canceled or forfeited                    | (74,690)            | 12.70                                    |  |
| Outstanding options at March 31, 2013    | 2,472,505           | \$ 12.17                                 | 3.28   |
| Options exercisable at March 31, 2013    | 1,612,163           | \$ 13.63                                 | 2.30   |

At March 31, 2013, the aggregate intrinsic value of options outstanding and options exercisable were both zero. At March 31, 2013, there was \$2.1 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to outstanding options, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.8 years.

*Restricted Stock Grants:* Share-based compensation expense related to grants of restricted stock for both the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, was \$0.4 million.

The following table represents a summary of nonvested restricted stock activity for the three months ended March 31, 2013:

|                              | Number of Shares | Weighted<br>Average<br>Grant Date Fair Value |
|------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Nonvested, December 31, 2012 | 626,943          | \$ 8.14                                      |
| Vested                       | (801)            | 12.74  |
| Canceled or forfeited        | (37,605)         | 9.40   |
| Nonvested, March 31, 2013    | 588,537          | \$ 8.05                                      |

Total unrecognized compensation expense for unvested restricted shares of common stock as of March 31, 2013, was \$3.0 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.0 years.

**Note 15. Contingencies and Commitments**

*Litigation:* From time to time, the Company is subject to certain claims and lawsuits that have arisen in the ordinary course of its business. Although the outcome of such existing matters cannot presently be determined, it is management's opinion that the ultimate resolution of such existing matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations or financial position.



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

We recommend that you read the following discussion and analysis in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and the related notes included in this report.

In this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, unless the context requires otherwise, the terms we, us, and our refer to The Dolan Company and its consolidated subsidiaries. When we refer to National Default Exchange or NDeX in this report, we mean all of our mortgage default processing operations in Michigan and Minnesota and at Barrett-NDeX. When we refer to Barrett-NDeX in this report, it means the entities that constitute the mortgage default processing operations serving the Texas, California and Georgia markets that NDeX acquired on September 2, 2008. The term Barrett law firm refers to Barrett Daffin Frappier Turner & Engel, LLP and its two law firm affiliates.

**Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This discussion and analysis includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933. Forward-looking statements reflect our current expectations and projections about our future results, performance, prospects and opportunities and can often be identified by use of words such as may, will, expect, anticipate, believe, intend, estimate, should, could, potential, goal, strategy, continue and similar expressions. These forward-looking statements are based on information currently available to us and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause our actual results, performance, prospects or opportunities to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to:

Our ability to fund our ongoing operations, repay our indebtedness, pay dividends on our preferred stock, fund capital expenditures and make acquisitions;

Our ability to comply with covenants in our debt instruments;

Our ability to obtain waivers from our lenders of any failure to comply with covenants in our debt instruments or of events of default;

Our ability to amend our debt instruments in the future;

The possibility that we may have to record significant charges to earnings as a result of impairment of our intangible assets;

Our ability to retain key personnel;

The possibility that the number of mortgage default files referred to us may decrease or fail to increase;

The risk that our customers or their clients fail to timely pay us for our services, or at all;

The effect of existing and future legislation, government investigations, litigation, court orders, settlements and client slow-downs on our mortgage default processing services and public notice operations;

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Our ability to retain key customers and develop new customer relationships in our litigation support services segment and our mortgage default processing business;

The adverse resolution of a future lawsuit or claim against us;

The failure or disruption of our proprietary case management software systems, our document hosting, processing, conversion and review systems, or our website and online networks;

Our ability to accurately value, successfully complete and successfully integrate acquisitions;

Key personnel of our subsidiary NDeX also have been principal attorneys of our law firm customers and may at times have had interests that differed from or conflicted with our interests;

The volatility of our common stock; and

The effect of changes in the economies and demographics of the markets that we serve.

See Risk Factors in Item 1A of our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, filed on March 8, 2013, with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) for a description of these and other risks, uncertainties and factors that could cause our actual results, performance, prospects or opportunities to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, any forward-looking statements. You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. Except as otherwise required by federal securities laws, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, changed circumstances or any other reason after the date of this report.

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We are a leading provider of professional services and business information to legal, financial and real estate sectors in the United States. We serve our customers through two complementary operating divisions: our Professional Services Division and our Business Information Division. Our Professional Services Division comprises two reporting segments: mortgage default processing services and litigation support services. Through our subsidiary, NDeX, we provide mortgage default processing services to five law firm customers located in California, Michigan, Minnesota, Georgia, and Texas, as well as directly to mortgage lenders and loan servicers on residential real estate located in California. Our subsidiaries DiscoverReady and Counsel Press compose our litigation support services reporting segment. DiscoverReady provides outsourced discovery management and document review services to major United States companies and their counsel. Counsel Press provides appellate services to law firms and attorneys nationwide. Our Business Information Division produces legal publications, business journals, court and commercial media, other highly focused online information products and services, and operates web sites and produces events for targeted professional audiences in 19 geographic markets across the United States. Our information is delivered through a variety of methods, including approximately 60 print publications and 80 web sites.

Our total revenues decreased \$5.1 million, or 8.5%, from \$59.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012, to \$54.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013, primarily as a result of a \$7.7 million decrease in our mortgage default processing services revenues and a \$1.9 million decrease in business information revenues, partially offset by a \$4.5 million increase in our litigation support services revenues. The decrease in mortgage default processing services revenues was driven primarily by a decrease in the number of new foreclosure files received for processing, as discussed below. The increase in litigation support services revenues was driven by an increase in review work and technology services from existing customers. Income from continuing operations slightly decreased from \$0.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012, to a \$0.4 million for the current quarter. This decrease was primarily the result of the lower revenues mainly in mortgage default processing services, offset by a decrease in fair value adjustment on earnout liabilities and the due to seller of \$5.0 million in litigation support services, as discussed below. Total revenues from discontinued operations were \$2.7 million and \$7.7 million for three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012.

**Recent Developments***Preferred Stock*

On January 31, 2013, we sold 700,000 shares (the Shares) of our newly designated 8.5% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the Series B Preferred Stock). The Shares were offered to the public at a price of \$23.00 per share and have a \$25.00 per share liquidation preference. Proceeds of \$15.0 million, net of underwriting commission of \$0.9 million and offering expenses of \$0.2 million, were received on January 31, 2013, and used to pay existing debt under the senior credit facility. The Series B Preferred Stock is redeemable at our option beginning on January 31, 2018, or upon a change in control, has no maturity date, and contains certain conversion rights to common stock in the event of a change in control.

*Discontinued Operations / Assets Held for Sale*

In the first quarter of 2013, we committed to a plan of action to sell two of our stand-alone businesses within the Business Information segment, DataStream and LISA, and the NDeX Indiana operations within our Mortgage Default Processing Services segments. As a result, we recorded a total of \$10.7 million in non-cash impairment charges in the quarter to reduce the carrying value of these assets, of which \$0.9 million was property and equipment, \$7.9 million was finite-lived intangible assets, \$1.3 million indefinite-lived intangible assets and \$0.6 million in goodwill. The businesses' operations and cash flows were eliminated from ongoing operations as a result of the anticipated sales and we will not have significant continuing involvement in the operations after the sales. At March 31, 2013, we classified the net assets and liabilities of these operations in assets held for sale.

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In 2012, we sold The Colorado Springs Business Journal, The Mississippi Business Journal, and our NDeX Florida operations. We classified the results of these operations (net of tax benefit) as discontinued operations.

***Regulatory Environment***

Since 2008, federal, state and local governmental entities and leaders have focused significant attention on foreclosures. Some of the legislation and other actions have had an adverse impact on the number of mortgage default case files NDeX has been asked to process, the length of time and amount of work it takes to process such files, the time over which we recognize revenue associated with the processing of those files, our margins on our processing work, and the number of foreclosure public notices placed in our Business Information products and DLNP (our equity method investment) for publication.

The mortgage foreclosure industry began experiencing heightened scrutiny in fall 2010 from many government agencies and leaders, which led to voluntary slowing of foreclosure referrals by servicers and lenders as they reviewed systems and provided information requested by the government. The intense scrutiny has led to many audits of our processes and to many newly mandated procedures and required steps. In the federal sector, 14 major mortgage servicers signed consent orders with the Board of Governors of The Federal Reserve System and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency ( OCC ) in April 2011, agreeing to submit action plans detailing how they would comply with new requirements for servicing defaulted loans. The OCC consent agreements required improvements to certain internal processes and enhanced controls related to third-party vendors that provide services related to residential default or foreclosure, including the law firm customers of NDeX. In June 2011, the OCC issued guidance clarifying that, in addition to these 14 major mortgage servicers, all mortgage servicers under OCC supervision must ensure compliance with foreclosure laws, conduct foreclosures in a safe and sound manner, and establish responsible business practices that provide accountability and appropriate treatment of borrowers. This OCC bulletin provided additional expectations regarding governance of foreclosure process to include adequate staffing and training, elimination of dual-track processing, management of affidavit and notary practices, documentation, oversight of third-party service providers, and adherence to all laws and regulations related to mortgage foreclosure. The OCC required servicers to complete revisions in foreclosure processing to the satisfaction of the Federal Reserve and the OCC and to reorganize their foreclosure operations to follow the amended procedures. All national banks were required to conduct a self-assessment of foreclosure management practices and to correct weaknesses identified.

In January 2013, federal regulators announced an \$8.5 billion settlement involving ten banks and a \$557 million settlement with two other banks. These settlements arose from the 2011 enforcement action by the Federal Reserve and OCC. The settlement sums are earmarked for mortgage assistance programs, including payments, loan modifications and forgiveness of deficiency judgments for eligible borrowers. These settlements put an end to the banks independent foreclosure look-back self-assessments.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau ( CFPB ) outlined its approach in July 2011 to supervising large depository institutions to ensure compliance with federal consumer protection laws. This supervisory process applies to the 111 depository institutions with total assets of more than \$10 billion. The CFPB issued Supervision and Examination guidance for all lenders, covering how the CFPB will examine lenders and servicers processes. In October 2011, the CFPB outlined its initial approach to supervising mortgage servicers to ensure they comply with federal consumer financial protection laws. CFPB examiners are looking to ensure that information provided to consumers about loan modifications and foreclosures is timely and transparent.

At the state level, in April 2012, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia approved a settlement among the attorneys general of 49 states and the District of Columbia and the nation s five largest mortgage lenders.

The National Servicing Standards are the combination of requirements under the OCC consent orders and the attorneys general settlement. Hundreds of requirements of the National Servicing Standards included compliance deadlines of October 1, 2012. These compliance deadlines resulted in reduced file referral volumes in the fourth quarter of 2012 and still have a lingering effect on volumes, particularly when combined with the CFPB s ongoing rulemaking. The CFPB issued new rules on January 17, 2013, which affected foreclosure processing in the first quarter of 2013 and will have continuing effects as lenders and services continue to adjust their policies and processes to comply before the January 2014 effective date. Among other requirements, these new rules require additional notification and consideration of foreclosure alternatives, further restrict moving forward with foreclosure processes while modification efforts or consideration periods remain pending, require consideration and response to a borrower s application for a loan modification received during a particular period prior to a scheduled foreclosure sale, and require direct access to loan servicing personnel.

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The California Homeowners Bill of Rights took effect January 1, 2013. Among other added requirements, this law precludes the filing of a notice of default, the first step in a foreclosure process, until the debtor is determined to be ineligible for loss mitigation and lengthens various time periods in the foreclosure process. These new requirements continue to slow California foreclosure referrals and slow the foreclosure process in California, which decreases our revenue and margins.

Given the new rules and the intense scrutiny, lawsuits, regulatory actions, and legislated or agreed process changes that residential mortgage foreclosure servicers have experienced in the past two and one-half years, servicers have continued to react by reviewing, verifying and changing their policies and procedures, applying more steps, checks, and reviews to pending foreclosures, and releasing into foreclosure only those cases that have been carefully reviewed and are in compliance with all new requirements. Many servicers also reacted to this environment of increased scrutiny by requesting additional information and process verification from law firms and other third-party vendors. These servicer actions have continued to reduce the margins and the number of mortgage defaults being referred to begin foreclosure. Some of the servicers have continued to direct that our foreclosure processing services be slowed or stopped at various times. We believe that servicers will continue to exercise an abundance of caution, examining each default referral in extreme detail, and will continue the slow pace of referrals.

### **Revenues**

We derive revenues from two operating divisions, our Professional Services Division and our Business Information Division, operating as three reportable segments: (1) mortgage default processing services; (2) litigation support services; and (3) business information. For the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, our total revenues were \$54.7 million and \$59.8 million, respectively, and the percentage of our total revenues attributed to each of our divisions and segments was as follows:

71.2% and 70.4%, respectively, from our Professional Services Division (29.3% and 39.6%, respectively, from mortgage default processing services and 41.9% and 30.8%, respectively, from litigation support services); and

28.8% and 29.6%, respectively, from our Business Information Division.

*Professional Services.* Our Professional Services Division generates revenues primarily by providing mortgage default processing, outsourced discovery management and document review, and appellate services through fee-based arrangements. We further break down our Professional Services Division into two reportable segments, mortgage default processing services and litigation support services.

*Mortgage Default Processing Services.* Through NDeX, we assist five law firms in processing foreclosure, bankruptcy, eviction and, to a lesser extent, other mortgage default case files for residential mortgages that are in default. We also provide foreclosure processing services directly to mortgage lenders and loan servicers for properties located in California. In addition, NDeX provides loss mitigation support on mortgage default files to its customers and related real estate title work primarily to the Barrett law firms. We refer to revenues that NDeX derives from these sources collectively as mortgage default processing service revenues.

For the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, we received for processing approximately 35,600 and 55,400 mortgage default case files, respectively. Our mortgage default processing service revenues accounted for 29.3% of our total revenues and 41.2% of our Professional Services Division revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2013, and 39.6% of our total revenue and 56.3% of our Professional Services Division revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2012. For the three months ended March 31, 2013, the Barrett law firm and Trott & Trott each accounted for 10% or more of our mortgage default processing services revenues, and together accounted for almost one-quarter of total revenues. We recognize mortgage default processing service revenues on a proportional performance basis over the period during which the services are provided, the calculation of which requires management to make estimates. For more information regarding how we recognize revenue, please see *Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates Revenue Recognition* in Item 7 *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, filed with the SEC on March 8, 2013.

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NDeX's revenues are primarily driven by the number of residential mortgage default files referred in each of the states in which we do business, as well as the type of files we process (e.g., foreclosures, evictions, bankruptcies or litigation) because each has a different pricing structure. Although the services agreements with our law firm customers contemplate the review and possible revision of the fees for the services we provide, price increases have not historically affected our mortgage default processing revenues materially. In some cases, our services agreements adjust the fee paid to us for the files we process on an annual basis pursuant to an agreed-upon consumer price index. In other cases, our services agreements require us to agree with our law firm customer regarding the terms and amount of any fee increase. You should refer to *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Revenues* in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, filed with the SEC on March 8, 2013, for more information about the fixed fee per file we charge our law firm customers.

Deferred revenue includes mortgage default processing services billed in advance that we expect to recognize in future periods due to the extended period of time it takes to process certain files. At March 31, 2013, we had such deferred revenue on our balance sheet in the amount of \$5.1 million.

*Litigation Support Services.* Our litigation support services segment generates revenues by providing discovery management and document review services through DiscoverReady and appellate services through Counsel Press. For the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, our litigation support services revenues accounted for 41.9% and 30.8%, respectively, of our total revenues and 58.8% and 43.7%, respectively, of our Professional Services Division revenues.

DiscoverReady provides its services to major United States and global companies and their counsel and assists them in document reviews and helping them manage the discovery process. Discovery is the process by which parties use the legal system to obtain relevant information, primarily in litigation and regulatory matters. This process can be expensive and time-consuming for companies depending upon the volume of emails, electronic files and paper documents a company must review to respond to a document request. DiscoverReady also provides related technology management services. DiscoverReady bills its customers primarily based upon the number of documents reviewed and the amount of data or other information it processes. Accordingly, our discovery management and document review services revenues are largely determined by the volume of data we process, host and review.

Counsel Press assists law firms and attorneys throughout the United States in organizing, preparing and filing appellate briefs, records and appendices, in paper and electronic formats that comply with the applicable rules of the U.S. Supreme Court, any of the 13 federal courts of appeals and any state appellate court or appellate division. Counsel Press charges its customers primarily on a per-page basis based on the final appellate product that is filed with the court clerk. Accordingly, our appellate service revenues are largely determined by the volume of appellate cases we handle and the number of pages in the appellate cases we file.

We recognize litigation support services revenues during the month in which the services are provided. In the case of Counsel Press, this is when our final appellate product is filed with the court. In most cases, DiscoverReady bills its customers each month for the services provided. DiscoverReady's services consist of multiple element deliverables, and as such, revenue is assigned to each deliverable service and recognized as those services are performed. In situations where we bill our customers in advance of services performed, revenue is deferred until the month it is earned. At March 31, 2013, we recorded an aggregate \$0.2 million as deferred revenues related to litigation support services on our balance sheet. You should refer to *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates - Revenue Recognition* in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, filed with the SEC on March 8, 2013, for more information about how we recognize revenue on DiscoverReady's multiple element arrangements.



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*Business Information.* Our Business Information Division generates revenues primarily from display and classified advertising, public notice and subscriptions. We sell commercial advertising consisting of display and classified advertising in all of our print products and on most of our web sites. We include within our display and classified advertising revenue those revenues generated by sponsorships, advertising and ticket sales generated by our local events. Our display and classified advertising revenues accounted for 8.9% of our total revenues and 30.9% of our Business Information Division revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2013, and 8.5% of our total revenues and 28.8% of our Business Information Division revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2012. We recognize display and classified advertising revenues upon publication of an advertisement in one of our publications or on one of our web sites. Advertising revenues are driven primarily by the volume, price and mix of advertisements published as well as how many local events are held.

We publish many different types of public notices in our court and commercial newspapers, including foreclosure notices, probate notices, notices of fictitious business names, limited liability company and other business entity notices, unclaimed property notices, notices of governmental hearings and trustee sale notices. Our public notice revenues accounted for 13% and 14% of our total revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and 44% and 47% of our Business Information Division revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. We recognize public notice revenues upon placement of a public notice in one of our court and commercial newspapers. Public notice revenues are driven by the volume and mix of public notices published, which can be affected by the number of residential mortgage foreclosures in the markets where we are qualified to publish public notices and the rules governing publication of public notices in such states. In many of the states in which we publish public notices, the price for public notices is statutorily regulated, with market forces determining the pricing for the remaining states.

Our subscription revenues accounted for 7% of our total revenues for both the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and 25% and 24% of our Business Information Division revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. We recognize subscription revenues ratably over the subscription periods, which range from three months to multiple years, with the average subscription period being twelve months. Deferred revenue includes payment for subscriptions collected in advance that we expect to recognize in future periods. At March 31, 2013, we had such deferred revenue on our balance sheet in the amount of \$7.8 million. Subscription revenues are driven primarily by the number of copies sold and the subscription rates charged to customers.

## **Operating Expenses**

Our operating expenses consist of the following:

Direct operating expenses, which consist primarily of the cost of compensation and employee benefits for the operational staff at NDeX, DiscoverReady, and Counsel Press and our editorial personnel in our Business Information Division, production and distribution expenses, such as compensation (including stock-based compensation expense) and employee benefits for personnel involved in the production and distribution of our business information products, the cost of newsprint and delivery of our business information products, and packaging and data service fees in connection with our California foreclosure files;

Selling, general and administrative expenses, which consist primarily of the cost of compensation (including stock-based compensation expense) and employee benefits for our sales, human resources, accounting and information technology personnel, publishers and other members of management, rent, other sales and marketing-related expenses and other office-related payments;

Amortization expense, which represents the cost of finite-lived intangibles acquired through business combinations allocated over the estimated useful lives of these intangibles, with such useful lives ranging from two to thirty years;

Depreciation expense, which represents the cost of fixed assets and software allocated over the estimated useful lives of these assets, with such useful lives ranging from one to thirty years;

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Fair value and other adjustments on earnout and due to seller liabilities, which consists primarily of non-cash adjustments to estimates of earnouts to be paid to sellers of businesses we acquire, based on management's estimated fair value of the earnout and due to seller liability at each reporting date; and

Impairment of long-lived assets and goodwill, which consists of non-cash impairment charges to long-lived assets and goodwill.

Total operating expenses as a percentage of revenues depends upon our mix of business from Professional Services, which is our higher margin revenue, and Business Information. This mix may continue to shift between fiscal periods.

### **Equity in Earnings of Affiliates**

We own 35% of the membership interests in DLNP, the publisher of The Detroit Legal News, and 10 other publications. We account for our investment in DLNP using the equity method. For the three months ended March 31, 2013, our share of DLNP's earnings was minimal. For the three months ended March 31, 2012, our share of DLNP's earnings were \$0.4 million, which was net of amortization of \$0.4 million. NDeX handles all public notices required to be published in connection with files it services for Trott & Trott pursuant to our services agreement with Trott & Trott and places a significant amount of these notices in The Detroit Legal News. Trott & Trott pays DLNP for these public notices. See Liquidity and Capital Resources - Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities below for information regarding distributions paid to us by DLNP.

### **Noncontrolling Interest**

Noncontrolling interest ( NCI ) at March 31, 2013, consisted of a 6.2% redeemable interest in NDeX held by the sellers of Barrett-NDeX or their transferees (as a group), a 9.9% redeemable interest in DiscoverReady held by DR Holdco LLC and a 17.9% interest in Legislative Services of America (LISA) held by Telran, Inc.

Under the terms of the NDeX operating agreement, each month we are required to distribute the excess of NDeX's earnings before interest, depreciation and amortization less debt service with respect to any interest-bearing indebtedness of NDeX, capital expenditures and working capital reserves to NDeX's members on the basis of common equity interest owned. No such distributions were paid during the three months ended March 31, 2013 or 2012.

There is no similar distribution obligation under the DiscoverReady limited liability company agreement; however, we are obligated to make quarterly distributions to pay tax liabilities to DR Holdco, the minority member of DiscoverReady. During the three months ended March 31, 2013, we made distributions of \$0.1 million to DR Holdco.

Under the terms of the limited liability company agreement, DR Holdco had the right, for a period of 90 days following November 2, 2012, to require DiscoverReady to repurchase approximately 50% of DR Holdco's equity interest in DiscoverReady, which DR Holdco did not exercise. For a period of 90 days following November 2, 2013, DR Holdco has the right to require DiscoverReady to purchase DR Holdco's remaining equity interest in DiscoverReady. In addition, DiscoverReady also has the right to require DR Holdco to sell its entire equity interest in DiscoverReady. In each case, if either party timely exercises its right, we would pay DR Holdco an amount based on the fair market value of the equity interest. DiscoverReady may engage an independent third-party valuation firm to assist it in determining the fair market value of the equity interest being repurchased by DiscoverReady or sold to us if any of the above-described rights are exercised. The purchase price for any equity interests repurchased or sold pursuant to these rights, if exercised, will be paid in cash to the extent allowed by the terms of our then-existing credit agreement, or pursuant to a three-year unsecured promissory note bearing interest at a rate equal to prime plus 1%.

We record the redeemable NCI in DiscoverReady at the greater of its carrying value or fair value at each reporting period.

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**Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Please see Note 1 to our unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements included in this report on Form 10-Q as well as Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, filed with the SEC on March 8, 2013. Further, we discuss our critical accounting estimates in Item 7, *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*, in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. There has been no significant change in our critical accounting policies or critical accounting estimates since the end of 2012.

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The following table sets forth selected operating results, including as a percentage of total revenues, for the periods indicated below (in thousands, except per share data):

|  | <b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b> |                          |               |                          |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
|  | <b>2013</b>                         | <b>% of<br/>Revenues</b> | <b>2012</b>   | <b>% of<br/>Revenues</b> |
| <b>Revenues:</b>   |                                     |                          |               |                          |
| Professional Services  | \$ 38,919                           | 71.2 %                   | \$ 42,103     | 70.4 %                   |
| Business Information   | 15,776                              | 28.8 %                   | 17,695        | 29.6 %                   |
| <b>Total revenues</b>  | <b>54,695</b>                       | <b>100.0 %</b>           | <b>59,798</b> | <b>100.0 %</b>           |
| <b>Operating expenses:</b>   |                                     |                          |               |                          |
| Professional Services  | 39,714                              | 72.6 %                   | 40,036        | 67.0 %                   |
| Business Information   | 14,524                              | 26.6 %                   | 15,369        | 25.7 %                   |
| Unallocated corporate operating expenses   | 1,787                               | 3.3 %                    | 2,007         | 3.4 %                    |
| Fair value and other adjustments on earnout liabilities and due to seller                    | (5,021)                             | (9.2)%                   | 81            | 0.1 %                    |
| <b>Total operating expenses</b>  | <b>51,004</b>                       | <b>93.3 %</b>            | <b>57,493</b> | <b>96.1 %</b>            |
| Equity in earnings of affiliates   | 32                                  | 0.1 %                    | 425           | 0.7 %                    |
| <b>Operating income</b>  | <b>3,723</b>                        | <b>6.8 %</b>             | <b>2,730</b>  | <b>4.6 %</b>             |
| Interest expense, net  | (2,538)                             | (4.6)%                   | (2,032)       | (3.4)%                   |
| <b>Income from continuing operations before income taxes</b>                                 | <b>1,185</b>                        | <b>2.2 %</b>             | <b>698</b>    | <b>1.2 %</b>             |
| Income tax expense   | (785)                               | (1.4)%                   | (247)         | (0.4)%                   |
| <b>Income from continuing operations</b>   | <b>400</b>                          | <b>0.7 %</b>             | <b>451</b>    | <b>0.8 %</b>             |
| Discontinued operations, net of tax benefit  | (7,351)                             | (13.4)%                  | (628)         | (1.1)%                   |
| <b>Net loss</b>  | <b>(6,951)</b>                      | <b>(12.7)%</b>           | <b>(177)</b>  | <b>(0.3)%</b>            |
| Less: Net (loss) income attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests                  | (269)                               | (0.5)%                   | 346           | 0.6 %                    |
| <b>Net (loss) income attributable to The Dolan Company</b>                                   | <b>(7,220)</b>                      | <b>(13.2)%</b>           | <b>169</b>    | <b>0.3 %</b>             |
| <b>Income allocated to preferred shares</b>  | <b>(247)</b>                        | <b>(0.5)%</b>            |               | <b>%</b>                 |
| <b>Net (loss) income allocable to common shares</b>  | <b>\$ (7,467)</b>                   | <b>(13.7)%</b>           | <b>\$ 169</b> | <b>0.3 %</b>             |
| <b>Income per common share from continuing operations attributable to The Dolan Company:</b> |                                     |                          |               |                          |
| Basic and diluted  | \$                                  |                          | \$ 0.03       |                          |
| <b>Weighted average common shares outstanding:</b>   |                                     |                          |               |                          |
| Basic  | 30,328                              |                          | 30,175        |                          |
| Diluted  | 30,328                              |                          | 30,272        |                          |

**Table of Contents****Three Months Ended March 31, 2013****Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2012****Revenues**

|                | Three Months Ended March 31, |         | Change          |
|----------------|------------------------------|---------|-----------------|
|                | 2013                         | 2012    |                 |
|                | (in millions)                |         |                 |
| Total revenues | \$ 54.7                      | \$ 59.8 | \$ (5.1) (8.5)% |

Our total revenues declined primarily as a result of a decrease in our mortgage default processing services revenues, partially offset by an increase in litigation support services revenues. The decrease in mortgage default processing services revenues was driven largely by a decrease in the number of new foreclosure files received for processing while the increase in litigation support services was driven by an increase in review work and technology services from existing customers. Our Business Information revenues decreased \$1.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013. You should refer to the more detailed discussions in Professional Services Division Results and Business Information Division Results below for more information regarding the causes of these changes.

We derived 71.2% and 70.4% of our total revenues from our Professional Services Division and 28.8% and 29.6% of our total revenues from our Business Information Division for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. In our Professional Services Division, revenues from our mortgage default processing services segment accounted for 29.3% and 39.6% of our total revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Revenues from our litigation support services segment (also part of our Professional Services Division) accounted for 41.9% and 30.8% of our total revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. We continue to expect litigation support services to be a larger percentage of total revenues as a result of continued growth in the DiscoverReady business.

**Operating Expenses**

|   | Three Months Ended |         | Change               |
|---|--------------------|---------|----------------------|
|   | 2013               | 2012    |                      |
|   | (in millions)      |         |                      |
| Total operating expenses  | \$ 51.0            | \$ 57.5 | \$ (6.5) (11.3)%     |
| Direct operating expenses   | 26.8               | 26.5    | 0.3 0.9%             |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses                              | 23.2               | 24.7    | (1.5) (6.0)%         |
| Amortization expense  | 4.0                | 4.3     | (0.3) (6.2)%         |
| Depreciation expense  | 2.0                | 1.9     | 0.1 6.6%             |
| Fair value and other adjustments on earnout liabilities and due to seller | (5.0)              | 0.1     | (5.1) Not Meaningful |

Excluding the impact of fair value and other adjustments on earnout liabilities and due to seller, total operating expenses as a percentage of total revenues increased from 96% for the three months ended March 31, 2012, to 102.4% for the three months ended March 31, 2013. This was largely due to decreased revenues in our mortgage default processing services business.

*Direct Operating Expenses.* The change in our direct operating expenses consisted of a \$0.8 million increase in our Professional Services Division and a \$0.5 million decrease in our Business Information Division. You should refer to the more detailed discussions in Professional Services Division Results and Business Information Division Results below for more information regarding the causes of these changes. Direct operating expenses as a percentage of total revenues increased to 49.0% for the first quarter of 2013, from 44.4% for the same period in 2012.

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*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.* The change in our selling, general and administrative expenses consisted primarily of a \$0.8 million decrease in our Professional Services Division, and a \$0.3 million decrease in our Business Information Division. You should refer to the more detailed discussions in Professional Services Division Results and Business Information Division Results below for more information regarding the causes of changes in our selling, general and administrative expenses. Cost associated with our corporate operations decreased \$0.4 million, largely as a result of lower employee costs. Selling, general and administrative expense as a percentage of revenue increased slightly to 42.5% for the three months ended March 31, 2013, from 41.4% for the same period in 2012.

*Amortization and Depreciation Expense.* Our total amortization and depreciation expense was relatively flat for the current quarter compared to the same quarter one year ago.

*Fair Value and Other Adjustments on Earnout Liabilities and Due to Seller.* Fair value and other adjustments on earnout liabilities and due to seller for the three months ended March 31, 2013, consisted of \$5.0 million for the Professional Services Division. You should refer to the more detailed discussions in Professional Services Division Results below for more information regarding this item.

**Interest Expense, Net**

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |        | Change |         |
|--|------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
|  | 2013                         | 2012   |        |         |
|  | (in millions)                |        |        |         |
| Total interest expense, net                  | \$ 2.5                       | \$ 2.0 | \$ 0.5 | 24.9%   |
| Interest on bank credit facility             | 2.2                          | 1.6    | 0.6    | 37.1%   |
| Cash interest expense on interest rate swaps | 0.2                          | 0.3    | (0.1)  | (15.0)% |
| Amortization of deferred financing fees      | 0.1                          | 0.1    | (0.0)  | (16.3)% |

Interest expense related to our bank credit facility increased primarily as a result of an increase in the average borrowing rate, slightly offset with lower average outstanding debt due to using proceeds from the preferred stock offering to pay debt. The average interest rate on our credit facility increased to 5.4% for the three months ended March 31, 2013, from 4.0% one year ago. Our average outstanding debt was \$161.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013, compared to \$178.0 million for the same period one year ago.

**Equity in Earnings of Affiliates**

|                                  | Three Months Ended March 31, |        | Change   |         |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|----------|---------|
|                                  | 2013                         | 2012   |          |         |
|                                  | (in millions)                |        |          |         |
| Equity in earnings of affiliates | \$                           | \$ 0.4 | \$ (0.4) | (92.5)% |

Equity in earnings of affiliates decreased primarily as a result of a reduction in earnings recorded from our 35% interest in DLNP. The reduced earnings are the result of a reduction in public notice placements in DLNP's newspapers due to decreased foreclosure and workout volumes in the markets it serves.

**Income Tax Expense**

|                    | Three Months Ended March 31, |        | Change |                |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|----------------|
|                    | 2013                         | 2012   |        |                |
|                    | (in millions)                |        |        |                |
| Income tax expense | \$ 0.8                       | \$ 0.2 | \$ 0.6 | Not meaningful |
| Effective tax rate | 66.2%                        | 35.4%  |        |                |

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For the three months ended March 31, 2013, we recorded an income tax expense of \$0.8 million, or 66.2% of the income from continuing operations before income taxes. The tax expense differs from the federal statutory rate of 35% primarily due to state income tax expense and the impact of noncontrolling interests. For the three months ended March 31, 2012, we recorded income tax expense of \$0.2 million, or 35.4% of income from continuing operations before taxes.

**Discontinued Operations**

|   | Three Months Ended March 31, |          | (in millions) | Change         |
|---|------------------------------|----------|---------------|----------------|
|   | 2013                         | 2012     |               |                |
| Discontinued operations, net of tax benefit | \$ (7.4)                     | \$ (0.6) | \$ (6.8)      | Not Meaningful |

In the first quarter of 2013, we committed to a plan of action to sell two of our stand-alone businesses within the Business Information segment, DataStream and LISA, and NDeX Indiana operations within our Mortgage Default Processing Services segments. As a result, we recorded a total of \$10.7 million in non-cash pretax impairment charges in the quarter to reduce the carrying value of these assets, of which \$0.9 million was property and equipment, \$7.9 million finite-lived intangible assets, \$1.3 million finite-lived intangible assets and \$0.6 million in goodwill. The businesses' operations and cash flows will be eliminated from ongoing operations as a result of the anticipated sales and we will not have significant continuing involvement in the operations after the sales. At March 31, 2013, we classified the net assets of these operations in assets held for sale.

**Professional Services Division Results****Revenues**

|                                      | Three Months Ended March 31, |         | (in millions) | Change  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                                      | 2013                         | 2012    |               |         |
| Total revenues                       | \$ 38.9                      | \$ 42.1 | \$ (3.2)      | (7.6)%  |
| Mortgage default processing services | 16.0                         | 23.7    | (7.7)         | (32.4)% |
| Litigation support services revenues | 22.9                         | 18.4    | 4.5           | 24.5%   |

Our revenues declined primarily as a result of decreased revenues in our mortgage default processing services segment. Revenues in this segment were down primarily due to decreased file volumes in many of the markets we serve. Our total files received for processing from continuing operations for the three months ended March 31, 2013, was down 35.7%, from 55,400 mortgage default case files for the three months ended March 31, 2012, to 35,600 mortgage default case files for the three months ended March 31, 2013. New foreclosure files, which tend to require more processing from NDeX and are therefore higher revenue files, were down nearly 38% from the first quarter of 2012. We have had file fee increases, but they have not been sufficient to offset file volume decreases.

The Barrett law firm and Trott & Trott each accounted for 10% or more, and together accounted for 85.1% of our mortgage default processing services reporting unit and 35.0% of our Professional Services Division revenues during the three months ended March 31, 2013. In the three months ended March 31, 2012, the Barrett law firm and Trott & Trott each accounted for more than 10%, and together accounted for 87.5% of our mortgage default processing services reporting unit and 49.2% of our Professional Services Division revenues.

The net increase in litigation support services revenues is primarily a result of large projects received from existing DiscoverReady customers. Litigation support services had one customer in excess of 10% of its revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, accounting for more than 40% and 30% of its revenues, respectively.

**Table of Contents****Operating Expenses Mortgage Default Processing Services**

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |         |               | Change  |
|--|------------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|  | 2013                         | 2012    | (in millions) |         |
| Total operating expenses                     | \$ 20.7                      | \$ 22.0 | \$ (1.2)      | (5.6)%  |
| Direct operating expenses                    | 10.7                         | 11.7    | (1.0)         | (8.6)%  |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 7.6                          | 7.5     | 0.1           | 1.1%    |
| Amortization expense                         | 1.8                          | 2.1     | (0.2)         | (11.9)% |
| Depreciation expense                         | 0.6                          | 0.7     | (0.1)         | (8.9)%  |

Direct operating expenses decreased largely as a result of decreased file volumes and steps taken to reduce our costs at NDeX, although the decrease in expenses was not in proportion to the file volume decrease. Processing costs in many of our locations have not decreased in proportion to revenue and volume declines as a result of increased processing demands by our customers, additional tasks, time spent attending to servicer audits, and process changes required by the customers of our law firm customers, each requiring additional processing work for our employees. While measures have been put in place to reduce costs as a result of lower file volumes, selling, general and administrative expenses have also been affected by new client requirements placed on us, primarily in terms of increased requirements as it relates to information security and technology.

Total operating expenses attributable to our mortgage default processing services reporting unit as a percentage of segment revenues increased to 129.5% for the three months ended March 31, 2013, from 92.7% for the three months ended March 31, 2012.

**Operating Expenses Litigation Support Services**

|   | Three Months Ended March 31, |         |               | Change         |
|---|------------------------------|---------|---------------|----------------|
|   | 2013                         | 2012    | (in millions) |                |
| Total operating expenses  | \$ 14.0                      | \$ 18.1 | \$ (4.2)      | (23.1)%        |
| Direct operating expenses   | 10.0                         | 8.3     | 1.8           | 21.5%          |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses                              | 6.7                          | 7.6     | (0.9)         | (11.9)%        |
| Amortization expense  | 1.5                          | 1.5     |               | %              |
| Depreciation expense  | 0.7                          | 0.7     | 0.1           | 7.3%           |
| Fair value and other adjustments on earnout liabilities and due to seller | (5.0)                        | 0.1     | (5.1)         | not meaningful |

The increase in direct expenses is driven by increased operating costs associated with higher revenues. The decrease in selling, general, and administrative expenses is due primarily to decreases in employee costs. The fair value adjustment and other adjustments on earnout liabilities and due to seller of \$5.0 million reflects the retention of the ACT acquisition holdback funds.

Excluding the impact of the fair value adjustment on earnout liabilities and due to seller, total operating expenses attributable to our litigation support services segment as a percentage of segment revenues decreased to 82.9% for the three months ended March 31, 2013, from 98.2% for the same period in 2012.

**Business Information Division Results****Revenues**

|   | Three Months Ended March 31, |         |               | Change  |
|---|------------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|   | 2013                         | 2012    | (in millions) |         |
| Total Business Information Revenues         | \$ 15.8                      | \$ 17.7 | \$ (1.9)      | (10.8)% |
| Display and classified advertising revenues | 4.9                          | 5.1     | (0.2)         | (4.6)%  |



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|                             |     |     |       |         |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-------|---------|
| Public notice revenues      | 6.9 | 8.4 | (1.5) | (17.3)% |
| Subscription-based revenues | 4.0 | 4.2 | (0.2) | (5.5)%  |

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Business Information revenue decreased primarily due to a decrease in public notice related to foreclosures. The decrease in display and classified advertising is due to a decrease in the number of ads placed in our publications.

**Operating Expenses**

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |         | Change          |
|--|------------------------------|---------|-----------------|
|  | 2013                         | 2012    |                 |
|  | (in millions)                |         |                 |
| Total operating expenses                     | \$ 14.5                      | \$ 15.4 | \$ (0.8) (5.5)% |
| Direct operating expenses                    | 6.0                          | 6.5     | (0.5) (7.9)%    |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 7.5                          | 7.8     | (0.3) (3.8)%    |
| Amortization expense                         | 0.7                          | 0.7     | (2.4)%          |
| Depreciation expense                         | 0.3                          | 0.3     | (4.3)%          |

Operating expenses decreased primarily as a result of lower revenues and cost control efforts put in place to control discretionary spending and employee costs.

Total operating expenses attributable to our Business Information Division as a percentage of Business Information Division revenue increased to 92.1% for the three months ended March 31, 2013, from 86.9% for the three months ended March 31, 2012, due to a decrease in Business Information Division segment revenues.

**Off Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We have not entered into any off balance sheet arrangements.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our primary sources of liquidity are cash flows from operations, available capacity under our credit facility, distributions received from DLNP, and available cash reserves. The following table summarizes our cash and cash equivalents, working capital and long-term debt, less current portion as of March 31, 2013, and December 31, 2012, as well as cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands):

|                                      | March 31,<br>2013 | December 31,<br>2012 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents            | \$ 2,448          | \$ 3,509             |
| Working capital                      | 17,834            | 4,413                |
| Long-term debt, less current portion | 135,095           | 150,881              |

  

|   | Three Months Ended March 31,<br>2013 | 2012     |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Cash provided by operating activities - continuing operations | \$ 1,644                             | \$ 9,790 |
| Cash used in operating activities - discontinued operations   | (135)                                | (1,546)  |
| Cash used in investing activities - continuing operations:    |                                      |          |
| Capital Expenditures  | (1,691)                              | (1,256)  |
| Cash used in financing activities - continuing operations     | (832)                                | (5,982)  |

**Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities**

The most significant inflows of cash are cash receipts from our customers. Operating cash outflows include payments to employees, payments to vendors for services and supplies, payments of interest and, typically income taxes. However, as a result of our net loss in the prior year, we anticipate an income tax refund in the second quarter of 2013.



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Net cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2013, decreased \$6.7 million, or 81.7%, to \$1.5 million from \$8.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012. This decrease was largely attributable to the decrease in net income when compared to the same period in 2012. The total change in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of discontinued operations, was a net use of \$1.7 million in the first quarter of 2013 compared to a net inflow of \$1.9 million in 2012. This increase in use of cash was largely a result of timing of vendor payments and decrease in deferred revenue due to lower mortgage default referral files.

Working capital changed from \$4.4 million at December 31, 2012, to \$17.8 million at March 31, 2013. Notable changes in working capital in the first quarter of 2013 were: a decrease in due to sellers of acquired businesses of \$5.0 million coming from ACT releasing the Company from its holdback, a decrease in accounts payable and accrued compensation of \$4.8 million due to lower operating expenses and headcount, a decrease in accounts receivable net of deferred revenue of \$4.4 million due to lower revenues and increased cash collections, reporting long-lived assets and indefinite lived intangible of \$4.8 million in assets held for sale, and an increase in income tax receivable of \$3.7 million.

Our allowance for doubtful accounts, as a percentage of gross accounts receivable, and days sales outstanding (DSO), as of March 31, 2013, December 31, 2012, and March 31, 2012, are set forth in the table below:

|  | March 31,<br>2013 | December 31,<br>2012 | March 31,<br>2012 |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Allowance for doubtful accounts (in thousands)                               | \$ 1,649          | \$ 1,809             | \$ 1,508          |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts as a percentage of gross accounts receivable | 2.9%              | 2.9%                 | 2.0%              |
| Days sales outstanding   | 86.4              | 86.1                 | 84.5              |

Our allowance for doubtful accounts as a percentage of gross accounts receivable was consistent with year-end. Our allowance for doubtful accounts as a percentage of gross accounts receivable increased compared with last year due to the lower accounts receivable balance as a result of the sale of NDeX Florida. This reduced the overall balance of gross accounts receivable by \$15.1 million.

We calculate DSO by dividing net receivables by average daily revenue excluding circulation. Average daily revenue is computed by dividing total revenue for the quarter by the total number of days in the quarter. Our DSO increased from year-end and the first quarter of last year primarily as a result of carrying larger balances in some of our NDeX operating units as a result of an increase in the length of time it takes our law firm customers to take properties to sale. Please refer to *Recent Developments - Regulatory Environment* above for an explanation of some of the current factors that are contributing to the increase in time it is taking to process foreclosures.

At March 31, 2013, we had a significant concentration of credit risk relating to amounts due from NDeX's current five law firm customers and its Indiana law firm customer. Of our total consolidated net receivable balance, \$21.6 million, or 38.9%, is related to amounts due from these customers, and includes both billed and unbilled amounts. Billed amounts represent \$15.8 million, or 28.3%, of our total consolidated net receivable balance. Partially offsetting our total accounts receivable exposure for these law firm customers is deferred revenue, for amounts billed but not yet earned, in the amount of \$5.2 million, which represents 23.9% of the total balances due.

We own 35% of the membership interests in DLNP, the publisher of The Detroit Legal News, and received distributions of \$0.7 million during both the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The operating agreement for DLNP provides for us to receive quarterly distribution payments based on our ownership percentage, which are a significant source of operating cash flow.

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**Table of Contents*****Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities***

Net cash used in investing activities increased \$0.2 million to \$1.7 million during three months ended March 31, 2013, from \$1.5 million during three months ended March 31, 2012. This increase was a result of higher capital expenditures, and we expect the costs for capital expenditures to be in the range of 3-3.5% of our total revenues, on an aggregated basis, for the full year 2013.

***Cash Flows Used in Financing Activities***

Cash provided by financing activities primarily includes borrowings under our revolving credit agreement, the issuance of long-term debt and the issuance of preferred stock. Cash used in financing activities generally includes the repayment of borrowings under the revolving credit agreement and long-term debt, payments on unsecured notes, payments to repurchase our common stock, payments for dividends on our preferred stock, and the payment of expenses associated with the issuance of long-term debt and preferred stock.

Net cash used in financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2013, totaled \$(0.8) million, compared to net cash used of \$(6.0) million during three months ended March 31, 2012. Cash used in financing activities in the first quarter of 2013 included proceeds from our preferred stock offering of \$15.0 million which we used to pay down \$14.8 million on our senior term facility. Long-term debt, less current portion, decreased \$15.8 million, or 10.4%, to \$135.1 million as of March 31, 2013, from \$150.9 million as of December 31, 2012.

*Credit Agreement.* The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries have a credit agreement with a syndicate of banks for a \$215.0 million senior secured credit facility comprised of a term loan facility with an outstanding balance of \$119.0 million at March 31, 2013, due and payable in quarterly installments with a final maturity date of December 6, 2015, and a revolving credit facility in an aggregate amount of up to \$65.0 million (of which \$31.0 million was drawn at March 31, 2013), with a final maturity date of December 6, 2015. On January 22, 2013, we entered into a fourth amendment to the Credit Agreement, which, among other changes, permits the payment of distributions on preferred stock of the Company, requires that a portion of the proceeds from the issuance of preferred stock be used to pay down the loans under the Credit Agreement and makes certain other adjustments to the covenants and restrictions applicable to us.

The Credit Agreement, as amended, requires that, as of the last day of any fiscal quarter, we maintain a certain maximum total cash flow leverage ratio, minimum fixed charge coverage ratio, and earned minimum adjusted EBITDA. This total cash flow leverage ratio represents, for any particular date, the ratio of our outstanding indebtedness (minus cash and cash equivalents in excess of \$5 million) to our pro forma EBITDA, calculated in accordance with our Credit Agreement. Our fixed charge coverage ratio is equal to the ratio of (1) our adjusted EBITDA, calculated in accordance with our Credit Agreement (less income taxes paid or received in cash, net capital expenditures paid in cash, and certain restricted payments paid in cash), to (2) interest expense plus scheduled principal payments on account of the term loan facility and our interest bearing liabilities plus all payments made pursuant to non-competition or consulting fees paid by us in connection with acquisitions plus dividends paid. If we are required to take an impairment charge to our goodwill or long-lived assets in the future, we do not expect that charge to impact our ability to comply with the covenants contained in our Credit Agreement because impairment charges are excluded from the calculation of EBITDA for purposes of meeting the fixed charge coverage and total cash flow leverage ratios and because there is no net worth minimum covenant in such agreement.

As of March 31, 2013, we had \$119.0 million outstanding under our term loan, and \$31.0 million outstanding under our revolving variable-rate notes and available capacity of approximately \$34.0 million, subject to covenant requirements under the credit agreement. We expect to use the remaining availability under our credit facility, if needed, for working capital and other general corporate purposes.

At March 31, 2013, the weighted average interest rate on our credit facility was 5.2%. If we elect to have interest accrue (1) based on the prime rate, then such interest is due and payable on the last day of each month and (2) based on LIBOR, then such interest is due and payable at the end of the applicable interest period that we elect, provided that if the applicable interest period is longer than three months interest will be due and payable in three month intervals. Currently, our interest rate swap arrangements require us to have at least \$60.0 million of our outstanding principal balance at LIBOR. At March 31, 2013, all the debt on our credit facility was based on LIBOR.

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**Table of Contents****Future Needs**

Historically, cash flow from operations, supplemented by short and long-term financing, the proceeds from our credit facility and equity offerings, have been adequate to fund our day-to-day operations and capital expenditure requirements. While we faced many business challenges in the quarter, we paid down the senior term note by \$18.6 million and we had \$2.8 million net borrowings on our senior revolving line of credit in the quarter. We continue to expect to face business challenges in the coming year, but still expect that cash flow from operations, supplemented by short and long-term financing, the proceeds from our credit facility and equity offerings, will be adequate to fund our day-to-day operations and capital expenditure requirements. However, our ability to generate sufficient cash flow in 2013 could be adversely impacted by the business challenges we continue to face, particularly the ongoing regulatory, lender and other responses to the mortgage crisis, including new and proposed legislation and lenders' voluntary and required loss mitigation efforts and moratoria, including those described in **Recent Developments**, **Regulatory Environment** earlier in this quarterly report and those described in **Risk Factors** in Item 1A of our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

As of March 31, 2013, we were in compliance with all covenants in our debt instruments. But the Company's ability to generate sufficient cash flows could be negatively impacted by the business challenges in our mortgage default foreclosure and public notice business which the Company faces and could result in noncompliance with the Company's senior secured credit facility. Any failure by us to comply with these covenants may result in an event of default, which if not cured or waived, could result in the banks accelerating the maturity of our indebtedness or preventing us from accessing availability under our credit facility. In addition, our lenders may require us to prepay outstanding indebtedness under the credit facility. If the maturity of our indebtedness is accelerated, we may not have sufficient cash resources to satisfy our debt obligations and we may not be able to continue our operations as planned. In addition, the indebtedness under our credit agreement is secured by a security interest in substantially all of our tangible and intangible assets, including the equity interests of our subsidiaries, and therefore, if we are unable to repay such indebtedness the banks could foreclose on these assets and sell the pledged equity interests, which would adversely affect our ability to operate our business.

Our ability to secure short-term and long-term financing in the future will depend on several factors, including our future profitability and cash flow from operations, the quality of our short and long-term assets, our relative levels of debt and equity, the financial condition and operations of acquisition targets (in the case of acquisition financing) and the overall condition of the credit markets.

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

We are exposed to market risks related to interest rates. Other types of market risk, such as foreign currency risk, do not arise in the normal course of our business activities. Our exposure to changes in interest rates is limited to borrowings under our credit facility. However, as of March 31, 2013, we had swap arrangements that convert \$60 million of our variable rate term loan into a fixed rate obligation. The aggregate notional amount of our two swap agreements will mature on various dates through December 31, 2014. We enter into derivative financial instrument transactions, such as swaps, in order to manage or reduce our exposure to risk from changes in interest rates. We do not enter into derivatives or other financial instrument transactions for speculative purposes.

We recognize all of our derivative instruments as either assets or liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet at fair value. We record the fair value of our swap agreements in accrued liabilities or other liabilities on our balance sheet, depending on the timing of the expiration of the swap agreement. The accounting for changes in the fair value of a derivative instrument, like our interest rate swap agreements, depends on whether it has been designated and qualifies for hedge accounting. As of March 31, 2013, we have designated our two interest rate swap agreements for hedge accounting treatment. Accordingly, we record changes in the fair value of these swap agreements in other comprehensive income or loss (net of tax) on our balance sheet for the period then ended.

We did not hold any interest rate swap agreements that did not qualify for hedge accounting during the three months ended March 31, 2013. At March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, we had \$0.7 million and \$1.3 million (net of tax), respectively, included in other accumulated comprehensive loss related to the fair value of our interest rate swap agreements. At March 31, 2013, and December 31, 2012, the estimated fair value of our fixed interest rate swaps was a liability of \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million, respectively.

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If the future interest yield curve decreases, the fair value of our interest rate swap agreements will decrease and interest expense will increase. If the future interest yield curve increases, the fair value of our interest rate swap agreements will increase and interest expense will decrease.

Based on the variable-rate debt included in our debt portfolio, a 75 basis point increase in interest rates would have resulted in additional interest expense of \$0.2 million (pre-tax) for both the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012.

### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

We carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on such evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer have concluded that, as of the end of such period, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective and provided reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported accurately and within the time frames specified in the SEC's rules and forms and accumulated and communicated to our management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

#### **Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the three months ended March 31, 2013, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## **PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

We are from time to time involved in ordinary, routine litigation incidental to our normal course of business, and we do not believe that any such existing litigation is material to our financial condition or results of operations.

### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

There have been no material changes from the risk factors we previously disclosed in Part I Item 1A. Risk Factors in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, filed with the SEC on March 8, 2013.

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

In December 2010, our Board of Directors approved a common stock repurchase program that allows us to purchase up to 2 million shares of our common stock at market prices at the discretion of management at any time through December 31, 2013. At March 31, 2013, 1,862,500 shares remained available under the program. No repurchases were made during the first quarter of 2013.

### **Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

None.

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**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

None

**Item 5. Other Information**

None.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

| <b>Exhibit No</b> | <b>Title</b>                                  | <b>Method of Filing</b> |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 31.1              | Section 302 Certification of James P. Dolan   | Filed herewith.         |
| 31.2              | Section 302 Certification of Vicki J. Duncomb | Filed herewith.         |
| 32.1              | Section 906 Certification of James P. Dolan   | Furnished herewith.     |
| 32.2              | Section 906 Certification of Vicki J. Duncomb | Furnished herewith.     |
| 101               | Interactive Data File                         | Filed herewith.         |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

THE DOLAN COMPANY

Dated: May 2, 2013

By: /s/ JAMES P. DOLAN  
James P. Dolan  
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Dated: May 2, 2013

By: /s/ VICKI J. DUNCOMB  
Vicki J. Duncomb  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting  
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