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(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended October 31, 2015

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: 001-36121

Veeva Systems Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

20-8235463
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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

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

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:

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

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

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

As of November 27, 2015, there were 81,529,984 shares of the Registrant's Class A common stock outstanding and 51,465,593 shares of the Registrant's Class B common stock outstanding.

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains forward-looking statements that are based on our beliefs and assumptions and on information currently available to us. Forward-looking statements include information concerning our possible or assumed future results of operations and expenses, business strategies and plans, trends, market sizing, competitive position, industry environment and potential growth opportunities, among other things. Forward-looking statements include all statements that are not historical facts and, in some cases, can be identified by terms such as “anticipates,” “believes,” “could,” “estimates,” “expects,” “intends,” “may,” “plans,” “potential,” “predicts,” “projects,” “seeks,” “should,” “will,” “would” or similar expressions and the negatives of those terms.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements, including those described in “Risk Factors” and elsewhere in this report. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

Any forward-looking statement made by us in this report speaks only as of the date on which it is made. Except as required by law, we disclaim any obligation to update these forward-looking statements publicly, or to update the reasons actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements, even if new information becomes available in the future.

As used in this report, the terms “Veeva,” “Registrant,” “we,” “us,” and “our” mean Veeva Systems Inc. and its subsidiaries unless the context indicates otherwise.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.
VEEVA SYSTEMS INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except number of shares and par value)

| | October 31, 2015 (Unaudited) | January 31, 2015 |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 108,594 | \$ 129,253 |
| Short-term investments | 230,874 | 268,620 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$554 and \$413, respectively | 75,301 | 92,661 |
| Deferred income taxes | 5,124 | 4,815 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 7,445 | 6,488 |
| Total current assets | 427,338 | 501,837 |
| Property and equipment, net | 47,434 | 28,203 |
| Capitalized internal-use software, net | 871 | 1,240 |
| Goodwill | 94,959 | 4,850 |
| Intangible assets, net | 49,053 | 4,904 |
| Other long-term assets | 5,378 | 3,856 |
| Total assets | \$ 625,033 | \$ 544,890 |
| Liabilities and stockholders' equity | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 7,211 | \$ 3,886 |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | 9,928 | 6,497 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | 11,584 | 8,939 |
| Income tax payable | 5,607 | 3,241 |
| Deferred revenue | 102,053 | 112,960 |
| Total current liabilities | 136,383 | 135,523 |
| Deferred income taxes, noncurrent | 11,719 | 170 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 2,953 | 2,364 |
| Total liabilities | 151,055 | 138,057 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 12) | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Class A common stock, \$0.00001 par value; 800,000,000 shares authorized, | 1 | — |

80,616,320 and 64,729,479 issued and outstanding at October 31, 2015 and

January 31, 2015, respectively

Class B common stock, \$0.00001 par value; 190,000,000 shares authorized,

52,170,094 and 66,338,146 issued and outstanding at October 31, 2015 and

January 31, 2015, respectively

| | | |
|--|------------|-----------|
| Additional paid-in capital | — | 1 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 348,157 | 317,881 |
| Retained earnings | 25 | 26 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 125,795 | 88,925 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | 473,978 | 406,833 |
| | \$ 625,033 | \$544,890 |

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

VEEVA SYSTEMS INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(In thousands, except per share data)

| | For the three months ended | | For the nine months ended | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | October 31, 2015 | 2014 | October 31, 2015 | 2014 |
| | (Unaudited) | | | |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Subscription services | \$81,736 | \$61,435 | \$225,910 | \$166,528 |
| Professional services and other | 25,185 | 22,390 | 69,041 | 59,682 |
| Total revenues | 106,921 | 83,825 | 294,951 | 226,210 |
| Cost of revenues⁽¹⁾: | | | | |
| Cost of subscription services | 18,273 | 14,409 | 50,965 | 39,795 |
| Cost of professional services and other | 18,739 | 16,007 | 51,505 | 44,707 |
| Total cost of revenues | 37,012 | 30,416 | 102,470 | 84,502 |
| Gross profit | 69,909 | 53,409 | 192,481 | 141,708 |
| Operating expenses⁽¹⁾: | | | | |
| Research and development | 17,667 | 10,635 | 45,879 | 29,414 |
| Sales and marketing | 20,345 | 14,251 | 53,898 | 40,875 |
| General and administrative | 11,797 | 8,582 | 29,326 | 22,136 |
| Total operating expenses | 49,809 | 33,468 | 129,103 | 92,425 |
| Operating income | 20,100 | 19,941 | 63,378 | 49,283 |
| Other income (expense), net | 110 | (989) | 428 | (1,120) |
| Income before income taxes | 20,210 | 18,952 | 63,806 | 48,163 |
| Provision for income taxes | 9,728 | 8,694 | 26,936 | 21,106 |
| Net income | \$10,482 | \$10,258 | \$36,870 | \$27,057 |

Net income attributable to Class A and Class B common

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| stockholders, basic and diluted | \$10,473 | \$10,198 | \$36,832 | \$26,851 |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|

Net income per share attributable to Class A and Class B

common stockholders:

| | | | | |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Basic | \$0.08 | \$0.08 | \$0.28 | \$0.21 |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|

| | | | | |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Diluted | \$0.07 | \$0.07 | \$0.25 | \$0.19 |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|

Weighted-average shares used to compute net income per

share attributable to Class A and Class B common

stockholders:

| | | | | |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Basic | 132,413 | 129,212 | 131,731 | 126,836 |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|

| | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Diluted | 145,063 | 144,289 | 144,909 | 144,082 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|

Other comprehensive income (loss):

Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale

| | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| investments | \$ (34) | \$ 97 | \$ (113) | \$ 29 |
| Net change in cumulative foreign currency translation gain | | | | |
| (loss) | 79 | (15) | 112 | (72) |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 10,527 | \$ 10,340 | \$ 36,869 | \$ 27,014 |

(1)

Includes stock-based compensation as follows:

Cost of revenues:

| | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Cost of subscription services | \$ 149 | \$ 74 | \$ 396 | \$ 181 |
| Cost of professional services and other | 1,042 | 549 | 2,757 | 1,711 |
| Research and development | 2,021 | 942 | 5,047 | 2,703 |
| Sales and marketing | 1,932 | 754 | 4,807 | 2,290 |
| General and administrative | 1,547 | 1,266 | 4,094 | 3,356 |
| Total stock-based compensation | \$ 6,691 | \$ 3,585 | \$ 17,101 | \$ 10,241 |

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

VEEVA SYSTEMS INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)

| | For the three months ended | | For the nine months ended | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| | October 31, 2015 (Unaudited) | 2014 | October 31, 2015 | 2014 |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | | |
| Net income | \$10,482 | \$10,258 | \$36,870 | \$27,057 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 2,481 | 1,022 | 4,849 | 2,943 |
| Amortization of premiums on short-term investments | 693 | 611 | 2,206 | 1,344 |
| Stock-based compensation | 6,691 | 3,585 | 17,101 | 10,241 |
| Deferred income taxes | (308) | (76) | (308) | (76) |
| Bad debt expense | (35) | (28) | 203 | 41 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | | | |
| Accounts receivable | (2,689) | 16,684 | 22,842 | 13,151 |
| Income taxes | 2,758 | 769 | 2,601 | (2,189) |
| Prepaid expenses and other current and long-term assets | 6,266 | (2,294) | 739 | (3,644) |
| Accounts payable | 1,074 | 354 | 874 | 56 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | 3,300 | 4,017 | 3,637 | 2,791 |
| Deferred revenue | (11,567) | (635) | (15,415) | 17,288 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 589 | (11) | 509 | (9) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 19,735 | 34,256 | 76,708 | 68,994 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | | |
| Purchases of short-term investments | (94,195) | (103,836) | (262,110) | (333,728) |
| Maturities and sales of short-term investments | 180,785 | 52,677 | 297,537 | 97,307 |
| Purchases of property and equipment | (4,556) | (790) | (19,048) | (26,072) |
| Acquisitions, net of cash acquired | (116,189) | — | (126,183) | — |
| Purchases of intangible assets | — | — | (568) | — |
| Capitalized internal-use software development costs | — | (81) | (194) | (301) |
| Changes in restricted cash and deposits | — | 8 | 3 | 9 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (34,155) | (52,022) | (110,563) | (262,785) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | | |
| Proceeds from early exercise of common stock options | — | — | 10 | — |
| Proceeds from exercise of common stock options | 1,368 | 2,102 | 4,138 | 4,314 |
| Net proceeds from offerings | — | — | — | 34,495 |
| Proceeds from Employee Stock Purchase Plan | — | — | — | 5,951 |
| Restricted stock units acquired to settle employee tax withholding | — | — | (6) | — |

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|--|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| liability | | | | |
| Excess tax benefits from employee stock plans | 1,817 | 7,698 | 8,968 | 18,731 |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 3,185 | 9,800 | 13,110 | 63,491 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 53 | (15) | 86 | (72) |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | (11,182) | (7,981) | (20,659) | (130,372) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 119,776 | 140,116 | 129,253 | 262,507 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$108,594 | \$132,135 | \$108,594 | \$132,135 |
| Supplemental disclosures of other cash flow information: | | | | |
| Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds | \$273 | \$477 | \$16,265 | \$5,101 |
| Non-cash investing and financing activities: | | | | |
| Changes in accounts payable and accrued liabilities related to | | | | |
| property and equipment purchases | \$(1,592) | \$191 | \$1,023 | \$170 |
| Vesting of early exercised stock options | \$19 | \$87 | \$54 | \$318 |

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

VEEVA SYSTEMS INC.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

Note 1. Summary of Business and Significant Accounting Policies

Description of Business

Veeva is a leading provider of cloud-based software solutions and data for the global life sciences industry. We were founded in 2007 on the premise that industry-specific business problems would best be addressed by tailored cloud solutions, an approach referred to as industry cloud. All of our solutions are designed to address the unique requirements of the life sciences industry, while enabling life sciences companies to realize the benefits of a cloud delivery model and modern mobile applications for their most critical business functions—commercial operations and research and development. We offer solutions for multichannel customer relationship management, regulated content management and collaboration, customer master data management, and data and data services that meet the specialized functional and compliance needs of life sciences companies. Our fiscal year end is January 31.

Principles of Consolidation and Basis of Presentation

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (GAAP) and applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regarding interim financial reporting, and include the accounts of our wholly owned subsidiaries after elimination of intercompany accounts and transactions. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in the financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. Therefore, these condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes included in Veeva's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2015, filed on April 1, 2015. There have been no changes to our significant accounting policies described in the annual report that have had a material impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes.

The consolidated balance sheet as of January 31, 2015 included herein was derived from the audited financial statements as of that date. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all normal recurring adjustments necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations, our comprehensive income and cash flows for the interim periods, but are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations to be anticipated for the full fiscal year ending January 31, 2016 or any other period.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires us to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the condensed consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto. These estimates are based on information available as of the date of the condensed consolidated financial statements. On a regular basis, management evaluates these estimates and assumptions. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include, but are not limited to:

- the best estimate of selling price of the deliverables included in multiple-deliverable revenue arrangements;
- the collectibility of our accounts receivable;

the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed for business combinations;
the valuation of short-term investments and the determination of other-than-temporary impairments;
the valuation of building and land;
the realizability of deferred income tax assets;
the fair value of our stock-based awards and related forfeiture rates; and
the capitalization and estimated useful life of internal-use software development costs.
As future events cannot be determined with precision, actual results could differ significantly from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition

We derive our revenues from two sources: (i) subscription services revenues, which are comprised of subscription fees from customers accessing our enterprise cloud computing solutions and maintenance and hosting fees from certain historical arrangements of Zinc Ahead as defined below, and (ii) related professional services and other revenues. Professional services and other revenues generally include consulting, data services and training. We commence revenue recognition when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- there is persuasive evidence of an arrangement;
- the service has been or is being provided to the customer;
- the collection of the fees is reasonably assured; and
- the amount of fees to be paid by the customer is fixed or determinable.

Our subscription services arrangements are generally non-cancellable and do not provide for refunds to customers in the event of cancellations. We record revenues net of any sales taxes.

Subscription Services Revenues

Subscription services revenues are recognized ratably over the order term beginning when the solution has been provisioned to the customer. Our subscription arrangements are considered service contracts, and the customer does not have the right to take possession of the software.

Professional Services and Other Revenues

The majority of our professional services arrangements are recognized on a time and materials basis. Professional services revenues recognized on a time and materials basis are measured monthly based on time incurred and contractually agreed upon rates. Certain professional services revenues are based on fixed fee arrangements and revenues are recognized based on progress against input measures, such as hours incurred. In some cases the terms of our time and materials and fixed fee arrangements may require that we defer the recognition of revenue until contractual conditions are met. Data services and training revenues are generally recognized as the services are performed.

Multiple Element Arrangements

We apply the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2009-13, Multiple—Deliverable Revenue Arrangements, to allocate revenues based on relative best estimated selling price to each unit of accounting in multiple element arrangements, which generally include subscriptions and professional services. Best estimated selling price of each unit of accounting included in a multiple element arrangement is based upon management's estimate of the selling price of deliverables when vendor specific objective evidence or third-party evidence of selling price is not available.

We enter into arrangements with multiple deliverables that generally include our subscription offerings and professional services. For these arrangements we must: (i) determine whether each deliverable has stand-alone value; (ii) determine the estimated selling price of each element using the selling price hierarchy of vendor specific objective evidence (VSOE) of fair value, third-party evidence (TPE) or best estimated selling price (BESP), as applicable; and (iii) allocate the total price among the various deliverables based on the relative selling price method.

In determining whether professional services and other revenues have stand-alone value, we consider the following factors for each consulting agreement: availability of the consulting services from other vendors, the nature of the consulting services and whether the professional services are required in order for the customer to use the subscription

services. If stand-alone value cannot be established for a delivered item in a multiple-element arrangement, the delivered item is accounted for as a combined unit of accounting with the undelivered item(s).

We have established stand-alone value with respect to all of our offerings except professional services for the recently acquired Zinc Ahead business. As a result, we account for multiple element arrangements that include Zinc Ahead professional services as a combined unit of accounting and recognize the revenues from such professional services ratably over the term of the associated subscription services.

We have determined that we are not able to establish VSOE of fair value or TPE of selling price for any of our deliverables, and accordingly we use BESP for each deliverable in the arrangement. The objective of BESP is to estimate the price at which we would transact a sale of the service deliverables if the services were sold on a stand-alone basis. Revenue allocated to each deliverable is recognized when the basic revenue recognition criteria are met for each deliverable.

We determine BESP for our subscription services included in a multiple element arrangement by considering multiple factors including, but not limited to, stated subscription renewal rates offered to the customer to renew the service and other major groupings such as customer type and geography.

BESP for professional services considers the discount of actual professional services sold compared to list price, the experience level of the individual performing the service and geography.

We allocate consideration proportionately based on established BESP and then recognize the allocated revenue over the respective delivery periods for each element.

Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue includes amounts billed to customers for which the revenue recognition criteria have not been met. The majority of deferred revenue primarily consists of billings or payments received in advance of revenue recognition from our subscription services described above and is recognized as the revenue recognition criteria are met. We generally invoice our customers in annual, quarterly or monthly installments for the subscription services, which are typically contracted for a term of one year or less. Accordingly, the deferred revenue balance does not generally represent the total contract value of a subscription arrangement. Deferred revenue that will be recognized during the succeeding 12-month period is recorded as current deferred revenue.

Certain Risks and Concentrations of Credit Risk

Our revenues are derived from subscription services, professional services and other services delivered primarily to the pharmaceutical and life sciences industry. We operate in markets that are highly competitive and rapidly changing. Significant technological changes, shifting customer needs, the emergence of competitive products or services with new capabilities and other factors could negatively impact our operating results.

Our financial instruments that potentially subject us to concentration of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and trade accounts receivable. Our cash equivalents and short-term investments are held in safekeeping by large, credit-worthy financial institutions. We have established guidelines relative to credit ratings, diversification and maturities that seek to maintain safety and liquidity. Deposits in these financial institutions may exceed federally insured limits.

We do not require collateral from our customers and generally require payment within 30 to 60 days of billing. We periodically evaluate the collectibility of our accounts receivable and provide an allowance for doubtful accounts as necessary, based on historical experience. Historically, such losses have not been material.

No single customer represented over 10% of accounts receivable in the condensed consolidated financial statements as of October 31, 2015 and January 31, 2015. No single customer represented over 10% of total revenues in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2015 and 2014.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued new accounting guidance Customer's Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement. This guidance is intended to help entities evaluate the accounting for fees paid by a customer in a cloud computing arrangement, primarily to determine whether the arrangement includes a sale or license of software. The new guidance is effective for annual periods, including interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. We have elected not to early adopt. While the Company does utilize various cloud services provided by other third-party vendors for administrative and operational purposes, the adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

In August 2015, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2015-14, “Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Deferral of the Effective Date.” This Update defers the effective date of ASU 2014-09, “Revenue from Contracts with Customers,” issued in May 2014, for all entities by one year, although companies still have the option to begin applying the new guidance as of the original effective date. In accordance with the deferral, this guidance will be effective for the Company beginning February 1, 2018. Earlier application is permitted only as of annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim reporting periods within that reporting period. ASU 2014-09 requires revenue to be recognized when promised goods or services are transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration that is expected to be received for those goods or services. ASU 2014-09 supersedes the existing revenue recognition guidance in “Revenue Recognition (Topic 605)” and permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. We are evaluating the effect that ASU 2014-09 will have on our condensed consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. We have not yet selected a transition method nor have we determined the effect of the standard on our ongoing financial reporting.

In September 2015, the FASB issued –ASU 2015-16, “Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments”. The guidance requires the acquirer to recognize adjustments to provisional amounts identified during the measurement period in the reporting period in which the adjustment amounts are determined. The business combination guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015, with early adoption permitted, and is to be applied on a prospective basis. The Company has elected not to early adopt. The adoption of the business combination guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.

Note 2. Acquisitions

During the nine months ended October 31, 2015, we completed two acquisitions, QForma CrowdLink and Zinc Ahead, both of which were accounted for as business combinations. In accordance with authoritative guidance on business combination accounting, the assets and liabilities of the acquired companies were recorded as of the acquisition date, at their respective fair values, and are consolidated within our consolidated financial statements. The results of operations related to each company acquired have been included in our consolidated statements of operations from the date of acquisitions. All acquisition-related transaction costs are expensed and reflected in general and administrative expenses on our condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income for the periods presented.

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the underlying net tangible and intangible assets and represents the future economic benefits of the customer relationships and data technology contributions in support of our data-related offerings. Goodwill is not deductible for U.S. tax purposes.

The fair values assigned to assets acquired and liabilities assumed are based on management’s best estimates and assumptions as of the reporting date and are considered preliminary pending finalization of valuation analyses pertaining to intangible assets acquired, liabilities assumed and tax liabilities assumed including calculation of

deferred tax assets and liabilities. Changes to amounts recorded as assets or liabilities may result in corresponding adjustments to goodwill during the measurement period (up to one year from the acquisition date).

Zinc Ahead

On September 29, 2015, we completed our acquisition of Zinc Ahead, a provider of commercial content management solutions, in an all-cash transaction. We expect this acquisition to support the continued growth of our commercial content management solutions. The total closing consideration for the purchase was approximately \$119.6 million in cash. In addition, the agreement calls for \$10.0 million payable at a rate of one-third per year to employee shareholders and option holders of Zinc Ahead who remain employed with us. These payments have been accounted for as deferred compensation and will be recognized over the service period. As of October 31, 2015, we had incurred \$1.8 million in acquisition-related transaction costs which are reflected in general and administrative expenses on our condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

Through a share purchase agreement our indirect subsidiary, Veeva U.K. Holdings Limited, acquired all of the share capital of Mineral Newco Ltd., a company organized under the laws of the United Kingdom that is the ultimate parent company of Zinc Ahead Holdings Ltd, Zinc Ahead Ltd, Zinc Ahead Inc., Zinc Ahead PTY LTD and Zinc Ahead (Japan) KK (collectively, “Zinc Ahead”). Under the acquisition method of accounting, the total preliminary purchase price was allocated to Zinc Ahead's net tangible and intangible assets based upon their estimated fair values as of September 29, 2015.

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

| | Useful Lives of Intangible Assets | Fair Value |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Purchase price | | |
| Cash | | \$119,596 |
| Allocation of purchase price | | |
| Cash | | \$3,107 |
| Accounts receivable | | 4,600 |
| Other current and non-current assets | | 3,692 |
| Long term deferred tax liabilities | | (10,453) |
| Other current and non-current liabilities | | (8,206) |
| Net liabilities | | \$(7,260) |
| Customer contracts and relationships | 10 years | \$31,427 |
| Software | 4 years | 9,969 |
| Brand | 4 years | 1,125 |
| Purchased intangible assets | | \$42,521 |
| Goodwill | | \$84,335 |
| Total purchase price | | \$119,596 |

We did not record any in-process research and development in connection with the Zinc Ahead acquisition. The amounts of revenue and net loss of Zinc Ahead that are included in our condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income from September 30, 2015 to October 31, 2015, were \$1.7 million and \$1.5 million, respectively.

The following unaudited pro forma information presents the combined results of operations for the periods presented as if the acquisition had been completed on February 1, 2014, the beginning of the comparable prior annual reporting period. The unaudited pro forma results include the amortization associated with preliminary estimates for the acquired intangible assets, changes to interest income for cash used in the acquisition, and exclude acquisition-related transaction costs and the associated tax impact on these unaudited pro forma adjustments.

The unaudited pro forma results do not reflect any cost saving synergies from operating efficiencies or the effect of the incremental costs incurred in integrating the two companies. Accordingly, these unaudited pro forma results are presented for informational purpose only and are not necessarily indicative of what the actual results of operations of the combined company would have been if the acquisition had occurred at the beginning of the period presented, nor are they indicative of future results of operations (in thousands):

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| | For the three months ended | For the nine months ended |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | October 31, 2015 | October 31, 2015 |
| Pro forma revenues | \$115,136 | \$316,176 |
| Pro forma net income | \$9,616 | \$30,965 |
| Pro forma net income per share attributable to Class A and Class B common stockholders: | | |
| Basic | \$0.07 | \$0.23 |
| Diluted | \$0.07 | \$0.21 |

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The unaudited pro forma financial information for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2015 combines the historical results of Veeva for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2015 (which includes approximately one month of results from the acquired Zinc Ahead business), and for Zinc Ahead for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 (due to differences in reporting periods). The comparable amounts for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2014 have not been presented because the information required is not available.

Qforma CrowdLink

On March 31, 2015, we completed our acquisition of the key opinion leader, or KOL, business and products known as Qforma CrowdLink in an all-cash transaction. We expect this acquisition to support our key opinion leader business. Total purchase price was \$9.8 million in cash, net of a \$0.3 million settlement of escrow which was received during the three months ended October 31, 2015. There are no contingent cash payments related to this transaction. As of October 31, 2015, we had incurred \$0.3 million in acquisition-related transaction costs which are reflected in general and administrative expenses on our condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income. The assets, liabilities and operating results of Qforma CrowdLink have been reflected in our consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition and have not been material.

Through the transaction we acquired the outstanding equity interests of Mederi AG, and the selected other KOL-related business assets and liabilities of Qforma, Inc. and other affiliated entities. Under the acquisition method of accounting, the total preliminary purchase price was allocated to Qforma CrowdLink's net tangible and intangible assets based upon their estimated fair values as of March 31, 2015.

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

| | Useful Lives of Intangible Assets | Fair Value |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Purchase price | | |
| Cash | | \$9,750 |
| Allocation of purchase price | | |
| Cash | | \$56 |
| Accounts receivable | | 1,085 |
| Deferred tax asset | | 1,312 |
| Other current and non-current assets | | 50 |
| Deferred tax liability | | (1,096) |
| Other current and non-current liabilities | | (731) |
| Net assets | | \$676 |
| Database | 5 years | \$1,800 |
| Customer relationships | 4 years | 800 |
| Software | 5 years | 500 |
| Existing technology | 5 years | \$200 |
| Purchased intangible assets | | \$3,300 |
| Goodwill | | \$5,774 |

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Total purchase price | \$9,750 |
|----------------------|---------|

We did not record any in-process research and development in connection with the Qforma CrowdLink acquisition. Pro forma results of operations have not been presented because the effect of this acquisition was not material to the consolidated financial statements.

Note 3. Short-Term Investments

We classify short-term investments as available-for-sale at the time of purchase and reevaluate such classification as of each balance sheet date. All short-term investments are recorded at estimated fair value. Unrealized gains and losses for available-for-sale securities are included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), a component of stockholders' equity. We evaluate our investments to assess whether those with unrealized loss positions are other than temporarily impaired. We consider impairments to be other than temporary if they are related to deterioration in credit risk or if it is likely we will sell the securities before the recovery of their cost basis. Realized gains and losses and declines in value judged to be other than temporary are determined based on the specific identification method and are reported in other income (expense), net, in the condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income. Interest income, amortization of premiums, and accretion of discount on all short-term investments classified as available for sale are also included as a component of other income (expense), net, in the condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

At October 31, 2015, short-term investments consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized Losses | Estimated Fair Value |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Available-for-sale securities: | | | | |
| Asset-backed securities | \$ 6,337 | \$ — | \$ (1) | \$ 6,336 |
| Commercial paper | 6,597 | — | — | 6,597 |
| Corporate notes and bonds | 37,465 | 14 | (30) | 37,449 |
| U.S. agency obligations | 157,423 | 31 | (13) | 157,441 |
| U.S. treasury securities | 23,073 | — | (22) | 23,051 |
| Total available-for-sale securities | \$ 230,895 | \$ 45 | \$ (66) | \$ 230,874 |

At January 31, 2015, short-term investments consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized Losses | Estimated Fair Value |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Available-for-sale securities: | | | | |
| Asset-backed securities | \$ 9,323 | \$ — | \$ (4) | \$ 9,319 |
| Commercial paper | 3,394 | — | — | 3,394 |
| Corporate notes and bonds | 45,990 | 18 | (19) | 45,989 |
| U.S. agency obligations | 199,822 | 92 | (3) | 199,911 |
| U.S. treasury securities | 9,999 | 8 | — | 10,007 |
| Total available-for-sale securities | \$ 268,528 | \$ 118 | \$ (26) | \$ 268,620 |

We may sell our short-term investments at any time, without significant penalty, for use in current operations or for other purposes, even if they have not yet reached maturity. As a result, we classify our investments, including securities with maturities beyond 12 months, as current assets in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

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The following table summarizes the estimated fair value of our short-term investments, designated as available-for-sale and classified by the contractual maturity date of the securities as of the dates shown (in thousands):

| | October 31, 2015 | January 31, 2015 |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Due in one year or less | \$169,414 | \$224,263 |
| Due in greater than one year | 61,460 | 44,357 |
| Total | \$230,874 | \$268,620 |

We have certain available-for-sale securities in a gross unrealized loss position, all of which have been in such position for less than 12 months. We review our debt securities classified as short-term investments on a regular basis to evaluate whether or not any security has experienced an other-than-temporary decline in fair value. We consider factors such as the length of time and extent to which the market value has been less than the cost, the financial position and near-term prospects of the issuer and our intent to sell, or whether it is more likely than not we will be required to sell the investment before recovery of the investment's amortized-cost basis. If we determine that an other-than-temporary decline exists in one of these securities, the respective investment would be written down to fair value. For debt securities, the portion of the write-down related to credit loss would be recognized to other income, net in our condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income. Any portion not related to credit loss would be included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). There were no impairments considered other-than-temporary as of October 31, 2015 and January 31, 2015.

The following table shows the fair values and the gross unrealized losses of these available-for-sale securities aggregated by investment category as of October 31, 2015 (in thousands):

| | Fair Value | Gross Unrealized Losses |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Asset-backed securities | \$4,331 | \$ (1) |
| Corporate notes and bonds | 20,678 | (30) |
| U.S. agency obligations | 43,665 | (13) |
| U.S. treasury securities | 19,053 | (22) |

The following table shows the fair values and the gross unrealized losses of these available-for-sale securities aggregated by investment category as of January 31, 2015 (in thousands):

| | Fair Value | Gross Unrealized Losses |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Asset-backed securities | \$9,319 | \$ (4) |
| Corporate notes and bonds | 23,239 | (19) |
| U.S. agency obligations | 18,398 | (3) |

Note 4. Property and Equipment, Net

Property and equipment, net, consists of the following as of the dates shown (in thousands):

| | October 31, 2015 | January 31, 2015 |
|----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Land | \$3,040 | \$3,040 |
| Building | 20,984 | 20,984 |

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| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Land and building improvements | 13,628 | — |
| Equipment and computers | 5,463 | 3,103 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 6,280 | 1,207 |
| Leasehold improvements | 1,663 | 1,228 |
| Construction in progress | — | 980 |
| | 51,058 | 30,542 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (3,624) | (2,339) |
| Total property and equipment, net | \$47,434 | \$28,203 |

Total depreciation expense for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2015 was \$1.1 million and \$1.9 million, respectively, and \$0.4 million and \$1.0 million for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2014, respectively. Land is not depreciated.

Note 5. Capitalized Internal-Use Software

Capitalized internal-use software, net, consisted of the following as of the dates shown (in thousands):

| | October 31, 2015 | January 31, 2015 |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| Capitalized internal-use software development costs | \$3,525 | \$3,307 |
| Less accumulated amortization | (2,654) | (2,067) |
| Capitalized internal-use software development costs, net | \$871 | \$1,240 |

There was no capitalization of internal-use software development costs during the three months ended October 31, 2015. During the nine months ended October 31, 2015, we capitalized \$0.2 million for internal-use software development costs and \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million, respectively for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2014.

Capitalized internal-use software amortization expense for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2015 was \$0.2 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, and \$0.2 million and \$0.6 million for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2014, respectively.

Note 6. Intangible Assets and Goodwill

The following schedule presents the details of intangible assets as of October 31, 2015 (dollar amounts in thousands):

| | October 31, 2015 | | | Remaining Useful Life (in years) |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|---|
| | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization | Net | |
| Existing technology | \$3,880 | \$ (1,763) | \$2,117 | 2.8 |
| Database | 4,939 | (1,807) | 3,132 | 3.2 |
| Customer relationships | 33,247 | (794) | 32,453 | 9.7 |
| Software | 10,773 | (522) | 10,251 | 3.9 |
| Brand | 1,125 | (25) | 1,100 | 3.9 |
| | \$53,964 | \$ (4,911) | \$49,053 | |

The following schedule presents the details of intangible assets as of January 31, 2015 (dollar amounts in thousands):

January 31, 2015

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| | Gross | | | Remaining |
|------------------------|----------|--------------|---------|------------|
| | Carrying | Accumulated | Net | Useful |
| | Amount | Amortization | | Life |
| | | | | (in years) |
| Existing technology | \$3,680 | \$ (1,188) | \$2,492 | 3.4 |
| Database | 2,570 | (1,037) | 1,533 | 2.3 |
| Customer relationships | 1,020 | (274) | 746 | 4.3 |
| Software | 304 | (171) | 133 | 1.3 |
| | \$7,574 | \$ (2,670) | \$4,904 | |

Amortization expense associated with acquired intangible assets for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2015 was \$1.1 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, and \$0.4 million and \$1.2 million for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2014, respectively.

The estimated amortization expense for intangible assets, for the next five years and thereafter is as follows (in thousands):

| Period | Estimated Amortization Expense |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Remainder of fiscal 2016 | \$ 2,128 |
| Fiscal 2017 | 8,406 |
| Fiscal 2018 | 7,960 |
| Fiscal 2019 | 7,133 |
| Fiscal 2020 | 5,563 |
| Thereafter | 17,863 |
| Total | \$ 49,053 |

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired in connection with business combinations accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting. Goodwill is not amortized, but instead goodwill is required to be tested for impairment annually and under certain circumstances. We perform such testing of goodwill in the fourth quarter of each year, or as events occur or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying amount. The following schedule presents the details of goodwill as of October 31, 2015 (in thousands):

| Goodwill | |
|--|-----------|
| Balance as of January 31, 2015 | \$ 4,850 |
| Goodwill from Qforma CrowdLink acquisition | 5,774 |
| Goodwill from Zinc Ahead acquisition | 84,335 |
| Balance as of October 31, 2015 | \$ 94,959 |

Note 7. Accrued Expenses

Accrued expenses consisted of the following as of the dates shown (in thousands):

| | October 31, 2015 | January 31, 2015 |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Accrued commissions | \$ 1,606 | \$ 1,309 |
| Accrued bonus | 2,989 | 1,901 |

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| | | |
|---|----------|---------|
| Accrued other compensation and benefits | 5,333 | 3,287 |
| Total accrued compensation and benefits | \$9,928 | \$6,497 |
| Accrued fees paid to salesforce.com | 4,088 | 3,395 |
| Accrued third-party professional services subcontractors fees | 2,766 | 1,631 |
| Sales taxes payable | 772 | 1,666 |
| Other accrued expenses | 3,958 | 2,247 |
| Total accrued expenses and other current liabilities | \$11,584 | \$8,939 |

Note 8. Fair Value Measurements

The carrying amounts of accounts receivable and other current assets, accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate fair value due to their short-term nature.

Financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at fair value in the condensed consolidated financial statements are categorized based upon the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure their fair value. Hierarchical levels, which are directly related to the amount of subjectivity associated with the inputs to the valuation of these assets or liabilities are as follows:

Level 1—Observable inputs, such as quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2—Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3—Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

Financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires management to make judgments and considers factors specific to the asset or liability.

The following table presents the fair value hierarchy for financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of October 31, 2015 (in thousands):

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Cash equivalents: | | | | |
| Money market funds | \$25,676 | \$— | \$ — | \$25,676 |
| Short-term investments | | | | |
| Asset-backed securities | — | 6,336 | — | 6,336 |
| Commercial paper | — | 6,597 | — | 6,597 |
| Corporate notes and bonds | — | 37,449 | — | 37,449 |
| U.S. agency obligations | — | 157,441 | — | 157,441 |
| U.S. treasury securities | — | 23,051 | — | 23,051 |
| Total | \$25,676 | \$230,874 | \$ — | \$256,550 |

The following table presents the fair value hierarchy for financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of January 31, 2015 (in thousands):

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Cash equivalents: | | | | |
| Money market funds | \$41,861 | \$— | \$ — | \$41,861 |
| U.S. agency obligations | — | 3,595 | — | 3,595 |
| Short-term investments | | | | |
| Asset-backed securities | — | 9,319 | — | 9,319 |
| Commercial paper | — | 3,394 | — | 3,394 |
| Corporate notes and bonds | — | 45,989 | — | 45,989 |
| U.S. agency obligations | — | 199,911 | — | 199,911 |
| U.S. treasury securities | — | 10,007 | — | 10,007 |
| Total | \$41,861 | \$272,215 | \$ — | \$314,076 |

We determine the fair value of our security holdings based on pricing from our pricing vendors. The valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of financial instruments having Level 2 inputs were derived from non-binding consensus prices that are corroborated by observable market data or quoted market prices for similar instruments. Such market prices may be quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1 inputs) or pricing determined using inputs other than quoted prices that are observable either directly or indirectly (Level 2 inputs). We perform procedures to ensure that appropriate fair values are recorded such as comparing prices obtained from other sources.

Note 9. Income Taxes

For the three months ended October 31, 2015 and 2014, our effective tax rates were 48.1% and 45.9%, respectively. During the three months ended October 31, 2015 as compared to the prior year period, our effective tax rate increased 2.2% primarily due to nondeductible acquisition costs, and foreign and domestic return to provision true ups, which are partially offset by a reduction in the domestic production activities deduction. The decrease in the domestic production activities deduction resulted from the current period stock option activity.

For the nine months ended October 31, 2015 and 2014, our effective tax rates were 42.2% and 43.8%, respectively. Our effective tax rate decreased 1.6% during the nine months ended October 31, 2015 as compared to the prior year period primarily due to an increase in the domestic production activities deduction for Fiscal 2016.

Note 10. Stockholders' Equity
Common Stock

As of October 31, 2015, we had 80,616,320 shares of Class A common stock and 52,170,094 shares of Class B common stock outstanding, of which 95,083 shares of Class B common stock were unvested, resulting from employees exercising stock options prior to vesting.

As of January 31, 2015, we had 64,729,479 shares of Class A common stock and 66,338,146 shares of Class B common stock outstanding, of which 195,833 shares of Class B common stock were unvested, resulting from employees exercising stock options prior to vesting.

Early Exercise of Employee Options

We historically have allowed for the early exercise of options granted under the 2007 Stock Plan (2007 Plan) prior to vesting. Historically, all such early exercises have been through cash payment. The unvested shares are subject to our repurchase right at the original purchase price. The proceeds initially are recorded as an accrued liability from the early exercise of stock options, and reclassified to common stock as our repurchase right lapses. At October 31, 2015, the amount of unvested shares and the aggregate price for those shares that were subject to repurchase were immaterial. At January 31, 2015 there were 195,833 unvested shares which were subject to repurchase at an aggregate price of approximately \$0.1 million.

Stock Option Activity

A summary of stock option activity for the nine months ended October 31, 2015 is as follows:

| | Number of shares | Weighted average exercise price | Weighted average remaining contractual term (in years) | Aggregate intrinsic value |
|---|---------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| Options outstanding at January 31, 2015 | 20,233,620 | \$ 4.18 | 7.7 | \$498,862,568 |
| Options granted | 619,800 | 26.91 | | |
| Options exercised | (1,429,644) | 2.90 | | |
| Options forfeited/cancelled | (193,986) | 9.92 | | |
| Options outstanding at October 31, 2015 | 19,229,790 | \$ 4.95 | 7.1 | \$396,596,492 |
| Options vested and exercisable at October 31, 2015 | 5,090,023 | \$ 3.33 | 6.3 | \$113,151,592 |
| Options vested and exercisable at October 31, 2015 and expected to vest thereafter | 18,355,846 | \$ 4.93 | 7.1 | \$378,969,871 |

There were no stock options granted during the three months ended October 31, 2015 and 619,800 stock options were granted during the nine months ended October 31, 2015. The weighted average grant-date fair value of options granted during the nine months ended October 31, 2015 was \$12.36 per share.

As of October 31, 2015, there was \$34.2 million in unrecognized compensation cost, net of estimated forfeitures, related to unvested stock options granted under the 2007 Plan, 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and 2013 Equity Incentive

Plan (2013 EIP). This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 4.0 years.

As of October 31, 2015, we had authorized and unissued shares of common stock sufficient to satisfy exercises of stock options.

The total intrinsic value of options exercised was approximately \$7.8 million and \$34.6 million for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2015.

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Restricted Stock Units

A summary of restricted stock unit (RSU) activity for the nine months ended October 31, 2015 is as follows:

| | Unreleased Restricted Stock Units | Weighted average grant date fair value |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Balance at January 31, 2015 | 965,972 | \$ 27.48 |
| RSUs granted | 1,578,288 | 26.59 |
| RSUs vested | (292,681) | 27.35 |
| RSUs forfeited/cancelled | (183,024) | 26.24 |
| Balance at October 31, 2015 | 2,068,555 | \$ 26.93 |

During the three and nine months ended October 31, 2015, we issued RSUs under the 2013 EIP with a weighted-average grant date fair value of \$25.68 and \$26.59, respectively.

During the nine months ended October 31, 2015, in connection with the acquisition of Qforma CrowdLink, we issued 17,000 performance-based RSUs to certain employees. These performance-based RSUs will vest based on a service and performance-based vesting condition. The RSUs had an estimated value of \$0.5 million on the date of grant. We currently estimate that the performance-based conditions will be achieved and as a result, the full grant date fair value of these RSUs are being accounted for as compensation expense over the vesting periods.

As of October 31, 2015, there was a total of \$54.5 million in unrecognized compensation cost, net of estimated forfeitures, related to unvested RSUs. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 3.3 years.

Stock-Based Compensation

Compensation expense related to share-based transactions, including employee, consultant, and non-employee director stock option awards, is measured and recognized in the condensed consolidated financial statements based on fair value. The fair value of each option award is estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The stock-based compensation expense, net of forfeitures, is recognized using a straight-line basis over the requisite service periods of the awards, which is generally four to nine years. For restricted stock awards, fair value is based on the closing price of our common stock on the grant date.

Our option-pricing model requires the input of subjective assumptions, including the fair value of the underlying common stock, the expected term of the option, the expected volatility of the price of our common stock, risk-free interest rates, and the expected dividend yield of our common stock. The assumptions used in our option-pricing model represent management's best estimates. These estimates involve inherent uncertainties and the application of management's judgment. If factors change and different assumptions are used, our stock-based compensation expense could be materially different in the future.

There were no stock options granted during the three months ended October 31, 2015. The following table presents the weighted-average assumptions used to estimate the grant date fair value of options granted during the periods

presented:

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------------------|---------------|
| | October 31, | | October 31, | |
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Volatility | — | 49% | 45% – 46% | 48% – 50% |
| Expected term (in years) | — | 6.00 | 5.50 – 6.32 | 6.00 – 6.32 |
| Risk-free interest rate | — | 1.90% | 1.69% – 1.84% | 1.85% – 1.94% |
| Dividend yield | — | —% | —% | —% |

There was no stock-based compensation capitalized for internal-use software during the three months ended October 31, 2015. The amounts of stock-based compensation capitalized for internal-use software during the nine months ended October 31, 2015 and for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2014 were immaterial.

Note 11. Net Income per Share Attributable to Common Stockholders

We compute net income per share of Class A and Class B common stock using the two-class method required for participating securities. Prior to the date of our IPO in October 2013, we considered all series of our convertible preferred stock to be participating securities due to their non-cumulative dividend rights. Immediately prior to the completion of our IPO, all outstanding shares of convertible preferred stock converted to Class B common stock. Additionally, we consider unvested shares issued upon the early exercise of options to be participating securities as the holders of these shares have a non-forfeitable right to dividends in the event of our declaration of a dividend for common shares.

Under the two-class method, net income attributable to common stockholders is determined by allocating undistributed earnings, calculated as net income, less (i) current period convertible preferred stock non-cumulative dividends and (ii) earnings attributable to participating securities.

The net income per share attributable to common stockholders is allocated based on the contractual participation rights of the Class A common stock and Class B common stock as if the income for the year has been distributed. As the liquidation and dividend rights are identical, the net loss attributable to common stockholders is allocated on a proportionate basis.

Basic net income per share of common stock is computed by dividing the net income attributable to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. All participating securities are excluded from the basic weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding. Unvested shares of common stock resulting from the early exercises of stock options are excluded from the calculation of the weighted-average shares of common stock until they vest as they are subject to repurchase until they are vested.

Diluted net income per share attributable to common stockholders is computed by dividing net income attributable to common stockholders by the weighted-average shares outstanding, including potentially dilutive shares of common stock assuming the dilutive effect of potential shares of common stock for the period determined using the treasury stock method.

Undistributed net income for a given period is apportioned to participating securities based on the weighted-average shares of each class of common stock outstanding during the applicable period as a percentage of the total weighted-average shares outstanding during the same period.

For purposes of the diluted net income per share attributable to common stockholders calculation, unvested shares of common stock resulting from the early exercises of stock options and unvested options to purchase common stock are considered to be potentially dilutive shares of common stock. In addition, the computation of the fully diluted net income per share of Class A common stock assumes the conversion from Class B common stock, while the fully diluted net income per share of Class B common stock does not assume the conversion of those shares.

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The numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted EPS computations for our common stock are calculated as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

| | Three Months Ended | | | | Nine Months Ended | | | |
|---|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|----------|---------|----------|
| | October 31, | | 2014 | | October 31, | | 2014 | |
| | Class A | Class B | Class A | Class B | Class A | Class B | Class A | Class B |
| Basic | | | | | | | | |
| Numerator | | | | | | | | |
| Net income | \$6,156 | \$4,326 | \$4,358 | \$5,900 | \$20,545 | \$16,325 | \$8,630 | \$18,427 |
| Undistributed earnings allocated to | | | | | | | | |
| participating securities | (5) | (4) | (25) | (35) | (21) | (17) | (66) | (140) |
| Net income attributable to common | | | | | | | | |
| stockholders, basic | \$6,151 | \$4,322 | \$4,333 | \$5,865 | \$20,524 | \$16,308 | \$8,564 | \$18,287 |
| Denominator | | | | | | | | |
| Weighted average shares used in | | | | | | | | |
| computing net income per share | | | | | | | | |
| attributable to common stockholders, | | | | | | | | |
| basic | 77,759 | 54,654 | 54,897 | 74,315 | 73,405 | 58,326 | 40,454 | 86,382 |
| Net income per share attributable to | | | | | | | | |
| common stockholders, basic | \$0.08 | \$0.08 | \$0.08 | \$0.08 | \$0.28 | \$0.28 | \$0.21 | \$0.21 |
| Diluted | | | | | | | | |
| Numerator | | | | | | | | |
| Net income attributable to common | | | | | | | | |
| stockholders, basic | \$6,151 | \$4,322 | \$4,333 | \$5,865 | \$20,524 | \$16,308 | \$8,564 | \$18,287 |
| Reallocation as a result of conversion of | | | | | | | | |
| Class B to Class A common stock: | | | | | | | | |

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|---------------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Net income attributable to common | | | | | | | | |
| stockholders, basic | 4,322 | — | 5,865 | — | 16,308 | — | 18,287 | — |
| Reallocation of net income to Class B | | | | | | | | |
| common stock | — | 537 | — | 453 | — | 1,867 | — | 1,025 |
| Net income attributable to common | | | | | | | | |
| stockholders, diluted | \$10,473 | \$4,859 | \$10,198 | \$6,318 | \$36,832 | \$18,175 | \$26,851 | \$19,312 |
| Denominator | | | | | | | | |
| Number of shares used for basic EPS | | | | | | | | |
| computation | 77,759 | 54,654 | 54,897 | 74,315 | 73,405 | 58,326 | 40,454 | 86,382 |
| Conversion of Class B to Class A | | | | | | | | |
| common stock | 54,654 | — | 74,315 | — | 58,326 | — | 86,382 | — |
| Effect of potentially dilutive common | | | | | | | | |
| shares | 12,650 | 12,650 | 15,077 | 15,077 | 13,178 | 13,178 | 17,246 | 17,246 |
| Weighted average shares used in | | | | | | | | |
| computing net income per share | | | | | | | | |
| attributable to common stockholders, | | | | | | | | |
| diluted | 145,063 | 67,304 | 144,289 | 89,392 | 144,909 | 71,504 | 144,082 | 103,628 |
| Net income per share attributable to | | | | | | | | |
| common stockholders, diluted | \$0.07 | \$0.07 | \$0.07 | \$0.07 | \$0.25 | \$0.25 | \$0.19 | \$0.19 |

Potential common share equivalents excluded where the inclusion would be anti-dilutive are as follows:

| | | Nine Months Ended | |
|--|--|--------------------|-------------|
| | | Three Months Ended | Ended |
| | | October 31, | October 31, |
| | | 2015 | 2014 |
| | | 2014 | 2014 |

| | | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Options and awards to purchase shares not included in the computation of diluted net income per share because their inclusion would be anti-dilutive | 1,381,629 | 767,413 | 891,148 | 332,458 |
|--|-----------|---------|---------|---------|

Note 12. Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation

Liabilities for loss contingencies arising from claims, assessments, litigation, fines, and penalties and other sources are recorded when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the assessment or remediation can be reasonably estimated. Legal costs incurred in connection with loss contingencies are expensed as incurred.

From time to time, we may be involved in legal proceedings and subject to claims incident to the ordinary course of business. Although the results of such legal proceedings and claims cannot be predicted with certainty, we believe we are not currently a party to any legal proceedings, the outcome of which, if determined adversely to us, would individually or taken together have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows or financial position. Regardless of the outcome, such proceedings can have an adverse impact on us because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of resources and other factors, and there can be no assurances that favorable outcomes will be obtained.

Value-Added Reseller Agreement

We have a value-added reseller agreement with salesforce.com, inc. for our use of the Salesforce Platform in combination with our developed technology to deliver our Veeva CRM solution, including hosting infrastructure and data center operations provided by salesforce.com. On March 3, 2014, we extended the term of the Value-Added Reseller Agreement for an additional ten years through September 1, 2025 and amended our minimum order commitments. As of October 31, 2015, we remained obligated to pay fees of at least \$424.7 million prior to September 1, 2025 in connection with this agreement.

Additionally, Zinc Ahead, a recently acquired business, has an authorized OEM agreement with VYRE Limited for use and resale of certain proprietary products used for digital asset management in combination with the Zinc Ahead product offerings. As of October 31, 2015, we remain obligated to pay a minimum fee of \$0.2 million annually through June 2019 pursuant to this agreement.

Note 13. Information about Geographic Areas

We track and allocate revenues by the principal geographic region of our customers' end users rather than by individual country where such revenues are billed, which makes it impractical to disclose revenues for the United States or other specific foreign countries. Revenues by geographic area, as measured by the estimated location of the end users for subscription services revenues and the estimated location of the users for which the services were performed for professional services revenues, were as follows for the periods shown below (in thousands):

| Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| October 31, 2015 | October 31, 2014 | October 31, 2015 | October 31, 2014 |

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| Revenues by geography | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| North America | \$59,344 | \$46,056 | \$162,915 | \$125,399 |
| Europe and other | 29,003 | 22,326 | 79,561 | 58,919 |
| Asia Pacific | 18,574 | 15,443 | 52,475 | 41,892 |
| Total revenues | \$106,921 | \$83,825 | \$294,951 | \$226,210 |

Long-lived assets by geographic area are as follows as of the date shown (in thousands):

| | October 31, 2015 | January 31, 2015 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Long-lived assets by geography | | |
| North America | \$45,057 | \$27,213 |
| Europe and other | 1,857 | 538 |
| Asia Pacific | 520 | 452 |
| Total long-lived assets | \$47,434 | \$28,203 |

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

You should read the following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations in conjunction with our condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this report. In addition to historical condensed consolidated financial information, the following discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated by these forward-looking statements as a result of many factors. We discuss factors that we believe could cause or contribute to these differences below and elsewhere in this report, including those set forth under "Risk Factors" and "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements."

Overview

Veeva is a leading provider of cloud-based software solutions and data for the global life sciences industry. We were founded in 2007 on the premise that industry-specific business problems would best be addressed by tailored cloud solutions, an approach referred to as industry cloud. All of our solutions are designed to address the unique requirements of the life sciences industry, while enabling life sciences companies to realize the benefits of a cloud delivery model and modern mobile applications for their most critical business functions—commercial operations and research and development. We offer solutions for multichannel customer relationship management, regulated content management and collaboration, customer master data management, and data and data services that meet the specialized functional and compliance needs of life sciences companies.

Veeva CRM was our first commercially available solution and has made up the vast majority of our revenue historically. For instance, in our fiscal year ended January 31, 2015, we derived approximately 89% of our subscription services revenues and 84% of our total revenues from our core sales automation solution, Veeva CRM, and the other multichannel CRM solutions that are complementary to Veeva CRM. The contribution of subscription services revenues and total revenues associated with Veeva Vault, Veeva Network and Veeva's data offerings is expected to increase as a percentage of our subscription services and total revenues going forward. However, we have less experience selling Veeva Vault, Veeva Network, Veeva's data offerings and our newer commercial applications that complement Veeva CRM. To the extent that these more recently introduced solutions do not achieve significant market acceptance, our business and results of operations may be adversely affected.

Additionally, on September 29, 2015, we completed our acquisition of the companies referred to as "Zinc Ahead," which is a provider of commercial content management solutions, in an all-cash transaction. The Zinc Ahead acquisition was our largest acquisition to date. We expect this acquisition to support the continued growth of our commercial content management solutions, but we may encounter difficulties integrating the Zinc Ahead business and we may not retain existing Zinc Ahead customers and key Zinc Ahead employees to the extent we expect, which could adversely affect our business.

For the nine months ended October 31, 2015 and 2014, our total revenues were \$295.0 million and \$226.2 million, respectively, representing period-over-period growth in total revenues of 30%. For the nine months ended October 31, 2015 and 2014, our subscription services revenues were \$225.9 million and \$166.5 million, respectively, representing period-over-period growth in subscription services revenues of 36%. We expect the growth rate of our total revenues and subscription services revenues to slightly decline in future periods. We generated net income of \$36.9 million and \$27.1 million for the nine months ended October 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Key Factors Affecting Our Performance

Investment in Growth. We have invested and intend to continue to invest aggressively in expanding the breadth and depth of our Industry Cloud for life sciences. We expect to invest in research and development to expand existing and build new solutions, sales and marketing to promote our solutions to new and existing customers and in existing and

expanded geographies, professional services to ensure the success of our customers' implementations of our solutions, and other operational and administrative functions to support our expected growth and the requirements associated with being a public company. We anticipate that our headcount will increase as a result of these investments. We expect our total operating expenses will increase over time, and, in some cases, have short-term negative impacts on our operating margin.

Adoption of Our Solutions by Existing and New Customers. Most of our customers initially deploy our solutions to a limited number of users within a division or geography and may only initially deploy a limited set of our available solutions. Our future growth is dependent upon our existing customers' continued success and renewals of subscriptions to our solutions, deployment of our solutions to additional users around the world, and the purchase of subscriptions to additional solutions. Our growth is also dependent on the adoption of our solutions by new customers.

Subscription Services Revenue Retention Rate. A key factor to our success is the renewal and expansion of our existing subscription agreements with our customers. We calculate our annual subscription services revenue retention rate for a particular fiscal year by dividing (i) annualized subscription revenue as of the last day of that fiscal year from those customers that were also customers as of the last day of the prior fiscal year by (ii) the annualized subscription revenue from all customers as of the last day of the prior fiscal year. Annualized subscription revenue is calculated by multiplying the daily subscription revenue recognized on the last day of the fiscal year by 365. This calculation includes the impact on our revenues from customer non-renewals, deployments of additional users or decreases in users, deployments of additional solutions or discontinued use of solutions by our customers, and price changes for our solutions. Historically, the impact of price changes on our subscription services revenue retention rate has been minimal. For our fiscal years ended January 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, our subscription services revenue retention rate was 138%, 166% and 187%, respectively.

Mix of Subscription and Professional Services Revenues. We believe our investments in professional services have driven customer success and facilitated the further adoption of our solutions by our customers. During the initial period of deployment by a customer, we generally provide a greater amount of configuration, implementation and training than later in the deployment. At the same time, many of our customers have historically purchased subscriptions for only a limited set of their total potential users during their initial deployments. As a result of these factors, the proportion of total revenues for a customer associated with professional services is relatively high during the initial deployment period. Over time, as the need for professional services associated with user deployments decreases and the number of users often increases, we have observed and continue to expect the mix of total revenues to shift more toward subscription services revenues. As a result, we expect the proportion of our total revenues from subscription services to increase over time.

Components of Results of Operations

Revenues

We derive our revenues primarily from subscription services fees and professional services fees. Subscription services revenues consist of fees from customers accessing our cloud-based software solutions and from maintenance and hosting fees associated with certain historical Zinc Ahead arrangements. Professional services revenues consist primarily of fees from implementation services, configuration, data services, training and managed services related to our solutions. For the nine months ended October 31, 2015, subscription services revenues constituted 77% of total revenues and professional services and other revenues constituted 23% of total revenues.

New subscription orders typically have a one-year term and automatically renew unless notice of cancellation is provided in advance. If a customer adds users or solutions to an existing order, such additional orders will generally be coterminous with the initial order, and as a result, orders for additional users or solutions will commonly have an initial term of less than one year. Subscription orders are generally billed at the subscription commencement date in annual or quarterly increments. Because the term of orders for additional users or solutions is commonly less than one year and payment terms may be quarterly, the annualized value of the orders we enter into with our customers will not be completely reflected in deferred revenue at any single point in time. We have also agreed from time to time and may agree in the future to allow customers to change the renewal dates of their orders to, for example, align more closely with a customer's annual budget process or to align with the renewal dates of other orders placed by other entities within the same corporate control group. Such changes typically result in an order of less than one year as necessary to align all orders to the desired renewal date and, thus, may result in a lesser increase to deferred revenue than if the renewal date adjustment had not occurred. Accordingly, we do not believe that change in deferred revenue or calculated billings, a metric commonly cited by financial analysts that is the sum of the change in deferred revenue plus revenue, are accurate indicators of future revenues for any given period of time.

Subscription services revenues are recognized ratably over the order term beginning when the solution has been provisioned to the customer. Our subscription services agreements are generally non-cancelable during the term, although customers typically have the right to terminate their agreements for cause in the event of material breach. Subscription services revenues are affected primarily by the number of customers, the number of users (or other subscription usage metric) at each customer that uses our solutions and the number of solutions subscribed to by each customer.

We utilize our own professional services personnel and, in certain cases, third-party subcontractors to perform our professional services engagements with customers. Our professional services engagements are primarily billed on a time and materials basis and revenues are typically recognized as the services are rendered. Certain professional services revenues are based on fixed fee arrangements and revenues are recognized based on progress against input measures, such as hours incurred. In some cases, the terms of our time and materials and fixed fee arrangements may require that we defer the recognition of revenue until contractual conditions are met. In those circumstances, revenue recognition may be sporadic, based upon the achievement of such contractual conditions. Professional services revenues are affected primarily by our customers' demands for implementation services, configuration, data services, training and managed services in connection with our solutions.

With respect to our recently acquired Zinc Ahead business, we have not established stand-alone value for professional services and, therefore, we account for multiple element arrangements as a combined unit of accounting. As a result, professional services revenues for our Zinc Ahead business, when delivered as part of a multiple element arrangement, are generally recognized ratably over the term of the associated subscription services.

Cost of Revenues

Cost of subscription services revenues for all of our solutions consists of expenses related to third-party data centers, personnel related costs associated with hosting our subscription services and providing support, including our data stewards, operating lease expense associated with computer equipment and software and allocated overhead, amortization expense associated with capitalized internal-use software related to our subscription services and amortization expense associated with purchased intangibles related to our subscription services. Cost of subscription services revenues for Veeva CRM and certain of our related multichannel CRM solutions also include fees paid to salesforce.com, inc. for our use of the Salesforce1 Platform and the associated hosting infrastructure and data center operations that are provided by salesforce.com. We intend to continue to invest additional resources in our subscription services to broaden our product offerings and increase our delivery capacity. For example, we may add or expand third-party data center capacity in the future and continue to make investments in the availability and security of our solutions. The timing of when we incur these additional expenses will affect our cost of revenues in absolute dollars in the affected periods.

Cost of professional services and other revenues consists primarily of employee-related expenses associated with providing these services, including salaries, benefits and stock-based compensation expense, the cost of third-party subcontractors, travel costs and allocated overhead. The cost of providing professional services is significantly higher as a percentage of the related revenues than for our subscription services due to the direct labor costs and costs of third-party subcontractors.

Operating Expenses

We accumulate certain costs such as office rent, utilities and other facilities costs and allocate them across the various departments based on headcount. We refer to these costs as “allocated overhead.”

Research and Development. Research and development expenses consist primarily of employee-related expenses, third-party consulting fees and allocated overhead, offset by any internal-use software development costs capitalized during the same period. We continue to focus our research and development efforts on adding new features and applications, increasing the functionality and enhancing the ease of use of our cloud-based applications.

Sales and Marketing. Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of employee-related expenses, sales commissions, marketing program costs, travel-related expenses and allocated overhead. Sales commissions and other program spend costs are expensed as incurred.

General and Administrative. General and administrative expenses consist of employee-related expenses for our executive, finance and accounting, legal, employee success, management information systems personnel and other administrative employees. In addition, general and administrative expenses include third-party professional services costs, including legal costs and professional fees, other corporate expenses and allocated overhead.

Other Expense, Net

Other expense, net consists primarily of transaction gains or losses on foreign currency, net of interest income and amortization of investments.

Provision for Income Taxes

Provision for income taxes consists of federal and state income taxes in the United States and income taxes in certain foreign jurisdictions. See note 9 of the notes to our condensed consolidated financial statements.

Results of Operations

The following tables set forth selected condensed consolidated statements of operations data and such data as a percentage of total revenues for each of the periods indicated:

| | For the three months ended | | For the nine months ended | |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | October 31, 2015 | 2014 | October 31, 2015 | 2014 |
| | (in thousands) | | | |
| Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income Data: | | | | |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Subscription services | \$81,736 | \$61,435 | \$225,910 | \$166,528 |
| Professional services and other | 25,185 | 22,390 | 69,041 | 59,682 |
| Total revenues | 106,921 | 83,825 | 294,951 | 226,210 |
| Cost of revenues⁽¹⁾: | | | | |
| Cost of subscription services | 18,273 | 14,409 | 50,965 | 39,795 |
| Cost of professional services and other | 18,739 | 16,007 | 51,505 | 44,707 |
| Total cost of revenues | 37,012 | 30,416 | 102,470 | 84,502 |
| Gross profit | 69,909 | 53,409 | 192,481 | 141,708 |
| Operating expenses⁽¹⁾: | | | | |
| Research and development | 17,667 | 10,635 | 45,879 | 29,414 |
| Sales and marketing | 20,345 | 14,251 | 53,898 | 40,875 |
| General and administrative | 11,797 | 8,582 | 29,326 | 22,136 |
| Total operating expenses | 49,809 | 33,468 | 129,103 | 92,425 |
| Operating income | 20,100 | 19,941 | 63,378 | 49,283 |
| Other income (expense), net | 110 | (989) | 428 | (1,120) |
| Income before income taxes | 20,210 | 18,952 | 63,806 | 48,163 |
| Provision for income taxes | 9,728 | 8,694 | 26,936 | 21,106 |
| Net income | \$10,482 | \$10,258 | \$36,870 | \$27,057 |

(1) Includes stock-based compensation as follows:

| | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Cost of revenues: | | | | |
| Cost of subscription services | \$149 | \$74 | \$396 | \$181 |
| Cost of professional services and other | 1,042 | 549 | 2,757 | 1,711 |
| Research and development | 2,021 | 942 | 5,047 | 2,703 |
| Sales and marketing | 1,932 | 754 | 4,807 | 2,290 |
| General and administrative | 1,547 | 1,266 | 4,094 | 3,356 |
| Total stock-based compensation | \$6,691 | \$3,585 | \$17,101 | \$10,241 |

| | For the three months ended | | For the nine months ended | |
|--|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| | October 31, | | October 31, | |
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income Data: | | | | |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Subscription services | 76.4 % | 73.3 % | 76.6 % | 73.6 % |
| Professional services and other | 23.6 | 26.7 | 23.4 | 26.4 |
| Total revenues | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Cost of revenues: | | | | |
| Cost of subscription services | 17.1 | 17.2 | 17.3 | 17.6 |
| Cost of professional services and other | 17.5 | 19.1 | 17.5 | 19.8 |
| Total cost of revenues | 34.6 | 36.3 | 34.8 | 37.4 |
| Gross profit | 65.4 | 63.7 | 65.2 | 62.6 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Research and development | 16.5 | 12.7 | 15.5 | 13.0 |
| Sales and marketing | 19.0 | 17.0 | 18.3 | 18.0 |
| General and administrative | 11.1 | 10.2 | 9.9 | 9.8 |
| Total operating expenses | 46.6 | 39.9 | 43.7 | 40.8 |
| Operating income | 18.8 | 23.8 | 21.5 | 21.8 |
| Other income (expense), net | 0.1 | (1.2) | 0.1 | (0.5) |
| Income before income taxes | 18.9 | 22.6 | 21.6 | 21.3 |
| Provision for income taxes | 9.1 | 10.4 | 9.1 | 9.3 |
| Net income | 9.8 % | 12.2 % | 12.5 % | 12.0 % |

Revenues

| | For the three months ended | | | For the nine months ended | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| | October 31, | | % Change | October 31, | | % Change |
| | 2015 | 2014 | | 2015 | 2014 | |
| Revenues: | | | | | | |
| Subscription services | \$81,736 | \$61,435 | 33 % | \$225,910 | \$166,528 | 36 % |
| Professional services and other | 25,185 | 22,390 | 12 | 69,041 | 59,682 | 16 |
| Total revenues | \$106,921 | \$83,825 | 28 | \$294,951 | \$226,210 | 30 |
| Percentage of revenues: | | | | | | |
| Subscription services | 76 % | 73 % | | 77 % | 74 % | |
| Professional services and other | 24 | 27 | | 23 | 26 | |
| Total revenues | 100 % | 100 % | | 100 % | 100 % | |

Total revenues for the three months ended October 31, 2015 increased \$23.1 million from the prior year period, of which \$20.3 million was from growth in subscription services revenues. Excluding the impact of the Zinc Ahead acquisition, three percent of the increase in subscription services revenues was attributable to orders from existing customers that were placed on or prior to October 31, 2014 and the renewal of such orders through October 31, 2015. Ninety-seven percent of the increase in subscription services revenues was attributable to orders placed after October 31, 2014 by existing customers and new customers. New orders from existing customers consisted of expanded use of our solutions within a given customer and the addition of solutions not previously utilized by a given customer. The Zinc Ahead acquisition contributed \$1.5 million in subscription services revenue for the three months ended October 31, 2015. Subscription services revenues from North America, as measured by the estimated location of the end users for subscription services, made up 53% of subscription services revenues in both the three months ended October 31, 2015 and October 31, 2014. Subscription services revenues were 76% of total revenues for the three months ended October 31, 2015, compared to 73% of total revenues for the three months ended October 31, 2014, reflecting the shift in revenue mix we discuss above in the “Key factors affecting our performance”.

Professional services and other revenues for the three months ended October 31, 2015 increased \$2.8 million from the prior year period. The increase in professional services revenues was due primarily to new customers requesting implementation and deployment related professional services, and existing customers requesting professional services related to expanding deployments or the deployment of newly purchased solutions. The Zinc Ahead acquisition contributed \$0.2 million in professional services and other revenue for the three months ended October 31, 2015. Professional services revenues from North America, as measured by the estimated location of the user for which the services were performed, made up 63% of professional services revenues in the three months ended October 31, 2015 and 59% of professional services revenues in the three months ended October 31, 2014. This shift in geographic revenue mix was primarily driven by a greater number of Vault deployments in North America.

Total revenues for the nine months ended October 31, 2015 increased \$68.7 million from the prior year period, of which \$59.4 million was from growth in subscription services revenues. Excluding the impact of the Zinc Ahead acquisition, thirty-three percent of the increase in subscription services revenues was attributable to orders from existing customers that were placed on or prior to October 31, 2014 and the renewal of such orders through October 31, 2015. Sixty-seven percent of the increase in subscription services revenues was attributable to orders placed after October 31, 2014 by existing customers and new customers. New orders from existing customers consisted of expanded use of our solutions within a given customer and the addition of solutions not previously utilized by a given customer. The Zinc Ahead acquisition contributed \$1.5 million in subscription services revenue for the nine months ended October 31, 2015. Subscription services revenues from North America, as measured by the estimated location of the end users for subscription services, made up 53% of subscription services revenues in the nine months ended October 31, 2015 and 54% of subscription services revenues in the nine months ended October 31, 2014. This shift in geographic revenue mix was primarily due to the more rapid rate of revenue growth from deployments in Europe as compared to North America.

Subscription services revenues were 77% of total revenues for the nine months ended October 31, 2015, compared to 74% of total revenues for the nine months ended October 31, 2014, reflecting the shift in revenue mix we discuss above in the “Key factors affecting our performance.”

Professional services and other revenues for the nine months ended October 31, 2015 increased \$9.3 million from the prior year period. The increase in professional services revenues was due primarily to new customers requesting implementation and deployment related professional services, and existing customers requesting professional services related to expanding deployments or the deployment of newly purchased solutions. The Zinc Ahead acquisition contributed \$0.2 million in professional services and other revenue for the nine months ended October 31, 2015. Professional services revenues from North America, as measured by the estimated location of the user for which the services were performed, made up 62% of professional services revenues in the nine months ended October 31, 2015 and 58% of professional services revenues in the nine months ended October 31, 2014. This shift in geographic revenue mix was primarily driven by a greater number of Vault deployments in North America.

Cost of Revenues and Gross Profit

| For the three months ended | | | For the nine months ended | | |
|----------------------------|------|----------|---------------------------|------|----------|
| October 31, 2015 | 2014 | % Change | October 31, 2015 | 2014 | % Change |
| (dollars in thousands) | | | | | |

Cost of revenues:

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| | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----|---|-----------|-----------|----|---|
| Cost of subscription services | \$18,273 | \$14,409 | 27 | % | \$50,965 | \$39,795 | 28 | % |
| Cost of professional services and other | 18,739 | 16,007 | 17 | | 51,505 | 44,707 | 15 | |
| Total cost of revenues | \$37,012 | \$30,416 | 22 | | \$102,470 | \$84,502 | 21 | |
| Gross margin percentage: | | | | | | | | |
| Subscription services | 78 | % | 77 | % | 77 | % | 76 | % |
| Professional services and other | 26 | | 29 | | 25 | | 25 | |
| Total gross margin percentage | 65 | % | 64 | % | 65 | % | 63 | % |
| Gross profit | \$69,909 | \$53,409 | 31 | % | \$192,481 | \$141,708 | 36 | % |

Cost of revenues for the three months ended October 31, 2015 increased \$6.6 million from the prior year period, of which \$3.9 million was related to cost of subscription services. The increase in cost of subscription services was primarily due to an increase in the number of users of our core Veeva CRM subscription services, which drove an increase of \$1.8 million in fees paid to salesforce.com. Additionally, employee compensation-related costs increased \$0.5 million primarily due to increased headcount, including headcount from the Zinc Ahead acquisition, and server costs increased \$0.5 million due to our ongoing investment in our data centers. We expect cost of subscription services revenues to increase in absolute dollars in the near term, as we expect our subscription services revenues to increase from the renewal of existing orders and the execution of new orders.

Cost of professional services and other revenues for the three months ended October 31, 2015 increased \$2.7 million from the prior year period, primarily due to a \$1.9 million increase in employee compensation-related costs (which includes the impact of an increase of \$0.5 million in stock-based compensation) primarily due to increased headcount, including headcount from the Zinc Ahead acquisition, and a \$0.7 million increase in third-party subcontractor costs. We expect cost of professional services and other revenues to increase as we add personnel, including headcount from the Zinc Ahead acquisition, to our professional services organization worldwide.

Gross profit as a percentage of total revenues for the three months ended October 31, 2015 and 2014 was 65% and 64%, respectively. The increase compared to the prior year period is largely due to an increase in the proportion of total revenues attributable to subscription services revenues as compared to professional services and other revenues, which have higher gross margins, and the continued growth of our Veeva Vault, Veeva Network, and our newer commercial applications that compliment Veeva CRM, all of which have a slightly higher gross margin profile relative to our core Veeva CRM product.

Cost of revenues for the nine months ended October 31, 2015 increased \$18.0 million from the prior year period, of which \$11.2 million was related to cost of subscription services. The increase in cost of subscription services was primarily due to an increase in the number of users of our subscription services, which drove an increase of \$6.6 million in fees paid to salesforce.com. Additionally, employee compensation-related costs increased \$1.3 million primarily due to increased headcount, including headcount from the Zinc Ahead acquisition, and a \$1.5 million increase in server costs.

Cost of professional services and other revenues for the nine months ended October 31, 2015 increased \$6.8 million from the prior year period, primarily due to a \$4.3 million increase in employee compensation-related costs (which includes the impact of an increase of \$1.0 million in stock-based compensation) primarily due to increased headcount, including headcount from the Zinc Ahead acquisition, and a \$2.6 million increase in third-party subcontractor costs. These increases were partially offset by a \$0.5 million decrease in billable travel as compared to the prior year period.

Gross profit as a percentage of total revenues for the nine months ended October 31, 2015 and 2014 was 65% and 63%, respectively. The increase compared to the prior year period is largely due to an increase in the proportion of total revenues attributable to subscription services revenues as compared to professional services and other revenues, which have higher gross margins, and the continued growth of our Veeva Vault, Veeva Network, and our newer commercial applications that compliment Veeva CRM, all of which have a slightly higher gross margin profile relative to our core Veeva CRM product.

Operating Expenses and Operating Margin

Operating expenses include research and development, sales and marketing and general and administrative expenses. As we continue to invest in our growth through hiring, and as we realize the full impact of the additional headcount and operating expenses associated with the Zinc Ahead business, we expect operating expenses to increase in absolute dollars and as a percentage of revenue in the near term which may result in a slight decrease in our operating margin.

Research and Development

For the three
months ended

For the nine months
ended

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| | October 31, | | | October 31, | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|---|
| | 2015 | 2014 | % Change | 2015 | 2014 | % Change | |
| | (dollars in thousands) | | | | | | |
| Research and development | \$17,667 | \$10,635 | 66 | % \$45,879 | \$29,414 | 56 | % |
| Percentage of total revenues | 17 | % 13 | % | 16 | % 13 | % | |

Research and development expenses for the three months ended October 31, 2015 increased \$7.0 million from the prior year period, primarily due to an increase of \$5.3 million in employee compensation-related costs (which includes the impact of an increase of \$1.1 million in stock-based compensation) resulting from increased headcount during the period, including headcount from the Zinc Ahead acquisition. The expansion of our headcount in this area is to support the increasing number of products that are under development across our solution offerings, and to a lesser extent headcount from the Zinc Ahead acquisition. We also had an increase in facility related expenses of \$0.4 million primarily resulting from of the move into our new corporate headquarters.

Research and development expenses for the nine months ended October 31, 2015 increased \$16.5 million from the prior year period, primarily due to an increase of \$13.0 million in employee compensation-related costs (which includes the impact of an increase of \$2.3 million in stock-based compensation) primarily due to increased headcount, including headcount from the Zinc Ahead acquisition. The expansion of our headcount in this area is to support the increasing number of products that are under development across our solution offerings, and to a lesser extent headcount from the Zinc Ahead acquisition. We also had an increase in facility-related expenses of \$0.6 million primarily resulting from the move into our new corporate headquarters.

We expect research and development expenses to increase in absolute dollars in the near term. This is, primarily due to higher headcount, including headcount from the Zinc Ahead acquisition, as we continue to add developers and invest in our solutions, and the full impact of the additional research and development headcount and expenses associated with the Zinc Ahead business.

Sales and Marketing

| | For the three months ended | | | For the nine months ended | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------|----------|----------|---|
| | October 31, 2015 | 2014 | % Change | October 31, 2015 | 2014 | % Change | |
| | (dollars in thousands) | | | | | | |
| Sales and marketing | \$20,345 | \$14,251 | 43 | % \$53,898 | \$40,875 | 32 | % |
| Percentage of total revenues | 19 | % 17 | % | 18 | % 18 | % | |

Sales and marketing expenses for the three months ended October 31, 2015 increased \$6.1 million from the prior year period, primarily due to an increase of \$4.2 million in employee compensation-related costs (which includes the impact of an increase of \$1.2 million in stock-based compensation, primarily due to increased headcount, including headcount from the Zinc Ahead acquisition), a \$0.4 million increase in travel-related costs and a \$0.4 million increase in marketing program costs.

Sales and marketing expenses for the nine months ended October 31, 2015 increased \$13.0 million from the prior year period, primarily due to an increase of \$9.2 million in employee compensation-related costs (which includes the impact of an increase of \$2.5 million in stock-based compensation, primarily due to increased headcount, including headcount from the Zinc Ahead acquisition, and an increase of \$0.8 million in sales commissions resulting from the sales growth for the same comparative periods), a \$1.0 million increase in travel-related costs and a \$1.0 million increase in marketing program costs.

We expect sales and marketing expenses to continue to grow in absolute dollars in the near term, primarily due to higher headcount to support our sales and marketing efforts associated with our newer solutions, our continued expansion of our international sales capacity across all our solutions, and the full impact of the additional sales and marketing headcount and expenses associated with the Zinc Ahead business.

General and Administrative

| | For the three months ended | | | For the nine months ended | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|----------|----------|---|
| | October 31, 2015 | 2014 | % Change | October 31, 2015 | 2014 | % Change | |
| | (dollars in thousands) | | | | | | |
| General and administrative | \$11,797 | \$8,582 | 37 | % \$29,326 | \$22,136 | 32 | % |

Percentage of total revenues 11 % 10 % 10 % 10 %

General and administrative expenses for the three months ended October 31, 2015 increased \$3.2 million from the prior year period, primarily due to increases of \$1.4 million in employee compensation-related costs primarily due to increased headcount, including headcount from the Zinc Ahead acquisition, and \$1.8 million in one-time acquisition-related transaction costs for the Zinc Ahead acquisition.

General and administrative expenses for the nine months ended October 31, 2015 increased \$7.2 million from the prior year period, primarily due to increases of \$3.3 million in employee compensation-related costs (which includes the impact of an increase of \$0.7 million in stock-based compensation) primarily due to increased headcount, including headcount from the Zinc Ahead acquisition, \$1.8 million in one-time acquisition-related transaction costs for the Zinc Ahead acquisition, a \$0.8 million increase in third-party accounting professional services costs and \$0.7 million related to the early termination of the lease for our former headquarters building.

We expect general and administrative expenses to slightly increase in absolute dollars in the near term, primarily due to higher headcount, additional expenses, such as professional services from third-party providers, increased administrative support to our expanding foreign operations, and the full impact of the additional general and administrative headcount and expenses associated with the Zinc Ahead business.

Other Income (Expense), Net

| | For the three months ended | | | For the nine months ended | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------|---------------------------|------------------|----------|
| | October 31, 2015 | October 31, 2014 | % Change | October 31, 2015 | October 31, 2014 | % Change |
| Other income (expense), net | \$110 | \$(989) | NM | \$428 | \$(1,120) | NM |

Other income for the three months ended October 31, 2015 increased \$1.1 million from the prior year period, primarily due to an increase of \$0.7 million in foreign currency gain and an increase of \$0.4 million in interest income. The foreign currency gain, resulting primarily from the periodic re-measurement of our foreign currency balances that are denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the entities in which they are recorded, was driven by the stabilization in the value of the Euro to the U.S. Dollar as compared to the prior year where there was a decline in value of the Euro to the U.S. Dollar. Our results of operations are subject to fluctuations due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates, particularly changes in the Euro, British Pounds Sterling, Japanese Yen and Chinese Yuan.

Other income for the nine months ended October 31, 2015 increased \$1.5 million from the prior year period, primarily due to an increase of \$1.4 million in interest income and an increase of \$0.7 million in foreign currency gain, offset by an increase of \$0.6 million in investment amortization. The higher interest income and investment amortization compared to the prior year period was primarily attributable to our higher cash equivalent and short-term investment balances. The foreign currency gain was driven by the stabilization in the value of the Euro and Japanese Yen to the U.S. Dollar as compared to the prior year where there was a decline in value of the Euro and Japanese Yen to the U.S. Dollar.

Provision for Income Taxes

| | For the three months ended | | | For the nine months ended | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------|---------------------------|------------------|----------|
| | October 31, 2015 | October 31, 2014 | % Change | October 31, 2015 | October 31, 2014 | % Change |
| Income before income taxes | \$20,210 | \$18,952 | 7 | \$63,806 | \$48,163 | 32 |
| Provision for income taxes | 9,728 | 8,694 | 12 | 26,936 | 21,106 | 28 |
| Effective tax rate | 48.1 | 45.9 | % | 42.2 | 43.8 | % |

Our effective tax rate in all periods is the result of the mix of income earned in various tax jurisdictions that incur a broad range of income tax rates. The provision for income taxes differs from the tax computed at the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate due primarily to foreign earnings considered as indefinitely reinvested in foreign operations,

state taxes, the U.S. research and development tax credit, equity compensation and the U.S. domestic production activity deduction. Future effective tax rates could be adversely affected if earnings are lower than anticipated in countries where we have lower statutory tax rates, by unfavorable changes in tax laws and regulations or by adverse rulings in tax related litigation. Differing tax rates in various jurisdictions could harm our results of operations and financial condition by increasing our overall tax rate.

For the three months ended October 31, 2015 and 2014, our effective tax rates were 48.1% and 45.9%, respectively. During the three months ended October 31, 2015 as compared to the prior year period, our effective tax rate increased 2.2% primarily due to nondeductible acquisition costs, and foreign and domestic return to provision true-ups, which are partially offset by a reduction in the domestic production activities deduction. The decrease in the domestic production activities deduction resulted from the current period stock option activity.

For the nine months ended October 31, 2015 and 2014, our effective tax rates were 42.2% and 43.8%, respectively. During the nine months ended October 31, 2015 as compared to the prior year period, our effective tax rate decreased 1.6% primarily due to an increase in the domestic production activities deduction for Fiscal 2016.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Regulation S-K Item 10(e), "Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures in Commission Filings," defines and prescribes the conditions for use of non-GAAP financial information. Our measures of non-GAAP operating income, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income per share each meet the definition of a non-GAAP financial measure.

Non-GAAP operating income and non-GAAP net income

We use the non-GAAP measures of non-GAAP operating income and non-GAAP net income to provide an additional view of operational performance by excluding non-cash expenses that are not directly related to performance in any particular period. In addition to our GAAP measures we use these non-GAAP measures for budgeting and resource allocation purposes and in analyzing our financial results. We believe that these non-GAAP measures reflect our ongoing operating results and trends in a manner that allows for meaningful period-to-period comparisons and analysis of trends in our business, as they exclude certain expenses and benefits. These items are excluded because the decisions which gave rise to them are not made to increase revenue in a particular period, but are made for our long-term benefit over multiple periods and we are not able to change or affect these items in any particular period.

We define non-GAAP net income as our total net income excluding the following components, which we believe are not reflective of our ongoing operational expenses. In each case, for the reasons set forth below, we believe that excluding the component provides useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating the impact of certain non-cash items to our operating results and future prospects in the same manner as it does for us, in comparing financial results across accounting periods and to those of peer companies and to better understand the impact of these non-cash items on our gross margin and operating performance. Additionally, as significant, unusual or discrete events occur, the income statement impact thereof may be excluded in the period in which the events occur.

- Stock-based compensation expenses. We excluded stock-based compensation expenses from our non-GAAP measures primarily because they are non-cash expenses that we exclude from our internal management reporting processes. We also find it useful to exclude certain non-cash charges to assess the appropriate level of various operating expenses and our forecasting of future periods. Moreover, because of varying available valuation methodologies, subjective assumptions and the variety of award types that companies can use under FASB ASC Topic 718, we believe excluding stock-based compensation expenses allows investors to make meaningful comparisons between our recurring core business operating results and those of other companies.
- Amortization of purchased intangibles. We incur amortization expense for purchased intangible assets in connection with acquisitions of certain businesses and technologies. Amortization of intangible assets is a non-cash expense and is inconsistent in amount and frequency and is significantly affected by the timing and size of acquisitions. Because these costs have already been incurred and cannot be recovered, and are non-cash expenses, we exclude these expenses for internal management reporting purposes. We also find it useful to exclude these fixed charges when assessing the appropriate level of various operating expenses and in our forecasting of future periods. Investors should note that the use of intangible assets contributed to our revenues earned during the periods presented and will contribute to our future period revenues as well. Amortization of purchased intangible assets will recur in future periods.
- Capitalization of internal-use software development expenses and the subsequent amortization of the capitalized expenses. We capitalize certain costs incurred for the development of computer software for internal use and then amortize those costs over the estimated useful life. Capitalization and amortization of software development costs can vary significantly depending on the timing of products reaching technological feasibility and being made generally available. Our internal management reporting processes exclude both the capitalization of software (which would otherwise result in a reduction in net research and development operating expenses) and the amortization of

capitalized software (which would otherwise result in an increase in cost of subscription revenues) when preparing budgets, plans and reviewing internal performance. Moreover, because of the variety of approaches taken and the subjective assumptions made by other companies in this area, we believe that excluding the effects of capitalized software costs allows investors to make more meaningful comparisons between our operating results and those of other companies.

- Income tax effects on the difference between GAAP and non-GAAP costs and expenses. The income tax effects that are excluded from the non-GAAP measures relate to the tax impact on the difference between GAAP and non-GAAP costs and expenses due to stock-based compensation, purchased intangibles and capitalized internal-use software for GAAP and non-GAAP measures.

We define non-GAAP operating income as our operating income, as reported on our condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income, excluding the portions of stock-based compensation, amortization of purchased intangibles, capitalization of expenses associated with development of internal-use software and the subsequent amortization of the capitalized expenses that are included in cost of revenues and operating expenses.

Non-GAAP net income per share

Management uses the non-GAAP net income per share to provide an additional view of performance by excluding items that are not directly related to performance in any particular period in the earnings per share calculation.

We define non-GAAP net income per share as our non-GAAP net income, which excludes the above components, which we believe are not reflective of our ongoing operational expenses, divided by diluted shares outstanding, as reported on our condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

Limitations on the use of Non-GAAP financial measures

A limitation of our non-GAAP financial measures of non-GAAP operating income, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income per share is that they do not have uniform definitions. Our definitions will likely differ from the definitions used by other companies, including peer companies, and therefore comparability may be limited. Thus, our non-GAAP measures of non-GAAP operating income, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income per share should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, or in isolation from, measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. Additionally, in the case of stock-based expense, if we did not pay a portion of compensation in the form of stock-based expense, the cash salary expense included in costs of revenues and operating expenses would be higher which would affect our cash position and our non-GAAP profitability.

The non-GAAP financial measures are limited in value because they exclude certain items that may have a material impact upon our reported financial results. In addition, they are subject to inherent limitations as they reflect the exercise of judgments by management about which items are adjusted to calculate our non-GAAP financial measures. Veeva compensates for these limitations by analyzing current and future results on a GAAP basis as well as a non-GAAP basis and also by providing GAAP measures in our public disclosures.

Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. Investors are encouraged to review the reconciliation of these non-GAAP measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measure and not to rely on any single financial measure to evaluate our business. A reconciliation of GAAP to the non-GAAP financial measures has been provided in the tables below.

We compensate for these limitations by reconciling non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP operating profit, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP earnings per share to the most comparable GAAP financial measure. We encourage investors and others to review our financial information in its entirety, not to rely on any single financial measure and to view our non-GAAP financial measures in conjunction with the most comparable GAAP financial measures.

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The following table reconciles the specific items excluded from GAAP net income in the calculation of non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income per share for the periods shown below:

| | For the three months ended | | For the nine months ended | |
|---|-------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|
| | October 31, | | October 31, | |
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Operating income on a GAAP basis | \$20,100 | \$19,941 | \$63,378 | \$49,283 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 6,691 | 3,585 | 17,101 | 10,241 |
| Amortization of purchased intangibles | 1,153 | 412 | 2,242 | 1,237 |
| Capitalization of internal-use software | — | (80) | (194) | (300) |
| Amortization of internal-use software | 207 | 216 | 587 | 632 |
| Operating income on a non-GAAP basis | \$28,151 | \$24,074 | \$83,114 | \$61,093 |
| Net income on a GAAP basis | \$10,482 | \$10,258 | \$36,870 | \$27,057 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 6,691 | 3,585 | 17,101 | 10,241 |
| Amortization of purchased intangibles | 1,153 | 412 | 2,242 | 1,237 |
| Capitalization of internal-use software | — | (80) | (194) | (300) |
| Amortization of internal-use software | 207 | 216 | 587 | 632 |
| Income tax effect on non-GAAP adjustments | (1,629) | (713) | (4,376) | (2,450) |
| Net income on a non-GAAP basis | \$16,904 | \$13,678 | \$52,230 | \$36,417 |
| Net income allocated to participating securities on a GAAP basis | \$(9) | \$(60) | \$(38) | \$(206) |
| Net income allocated to participating securities from non-GAAP adjustments | (6) | (20) | (15) | (71) |
| Net income allocated to participating securities on a non-GAAP basis | (15) | (80) | (53) | (277) |
| Net income attributable to common stockholders on a non-GAAP basis | \$16,889 | \$13,598 | \$52,177 | \$36,140 |
| Diluted net income per share on a GAAP basis | \$0.07 | \$0.07 | \$0.25 | \$0.19 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.12 | 0.07 |
| Amortization of purchased intangibles | 0.01 | — | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| Capitalization of internal-use software | — | — | — | — |
| Amortization of internal-use software | — | — | — | — |
| Income tax effect on non-GAAP adjustments | (0.01) | — | (0.03) | (0.02) |
| Diluted net income per share on a non-GAAP basis | \$0.12 | \$0.09 | \$0.36 | \$0.25 |

Liquidity and Capital Resources

For the three
months ended

For the nine months
ended

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| | October 31, | | October 31, | |
|--|----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| | (in thousands) | | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$19,735 | \$34,256 | \$76,708 | \$68,994 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (34,155) | (52,022) | (110,563) | (262,785) |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 3,185 | 9,800 | 13,110 | 63,491 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 53 | (15) | 86 | (72) |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | \$(11,182) | \$(7,981) | \$(20,659) | \$(130,372) |

Our principal sources of liquidity continue to be comprised of our cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments, as well as cash flows generated from our operations. As of October 31, 2015, our cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments totaled \$339.5 million, of which \$11.3 million represented cash and cash equivalents held outside of the United States. As of October 31, 2014, our cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments totaled \$392.9 million, of which \$13.5 million represented cash and cash equivalents held outside of the United States. Non-U.S. cash and cash equivalents have been earmarked for indefinite reinvestment in our operations outside the United States and, therefore, no U.S. current or deferred taxes have been accrued related to these balances. We believe our U.S. sources of cash and liquidity are sufficient to meet our business needs in the United States and do not expect that we will need to repatriate the funds we have designated as indefinitely reinvested outside the United States. Under current tax laws, should our plans change and we were to choose to repatriate some or all of the funds we have designated as indefinitely reinvested outside the United States, such amounts would be subject to U.S. income taxes and applicable non-U.S. income and withholding taxes.

We have financed our operations primarily through cash generated from operations. We believe our existing cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments generated from operations will be sufficient to meet our working capital and capital expenditure needs over at least the next 12 months. Our future capital requirements will depend on many factors including our growth rate, subscription renewal activity, the timing and extent of spending to support product development efforts, the expansion of sales and marketing activities, the ongoing investments in data centers, the introduction of new and enhanced solutions and the continuing market acceptance of our solutions. We may in the future enter into arrangements to acquire or invest in complementary businesses, services and technologies and intellectual property rights. We may be required to seek additional equity or debt financing. In the event that additional financing is required from outside sources, we may not be able to raise it on terms acceptable to us or at all. If we are unable to raise additional capital when desired, our business, operating results and financial condition would be adversely affected.

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Our largest source of operating cash inflows is cash collections from our customers for subscription services. We also generate significant cash flows from our professional services arrangements. Our primary uses of cash from operating activities are for employee-related expenditures, fees to salesforce.com, third-party professional services costs and leased facilities.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$19.7 million for the three months ended October 31, 2015. Our cash provided by operating activities during the three months ended October 31, 2015 primarily reflected our net income of \$10.5 million, adjustments for non-cash charges of \$9.5 million, offset by net changes in our operating assets and liabilities of \$0.3 million. Non-cash charges included \$6.7 million of stock-based compensation expense, \$2.5 million of depreciation and amortization expense, and \$0.7 million of amortization of premiums on short-term investments. The net changes in operating assets and liabilities included an \$11.6 million decrease in deferred revenue resulting primarily from the timing of annual renewal billings and a \$2.7 million increase in accounts receivable related to the timing of billings and collections. These sources of cash were partially offset by a \$6.3 million decrease in our prepaid expenses and other current and long-term assets which primarily relates to the timing around a prepaid tax payment made during the prior period, a \$3.3 million increase in accrued expenses and other current liabilities, and a \$2.8 million increase in our income tax obligations related to the timing of tax payments and receivables.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$76.7 million for the nine months ended October 31, 2015. Our cash provided by operating activities during the nine months ended October 31, 2015 primarily reflected our net income of \$36.9 million, adjustments for non-cash charges of \$24.1 million, and net changes in our operating assets and liabilities of \$15.8 million. Non-cash charges included \$17.1 million of stock-based compensation expense, \$4.8 million of depreciation and amortization expense, and \$2.2 million of amortization of premiums on short-term investments. The net changes in operating assets and liabilities included a \$22.8 million decrease in accounts receivable related to the timing of billings and collections, a \$3.6 million increase in accrued expenses and other current liabilities, and a \$2.6 million increase in our income tax obligations related to the timing of tax payments and receivables. These sources of cash were partially offset by a \$15.4 million decrease in deferred revenue resulting primarily from the timing of annual renewal billings.

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

The cash flows from investing activities primarily relate to cash used for acquisition of businesses and to purchase marketable securities, net of maturities. We also use cash to invest in capital assets to support our growth, including the build-out of our new corporate headquarters located in Pleasanton, California.

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Net cash used in investing activities was \$34.2 million for the three months ended October 31, 2015 resulting primarily from \$116.5 million in cash used for the acquisition of the Zinc Ahead business, net of cash acquired, a \$0.3 million settlement of escrow from the Qforma CrowdLink acquisition, \$4.6 million cash used for purchases of property and equipment primarily for the build-out of our new corporate headquarters, offset by \$86.6 million provided from net maturities of marketable securities.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$110.6 million for the nine months ended October 31, 2015 resulting primarily from \$126.2 million in net cash used for the acquisition of the Zinc Ahead and Qforma CrowdLink businesses and \$19.0 million in cash used for purchases of property and equipment, which primarily includes the build-out of our new corporate headquarters, offset by \$35.4 million provided from net maturities of marketable securities.

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

The cash flows from financing activities relate to excess tax benefits from our stock plans and stock option exercises.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$3.2 million for the three months ended October 31, 2015 resulting from \$1.8 million in excess tax benefits from our employee stock plans, and \$1.4 million in proceeds from the exercise of employee stock options.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$13.1 million for the nine months ended October 31, 2015 resulting from \$9.0 million in excess tax benefits from our employee stock plans, and \$4.1 million from employees participating in the employee stock plans.

Commitments

Our principal commitments primarily consist of obligations for minimum payment commitments to salesforce.com, leases for office space and a minimum payment commitment to VYRE Limited. On March 3, 2014, we amended our agreement with salesforce.com. The agreement, as amended, requires that we meet minimum order commitments of \$500 million over the term of the agreement, which ends on September 1, 2025, including “true-up” payments if the orders we place with salesforce.com have not equaled or exceeded the following aggregate amounts within the timeframes indicated: (i) \$250 million for the period from March 1, 2014 to September 1, 2020 and (ii) the full amount of \$500 million by September 1, 2025. Additionally, Zinc Ahead, a recently acquired business, has an authorized OEM agreement with VYRE Limited for use and resale of certain proprietary products used for digital asset management in combination with the Zinc Ahead product offerings. As of October 31, 2015, the future non-cancelable minimum payments under these commitments were as follows:

| | Payments Due by Period | | | | More than 5 Years |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| | Total (in thousands) | Less than 1 Year | 1-3 Years | 3-5 Years | |
| Purchase commitments | \$425,462 | \$4,769 | \$400 | \$170,293 | \$250,000 |
| Operating lease obligations | 9,806 | 882 | 4,463 | 2,788 | 1,673 |
| Total | \$435,268 | \$5,651 | \$4,863 | \$173,081 | \$251,673 |

The amounts in the table above are associated with agreements that are enforceable and legally binding, which specify significant terms including payment terms, related services and the approximate timing of the transaction. Obligations under agreements that we can cancel without a significant penalty are not included in the table.

We anticipate leasing additional office space in various locations around the world to support our growth. In addition, our existing lease agreements often provide us with an option to renew. We expect our future operating lease obligations will increase as we expand our operations.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any relationships with unconsolidated organizations or financial partnerships, such as structured finance or special purpose entities that would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

Foreign currency exchange risk

Our results of operations and cash flows are subject to fluctuations due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates, particularly changes in the Euro and Japanese Yen. Revenues outside of North America as a percentage of total revenues were approximately 45% for both the three months ended October 31, 2015 and 2014. Changes in exchange rates may negatively affect our revenues and other operating results as expressed in U.S. dollars. For the three and nine months ended October 31, 2015, we had a foreign currency loss of \$0.6 million and \$1.0 million, respectively and a loss of \$1.3 million and \$1.7 million for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2014, respectively.

We have experienced and will continue to experience fluctuations in our net income as a result of transaction gains or losses related to revaluing certain current asset and current liability balances that are denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the entities in which they are recorded. While we have not engaged in the hedging of our foreign currency transactions to date, we are currently evaluating the costs and benefits of initiating such a program and may, in the future, hedge selected significant transactions or net monetary exposure positions denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar.

Interest rate sensitivity

We had cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments totaling \$339.5 million as of October 31, 2015. This amount was invested primarily in U.S. agency obligations, corporate notes and bonds, money market funds, U.S. treasury securities, asset-backed securities, and commercial paper. The cash and cash equivalents are held for working capital purposes. Our investments are made for capital preservation purposes. We do not enter into investments for trading or speculative purposes.

Our cash equivalents and our portfolio of marketable securities are subject to market risk due to changes in interest rates, which could affect our results of operations. Fixed rate securities may have their market value adversely affected due to a rise in interest rates, while floating rate securities may produce less income than expected if interest rates fall. Due in part to these factors, our future investment income may fluctuate due to changes in interest rates or we may suffer losses in principal if we are forced to sell securities that decline in market value due to changes in interest rates. However because we classify our marketable securities as "available for sale," no gains or losses are recognized due to changes in interest rates unless such securities are sold prior to maturity or declines in fair value are determined to be other-than-temporary. Our fixed-income portfolio is subject to interest rate risk.

An immediate increase of 100-basis points in interest rates would have resulted in a \$1.5 million market value reduction in our investment portfolio as of October 31, 2015. All of our investments earn less than 100-basis points and as a result, an immediate decrease of 100-basis points in interest rates would have increased the market value by \$0.9 million as of October 31, 2015. This estimate is based on a sensitivity model that measures market value changes when changes in interest rates occur. Fluctuations in the value of our investment securities caused by a change in interest rates (gains or losses on the carrying value) are recorded in other comprehensive income, and are realized only if we sell the underlying securities.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the supervision and participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. The term “disclosure controls and procedures,” as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), means controls and other procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission’s (SEC) rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the company’s management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Based on our management’s evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that, as of October 31, 2015, our disclosure controls and procedures were designed at a reasonable assurance level and were effective to provide reasonable assurance that information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, and that such information is 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 identified in connection with the evaluation required by Rule 13a-15(d) and 15d-15(d) of the Exchange Act that occurred during the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Inherent Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls

Our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, do not expect that our disclosure controls or our internal control over financial reporting will prevent all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of a simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people or by management override of the controls. The design of any system of controls is also based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

Criterion Capital Section 16(b) Matter Seeking Disgorgement Short-swing Profits on Behalf of Veeva.

On June 24, 2015, a purported stockholder filed a complaint pursuant to Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York against Criterion Capital Management, LLC, Criterion Capital Partners Master Fund, L.P., Criterion Capital Partners Master Fund GP, Ltd., Criterion Horizons Master Fund, L.P., Criterion Horizons Master Fund GP, Ltd., Criterion Vista Master Fund GP, L.P., Christopher H. Lord, David Riley, Tomoko Fortune (the “Criterion Defendants”), and Veeva Systems Inc. as nominal defendant (Greenfield v. Criterion Capital Mgmt., LLC et al. (15-CV-4937)). Thereafter, on August 3, 2015, the case was transferred to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California (15-CV-3583).

The action is purportedly brought on behalf of us and alleges that between March and December 2014 and in 2015, the Criterion Defendants purchased and sold our securities which resulted in illicit profits that are allegedly subject to disgorgement under the short-swing trading proscriptions in Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act. Due to the alleged failure by the Criterion Defendants to comply with their reporting obligations under the Exchange Act, the complaint does not specify the precise amount of alleged trades subject to disgorgement, other than estimating that the amount of profits in 2014 subject to disgorgement is in the “millions,” and the amount of profits in 2015 “total at least \$500,000.” The complaint seeks disgorgement of any and all short-swing profits on behalf of us, plus attorneys’ fees and expenses. The complaint does not seek damages of any kind from us.

On November 19, 2015, the Criterion Defendants moved to dismiss the complaint. A hearing on the Criterion Defendants’ motion to dismiss is currently scheduled for February 10, 2016. We did not join the Criterion Defendants in filing a motion to dismiss, and, pursuant to Court order, are not required to answer the complaint until after the Court has ruled on the Criterion Defendants’ motion to dismiss.

We have engaged counsel to conduct our own investigation into whether the claims against the Criterion Defendants have merit. Our investigation is currently underway.

From time to time, we may be involved in other legal proceedings and subject to claims incident to the ordinary course of business. Although the results of such legal proceedings and claims cannot be predicted with certainty, we believe we are not currently a party to any legal proceedings, the outcome of which, if determined adversely to us, would individually or taken together have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows or financial position. Regardless of the outcome, such proceedings can have an adverse impact on us because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of resources and other factors, and there can be no assurances that favorable outcomes will be obtained.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Investing in our Class A common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should consider carefully the risks and uncertainties described below, together with all of the other information in this report, including our condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes, before investing in our Class A common stock. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones we face. If any of the following risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects could be materially and adversely affected. In that event, the price of our Class A common stock could decline and you could lose part or all of your investment.

Risks Related to Our Business and Industry

We have a limited operating history, which makes it difficult to predict our future operating results, and we may not achieve our expected operating results in the future.

We were incorporated in 2007 and introduced our first commercially available cloud-based solution, Veeva CRM, that same year. Our three other major solutions, Veeva Vault, Veeva Network, and the product now called Veeva OpenData, were introduced in 2011, 2013 and 2013, respectively. As a result of our limited operating history, our ability to forecast our future operating results, including revenues, cash flows and profitability, is limited and subject to a number of uncertainties. We have encountered and will encounter risks and uncertainties frequently experienced by growing companies in the technology industry, such as the risks and uncertainties described in this report. If our assumptions regarding these risks and uncertainties are incorrect or change due to changes in our markets, or if we do not address these risks successfully, our operating and financial results may differ materially from our expectations and our business may suffer.

We expect the future growth rate of our revenues to decline.

In our fiscal years ended January 31, 2013, 2014 and 2015, our total revenues grew by 111%, 62% and 49%, respectively, as compared to total revenues from the prior fiscal years. In our fiscal quarter ended October 31, 2015, our total revenues grew by 28% as compared to the same quarterly period from our prior fiscal year. We expect the growth rate of our revenues to decline in future periods which may adversely impact the value of our Class A common stock.

If our security measures are breached or unauthorized access to customer data is otherwise obtained, our solutions may be perceived as not being secure, customers may reduce the use of or stop using our solutions and we may incur significant liabilities.

Our solutions involve the storage and transmission of our customers' proprietary information, including personal or identifying information regarding their employees and the medical professionals whom their sales personnel contact, sensitive proprietary data related to the regulatory submission process for new medical treatments, and other sensitive information. As a result, unauthorized access or security breaches as a result of third-party action, employee error, malfeasance or otherwise could result in the loss of information, litigation, indemnity obligations, damage to our reputation and other liability. Because the techniques used to obtain unauthorized access or sabotage systems change frequently and generally are not identified until they are launched against a target, we may be unable to anticipate these techniques or to implement adequate preventative measures. Any or all of these issues could adversely affect our ability to attract new customers, cause existing customers to elect to not renew their subscriptions, result in reputational damage or subject us to third-party lawsuits, regulatory fines or other action or liability, which could adversely affect our operating results. Our insurance may not be adequate to cover losses associated with such events, and in any case, such insurance may not cover all of the types of costs, expenses and losses we could incur to respond to and remediate a security breach. A security breach of another significant provider of cloud-based solutions may also negatively impact the demand for our solutions.

In our fiscal year ended January 31, 2015, we derived approximately 89% of our subscription services revenues and 84% of our total revenues from our Veeva CRM solutions, and our core CRM solution has achieved substantial penetration within the sales teams of pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. If our efforts to sustain or further increase the use and adoption of our Veeva CRM solutions do not succeed, the growth rate of our revenues may decline.

In our fiscal year ended January 31, 2015, we derived approximately 89% of our subscription services revenues and 84% of our total revenues from our core sales automation solution, Veeva CRM, and the other multichannel CRM solutions that are complementary to Veeva CRM. We have realized substantial sales penetration of the available market for our core Veeva CRM solution among pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. A critical factor for our continued growth is our ability to sell additional user subscriptions for Veeva CRM and the other multichannel CRM solutions that are complementary to Veeva CRM to our existing and new customers. Any factor adversely affecting sales of these solutions, including substantial penetration of the available market for our core Veeva CRM solution, could adversely affect the growth rate of our sales, revenues, operating results and business.

If our newer solutions, including Veeva Vault, Veeva Network, Veeva's data offerings and our newer commercial applications that complement Veeva CRM, are not successfully adopted by new and existing customers, the growth rate of our revenues and operating results will be adversely affected.

Our continued growth and profitability will depend on our ability to successfully develop and sell new solutions, including Veeva Vault, Veeva Network, Veeva's data offerings and our newer commercial applications that complement Veeva CRM. These solutions were recently introduced and although combined revenues related to Veeva Vault, Veeva Network, and Veeva's data offerings made up approximately 11% and 16% of our subscription services revenues and total revenues, respectively, in the year ended January 31, 2015, and greater than 25% of our total revenues in the three months ended October 31, 2015, it is uncertain whether these solutions will continue to grow as a percentage of revenues at a significant pace. It may take us significant time and we may incur significant expense to effectively market and sell these solutions, or to develop other new solutions and make enhancements to our existing solutions. If Veeva Vault, Veeva Network, Veeva's data offerings or our newer commercial applications that complement Veeva CRM do not continue to gain traction in the market, or other solutions that we may develop and introduce in the future do not achieve market acceptance in a timely manner, the growth rate of our revenues and operating results may be adversely affected.

Our revenue from professional services fees is volatile and may not increase from quarter to quarter or at all.

We derive a significant portion of our revenue from professional services fees. Our professional services revenues fluctuate from quarter to quarter as a result of the achievement of milestones in our professional services arrangements, and the requirements, complexity and timing of our customers' implementation projects. Generally, a customer's ongoing need for professional services with respect to one or more of our solutions decreases as the implementation and full deployment of such solutions is completed. Our customers may also choose to use third parties rather than us for certain professional services related to our solutions. As a result of these and other factors, our professional services revenues may not increase on a quarterly basis in the future or at all.

Our subscription agreements with our customers are generally for a term of one year. If our existing customers do not renew their subscriptions annually, or buy additional solutions and user subscriptions from us, or renew at lower fee levels, our business and operating results will suffer.

We derive a significant portion of our revenues from the renewal of existing subscription orders. The orders we enter into with our customers for subscription services typically have a one-year term. Our customers have no obligation to renew their subscriptions for our solutions after their orders expire. Thus, securing the renewal of our subscription orders and selling additional solutions and user subscriptions is critical to our future operating results. Factors that may affect the renewal rate for our solutions and our ability to sell additional solutions and user subscriptions include:

- the price, performance and functionality of our solutions;
- the availability, price, performance and functionality of competing solutions and services;
- the effectiveness of our professional services;
- our ability to develop complementary solutions, applications and services;
 - the stability, performance and security of our hosting infrastructure and hosting services; and
- the business environment of our customers and, in particular, headcount reductions by our customers.

In addition, our customers may negotiate terms less advantageous to us upon renewal, which may reduce our revenues from these customers, and factors that are not within our control may contribute to a reduction in our subscription services revenues. For instance, our customers may reduce their number of sales representatives, which would result in a corresponding reduction in the number of user subscriptions needed for some of our solutions and thus a lower aggregate renewal fee. If our customers fail to renew their subscription orders, renew their subscription orders upon

less favorable terms or at lower fee levels, or fail to purchase new solutions, applications and professional services from us, our revenues may decline or our future revenues may be constrained.

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The loss of one or more of our key customers, or a failure to renew our subscription agreements with one or more of our key customers, could slow the growth rate of our revenues or cause our revenues to decline.

In our fiscal years ended January 31, 2013, 2014 and 2015, our top 10 customers accounted for 54%, 56% and 54% of our total revenues, respectively, and in our fiscal quarter ended October 31, 2015, our top 10 customers accounted for 50% of our total revenues. We rely on our reputation and recommendations from key customers in order to promote our solutions to potential customers. The loss of any of our key customers, or a failure of one or more of them to renew or expand user subscriptions, could have a significant impact on the growth rate of our revenues, reputation and our ability to obtain new customers. In addition, acquisitions of our customers could lead to cancellation or non-renewal of our agreements with those customers or by the acquiring companies, thereby reducing the number of our existing and potential customers.

We may acquire other companies or technologies, which could divert our management's attention, result in additional dilution to our stockholders and otherwise disrupt our operations and adversely affect our operating results.

We have in the past acquired and may in the future seek to acquire or invest in businesses, solutions or technologies that we believe could complement or expand our solutions, enhance our technical capabilities or otherwise offer growth opportunities. For instance, we recently acquired the key opinion leader business and products of Qforma, Inc., Mederi AG and other affiliated entities through a combination of stock and asset purchases. Further, on September 29, 2015, we completed our acquisition of Zinc Ahead, for a total closing consideration of approximately \$119.6 million in cash. In addition, the agreement calls for \$10.0 million payable at a rate of one-third per year to employee shareholders and option holders of Zinc Ahead who remain employed with us.

We have limited experience in acquiring other businesses. We may not be able to successfully integrate the acquired personnel, operations and technologies, or effectively manage the combined business following the acquisition. We also may not achieve the anticipated benefits from the acquired business due to a number of factors, including:

- inability to integrate or benefit from acquired technologies or services in a profitable manner;
- unanticipated costs or liabilities associated with the acquisition;
- incurrence of acquisition-related costs;
- difficulty integrating the accounting systems, operations and personnel of the acquired business;
- problems arising from differences in applicable accounting standards or practices of the acquired business (for instance, non-U.S. businesses, like the Zinc Ahead business, may not be accustomed to preparing their financial statements in accordance with GAAP) or difficulty identifying and correcting deficiencies in the internal controls over financial reporting of the acquired business;
- difficulties and additional expenses associated with supporting legacy products and hosting infrastructure of the acquired business;
- difficulty converting the customers of the acquired business onto our solutions and contract terms, including disparities in the revenues, licensing, support or professional services model of the acquired company;
- diversion of management's attention from other business concerns;
- adverse effects to our existing business relationships with business partners and customers as a result of the acquisition;
- difficulty in retaining key personnel of the acquired business;
- the possibility of investigation by, or the failure to obtain required approvals from, governmental authorities on a timely basis, if at all, under various regulatory schemes, including competition laws, which could, among other things, delay or prevent us from completing a transaction, subject the transaction to divestiture after a transaction, or otherwise restrict our ability to realize the expected financial or strategic goals of the acquisition;
- use of resources that are needed in other parts of our business; and
- use of substantial portions of our available cash to consummate the acquisition.

In addition, a significant portion of the purchase price of companies we acquire may be allocated to acquired goodwill and other intangible assets, which must be assessed for impairment at least annually. In the future, if our acquisitions do not yield expected returns, we may be required to take charges to our operating results based on this impairment assessment process, which could adversely affect our results of operations. Acquisitions may also result in purchase accounting adjustments, write-offs and restructuring charges which may negatively affect our results.

Acquisitions could also result in dilutive issuances of equity securities or the incurrence of debt, which could adversely affect our operating results. In addition, if an acquired business fails to meet our expectations, our operating results, business and financial position may suffer.

Additionally, the pursuit of potential acquisitions may divert the attention of management and cause us to incur various expenses in identifying, investigating and pursuing suitable acquisitions, whether or not they are consummated.

Our quarterly results may fluctuate significantly, which could prevent us from meeting investor expectations, or our own guidance, and which would adversely impact the value of our Class A common stock.

Our quarterly results of operations, including our revenues, gross margin, profitability, cash flows and deferred revenue, may vary significantly in the future for a variety of reasons, including those listed elsewhere in this “Risk Factors” section, and period-to-period comparisons of our operating results may not be meaningful. Accordingly, our quarterly results should not be relied upon as an indication of future performance. Additionally, we issue guidance quarterly regarding our expectations for certain future financial results. Such guidance is based upon incomplete information and our expectations as to certain future events that we do not control. Our guidance may prove to be incorrect and actual results may differ materially from our guidance. Fluctuations in our results or failure to achieve our guidance may adversely impact the value of our Class A common stock.

We have experienced rapid growth in recent periods, and if we fail to manage our growth effectively, we may be unable to execute our business plan.

Since we were founded, we have experienced rapid growth and expansion of our operations. Our revenues, customer count, product and service offerings, employees, countries of operation, facilities and computing infrastructure needs have all increased significantly and we expect them to increase in the future. Our rapid growth has placed, and will continue to place, a significant strain on our management capabilities, administrative and operational infrastructure, facilities and other resources. If we are unable to anticipate the demands of our growth or effectively manage our growth, our operating and financial results likely would be harmed.

Our agreement with salesforce.com imposes significant financial commitments on us which we may not be able to meet and which could negatively impact our financial results and liquidity in the future.

Key and substantial portions of our Veeva CRM solution, and the commercial applications that complement our Veeva CRM solution, are developed on and/or utilize the Salesforce1 Platform of salesforce.com, inc. Under our agreement, salesforce.com provides the hosting infrastructure and data center for portions of the Veeva CRM solution, as well as the system administration, configuration, reporting and other platform level functionality. In exchange, we pay salesforce.com a fee. Our agreement with salesforce.com requires that we meet minimum order commitments of \$500 million over the term of the agreement, which ends on September 1, 2025, including “true-up” payments if the orders we place with salesforce.com have not equaled or exceeded the following aggregate amounts within the timeframes indicated: (i) \$250 million from March 1, 2014 to September 1, 2020 and (ii) the full amount of \$500 million by September 1, 2025. If we are not able to meet the minimum order commitments, the required true-up payments will negatively impact our margins, cash flows, cash balance and financial condition, and our stock price may decline.

Substantially all of our revenues are generated by sales to customers in the life sciences industry, and factors that adversely affect this industry, including mergers within the life sciences industry, could also adversely affect us.

Substantially all of our sales are to customers in the life sciences industry. Demand for our solutions could be affected by factors that adversely affect the life sciences industry, including:

- The consolidation of companies or bankruptcies within the life sciences industry—Consolidation within the life sciences industry has accelerated in recent years, and this trend could continue. We may lose customers due to industry consolidation, and we may not be able to expand sales of our solutions and services to new customers to replace lost customers. In addition, new companies that result from such consolidation may decide that our solutions are no longer needed because of their own internal processes or the use of alternative solutions. As these entities consolidate, competition to provide solutions and services to industry participants will become more intense and the importance of establishing relationships with large industry participants will become greater. These industry participants may try to use their market power to negotiate price reductions for our solutions. Also, if consolidation of larger current customers occurs, the combined company may represent a larger percentage of business for us and, as a result, we are likely to rely more significantly on the combined company's revenues to continue to achieve growth. Mergers of large life sciences companies have also been discussed which, if consummated, would have the potential to reduce per unit pricing for our solutions for the merged companies, or to reduce demand for one or more of our solutions as a result of potential personnel reductions over time. Additionally, our customers with potential treatments in clinical trials may be unsuccessful and may subsequently declare bankruptcy.
- The changing regulatory environment of the life sciences industry—Changes in regulations could require us to expend significant resources in order to ensure that our solutions continue to meet the compliance needs of our customers or could prevent our customers from using certain of our solutions or certain functionality of our solutions.
- Changes in market conditions and practices within the life sciences industry—The expiration of key patents, changes in the practices of prescribing healthcare professionals, the policies and preferences of healthcare professionals and healthcare organizations with respect to the sales and marketing efforts of life sciences companies, changes in the regulation of the sales and marketing efforts of life sciences companies and other factors could lead to a significant reduction in pharmaceutical sales representatives that use our solutions or otherwise change the demand for our solutions.
- Changes in global economic conditions and changes in the global availability of healthcare treatments provided by the life sciences companies to which we sell—Our business depends on the overall economic health of our existing and prospective customers. The purchase of our solutions may involve a significant commitment of capital and other resources. If economic conditions, including the ability to market life sciences products in key markets or the demand for life sciences products globally deteriorates, many of our customers may delay or reduce their IT spending. This could result in reductions in sales of our solutions, longer sales cycles, reductions in subscription duration and value, slower adoption of new technologies and increased price competition.

Accordingly, our operating results and our ability to efficiently provide our solutions to life sciences companies and to grow or maintain our customer base could be adversely affected as a result of factors that affect the life sciences industry generally.

The markets in which we participate are highly competitive, and if we do not compete effectively, our business and operating results could be adversely affected.

The markets for our solutions are highly competitive. Our Veeva CRM solutions compete with offerings from large global enterprise software vendors, such as Oracle Corporation, and also compete with life sciences-specific customer relationship management providers, such as IMS Health Holding, Inc. We also compete with a number of vendors of cloud-based and on-premise customer relationship management applications that address only a portion of one of our customer relationship management solutions. Our Veeva Vault regulated content management and collaboration solutions compete with offerings from large global content management platform vendors such as EMC Corporation,

Microsoft Corporation and OpenText Corporation. We also compete with professional services companies that provide solutions on these platforms, such as Computer Sciences Corporation, and with other life sciences specific providers. In the future, providers of horizontal cloud-based storage products may seek to compete with our regulated content management and collaboration solutions. Our Veeva Network customer master solution competes with master data software offerings from vendors such as Informatica Corporation, IMS Health Holding, Inc. and other smaller providers. Veeva OpenData Customer Data and our related data services compete with IMS Health Holding, Inc. and many other data providers. We may also face competition from custom-built software developed by third-party vendors or developed in-house by our potential customers, or from applications built by our customers or by third parties on behalf of our customers using commercially available software platforms that are provided by third parties. We may also face competition from companies that provide cloud-based solutions in different target or horizontal markets that may develop applications or work with companies that operate in our target markets. With the introduction of new technologies and market entrants, we expect competition to intensify in the future.

In some cases, our competitors are well-established providers of competitive solutions, which have long-standing relationships with many of our current and potential customers, including large pharmaceutical and emerging biopharmaceutical companies. Oracle, EMC and IMS, for example, each have larger and greater name recognition, a much longer operating history, larger marketing budgets and significantly greater resources than we do.

Many of our competitors may be able to devote greater resources to the development, promotion and sale of their products and services than us. Such competitors may be able to initiate or withstand substantial price competition, and may offer solutions competitive to certain of our solutions on a stand-alone basis at a lower price or bundled as part of a larger product sale, including the bundling of software solutions and data. In addition, many of our competitors have established marketing relationships, access to larger customer bases, and distribution agreements with consultants, system integrators and resellers that we do not have. Our competitors may also establish cooperative relationships among themselves or with third parties that may further enhance their product offerings or resources. In addition, in order to take advantage of customer demand for cloud-based solutions, such competitors may expand their cloud-based solutions through acquisitions and organic development, or may seek to partner with other leading cloud providers. For instance, on April 1, 2015, IMS announced that its acquisition of the information solutions and CRM businesses of Cegedim SA had closed. The combined entity is likely to intensely compete with us in a number of product areas, including software solutions, data and data services, and such competition may negatively impact our business.

If our competitors' products, services or technologies become more accepted than our solutions, if they are successful in bringing their products or services to market earlier than ours, if their products or services are more technologically capable than ours, or if customers replace our solutions with custom-built software, then our revenues could be adversely affected. Pricing pressures and increased competition could result in reduced sales, reduced margins, losses or a failure to maintain or improve our competitive market position, any of which could adversely affect our business.

If the third-party providers of healthcare reference data and prescription drug sales data do not allow our customers to upload and use such data in our solutions, our business may be negatively impacted.

Many of our customers license healthcare professional and healthcare organization data and data regarding the sales of prescription drugs from third parties such as IMS. In order for our customers to upload such data to the Veeva CRM and Veeva Network solutions, such third-party data providers typically must consent to such uploads and often require that we enter into agreements regarding our obligations with respect to such data, which include confidentiality obligations and intellectual property rights with respect to such third-party data. We have experienced delays and difficulties in our negotiations with such third-party data providers in the past and we expect to experience difficulties in the future. For instance, IMS currently will not consent to its healthcare professional or healthcare organization data being uploaded to Veeva Network. If such third-party data providers do not consent to the uploading and use of their data in our solutions, delay consent or fail to offer reasonable conditions for the upload and use of such data in our solutions, our sales efforts, solution implementations and productive use of our solutions by customers may be harmed, and, in turn, our business may be negatively impacted.

Deferred revenue and change in deferred revenue may not be an accurate indicator of our future financial results.

Our subscription orders are generally billed beginning at the subscription commencement date in annual or quarterly increments. Many of our customers, including many of our large customers, are billed on a quarterly basis and therefore a substantial portion of the value of contracts billed on a quarterly basis will not be reflected in our deferred revenue at the end of any given quarter. Also, because the terms of orders for additional users or solutions are typically co-terminus with the related subscription agreements, the terms of these agreements for additional users or solutions can be for relatively short periods of time and less than one year and payment terms may also be quarterly. Therefore, the annualized value of such orders that we enter into with our customers will not be completely reflected

in deferred revenue at any single point in time. We have also agreed from time to time and may agree in the future to allow customers to change the renewal dates of their orders to, for example, align more closely with a customer's annual budget process or to align with the renewal dates of other orders placed by other entities within the same corporate control group. Such changes typically result in an order of less than one year as necessary to align all orders to the desired renewal date and, thus, may result in a lesser increase to deferred revenue than if the renewal date adjustment had not occurred. Accordingly, we do not believe that change in deferred revenue or calculated billings, a metric commonly cited by financial analysts that is the sum of the change in deferred revenue plus revenue, are accurate indicators of future revenues for any given period of time. However, many companies that provide cloud-based software report changes in deferred revenue or calculated billings as key operating or financial metrics, and it is possible that analysts or investors may view these metric as important. Thus, any changes in our deferred revenue balances or deferred revenue trends could adversely affect the market price of our Class A common stock.

Our sales cycles can be long and unpredictable, and our sales efforts require considerable investment of time and expense. If our sales cycle lengthens or we invest substantial resources pursuing unsuccessful sales opportunities, our operating results and growth would be harmed.

Our sales process entails planning discussions with prospective customers, analyzing their existing solutions and identifying how these potential customers can use and benefit from our solutions. The sales cycle for a new customer, from the time of prospect qualification to the completion of the first sale, may span over twelve months. In particular, we have limited history selling to the research and development departments of life sciences companies, yet many of our newer solutions, including certain Veeva Vault solutions, were developed to target the research and development function. As a result, our sales cycle for these solutions may be lengthy and difficult to predict. We spend substantial time, effort and money in our sales efforts without any assurance that our efforts will result in the sale of our solutions. In addition, our sales cycle can vary substantially from customer to customer because of various factors, including the discretionary nature of potential customers' purchasing and budget decisions, the announcement or planned introduction of new solutions by us or our competitors and the purchasing approval processes of potential customers. If our sales cycle lengthens or we invest substantial resources pursuing unsuccessful sales opportunities, our operating results and growth would be harmed.

Defects or disruptions in our solutions could result in diminishing demand for our solutions, a reduction in our revenues and subject us to substantial liability.

We generally release updates to our solutions three times per year. These updates may contain undetected errors when first introduced or released. We have from time to time found defects in our solutions, and new errors in our existing solutions may be detected in the future. Since our customers use our solutions for important aspects of their business, any errors, defects, disruptions or other performance problems with our solutions could hurt our reputation and may damage our customers' businesses. If that occurs, our customers may delay or withhold payment to us, cancel their agreements with us, elect not to renew, make service credit claims, warranty claims or other claims against us, and we could lose future sales. The occurrence of any of these events could result in diminishing demand for our solutions, a reduction of our revenues, an increase in our bad debt expense, an increase in collection cycles for accounts receivable, require us to increase our warranty provisions, or incur the expense of litigation or substantial liability.

If we fail to effectively manage our technical operations infrastructure, our existing customers may experience service outages and our new customers may experience delays in the deployment of our solutions.

We have experienced significant growth in the number of users, transactions and data that our operations infrastructure supports. We seek to maintain sufficient excess capacity in our operations infrastructure to meet the needs of all of our customers. We also seek to maintain excess capacity to facilitate the rapid provision of new customer deployments and the expansion of existing customer deployments. In addition, we need to properly manage our technological operations infrastructure in order to support version control, changes in hardware and software parameters and the evolution of our solutions. However, the provision of new hosting infrastructure requires adequate lead-time. We have experienced, and may in the future experience, website disruptions, outages and other performance problems. These types of problems may be caused by a variety of factors, including infrastructure changes, human or software errors, viruses, security attacks, fraud, spikes in customer usage, problems associated with our third-party data center and network providers and denial of service issues. In some instances, we may not be able to identify the cause or causes of these performance problems within an acceptable period of time. It is also possible that such problems could result in losses of customer data. If we do not accurately predict our infrastructure requirements, our existing customers may experience delays in the deployment of our solutions or service outages that may subject us to financial penalties, financial liabilities and customer losses. For instance, our customer agreements typically provide service level commitments on a quarterly basis. If we are unable to meet the stated service level commitments or suffer extended periods of unavailability for our solutions, we may be contractually obligated to

provide these customers with service credits or our customers may terminate their agreements. Any extended service outages could adversely affect our reputation, revenues and operating results.

Catastrophic events could disrupt our business and adversely affect our operating results.

Our corporate headquarters are located in Pleasanton, California and our third-party hosted data centers are located in California, Illinois, Virginia, the United Kingdom, Germany and Japan. The west coast of the United States and Japan each contains active earthquake zones. Additionally, we rely on our network and third-party infrastructure and enterprise applications, internal technology systems and our website for our development, marketing, operational support, hosted services and sales activities. In the event of a major earthquake, hurricane or catastrophic event such as fire, power loss, telecommunications failure, cyber-attack, war or terrorist attack, we may be unable to continue our operations and may endure system interruptions, reputational harm, delays in our solution development, lengthy interruptions in our services, breaches of data security and loss of critical data, all of which could have an adverse effect on our future operating results.

Because key and substantial portions of our Veeva CRM solutions are built on salesforce.com's Salesforce1 Platform, we are dependent upon our agreement with salesforce.com to provide our Veeva CRM solutions to our customers.

Key and substantial portions of our Veeva CRM solution and the commercial applications that complement our Veeva CRM solution are developed on or utilize the Salesforce1 Platform of salesforce.com, inc., and we rely on our agreement with salesforce.com to continue to use the Salesforce1 Platform as combined with the proprietary aspects of our Veeva CRM solutions.

Our agreement with salesforce.com expires on September 1, 2025. However, salesforce.com has the right to terminate the agreement in certain circumstances, including in the event of a material breach of the agreement by us, or that salesforce.com is subjected to third-party intellectual property infringement claims based on our solutions (except to the extent based on the Salesforce1 Platform) or our trademarks and we do not remedy such infringement in accordance with the agreement. Also, if we are acquired by specified companies, salesforce.com may terminate the agreement upon notice of not less than 12 months. If salesforce.com terminates our agreement under these circumstances, our customers will be unable to access our Veeva CRM solutions. A termination of the agreement would cause us to incur significant time and expense to acquire rights to, or develop, a replacement customer relationship management platform and we may not be successful in these efforts. Even if we were to successfully acquire or develop a replacement customer relationship management platform, some customers may decide not to adopt the replacement platform and may decide to use a different customer relationship management solution. If we were unsuccessful in acquiring or developing a replacement customer relationship management platform or acquired or developed a replacement customer relationship management platform that our customers do not adopt, our business, operating results and brand may be adversely affected.

Also, if either party elects not to renew the agreement at the end of its September 1, 2025 term or if the agreement is terminated by us as a result of salesforce.com's breach, the agreement provides for a five-year wind-down period in which we would be able to continue providing the Salesforce1 Platform as combined with the proprietary aspects of our solutions to our existing customers but would be limited with respect to the number of additional subscriptions we could sell to our existing customers. After the wind-down period, we would no longer be able to use the Salesforce1 Platform.

Our agreement with salesforce.com provides that we can use the Salesforce1 Platform as combined with our proprietary Veeva CRM application to sell sales automation solutions only to drug makers in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries for human and animal treatments, which does not include the medical devices industry or products for non-drug departments of pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. Sales of the Salesforce1 Platform in combination with our Veeva CRM application to additional industries would require the review and approval of salesforce.com. Our inability to freely sell our Veeva CRM solution outside of drug makers in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries may adversely impact our growth.

While our agreement with salesforce.com, subject to certain exceptions, provides that salesforce.com will not position, develop, promote, invest in or acquire applications directly competitive to the Veeva CRM solution for sales automation that directly target drug makers in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry, or the pharma/biotech industry, our remedy for a breach of this commitment by salesforce.com would be to terminate the agreement, or continue the agreement but be released from our minimum order commitments from the date of salesforce.com's breach forward. While our agreement with salesforce.com also restricts salesforce.com from competing with us with respect to sales opportunities for sales automation solutions for the pharma/biotech industry unless such competition has been pre-approved by salesforce.com's senior management based on certain criteria specified in the agreement, and imposes certain limits on salesforce.com from entering into arrangements similar to ours with other parties with respect to sales automation applications for the pharma/biotech industry, it does not restrict a salesforce.com customer's ability (or the ability of salesforce.com on behalf of a specific salesforce.com customer) to customize or

configure the Salesforce1 Platform. Some current or potential customers of ours may choose to build custom solutions using the Salesforce1 Platform rather than buying our solutions.

We depend on data centers operated by third parties for our cloud solutions, and any disruption in the operation of these facilities could adversely affect our business and subject us to liability.

Our commercial solutions are hosted from data centers operated by third parties, including salesforce.com with respect to our solutions related to Veeva CRM. We do not control the operation of these facilities. The owners of our non-salesforce.com data centers have no obligation to renew their agreements with us on commercially reasonable terms, or at all. If we are unable to renew these agreements on commercially reasonable terms, or if one of our data center operators is acquired, we may be required to transfer our servers and other infrastructure to new data center facilities, and we may incur significant costs and possible service interruption in connection with doing so.

Problems faced by our third-party data center locations, including those operated by salesforce.com, could adversely affect the experience of our customers. The operators of the data centers could decide to close their facilities without adequate notice. In addition, any financial difficulties, such as bankruptcy, faced by the operators of the data centers or any of the service providers with whom we or they contract may have negative effects on our business, the nature and extent of which are difficult to predict. Additionally, if our

data centers are unable to keep up with our growing needs for capacity, this could have an adverse effect on our business. For example, a rapid expansion of our business could affect the service levels at our data centers or cause such data centers and systems to fail. Any changes in third-party service levels at our data centers or any disruptions or other performance problems with our solutions could adversely affect our reputation and may damage our customers' stored files or result in lengthy interruptions in our services or potential losses of customer data. Interruptions in our services might reduce our revenues, cause us to issue refunds to customers for prepaid and unused subscriptions, subject us to potential liability or adversely affect our renewal rates.

Privacy laws and regulations are burdensome, may reduce demand for our solutions, and failure to comply may impose significant liabilities.

Our customers can use our solutions to collect, use, process and store personal data or identifying information regarding their employees and the medical professionals with whom our customers have contact, and, potentially, personal data (including potentially sensitive data such as health information) regarding patients maintained by our customers pursuant to clinical, operational or compliance processes. In many countries, national and local governmental bodies have adopted, are considering adopting, or may adopt laws and regulations regarding the collection, use, processing, storage and disclosure of personal information obtained from individuals, making compliance a complex task. In the United States, for instance, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services promulgated patient privacy rules under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, that protect medical records and other personal health information by limiting their use and disclosure, giving individuals the right to access, amend, and seek accounting of their own health information and limiting most use and disclosures of health information to the minimum amount reasonably necessary to accomplish the intended purposes. Known as one of the world's strictest data privacy regimes, the EU Data Protection Directive (95/46/EC), and the country-specific regulations that implement Directive 95/46/EC, also govern the processing of personally identifiable data. Furthermore, the EU General Data Protection Regulation is currently in the process of reform and may amend the current structure of European data privacy regulation or impose additional restrictions. Other countries, such as Russia, are seeking to implement data localization laws. For example, Russia's localization law (Federal Law No. 242-FZ) requires that the source of data for Russian nationals collected on Russian territory must be stored in Russia. Customers expect that our solutions can be used in compliance with such laws and regulations. The functional and operational requirements and costs of compliance with such laws and regulations may adversely impact our business, and failure to enable our solutions to comply with such laws and regulations could lead to significant fines and penalties imposed by regulators, as well as claims by our customers or third parties. Additionally, all of these domestic and international legislative and regulatory initiatives could adversely affect our customers' ability or desire to collect, use, process and store personal or health-related information using our solutions, which could reduce demand for our solutions.

Our solutions address heavily regulated functions within the life sciences industry, and failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations could lessen the demand for our solutions or subject us to significant claims and losses.

Our customers use our solutions for business activities that are subject to a complex regime of global laws and regulations, including requirements for maintenance of electronic records and electronic signatures (as set forth in 21 CFR Part 11, EU GMP Annex 11, and Japan PFSB 0401022), requirements regarding drug sample tracking and distribution (as set forth in 21 CFR Part 203, EU Directive 201/83/EC Article 96), and other laws and regulations. Our solutions are expected to be capable of use by our customers in compliance with such laws and regulations. Our efforts to provide solutions that comply with such laws and regulations are time-consuming and costly, and include validation procedures that may delay the release of new versions of our solutions. As these laws and regulations change over time, we may find it difficult to adjust our solutions to comply with such changes. If we are not able to provide solutions that can be used in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, customers may be unwilling to

use our solutions and any such non-compliance could result in the termination of our customer agreements or claims arising from such agreements with our customers.

Additionally, any failure of our customers to comply with laws and regulations applicable to the functions for which our solutions are used could result in fines, penalties or claims for substantial damages against our customers that may harm our business or reputation. If such failure were allegedly caused by our solutions or services, our customers may make a claim for damages against us, regardless of our responsibility for the failure. We may be subject to lawsuits that, even if unsuccessful, could divert our resources and our management's attention and adversely affect our business, and our insurance coverage may not be sufficient to cover such claims against us.

The software industry changes rapidly as a result of technological and product developments, which may render our solutions less desirable. If we are unable or unsuccessful in enhancing our solutions in response to technological developments, our revenues and operating results could be adversely affected.

The software industry is subject to rapid technological change. The introduction of new technologies in the software industry, including mobile technologies, will continue to have a significant effect on competitive conditions in the life sciences industry. We may not be able to develop and introduce new solutions and enhancements to our existing solutions that respond to technological

changes on a timely basis. If we are unable to develop and sell new solutions that provide utility to our customers and provide enhancements and new features for our existing solutions that keep pace with rapid technological and regulatory change, our revenues and operating results could be adversely affected.

Because we recognize subscription services revenues over the term of the agreements for our subscriptions, a significant downturn in our business may not be reflected immediately in our operating results, which increases the difficulty of evaluating our future financial performance.

We generally recognize revenues ratably over the terms of orders under our subscription agreements, which are typically one year. As a result, a substantial majority of our quarterly subscription services revenues are generated from subscription agreements entered into during prior periods. Consequently, a decline in new subscriptions in any quarter may not affect our results of operations in that quarter, but could reduce our revenues in future quarters. Additionally, the timing of renewals or non-renewals of a subscription agreement during any quarter may only affect our financial performance in future quarters. For example, the non-renewal of a subscription agreement late in a quarter will have minimal impact on revenues for that quarter but will reduce our revenues in future quarters. Accordingly, the effect of significant declines in sales and customer acceptance of our solutions may not be reflected in our short-term results of operations, which would make these reported results less indicative of our future financial results. By contrast, a non-renewal occurring early in a quarter may have a significant negative impact on revenues for that quarter and we may not be able to offset a decline in revenues due to non-renewal with revenues from new subscription agreements entered into in the same quarter. In addition, we may be unable to adjust our costs in response to reduced revenues.

Sales to customers outside the United States or with international operations expose us to risks inherent in international sales.

In our fiscal quarter ended October 31, 2015, sales to customers outside North America, as measured by the estimated location of the end users for subscription services revenues and the estimated location of the users for which the services were performed for professional services revenues, accounted for approximately 44% of our total revenues. A key element of our growth strategy is to further expand our international operations and worldwide customer base. Operating in international markets requires significant resources and management attention and subjects us to regulatory, economic and political risks that are different from those in the United States. We have limited operating experience in some international markets, and we cannot assure you that our expansion efforts into other international markets will be successful. Our experience in the United States and other international markets in which we already have a presence may not be relevant to our ability to expand in other emerging markets. Our international expansion efforts may not be successful in creating further demand for our solutions outside of the United States or in effectively selling our solutions in the international markets we enter. In addition, we face risks in doing business internationally that could adversely affect our business, including:

- the need and expense to localize and adapt our solutions for specific countries, including translation into foreign languages, and ensuring that our solutions enable our customers to comply with local life sciences industry laws and regulations;
- data privacy laws which require that customer data be stored and processed in a designated territory;
- difficulties in staffing and managing foreign operations, including employee laws and regulations;
- different pricing environments, longer sales cycles and longer accounts receivable payment cycles and collections issues;
- new and different sources of competition;
- weaker protection for intellectual property and other legal rights than in the United States and practical difficulties in enforcing intellectual property and other rights outside of the United States;
- laws and business practices favoring local competitors;

- compliance challenges related to the complexity of multiple, conflicting and changing governmental laws and regulations, including employment, tax, privacy and data protection, and anti-bribery laws and regulations;
- increased financial accounting and reporting burdens and complexities;
- restrictions on the transfer of funds;
- our ability to repatriate funds from abroad without adverse tax consequences;
- adverse tax consequences, including the potential for required withholding taxes; and
- unstable regional and economic political conditions.

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Currency exchange fluctuations may negatively impact our financial results.

Some of our international agreements provide for payment denominated in local currencies, and the majority of our local costs are denominated in local currencies. As we continue to expand our operations in countries outside the United States, an increasing proportion of our revenues and expenditures in the future may be denominated in foreign currencies. Fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies may impact our operating results when translated into U.S. dollars. Thus, our results of operations and cash flows are subject to fluctuations due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates, particularly changes in the Euro, British Pound Sterling, Japanese Yen and Chinese Yuan. Changes in exchange rates may negatively affect our revenues and other operating results as expressed in U.S. dollars in the future. Further, we have experienced and will continue to experience fluctuations in our net income as a result of transaction gains or losses related to revaluing certain current asset and current liability balances that are denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the entities in which they are recorded.

While we have not engaged in the hedging of our foreign currency transactions to date, we are currently evaluating the costs and benefits of initiating such a program and may, in the future, hedge selected significant transactions or net monetary exposure positions denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar.

As our costs increase, we may not be able to sustain the level of profitability we have achieved in the past.

We expect our future expenses to increase as we continue to invest in our business. We expect to incur significant future expenditures related to:

- developing new solutions, enhancing our existing solutions and improving the technology infrastructure, scalability, availability, security and support for our solutions;
- expanding and deepening our relationships with our existing customer base, including expenditures related to increasing the adoption of our solutions by the research and development departments of life sciences companies;
- sales and marketing, including expansion of our direct sales organization and global marketing programs;
- expansion of our professional services organization;
- international expansion;
- integrating the business and headcount of Zinc Ahead;
- employee compensation, including stock based compensation;
- the build out of our new corporate headquarters located in Pleasanton, California; and
- general operations, IT systems and administration, including legal and accounting expenses related to being a public company that we did not incur as a private company.

If our efforts to increase revenues and manage our expenses are not successful, or if we incur costs, damages, fines, settlements or judgments as a result of other risks and uncertainties described in this report, we may not be able to increase or sustain our historical levels of profitability.

If we lose the services of our founder and Chief Executive Officer or other members of our senior management team, we may not be able to execute our business strategy.

Our success depends in a large part upon the continued service of our senior management team. In particular, our founder and Chief Executive Officer, Peter P. Gassner, is critical to our vision, strategic direction, culture, products and technology. We do not maintain key-man insurance for Mr. Gassner or any other member of our senior management team. We do not have employment agreements with members of our senior management team or other key personnel that require them to continue to work for us for any specified period and, therefore, they could terminate their employment with us at any time. The loss of our founder and Chief Executive Officer or one or more other members of our senior management team could have an adverse effect on our business.

An inability to attract and retain highly skilled employees could adversely affect our business.

To execute our growth plan, we must attract and retain highly qualified personnel. Competition for these personnel is intense, especially for engineers with high levels of experience in designing and developing software and internet-related services and senior sales executives. We have, from time to time, experienced, and we expect to continue to experience, difficulty in hiring and retaining employees with appropriate qualifications. Many of the companies with which we compete for experienced personnel have greater resources than we have. If we hire employees from competitors or other companies, their former employers may attempt to assert that these employees or we have breached their legal obligations, resulting in a diversion of our time and resources. In addition, job

candidates and existing employees often consider the value of the stock awards they receive in connection with their employment. If the perceived value of our stock awards declines, it may adversely affect our ability to recruit and retain highly skilled employees. If we fail to attract new personnel or fail to retain and motivate our current personnel, our business and future growth prospects could be adversely affected.

Our business could be adversely affected if our customers are not satisfied with the professional services provided by us or our partners, or with our technical support services.

Our business depends on our ability to satisfy our customers, both with respect to our solutions and the professional services that are performed in connection with the implementation of our solutions. Professional services may be performed by us, by a third party, or by a combination of the two. If a customer is not satisfied with the quality of work performed by us or a third party or with the solutions delivered or professional services rendered, then we could incur additional costs to address the situation, we may be required to issue credits or refunds for pre-paid amounts related to unused services, the profitability of that work might be impaired and the customer's dissatisfaction with our services could damage our ability to expand the number of solutions subscribed to by that customer. Moreover, negative publicity related to our customer relationships, regardless of its accuracy, may further damage our business by affecting our ability to compete for new business with current and prospective customers.

Once our solutions are deployed, our customers depend on our support organization to resolve technical issues relating to our solutions. We may be unable to respond quickly enough to accommodate short-term increases in customer demand for technical support services. Increased customer demand for our services, without corresponding revenues, could increase costs and adversely affect our operating results. In addition, our sales process is highly dependent on the reputation of our solutions and business and on positive recommendations from our existing customers. Any failure to maintain high-quality technical support, or a market perception that we do not maintain high-quality support, could adversely affect our reputation, our ability to sell our solutions to existing and prospective customers and our business and operating results.

Any failure to protect our intellectual property rights could impair our ability to protect our proprietary technology and our brand.

Our success and ability to compete depend in part upon our intellectual property. We have filed applications for a number of patents, but, to date, we have only two issued patents. We currently rely primarily on copyright, trade secret and trademark laws, trade secret protection and confidentiality or license agreements with our employees, customers, partners and others to protect our intellectual property rights. However, the steps we take to protect our intellectual property rights may be inadequate.

In order to protect our intellectual property rights, we may be required to spend significant resources to monitor and protect these rights. Litigation brought to protect and enforce our intellectual property rights could be costly, time-consuming and distracting to management and could result in the impairment or loss of portions of our intellectual property. Furthermore, our efforts to enforce our intellectual property rights may be met with defenses, counterclaims and countersuits attacking the validity and enforceability of our intellectual property rights. Negative publicity related to a decision by us to initiate such enforcement actions against a customer or former customer, regardless of its accuracy, may adversely impact our other customer relationships or prospective customer relationships, harm our brand and business and could cause the market price of our Class A common stock to decline. Our failure to secure, protect and enforce our intellectual property rights could adversely affect our brand and our business.

We may be sued by third parties for alleged infringement of their proprietary rights.

There is considerable patent and other intellectual property development activity in our industry. Our competitors, as well as a number of other entities and individuals, may own or claim to own intellectual property relating to our solutions. From time to time, third parties may claim that we are infringing upon their intellectual property rights, and we may be found to be infringing upon such rights. For example, from August 2013 to November 2014, we were a defendant in a lawsuit filed by Prolifiq Software, Inc. (Prolifiq) in which Prolifiq alleged patent infringement and trade secret misappropriation. The Prolifiq lawsuit was settled in November 2014, and involved a payment to Prolifiq by us in exchange for a license to certain asserted patents. In the future, others may claim that our solutions and underlying technology infringe or violate their intellectual property rights. We may be unaware of the intellectual property rights that others may claim cover some or all of our technology or services. Any claims or litigation could cause us to incur significant expenses and, if successfully asserted against us, could require that we pay substantial damages or ongoing royalty payments, prevent us from offering our services, or require that we comply with other unfavorable terms. We may also be obligated to indemnify our customers or business partners or pay substantial settlement costs, including royalty payments, in connection with any such claim or litigation and to obtain licenses, modify applications or refund fees, which could be costly. Even if we were to prevail in such a dispute, any litigation regarding our intellectual property could be costly and time-consuming and divert the attention of our management and key personnel from our business operations.

If we fail to develop widespread brand awareness cost-effectively, our business may suffer.

We believe that developing and maintaining widespread awareness of our brand in a cost-effective manner is critical to achieving widespread acceptance of our solutions, attracting new customers, and generating and maintaining profitability. Brand promotion activities may not generate customer awareness or increase revenues, and even if they do, any increase in revenues may not offset the expenses we incur in building our brand. If we fail to successfully promote and maintain our brand, or incur substantial expenses, we may fail to attract or retain customers necessary to realize a sufficient return on our brand-building efforts, or to achieve the widespread brand awareness that is critical for broad customer adoption of our solutions.

Our solutions utilize open source software, and any failure to comply with the terms of one or more of these open source licenses could adversely affect our business.

Our solutions include software covered by open source licenses. The terms of various open source licenses have not been interpreted by U.S. courts, and there is a risk that such licenses could be construed in a manner that imposes unanticipated conditions or restrictions on our ability to market our solutions. By the terms of certain open source licenses, we could be required to release the source code of our proprietary software, and to make our proprietary software available under open source licenses, if we combine our proprietary software with open source software in a certain manner. In the event that portions of our proprietary software are determined to be subject to an open source license, we could be required to publicly release the affected portions of our source code, re-engineer all or a portion of our solutions, or otherwise be limited in the licensing of our solutions, each of which could reduce or eliminate the value of our solutions and services. In addition to risks related to license requirements, usage of open source software can lead to greater risks than use of third-party commercial software, as open source licensors generally do not provide warranties or controls on the origin of the software. Many of the risks associated with usage of open source software cannot be eliminated and could adversely affect our business.

Our estimate of the market size for our solutions we have provided publicly may prove to be inaccurate, and even if the market size is accurate, we cannot assure you our business will serve a significant portion of the market.

Our estimate of the market size for our solutions we have provided publicly, sometimes referred to as total addressable market or TAM, is subject to significant uncertainty and is based on assumptions and estimates, including our internal analysis and industry experience, which may not prove to be accurate. These estimates are, in part, based upon the size of the general application areas in which our solutions are targeted. Our ability to serve a significant portion of this estimated market is subject to many factors, including our success in implementing our business strategy, which is subject to many risks and uncertainties. For example, in order to address the entire TAM we have identified, we must continue to enhance and add functionality to our existing solutions and introduce new solutions. Accordingly, even if our estimate of the market size is accurate, we cannot assure you that our business will serve a significant portion of this estimated market for our solutions.

If we are unable to implement and maintain effective internal controls over financial reporting in the future, investors may lose confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports and the market price of our Class A common stock could be adversely affected.

As a public company, we are required to maintain internal controls over financial reporting and to report any material weaknesses in such internal controls. Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Sarbanes-Oxley Act) requires that we evaluate and determine the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting and provide a management report on internal controls over financial reporting. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act also requires that our management report on internal controls over financial reporting be attested to by our independent registered public accounting firm.

Although we have determined that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of January 31, 2015, as indicated in our Management Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2015, we must continue to monitor and assess our internal control over financial reporting. If in the future we have a material weakness in our internal controls over financial reporting, we may not detect errors on a timely basis and our financial statements may be materially misstated. If in the future we identify material weaknesses in our internal controls over financial reporting, are unable to comply with the requirements of Section 404 in a timely manner, are unable to assert that our internal controls over financial reporting are effective, or if our independent registered public accounting firm is unable to express an opinion as to the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting, investors may lose confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports and the market price of our Class A common stock could be adversely affected, and we could become subject to investigations by the stock exchange on which our securities are listed, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), or other regulatory authorities, which could require additional financial and management resources.

We have incurred and will continue to incur significantly increased costs and devote substantial management time as a result of operating as a public company.

As a public company, we have incurred and will continue to incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company. For example, we are subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act), and are required to comply with the applicable requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, as well as rules and regulations subsequently implemented by the SEC and the New York Stock Exchange, including the establishment and maintenance of effective disclosure and financial controls and changes in corporate governance practices. Compliance with these requirements has increased our legal and financial compliance costs and has made some activities more time consuming and costly. Our management and other personnel have little experience managing a public company and preparing public filings. In addition, changing laws, regulations and standards relating to corporate governance and public disclosure are creating uncertainty for public companies, increasing legal and financial compliance costs and making some activities more time consuming. These laws, regulations and standards are subject to varying interpretations, in many cases due to their lack of specificity, and, as a result, their application in practice may evolve over time as new guidance is provided by regulatory and governing bodies. This could result in continuing uncertainty regarding compliance matters and higher costs necessitated by ongoing revisions to disclosure and governance practices. Our management and other personnel may need to divert attention from operational and other business matters to devote substantial time to these public company requirements. In particular, we are incurring and expect to incur significant expenses and devote substantial management effort toward ensuring compliance with the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Although we have hired additional employees to comply with these requirements, we may need to hire more accounting, legal and financial staff in the future with appropriate public company experience and technical accounting knowledge to meet these requirements. We cannot accurately predict or estimate the amount or timing of additional costs we may incur as a result of becoming a public company. Further, if our efforts to comply with new laws, regulations and standards differ from the activities intended by regulatory or governing bodies due to ambiguities related to practice, regulatory authorities may initiate legal proceedings against us and our business may be harmed.

Additional compensation costs and potential future equity awards may be required to properly compensate our executives and directors as a result of the personal liability that goes with public company status. Any such costs or awards will increase our compensation expenses, which would increase our general and administrative expense and could adversely affect our profitability. We also expect that operating as a public company will make it more difficult and more expensive for us to obtain director and officer liability insurance on reasonable terms. As a result, it may be more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified people to serve on our board of directors, our board committees or as executive officers.

Our international operations subject us to potentially adverse tax consequences.

We report our taxable income in various jurisdictions worldwide based upon our business operations in those jurisdictions. These jurisdictions include Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. The international nature and organization of our business activities are subject to complex transfer pricing regulations administered by taxing authorities in various jurisdictions. The relevant taxing authorities may disagree with our determinations as to the income and expenses attributable to specific jurisdictions. If such a disagreement were to occur, and our position were not sustained, we could be required to pay additional taxes, interest and penalties, which could result in one-time tax charges, higher effective tax rates, reduced cash flows and lower overall profitability of our operations. We believe that our financial statements reflect adequate reserves to cover such a contingency, but there can be no assurances in that regard.

Taxing authorities may successfully assert that we should have collected or in the future should collect sales and use, value added or similar taxes, and we could be subject to liability with respect to past or future sales, which could adversely affect our results of operations.

We do not collect sales and use, value added and similar taxes in all jurisdictions in which we have sales, based on our belief that such taxes are not applicable or that we are not required to collect such taxes with respect to the jurisdiction. Sales and use, value added and similar tax laws and rates vary greatly by jurisdiction. Certain jurisdictions in which we do not collect such taxes may assert that such taxes are applicable, which could result in tax assessments, penalties and interest, and we may be required to collect such taxes in the future. Such tax assessments, penalties and interest or future requirements may adversely affect our results of operations. We believe that our financial statements reflect adequate reserves to cover such a contingency, but there can be no assurances in that regard.

Unanticipated changes in our effective tax rate could harm our future results.

We are subject to income taxes in the United States and various foreign jurisdictions, and our domestic and international tax liabilities are subject to the allocation of expenses in differing jurisdictions. Forecasting our estimated annual effective tax rate is complex and subject to uncertainty, and there may be material differences between our forecasted and actual tax rates. Our effective tax rate could be adversely affected by changes in the mix of earnings and losses in countries with differing statutory tax rates, certain non-deductible expenses as a result of acquisitions, the valuation of deferred tax assets and liabilities, adjustments to income taxes upon finalization of tax returns, changes in available tax credits, decision to repatriate non-U.S. earnings for which we have not previously provided for U.S. taxes, and changes in federal, state or international tax laws and accounting principles. In addition, because substantially all of our intellectual property resides in the United States and is licensed through our parent U.S. entity, our effective tax rate may be higher than other companies that maintain and license intellectual property from outside the United States. Increases in our effective tax rate would reduce our profitability or in some cases increase our losses.

In addition, we may be subject to income tax audits by many tax jurisdictions throughout the world. Although we believe our income tax liabilities are reasonably estimated and accounted for in accordance with applicable laws and principles, an adverse resolution of one or more uncertain tax positions in any period could have a material impact on the results of operations for that period.

If the market for cloud-based solutions develops more slowly than we expect or declines, our revenues could decrease and our business could be adversely affected.

The market for cloud-based solutions is not as mature as the market for on-premise enterprise software in the life sciences industry, and it is uncertain whether cloud-based solutions will achieve and sustain high levels of customer demand and market acceptance in the life sciences industry. Our success will depend to a substantial extent on the widespread adoption of cloud-based solutions in the life sciences industry, and of Veeva CRM and the commercial applications that complement Veeva CRM, Veeva Vault and Veeva Network in particular. Many enterprises, and in particular in the life sciences industry, have invested substantial personnel and financial resources to integrate traditional enterprise software into their businesses, and therefore may be reluctant or unwilling to migrate to cloud-based solutions. It is difficult to predict customer adoption rates and demand for our solutions, the future growth rate and size of the cloud computing market or the entry of competitive solutions. The expansion of cloud-based solutions, particularly in the life sciences industry, depends on a number of factors, including the cost, performance and perceived value associated with cloud-based solutions, as well as the ability of providers of cloud-based solutions to address security, privacy and unique regulatory requirements or concerns. If we or other cloud-based solution providers experience security incidents, loss of customer data, disruptions in delivery or other problems, the market for cloud-based solutions in the life sciences industry, including our solutions, may be adversely affected. If cloud-based solutions do not achieve widespread adoption in the life sciences industry, or there is a reduction in demand for cloud-based solutions caused by a lack of customer acceptance, technological challenges, weakening economic conditions, security or privacy concerns, competing technologies and products, decreases in corporate spending or otherwise, our revenues could decrease and our business could be adversely affected.

Risks Related Ownership of Our Class A Common Stock

Our Class A common stock price has been and will likely continue to be volatile.

The trading price of our Class A common stock has been and will likely continue to be volatile for the foreseeable future. Since shares of our Class A common stock were sold in our initial public offering in October 2013 at a price of \$20.00 per share, our stock price has ranged from \$17.11 to \$49.00 through November 27, 2015. In addition, the

trading prices of the securities of technology companies in general have been highly volatile. Accordingly, the market price of our Class A common stock is likely to be subject to wide fluctuations in response to numerous factors, many of which are beyond our control, such as those in this “Risk Factors” section and others including:

- fluctuations in the valuation of companies perceived by investors to be comparable to us or in valuation metrics, such as our price to revenues ratio or price to earnings ratio;
- overall performance of the equity markets;
- variations in our operating results, including revenues, earnings per share, cash flows from operating activities and other financial metrics and non-financial metrics, and how those results compare to analyst expectations, including whether those results fail to meet, exceed or significantly exceed analyst expectations;
- forward-looking statements related to our projections of future operating results, including the guidance we give in our regular earnings releases, changes in our projections of our future operating results or our failure to meet, exceed or significantly exceed these projections;
- the net increases in the number of customers, either independently or as compared with published expectations of industry, financial or other analysts that cover us;

- changes in our other financial, operational or other metrics, regardless of whether we regard those as metrics that reflect the current state of or longer-term prospects of our business;
- changes in the estimates of our operating results or changes in recommendations by securities analysts that elect to follow our Class A common stock;
- announcements of technological innovations, new solutions or enhancements to services, strategic alliances or significant agreements by us or by our competitors;
- announcements by us or by our competitors of mergers or other strategic acquisitions or rumors of such transactions involving us or our competitors;
- announcements of customer additions and customer cancellations or delays in customer purchases;
- recruitment or departure of key personnel;
- disruptions in our solutions due to computer hardware, software or network problems, security breaches or other man-made or natural disasters;
- the economy as a whole, market conditions in our industry and the industries of our customers;
- trading activity by a limited number of stockholders who together beneficially own a majority of our outstanding Class A common stock;
- the operating performance and market value of other similar companies;
- changes in legislation relating to our existing or future solutions;
- litigation or other claims against us;
- the size of our market float; and
- any other factors discussed herein.

In addition, if the market for technology stocks or the stock market in general experiences uneven investor confidence, the market price of our Class A common stock could decline for reasons unrelated to our business, operating results or financial condition. The market price of our Class A common stock might also decline in reaction to events that affect other companies within, or outside, our industry even if these events do not directly affect us. Some companies that have experienced volatility in the trading price of their stock have been the subject of securities class action litigation. If we are the subject of such litigation, it could result in substantial costs and a diversion of our management's attention and resources.

The dual class structure of our common stock has the effect of concentrating voting control with our executive officers (including our Chief Executive Officer) and directors and their affiliates; this will limit or preclude the ability of our investors to influence corporate matters.

Our Class B common stock has ten votes per share, and our Class A common stock has one vote per share. As of October 31, 2015, stockholders who hold shares of Class B common stock, including our executive officers and directors and their affiliates, together hold approximately 86.6% of the voting power of our outstanding capital stock. Because of the ten-to-one voting ratio between our Class B common stock and Class A common stock, the holders of our Class B common stock collectively control a substantial majority of the combined voting power of our common stock and, assuming no material sales of such shares, will be able to control all matters submitted to our stockholders for approval until October 15, 2023, including the election of directors, amendments of our organizational documents and any merger, consolidation, sale of all or substantially all of our assets or other major corporate transaction. This concentrated control will limit or preclude our investors' ability to influence corporate matters for the foreseeable future. In addition, this may prevent or discourage unsolicited acquisition proposals or offers for our capital stock or may adversely affect the market price of our Class A common stock.

Future transfers by holders of Class B common stock will generally result in those shares converting to Class A common stock, subject to limited exceptions, such as certain transfers effected for estate planning purposes. The conversion of Class B common stock to Class A common stock will have the effect, over time, of increasing the relative voting power of those holders of Class B common stock who retain their shares in the long term. If, for example, our executive officers (including our Chief Executive Officer), employees, directors and their affiliates

retain a significant portion of their holdings of Class B common stock for an extended period of time, they could, in the future, continue to control a majority of the combined voting power of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock.

We do not intend to pay dividends on our capital stock so any returns will be limited to changes in the value of our Class A common stock.

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our capital stock. We currently anticipate that we will retain future earnings for the development, operation and expansion of our business and do not anticipate declaring or paying any cash dividends for the foreseeable future. In addition, our ability to pay cash dividends on our capital stock may be prohibited or limited by the terms of any future debt financing arrangement. Any return to stockholders will therefore be limited to the increase, if any, of the price of our Class A common stock.

Future sales and issuances of our common stock or rights to purchase common stock, including pursuant to our equity incentive plans, could result in additional dilution of the percentage ownership of our stockholders and could cause the stock price of our Class A common stock to decline.

In the future, we may sell common stock, convertible securities or other equity securities in one or more transactions at prices and in a manner we determine from time to time. We expect to issue securities to employees and directors pursuant to our equity incentive plans. If we sell common stock, convertible securities or other equity securities in subsequent transactions, or common stock is issued pursuant to equity incentive plans, our investors may be materially diluted. New investors in such subsequent transactions could gain rights, preferences and privileges senior to those of holders of our common stock, including our Class A common.

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market, or the perception that they might occur, could cause the price of our Class A common stock to decline.

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our Class A common stock in the public market, or the perception that these sales might occur, could cause the market price of our Class A common stock to decline or make it more difficult for you to sell your common stock at a time and price that you deem appropriate and could impair our ability to raise capital through the sale of additional equity securities. We are unable to predict the effect that sales, or the perception that our shares may be available for sale, will have on the prevailing market price of our Class A common stock.

In addition, as of October 31, 2015, we had options outstanding that, if fully exercised, would result in the issuance of additional shares of Class A and Class B common stock. Our Class B common stock converts into Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis. As of October 31, 2015, we had restricted stock units outstanding which may vest in the future and result in the issuance of additional shares of Class A common stock. Our unexercised stock options and unvested restricted stock units, as of October 31, 2015, are described in note 10 of the notes to our condensed consolidated financial statements. All of the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the exercise of options (or upon conversion of shares of Class B common stock issued upon the exercise of options) or upon the vesting of restricted stock units have been registered for public resale under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act. Accordingly, these shares will be able to be freely sold in the public market upon issuance as permitted by any applicable vesting requirements.

Certain holders of our Class A and Class B common stock have rights, subject to certain conditions, to require us to file registration statements for the public resale of such shares (in the case of Class B common stock, the Class A common stock issuable upon conversion of such shares) or to include such shares in registration statements that we may file for us or other stockholders. Any sales of securities by these stockholders could have a material adverse effect on the market price of our Class A common stock.

If securities or industry analysts do not continue to publish research or if they publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, our stock price and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for our Class A common stock will depend in part on the research and reports that securities or industry analysts publish about us or our business. If industry analysts cease coverage of us or additional industry analysts do not initiate coverage of us, the trading price for our Class A common stock may be adversely affected. In addition, the stock prices of many companies in the high technology industry have declined significantly after those companies have failed to meet, or often times significantly exceed, the financial guidance publicly announced by the companies or the expectations of analysts. If our financial results fail to meet (or possibly significantly exceed) our announced guidance or the expectations of analysts or public investors, analysts could downgrade our common stock or publish unfavorable research about us. If one or more of the analysts who cover us downgrade our Class A common stock or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, our Class A common stock price would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease coverage of us or fail to publish reports on us regularly, demand for our Class A common stock could decrease, which might cause our Class A common stock price and trading volume to decline.

Provisions in our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws and Delaware law might discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of our company or changes in our management and, therefore, depress the market price of our Class A common stock.

Our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws contain provisions that could depress the market price of our Class A common stock by acting to discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of our company or changes in our management that the stockholders of our company may deem advantageous. These provisions among other things:

- establish a classified board of directors so that not all members of our board are elected at one time;
- provide for a dual class common stock structure, which gives our Chief Executive Officer, directors, executive officers, greater than 5% stockholders and their respective affiliates the ability to control the outcome of all matters requiring stockholder approval, even if they own significantly less than a majority of the shares of our outstanding Class A and Class B common stock;
- permit the board of directors to establish the number of directors;
- provide that directors may only be removed “for cause” and only with the approval of 66 2/3% of our stockholders;
- require super-majority voting to amend some provisions in our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws;
- authorize the issuance of “blank check” preferred stock that our board of directors could use to implement a stockholder rights plan;
- eliminate the ability of our stockholders to call special meetings of stockholders;
- prohibit stockholder action by written consent, which requires all stockholder actions to be taken at a meeting of our stockholders;
- provide that the board of directors is expressly authorized to make, alter or repeal our amended and restated bylaws; and
- establish advance notice requirements for nominations for election to our board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at annual stockholder meetings.

In addition, Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law may discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of our company. Section 203 imposes certain restrictions on merger, business combinations and other transactions between us and holders of 15% or more of our common stock.

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

a) Sales of Unregistered Securities

Not applicable.

b) Use of Proceeds from Public Offerings of Common Stock

On October 21, 2013, we closed our initial public offering (IPO), in which we sold 11,646,750 shares of Class A common stock at a public offering price of \$20.00 per share pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-191085), which was declared effective by the SEC on October 15, 2013.

On March 31, 2014, we closed our follow-on offering, in which we sold 1,390,000 shares of Class A common stock at a public offering price of \$26.35 per share pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-194640), which was declared effective by the SEC on March 25, 2014.

There has been no material change in the planned use of proceeds from our IPO or follow-on offering as described in our final prospectuses filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) with the SEC on October 16, 2013 and March 26, 2014, respectively.

c) Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers
None.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information.

None.

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Item 6. Exhibits.
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SIGNATURES

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

Veeva Systems Inc.

By: /s/ TIMOTHY S. CABRAL
Timothy S. Cabral
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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