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

Form 10-Q

þ **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
For the quarterly period ended December 31, 2007

or

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

Commission file number 0-27038

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	**94-3156479**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	*(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)*

1 Wayside Road
Burlington, MA 01803
(Address of principal executive office)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code:
781-565-5000

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 þ No o

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

Large accelerated filer þ	Accelerated filer o	Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act of 1934). Yes o No þ

209,039,966 shares of the registrant s Common Stock, $0.001 par value, were outstanding as of January 31, 2008.

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Part I. Financial Information

Item 1. ***Financial Statements***

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	December 31, 2007 (Unaudited)	September 30, 2007
	(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)	
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 323,708	$ 184,335
Marketable securities	631	2,628
Accounts receivable, less allowances of $21,539 and $22,074, respectively	193,988	174,646
Acquired unbilled accounts receivable	50,617	35,061
Inventories, net	6,971	8,013
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	13,646	16,489
Deferred tax assets	422	444
Total current assets	589,983	421,616
Land, building and equipment, net	38,732	37,618
Goodwill	1,322,496	1,249,642
Other intangible assets, net	404,655	391,190
Other assets	73,306	72,721
Total assets	$ 2,429,172	$ 2,172,787
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt and obligations under capital leases	$ 7,163	$ 7,430
Contingent acquisition payment	49,806	
Accounts payable	47,690	55,659
Accrued expenses	91,605	83,245
Current portion of accrued business combination costs	12,179	14,547
Deferred maintenance revenue	70,637	68,075
Unearned revenue and customer deposits	41,519	27,787
Total current liabilities	320,599	256,743

Long-term debt and obligations under capital leases, net of current portion	898,574	899,921
Accrued business combination costs, net of current portion	36,519	35,472
Deferred revenue, net of current portion	12,790	13,185
Deferred tax liability	27,279	26,038
Other liabilities	18,513	63,161
Total liabilities	1,314,274	1,294,520
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders equity:		
Series B preferred stock, $0.001 par value; 15,000,000 shares authorized; 3,562,238 shares issued and outstanding (liquidation preference $4,631)	4,631	4,631
Common stock, $0.001 par value; 560,000,000 shares authorized; 211,415,094 and 196,368,445 shares issued and 208,192,775 and 193,178,708 shares outstanding, respectively	210	196
Additional paid-in capital	1,328,851	1,078,020
Treasury stock, at cost (3,222,319 and 3,189,737 shares, respectively)	(16,070)	(15,418)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	17,775	14,979
Accumulated deficit	(220,499)	(204,141)
Total stockholders equity	1,114,898	878,267
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	$ 2,429,172	$ 2,172,787

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

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Three Months Ended	
	December 31, 2007	December 31, 2006
	(Unaudited) (In thousands, except per share amounts)	
Revenue:		
Product and licensing	$ 97,936	$ 75,740
Professional services, subscription and hosting	62,420	27,965
Maintenance and support	34,668	29,716
Total revenue	195,024	133,421
Costs and expenses:		
Cost of revenue:		
Cost of product and licensing	11,585	10,211
Cost of professional services, subscription and hosting	44,824	20,553
Cost of maintenance and support	7,445	6,979
Cost of revenue from amortization of intangible assets	4,987	2,886
Total cost of revenue	68,841	40,629
Gross margin	126,183	92,792
Operating expenses:		
Research and development	27,846	16,512
Sales and marketing	56,007	43,861
General and administrative	25,235	15,385
Amortization of other intangible assets	11,499	5,150
Restructuring and other charges	2,152	
Total operating expenses	122,739	80,908
Income from operations	3,444	11,884
Other income (expense):		
Interest income	1,654	1,405
Interest expense	(15,285)	(7,688)
Other (expense) income, net	(613)	(517)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(10,800)	5,084
Provision for income taxes	4,625	6,319
Net loss	$ (15,425)	$ (1,235)

Basic and diluted earnings per share:				
Basic and diluted	$	(0.08)	$	(0.01)
Weighted average common shares outstanding:				
Basic and diluted		194,528		169,505

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Three Months Ended	
	December 31, 2007	December 31, 2006
	(Unaudited) (In thousands, except share amounts)	
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net loss	$ (15,425)	$ (1,235)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation of property and equipment	3,708	2,612
Amortization of other intangible assets	16,486	8,036
Restructuring and other charges	2,152	
Accounts receivable allowances	725	230
Share-based payments	15,175	8,590
Non-cash interest expense	1,319	1,154
Deferred tax provision	2,812	4,436
Excess tax benefits from share-based payments		(658)
Other	(12)	417
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable	21,202	(8,671)
Inventories	1,066	(1,310)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	4,354	(1,207)
Accounts payable	(7,581)	6,577
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	(878)	(186)
Deferred maintenance revenue, unearned revenue and customer deposits	(4,112)	7,357
Net cash provided by operating activities	40,991	26,142
Cash flows from investing activities		
Capital expenditures for property and equipment and patent licenses	(3,264)	(2,788)
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(16,957)	(3,808)
Proceeds from maturities of marketable securities	1,999	
Payments for minority investment	(2,172)	
Payments for capitalized patent defense costs and licensing agreements	(2,188)	(1,685)
Change in restricted cash balances	297	(72)
Net cash used in investing activities	(22,285)	(8,353)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Payments of notes payable and capital leases	(2,330)	(916)
Deferred acquisition payments		(1,150)
Purchase of treasury stock	(652)	(26)
Payments on other long-term liabilities	(2,931)	(2,755)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net of issuance costs	131,455	

Excess tax benefits from share-based payments				658
Net proceeds (uses) from employee share-based payment plans		(5,566)		4,231
Net cash provided by financing activities		119,976		42
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		691		(442)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		139,373		17,389
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		184,335		112,334
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	$	323,708	$	129,723
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:				
Cash paid (refund) for income taxes	$	(1,068)	$	1,067
Cash paid for interest	$	12,173	$	6,769
Non cash investing and financing activities:				
Issuance of 784,266 shares of common stock in connection with the acquisition of Mobile Voice Control, Inc.	$		$	8,300
Issuance of 866,356 shares and 4,432,202 shares of common stock in connection with the acquisitions of Vocada, Inc. and Viecore, Inc., respectively	$	110,870	$	

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

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

1. Organization and Presentation

Nuance Communications, Inc. (the Company or Nuance) offers businesses and consumers competitive and value-added speech, dictation and imaging solutions that facilitate the way people access, share, manage and use information in business and daily life. The Company was incorporated in 1992 as Visioneer, Inc. In 1999, the Company changed its name to ScanSoft, Inc., and changed its ticker symbol to SSFT. In October 2005, the Company changed its name to Nuance Communications, Inc. and changed its ticker symbol to NUAN in November 2005.

On November 2, 2007, the Company acquired Vocada, Inc. (Vocada), a provider of software and other products for managing critical medical test results, and on November 26, 2007, the Company acquired Viecore, Inc. (Viecore), a consulting and systems integration firm (Note 3).

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. In the opinion of management, these unaudited interim consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2007, the results of operations for the three month periods ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, and cash flows for the three month periods ended December 31, 2007 and 2006. Although the Company believes that the disclosures in these financial statements are adequate to make the information presented not misleading, certain information normally included in the footnotes prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles has been omitted as permitted by the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The accompanying financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 29, 2007. The results for the three month period ended December 31, 2007 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, or any future period.

Reclassification

Certain amounts presented in prior periods consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current periods presentation.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. On an ongoing basis, the Company evaluates its estimates, assumptions and judgments, including those related to revenue recognition; allowance for doubtful accounts and returns; accounting for patent legal defense costs; the costs to complete the development of custom software applications; the valuation of goodwill, other intangible assets and tangible long-lived assets; accounting for acquisitions; share-based payments; the obligation relating to pension and post-retirement benefit plans; interest rate

swaps which are characterized as derivative instruments; income tax reserves and valuation allowances; and loss contingencies. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual amounts could differ significantly from these estimates.

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Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. Intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenue from the sale of software products and licensing of technology in accordance with Statement of Position (SOP) 97-2, Software Revenue Recognition, and SOP 98-9, Modification of SOP 97-2, Software Revenue Recognition, with Respect to Certain Transactions, and related authoritative literature. In select situations, we sell or license intellectual property in conjunction with, or in place of, embedding our intellectual property in software. In accordance with SOP 97-2, revenue is recognized when (i) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, (ii) delivery has occurred, (iii) the fee is fixed or determinable and (iv) collectibility is probable.

Revenue from royalties on sales of the Company s software products by original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), where no services are included, is recognized in the quarter earned so long as the Company has been notified by the OEM that such royalties are due, and provided that all other revenue recognition criteria are met.

Software arrangements generally include post contract support which includes telephone support and the right to receive unspecified upgrades/enhancements on a when-and-if-available basis, typically for one to three years. Revenue from maintenance and support services are recognized ratably on a straight-line basis over the term that the maintenance service is provided.

Non-software revenue is recognized in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission s Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) 104, Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements. Under SAB 104, the Company recognizes revenue when (i) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, (ii) delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, (iii) the fees are fixed or determinable and (iv) collectibility is reasonably assured.

For revenue arrangements with multiple elements outside of the scope of SOP 97-2, the Company accounts for the arrangements in accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Issue 00-21, Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Elements, and allocates an arrangement s fees into separate units of accounting based on fair value.

Revenue from products offered on a subscription and/or hosting basis is recognized in the period the services are provided, based on a fixed minimum fee and/or variable fees based on the volume of activity. Subscription and hosting revenue is recognized as the Company is notified by the customer or through management reports that such revenue is due, provided that all other revenue recognition criteria are met.

When the Company provides professional services considered essential to the functionality of the software, it recognizes revenue from the professional services as well as any related software licenses on a percentage-of-completion basis in accordance with SOP 81-1, Accounting for Performance of Construction Type and Certain Performance Type Contracts . In these circumstances, the Company separates license revenue from professional service revenue for income statement presentation by classifying the vendor-specific objective evidence of the fair value of professional service revenue as professional service revenue and the residual portion as license revenue. The Company generally determines the percentage-of-completion by comparing the labor hours incurred to

date to the estimated total labor hours required to complete the project. The Company considers labor hours to be the most reliable, available measure of progress on these projects. Adjustments to estimates to complete are made in the periods in which facts resulting in a change become known. When the estimate indicates that a loss will be incurred, such loss is recorded in the period identified. Significant judgments and estimates are involved in determining the percent complete of each contract. Different assumptions could yield materially different results.

When products are sold through distributors or resellers, title and risk of loss generally passes upon shipment, at which time the transaction is invoiced and payment is due. Shipments to distributors and resellers without right of return are recognized as revenue upon shipment by the Company. Certain distributors and value-added resellers

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have been granted rights of return for as long as the distributors or resellers hold the inventory. The Company cannot estimate historical returns from these distributors and resellers to have a basis upon which to estimate future sales returns. As a result, the Company recognizes revenue from sales to these distributors and resellers when the products are sold through to retailers and end-users. Based on reports from distributors and resellers of their inventory balances at the end of each period, the Company records an allowance against accounts receivable and reduces revenue for all inventories subject to return at the sales price.

When products are sold directly to end-users, the Company also makes an estimate of sales returns based on historical experience. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) 48, Revenue Recognition When Right of Return Exists, the provision for these estimated returns is recorded as a reduction of revenue and accounts receivable at the time that the related revenue is recorded. If actual returns differ significantly from the Company s estimates, such differences could have a material impact on the Company s results of operations for the period in which the actual returns become known.

When maintenance and support contracts renew automatically, the Company provides a reserve based on historical experience for contracts expected to be cancelled for non-payment. All known and estimated cancellations are recorded as a reduction to revenue and accounts receivable.

The Company follows the guidance of EITF 01-09, Accounting for Consideration Given by a Vendor (Including a Reseller of the Vendor s Products), and records consideration given to a reseller as a reduction of revenue to the extent the Company has recorded cumulative revenue from the customer or reseller. However, when the Company receives an identifiable benefit in exchange for the consideration and can reasonably estimate the fair value of the benefit received, the consideration is recorded as an operating expense.

The Company follows the guidance of EITF 01-14, Income Statement Characterization of Reimbursements for Out-of-Pocket Expenses Incurred, and records reimbursements received for out-of-pocket expenses as revenue, with offsetting costs recorded as cost of revenue. Out-of-pocket expenses generally include, but are not limited to, expenses related to transportation, lodging and meals.

The Company follows the guidance of EITF 00-10, Accounting for Shipping and Handling Fees and Costs, and records shipping and handling costs billed to customers as revenue with offsetting costs recorded as cost of revenue.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The Company has significant long-lived tangible and intangible assets, including goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives, which are susceptible to valuation adjustments as a result of changes in various factors or conditions. The most significant long-lived tangible and other intangible assets are fixed assets, patents and core technology, completed technology, customer relationships and trademarks. All finite-lived intangible assets are amortized based upon patterns in which the economic benefits of such assets are expected to be utilized. The values of intangible assets, with the exception of goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives, were initially determined by a risk-adjusted, discounted cash flow approach. The Company assesses the potential impairment of identifiable intangible assets and fixed assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying values may not be recoverable. Factors it considers important, which could trigger an impairment of such assets, include the following:

significant underperformance relative to historical or projected future operating results;

significant changes in the manner or use of the acquired assets or the strategy for the Company s overall business;

significant negative industry or economic trends;

significant decline in the Company s stock price for a sustained period; and

a decline in the Company s market capitalization below net book value.

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Future adverse changes in these or other unforeseeable factors could result in an impairment charge that would impact future results of operations and financial position in the reporting period identified.

In accordance with SFAS 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives are tested for impairment on an annual basis as of July 1, and between annual tests if indicators of potential impairment exist. The impairment test compares the fair value of the reporting unit to its carrying amount, including goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives, to assess whether impairment is present. The Company has reviewed the provisions of SFAS 142 with respect to the criteria necessary to evaluate the number of reporting units that exist. Based on its review, the Company has determined that it operates in one reporting unit. Based on this assessment, the Company has not had any impairment charges during its history as a result of its impairment evaluation of goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets under SFAS 142.

In accordance with SFAS 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, the Company periodically reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in business circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be fully recoverable or that the useful lives of those assets are no longer appropriate. Each impairment test is based on a comparison of the undiscounted cash flows to the recorded value for the asset. If impairment is indicated, the asset is written down to its estimated fair value based on a discounted cash flow analysis. No impairment charges were taken during the three month periods ended December 31, 2007 or 2006, based on the review of long-lived assets under SFAS 144. The Company may make business decisions in the future which may result in the impairment of intangible assets.

Significant judgments and estimates are involved in determining the useful lives and amortization patterns of long-lived assets, determining what reporting units exist and assessing when events or circumstances would require an interim impairment analysis of goodwill or other long-lived assets to be performed. Changes in the organization or the Company s management reporting structure, as well as other events and circumstances, including but not limited to technological advances, increased competition and changing economic or market conditions, could result in (a) shorter estimated useful lives, (b) additional reporting units, which may require alternative methods of estimating fair values or greater disaggregation or aggregation in our analysis by reporting unit, and/or (c) other changes in previous assumptions or estimates. In turn, this could have a significant impact on the consolidated financial statements through accelerated amortization and/or impairment charges.

Capitalized Patent Defense Costs

The Company monitors the anticipated outcome of legal actions, and if it determines that the success of the defense of a patent is probable, and so long as the Company believes that the future economic benefit of the patent will be increased, the Company capitalizes external legal costs incurred in the defense of these patents, up to the level of the expected increased future economic benefit. If changes in the anticipated outcome occur, the Company writes off any capitalized costs in the period the change is determined. Upon successful defense of litigation, the amounts previously capitalized are amortized over the remaining life of the patent. As of December 31, 2007 and September 30, 2007, capitalized patent defense costs totaled $6.3 million and $6.4 million, respectively.

Comprehensive loss

Comprehensive loss consists of net loss, current period foreign currency translation adjustments, and unrealized gains (losses) on cash flow hedge derivatives. For the purposes of comprehensive loss disclosures, the Company does not record tax provisions or benefits for the net changes in the foreign currency translation adjustment, as the Company intends to reinvest undistributed earnings in its foreign subsidiaries permanently.

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The components of comprehensive loss are as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2007	**2006**
Net loss	$ (15,425)	$ (1,235)
Other comprehensive income (loss):		
Foreign currency translation adjustment	3,485	873
Net unrealized (loss) gain on cash flow hedge derivatives	(691)	204
Net unrealized gains on investments	2	
Other comprehensive income	2,796	1,077
Total comprehensive loss	$ (12,629)	$ (158)

Net Income (Loss) Per Share

The Company computes net income (loss) per share in accordance with SFAS 128, Earnings per Share, and EITF 03-06, Participating Securities and Two Class Method under FASB Statement No. 128, Earnings per Share. EITF 03-06 provides guidance on participating security for purposes of computing earnings per share including when using the two-class method for computing basic earnings per share. The Company has determined that its outstanding Series B convertible preferred stock represents a participating security.

Under the two-class method, basic net income per share is computed by dividing the net income available to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Net losses are not allocated to preferred stockholders.

Diluted net income per share is computed using the more dilutive of (a) the two-class method, or (b) the if-converted method. The Company allocates net income first to preferred stockholders based on dividend rights and then to common and preferred stockholders based on ownership interests. Net losses are not allocated to preferred stockholders. The weighted-average number of common shares outstanding gives effect to all potentially dilutive common equivalent shares including outstanding stock options using the treasury stock method, unvested restricted stock, shares held in escrow, warrants, and the convertible debenture using the as converted method. Common equivalent shares are excluded from the computation of diluted net income (loss) per share if their effect is anti-dilutive. Potentially dilutive common equivalent shares aggregating 24.9 million shares and 23.5 million shares for the three month periods ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, have been excluded from the computation of diluted net income (loss) per share because their inclusion would be anti-dilutive.

Accounting for Share-Based Payments

The Company accounts for share-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options, purchases under employee stock purchase plans, awards in the form of restricted shares (Restricted Stock) and awards in the form of units of stock purchase rights (Restricted Units) in accordance with SFAS 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment, (SFAS 123R). The Restricted Stock and Restricted Units are collectively referred to as Restricted Awards. SFAS 123R requires the recognition of the fair value of share-based payments as a charge against earnings. The Company recognizes share-based payment expense over the requisite service period. Based on the provisions of SFAS 123R the Company s share-based payment awards are accounted for as equity

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instruments. The amounts included in the consolidated statements of operations relating to share-based payments are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2007	Three Months Ended December 31, 2006
Cost of product and licensing	$ 4	$ 5
Cost of professional services, subscription and hosting	1,604	544
Cost of maintenance and support	326	188
Research and development	3,584	1,207
Sales and marketing	5,040	3,449
General and administrative	4,617	3,197
	$ 15,175	$ 8,590

Stock Options

The Company has several share-based compensation plans under which employees, officers, directors and consultants may be granted stock options to purchase the Company s common stock generally at the fair market value. The Company s plans do not allow for options to be granted at below fair market value nor can they be re-priced at anytime. Options granted under original plans of the Company become exercisable over various periods, typically two to four years and have a maximum term of 7 years. The Company also assumed option plans in connection with certain of its acquisitions. These stock options are governed by the original agreements that they were issued under, but are now exercisable for shares of the Company s common stock. All stock options have been granted with exercise prices equal to or greater than the fair market value of the Company s common stock on the date of grant. The table below summarizes activity relating to stock options for the three months ended December 31, 2007:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value(1)
Outstanding at September 30, 2007	18,240,722	$ 6.48		
Granted	231,000	$ 19.82		
Exercised	(731,650)	$ 4.42		
Forfeited	(331,793)	$ 12.51		
Expired	(9,021)	$ 1.36		
Outstanding at December 31, 2007	17,399,258	$ 6.63	5.0 years	$ 209.9 million

Exercisable at December 31, 2007	11,123,315	$	4.48	4.5 years	$	157.9 million
Exercisable at December 31, 2006	12,718,079	$	4.01	5.1 years	$	94.8 million

(1) The aggregate intrinsic value on this table was calculated based on the positive difference between the closing market value of the Company s common stock on December 31, 2007 ($18.68) and the purchase price of the underlying options.

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As of December 31, 2007, the total unamortized fair value of stock options was $35.4 million with a weighted average remaining recognition period of 2.3 years. A summary of weighted-average grant-date fair value and intrinsic value of stock options exercised is as follows:

	2007	**2006**
Weighted-average grant-date fair value per share	$ 9.38	$ 4.55
Total intrinsic value of stock options exercised (in millions)	$ 11.02	$ 7.32

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model to calculate the grant-date fair value of options. The fair value of the stock options granted during the three month periods ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 were calculated using the following weighted-average assumptions:

	2007	**2006**
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%
Expected volatility	50.1%	54.8%
Average risk-free interest rate	4.3%	4.7%
Expected term (in years)	4.8	3.8

The dividend yield of zero is based on the fact that the Company has never paid cash dividends and has no present intention to pay cash dividends. Expected volatility is based on the historical volatility of the Company s common stock over the period commensurate with the expected life of the options and the historical implied volatility from traded options with a term of 180 days or greater. The risk-free interest rate is derived from the average U.S. Treasury STRIPS rate during the period, which approximates the rate in effect at the time of grant, commensurate with the expected life of the instrument. The Company estimates the expected term based on the historical exercise behavior.

Restricted Awards

The Company is authorized to issue equity incentive awards in the form of Restricted Awards, including Restricted Units and Restricted Stock, which are individually discussed below. Unvested Restricted Awards may not be sold, transferred or assigned. The fair value of the Restricted Awards is measured based upon the market price of the underlying common stock as of the date of grant, reduced by the purchase price of $0.001 per share of the awards. The Restricted Awards generally are subject to vesting over a period of two to four years, and may have opportunities for acceleration for achievement of defined goals. The Company also issued certain Restricted Awards with vesting solely dependent on the achievement of specified performance targets. The fair value of the Restricted Awards is amortized to expense over its applicable requisite service period using the straight-line method. In the event that the employees employment with the Company terminates, or in the case of awards with only performance goals, if those goals are not met, any unvested shares are forfeited and revert to the Company.

Restricted Units are not included in issued and outstanding common stock until the shares are vested and released. The table below summarizes activity relating to Restricted Units for the three months ended December 31, 2007:

	Number of Shares Underlying Restricted Units	**Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term**	**Aggregate Intrinsic Value(1)**
Outstanding at September 30, 2007	6,808,800		
Granted	2,942,371		
Released	(989,514)		
Forfeited	(309,672)		
Outstanding at December 31, 2007	8,451,985	1.6 years	$ 157.9 million
Vested and expected to vest	7,449,380	1.5 years	$ 139.1 million

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(1) The aggregate intrinsic value on this table was calculated based on the positive difference between the closing market value of the Company s common stock on December 31, 2007 ($18.68) and the purchase price of the underlying Restricted Units.

The purchase price for vested Restricted Units is $0.001 per share. As of December 31, 2007, unearned share-based payment expense related to unvested Restricted Units is $83.4 million, which will, based on expectations of future performance vesting criteria, where applicable, be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.9 years. 33.8% of the Restricted Units outstanding as of December 31, 2007 is subject to performance vesting acceleration conditions. A summary of weighted-average grant-date fair value and intrinsic value of Restricted Units vested is as follows:

	2007	2006
Weighted-average grant-date fair value per share	$ 19.32	$ 10.12
Total intrinsic value of shares vested (in millions)	$ 19.94	$ 2.63

Restricted Stock is included in the issued and outstanding common stock in these financial statements at the date of grant. The table below summarizes activity relating to Restricted Stock for the three months ended December 31, 2007:

	Number of Shares Underlying Restricted Stock	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding at September 30, 2007	1,195,902	$ 6.17
Vested	(376,004)	$ 7.58
Outstanding at December 31, 2007	819,898	$ 5.53

The purchase price for vested Restricted Stock is $0.001 per share. As of December 31, 2007, unearned share-based payment expense related to unvested Restricted Stock is $1.7 million, which will, based on expectations of future performance vesting criteria, when applicable, be recognized over a weighted-average period of 0.9 years. None of the Restricted Stock outstanding as of December 31, 2007 are subject to performance vesting acceleration conditions. A summary of weighted-average grant-date fair value and intrinsic value of Restricted Stock vested is as follows:

	2007	2006
Weighted-average grant-date fair value per share	n/a	$ 8.24
Total intrinsic value of shares vested (in millions)	$ 15.31	$ 17.90

The Company has historically repurchased common stock upon its employees vesting in the Restricted Stock, and cancelled a portion of the employees vested Restricted Units. This has been done to satisfy the employees withholding tax liability as a result of the Restricted Awards having vested. In the three months ended December 31, 2007, the Company paid cash of $9.5 million relating to 469,784 shares that were cancelled or repurchased. Assuming that one-third of all Restricted Awards outstanding as of December 31, 2007, such amount approximating the tax rate of the Company s employees, and based on the weighted average recognition period of 1.8 years, were purchased or cancelled the Company would have an obligation to pay cash relating to approximately 0.9 million shares during the twelve month period ending December 31, 2008.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

The Company s 1995 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the Plan), as amended and restated on March 31, 2006, authorizes the issuance of a maximum of 3,000,000 shares of common stock in semi-annual offerings to employees at a price equal to the lower of 85% of the closing price on the applicable offering commencement date or 85% of the closing price on the applicable offering termination date. Compensation expense related to the

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employee stock purchase plan was $0.7 million and $0.5 million for the three month periods ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Income Taxes

The Company adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 , (FIN 48) on October 1, 2007. The Company did not recognize any change in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits as a result of the implementation.

The liability for unrecognized tax benefits related to various federal, state, and foreign income tax matters was $2.5 million at October 1, 2007. At December 31, 2007, the liability for income taxes associated with uncertain tax positions was $2.6 million. Included in this amount is approximately $0.7 million of unrecognized tax benefits, which if recognized, would impact the effective tax rate. The difference between the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits and the amount that would impact the effective tax rate consists of items that would be offset through goodwill.

Upon adoption of FIN 48, the Company s policy to include interest and penalties related to gross unrecognized tax benefits as part of the provision for income taxes did not change. As of October 1, 2007, the Company had accrued $0.2 million of interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions. As of December 31, 2007, the total amount of accrued interest and penalties is $0.2 million.

The Company is subject to U.S. federal income tax and various state, local and international income taxes in numerous jurisdictions. The federal and state tax returns are generally subject to tax examinations for the tax years ended in 2004 through 2007. In addition, amounts reported on federal tax returns filed for earlier tax periods from which operating losses and tax credits are carried to future periods may be adjusted upon the utilization of such carryovers but only to the extent such carryovers are applied. The Company has carryforwards from most federal tax years occurring between 1994 and 2007.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect in the years in which the differences are expected to reverse. The Company does not provide for U.S. income taxes on the undistributed earnings of its foreign subsidiaries, which the Company considers to be indefinitely reinvested outside of the U.S. in accordance with Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion 23, Accounting for Income Taxes Special Areas.

The Company makes judgments regarding the realizability of its deferred tax assets. In accordance with SFAS 109, Accounting for Income Taxes, the carrying value of the net deferred tax assets is based on the belief that it is more likely than not that the Company will generate sufficient future taxable income to realize these deferred tax assets after consideration of all available evidence. The Company regularly reviews its deferred tax assets for recoverability considering historical profitability, projected future taxable income, and the expected timing of the reversals of existing temporary differences and tax planning strategies.

Valuation allowances have been established for U.S. deferred tax assets, which the Company believes do not meet the more likely than not criteria established by SFAS 109. If the Company is subsequently able to utilize all or a portion of the deferred tax assets for which a valuation allowance has been established, then the Company may be required to

recognize these deferred tax assets through the reduction of the valuation allowance which would result in a material benefit to its results of operations in the period in which the benefit is determined, excluding the recognition of the portion of the valuation allowance which relates to net deferred tax assets acquired in a business combination and created as a result of share-based payments. The recognition of the portion of the valuation allowance which relates to net deferred tax assets resulting from share-based payments will be recorded as additional paid-in-capital; the recognition of the portion of the valuation allowance which relates to net deferred tax

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assets acquired in a business combination will reduce goodwill, other intangible assets, and to the extent remaining, the provision for income taxes.

Minority Investment

In the first quarter of fiscal 2008, the Company invested $2.2 million in a third-party company that offers advertiser-supported free directory assistance services. This investment entitles the Company to a minority interest approximating 1% of the voting shares of the third-party, and is accounted for using the cost method. This investment is included in other assets as of December 31, 2007 in the Company s accompanying balance sheets.

Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Company follows the requirements of SFAS 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, (SFAS 133) which establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments. To achieve hedge accounting, the criteria specified in SFAS 133, must be met, including (i) ensuring at the inception of the hedge that formal documentation exists for both the hedging relationship and the entity s risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge and (ii) at the inception of the hedge and on an ongoing basis, the hedging relationship is expected to be highly effective in achieving offsetting changes in fair value attributed to the hedged risk during the period that the hedge is designated. Further, an assessment of effectiveness is required whenever financial statements or earnings are reported. Absent meeting these criteria, changes in fair value are recognized currently in other expense, net of tax, in the income statement. Once the underlying forecasted transaction is realized, the gain or loss from the derivative designated as a hedge of the transaction is reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) to the income statement, in the related revenue or expense caption, as appropriate. Any ineffective portion of the derivatives designated as cash flow hedges is recognized in current earnings. As of December 31, 2007 and September 30, 2007, there was a $100 million interest rate swap (the Swap) outstanding. The Swap was entered into in conjunction with a term loan on March 31, 2006. The Swap was designated as a cash flow hedge, and changes in the fair value of this cash flow hedge derivative are recorded in stockholders equity as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). The Swap has resulted in cumulative losses of $1.6 million and $0.9 million as of December 31, 2007 and September 30, 2007, respectively. These losses are included in other liabilities in the Company s accompanying balance sheets.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 141 (revised), Business Combinations , (SFAS 141R). The standard changes the accounting for business combinations including the measurement of acquirer shares issued in consideration for a business combination, the recognition of contingent consideration, the accounting for pre-acquisition gain and loss contingencies, the recognition of capitalized in-process research and development, the accounting for acquisition-related restructuring cost accruals, the treatment of acquisition related transaction costs and the recognition of changes in the acquirer s income tax valuation allowance. SFAS 141R is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, with early adoption prohibited.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (SFAS 159). SFAS 159 has as its objective to reduce both complexity in accounting for financial instruments and volatility in earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently. It also establishes presentation and

disclosure requirements designed to facilitate comparisons between companies that choose different measurement attributes for similar types of assets and liabilities. The statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, with early adoption permitted provided that the entity makes that choice in the first 120 days of that fiscal year. The Company did not elect early adoption and is evaluating the impact, if any, that SFAS 159 may have on its consolidated financial statements.

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In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS 157). SFAS 157 establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands fair value measurement disclosures. SFAS 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The Company is evaluating the impact, if any, that SFAS 157 may have on its consolidated financial statements.

In July 2006, the FASB issued Interpretation 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109, (FIN 48). FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in a company s financial statements in accordance with SFAS 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. FIN 48 prescribes the recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. It also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. The Company adopted the provisions of FIN 48 on October 1, 2007. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, the Company recognized an adjustment of $0.9 million in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits. In addition, the Company reduced its deferred tax assets and valuation allowance each by $52.0 million primarily with respect to net operating loss and research credit carryforwards that are in excess of applicable limitations related to ownership changes.

As of the adoption date of October 1, 2007, the Company had $2.5 million of unrecognized tax benefits. At December 31, 2007, the liability for income taxes associated with uncertain tax positions was $2.6 million. Included in this amount is approximately $0.7 million of unrecognized tax benefits, which if recognized, would impact the effective tax rate. The difference between the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits and the amount that would impact the effective tax rate consists of items that would be offset through goodwill. The Company does not expect a significant change in the amount of unrecognized tax benefits within the next 12 months.

3. Business Acquisitions

Acquisition of Viecore

On November 26, 2007, the Company acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of Viecore, a consulting and systems integration firm, for total purchase consideration of approximately $109.2 million including 4.4 million shares of the Company s common stock valued at $21.01 per share, cash to shareholders of $8.9 million, transaction costs of $6.8 million and the assumption of $0.4 million of debt. In connection with the Company s acquisition of Viecore, the purchase and sale agreement required 0.6 million shares of the Company s common stock, valued at $12.3 million as of the date of acquisition, to be placed into escrow for 15 months from the date of acquisition, to satisfy any claims the Company may have. The Company cannot make a determination, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the escrow will become payable to the former shareholders of Viecore, and accordingly has not included the escrow as a component of the purchase price. Upon satisfaction of the contingency, the escrowed amount will be recorded as additional purchase price and allocated to goodwill. The merger was a non-taxable event. The results of operations of the acquired business have been included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company since the date of acquisition. The Company is currently finalizing the valuation of the assets acquired and liabilities

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assumed; therefore the fair values set forth below are subject to adjustment as additional information is obtained. A summary of the preliminary purchase price allocation for the acquisition of Viecore is as follows (in thousands):

Total purchase consideration:	
Common stock issued	$ 93,132
Cash	8,874
Transaction costs	6,809
Debt assumed	384
Total purchase consideration	$ 109,199
Allocation of the purchase consideration:	
Cash	$ 5,491
Accounts receivable	13,825
Acquired unbilled accounts receivable	23,116
Other assets	603
Property and equipment	1,327
Identifiable intangible assets	22,770
Goodwill	68,659
Total assets acquired	135,791
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(8,339)
Deferred revenue	(18,253)
Total liabilities assumed	(26,592)
Net assets acquired	$ 109,199

Customer relationships are amortized based upon patterns in which the economic benefits of customer relationships are expected to be utilized. Other finite-lived identifiable intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis. The following are the identifiable intangible assets acquired and their respective weighted average lives (dollars in thousands):

	Amount	Weighted Average Life (In years)
Customer relationships	$ 22,390	8.0
Tradename	380	1.0
Total	$ 22,770	

Acquisition of Vocada

On November 2, 2007, the Company acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of Vocada, provider of software and services for managing critical medical test results for total purchase consideration of approximately $22.1 million including 0.9 million shares of the Company s common stock valued at $20.47 per share, cash to shareholders of $3.2 million and transaction costs of $1.2 million. In connection with the Company s acquisition of Vocada, the purchase and sale agreement required 0.1 million shares of the Company s common stock, valued at $1.2 million as of the date of acquisition, to be placed into escrow for 15 months from the date of acquisition, to satisfy any claims the Company may have. The Company cannot make a determination, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the escrow will become payable to the former shareholders of Vocada, and accordingly has not included the escrow as a component of the purchase price. Upon satisfaction of the contingency, the escrowed amount will be recorded as additional purchase price and allocated to goodwill. The merger was a non-taxable event. The results of

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operations of the acquired business have been included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company since the date of acquisition. The Company is currently finalizing the valuation of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed; therefore the fair values set forth below are subject to adjustment as additional information is obtained. A summary of the preliminary purchase price allocation for the acquisition of Vocada is as follows (in thousands):

Total purchase consideration:	
Common stock issued	$ 17,738
Cash	3,186
Transaction costs	1,158
Total purchase consideration	$ 22,082
Allocation of the purchase consideration:	
Accounts receivable and acquired unbilled accounts receivable	$ 3,655
Other assets	429
Identifiable intangible assets	5,930
Goodwill	14,558
Total assets acquired	24,572
Accounts payable and other liabilities	(366)
Deferred revenue	(2,124)
Total liabilities assumed	(2,490)
Net assets acquired	$ 22,082

Customer relationships are amortized based upon patterns in which the economic benefits of customer relationships are expected to be utilized. Other finite-lived identifiable intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis. The following are the identifiable intangible assets acquired and their respective weighted average lives (dollars in thousands):

	Amount	**Weighted Average Life (In years)**
Customer relationships	$ 3,800	10.0
Core and completed technology	2,000	5.0
Trademark	90	5.0
Non-compete	40	3.0
Total	$ 5,930	

Proforma Results of Operations

The following table sets forth the unaudited pro forma results of operations of the Company as if the Company had acquired Bluestar Resources Limited, the parent of Focus Enterprises Limited and Focus India Private Limited (collectively Focus), BeVocal, Inc. (BeVocal), Tegic Communications, Inc. (Tegic), Voice Signal

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Technologies, Inc. (VoiceSignal), Commissure Inc. (Commissure) and Viecore on October 1, 2006 (in thousands, except per share data):

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2007	2006
Revenue	$ 208,595	$ 185,121
Net loss	(19,363)	(6,722)
Net loss per basic and diluted share	$ (0.10)	$ (0.06)

The Company has not furnished pro forma financial information relating to the Mobile Voice Control, Inc. (MVC) and Vocada acquisitions because such information is not material.

4. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable, excluding acquired unbilled accounts receivable, consisted of the following (in thousands):

	December 31, 2007	September 30, 2007
Gross accounts receivable	$ 215,527	$ 196,720
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(6,367)	(6,155)
Less reserve for distribution and reseller accounts receivable	(7,950)	(8,596)
Less allowance for sales returns	(7,222)	(7,323)
Total	$ 193,988	$ 174,646

5. Inventories, net

Inventories, net of allowances, consisted of the following (in thousands):

	December 31, 2007	September 30, 2007
Components and parts	$ 3,631	$ 4,605
Inventory at customers	2,479	2,726
Finished products	861	682
Total	$ 6,971	$ 8,013

Inventory at customers reflects equipment related to in-process installations of solutions with customers. These contracts have not been recorded to revenue as of December 31, 2007, and therefore the inventory is on the balance sheet until such time as the contract is recorded to revenue and the inventory will be expensed to cost of sales.

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6. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill during the three months ended December 31, 2007, are as follows (in thousands):

Balance as of September 30, 2007	$ 1,249,642
Goodwill acquired Viecore acquisition	68,659
Goodwill acquired Vocada acquisition	14,558
Purchase accounting adjustments	(12,818)
Effect of foreign currency translation	2,455
Balance as of December 31, 2007	$ 1,322,496

Goodwill adjustments during the three months ended December 31, 2007 consisted primarily of a decrease of $17.3 million due to additional acquired unbilled accounts receivable identified in connection with the acquisition of Tegic and $1.5 million of the utilization of acquired deferred tax assets, offset by incremental purchase price, relating to the preliminary estimated additional earnout achievement of $6.1 million for the BeVocal transaction.

Intangible assets consist of the following (in thousands):

	At December 31, 2007			
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Weighted Average Remaining Life (Years)
Customer relationships	$ 335,630	$ (55,323)	$ 280,307	6.9
Technology and patents	137,314	(48,257)	89,057	5.8
Tradenames and trademarks, subject to amortization	9,073	(3,564)	5,509	6.3
Non-competition agreement	2,678	(696)	1,982	4.7
Subtotal	484,695	(107,840)	376,855	
Tradename, indefinite life	27,800		27,800	n/a
Total	$ 512,495	$ (107,840)	$ 404,655	

Amortization expense for the acquired patents, core and completed technology are included in the cost of revenue from amortization of intangible assets in the accompanying statements of operations and amounted to $5.0 million and

$2.9 million for the three months ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Estimated amortization expense for each of the succeeding years is as follows (in thousands):

Year Ending September 30,	**Cost of Revenue**	**Other Operating Expenses**	**Total**
2008 (January 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008)	$ 14,654	$ 41,334	$ 55,988
2009	17,740	55,799	73,539
2010	15,891	49,314	65,205
2011	14,428	40,647	55,075
2012	10,637	33,050	43,687
2013	7,413	24,990	32,403
Thereafter	8,294	42,664	50,958
Total	$ 89,057	$ 287,798	$ 376,855

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7. Accrued Expenses

Accrued expenses consist of the following (in thousands):

	December 31, 2007	September 30, 2007
Accrued compensation	$ 32,566	$ 35,875
Accrued sales and marketing incentives	5,247	4,067
Accrued professional fees	8,396	5,591
Accrued acquisition costs and liabilities	6,348	4,153
Income taxes payable	8,592	6,853
Accrued other	30,456	26,706
Total	$ 91,605	$ 83,245

8. Deferred and Contingent Acquisition Payments

Earnout Payments

In connection with the Company s acquisition of Phonetic Systems Ltd. (Phonetic) in February 2005, a deferred payment of $17.5 million was due and paid to the former shareholders of Phonetic on February 1, 2007. Under the agreement, the Company also agreed to make maximum additional payments of $35.0 million in contingent earnout purchase price upon achievement of certain established financial and performance targets through December 31, 2007, in accordance with the purchase agreement. The Company has notified the former shareholders of Phonetic that the financial and performance targets for the scheduled payments for calendar 2005 and 2006, totaling $24.0 million, were not achieved. The former shareholders of Phonetic have objected to this determination. The Company and the former shareholders of Phonetic are discussing this matter. The Company has not recorded any obligations relative to the calendar 2005 and 2006 measures as of December 31, 2007. The Company is currently evaluating the calculations relative to the calendar 2007 financial and performance targets, and has not recorded any obligations relative to these measures as of December 31, 2007.

In connection with the Company s acquisition of MVC on December 29, 2006, it agreed to make contingent earnout payments of up to 1.7 million shares of the Company s common stock upon the achievement of certain financial targets through December 31, 2008, in accordance with the purchase agreement. The company is currently evaluating the calculations relative to the calendar 2007 financial targets, and has not recorded any obligations relative to these measures as of December 31, 2007.

In connection with the Company s acquisition of BeVocal on April 24, 2007, it agreed to make payments pursuant to the earnout of up to $65.1 million upon the achievement of certain financial targets through December 31, 2007, in accordance with the merger agreement. The Company has accrued $49.8 million, based on the preliminary measurement of this amount as of December 31, 2007, of which $46.4 million would be payable in cash and

$3.4 million would be payable either as an adjustment to the exchange ratio of the assumed stock options, or a cash payment in lieu of such an adjustment, at the Company s option. $8.6 million of the earnout is being recorded to compensation expense over the period of service required under the merger agreement, and $41.2 million has been recorded as an increase to purchase price. These preliminary earnout payments are included in current liabilities as of December 31, 2007 and long-term liabilities as of September 30, 2007. The Company s final determination regarding the actual amount of the earnout payments will be made in October 2008. Following the determination in October, the Company will seek agreement on the determination with the shareholder representative and pay the amount shortly after agreement is reached.

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In connection with the Company s acquisition of Commissure on September 28, 2007, it agreed to make contingent earnout payments of up to $8.0 million upon the achievement of certain financial targets for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2008, 2009 and 2010. The Company has not recorded any obligation relative to these measures as of December 31, 2007. Payments, if any, may be made in the form of cash, or shares of the Company s common stock, at the sole discretion of the Company.

In connection with the Company s acquisition of Vocada on November 2, 2007, it agreed to make contingent earnout payments of up to $21.0 million upon the achievement of certain financial targets measured over defined periods through December 31, 2010. The Company has not recorded any obligation relative to these measures as of December 31, 2007. Payments, if any, may be made in the form of cash, or shares of the Company s common stock, at the sole discretion of the Company.

Escrow Arrangements

In connection with certain of the Company s acquisitions it has placed either cash or shares of its Common Stock in escrow to satisfy any claims the Company may have. The Company cannot make a determination, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the escrow will become payable to the former shareholders of these companies, and accordingly has not included the escrow as a component of the purchase price. Upon satisfaction of the contingency, the escrowed amounts will be recorded as additional purchase price and allocated to goodwill. The $35.8 million in cash escrows were paid to a third party agent at the consummation of the acquisition, and the amounts are included in other assets as of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2007.

The following table summarizes the terms of the escrow arrangements that are not finalized as of December 31, 2007 (dollars in thousands):

	Scheduled Escrow Release Date	Cash Payment	Share Payment Number of Shares
Focus	March 26, 2008	$ 5,800	n/a
BeVocal	July 24, 2008	n/a	1,225,490
VoiceSignal	August 24, 2008	30,000	n/a
Commissure	December 28, 2008	n/a	174,636
Vocada	January 2, 2009	n/a	56,205
Viecore	February 26, 2009	n/a	584,924
Total		$ 35,800	2,041,255

9. Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans

In connection with the acquisition of Dictaphone in 2006, the Company assumed the assets and obligations related to Dictaphone s defined benefit pension plans, which provide certain retirement and death benefits for former Dictaphone

employees located in the United Kingdom and Canada. These two pension plans are closed to new participants. The Company also assumed a post-retirement health care and life insurance benefit plan, which is closed to new participants and provides certain post-retirement health care and life insurance benefits, as well as a fixed subsidy for qualified former employees in the United States and Canada.

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The following table represents the components of the net periodic benefit cost associated with the respective plans for the three months ended December 31, 2007 and 2006:

	Pension Benefits		Other Benefits	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Service cost	$	$ 68	$	$ 26
Interest cost	333	294	10	19
Expected return on plan assets	(399)	(300)		
Amortization of unrecognized gain	(11)		(10)	
Amortization of prior service cost				
Net period benefit cost	$ (77)	$ 62	$	$ 45

10. Credit Facilities and Debt

The Company had the following borrowing obligations (in thousands):

	December 31, 2007	September 30, 2007
Expanded 2006 Credit Facility	$ 661,988	$ 663,663
2.75% Convertible Debentures (net of unamortized debt discount of $7.1 million and $7.4 million, respectively)	242,902	242,634
Obligations under capital leases	725	841
Other	122	213
Total long-term debt	905,737	907,351
Less: current portion	7,163	7,430
Non-current portion of long-term debt	$ 898,574	$ 899,921

2.75% Convertible Debentures

On August 13, 2007, the Company issued $250 million of 2.75% convertible senior debentures due in 2027 (the 2027 Debentures) in a private placement to Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Goldman, Sachs & Co. (the Initial Purchasers). Total proceeds, net of debt discount of $7.5 million and deferred debt issuance costs of $1.1 million, were $241.4 million. The 2027 Debentures bear an interest rate of 2.75% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears beginning on February 15, 2008, and mature on August 15, 2027 subject to the right of the holders of the 2027 Debentures to require the Company to redeem the 2027 Debentures on August 15, 2014, 2017 and 2022. The related

debt discount and debt issuance costs are being amortized to interest expense using the effective interest rate method through August 2014. As of December 31, 2007, the ending unamortized deferred debt issuance costs were $1.1 million and are included in other long-term assets in the Company s accompanying balance sheet. The 2027 Debentures are general senior unsecured obligations, ranking equally in right of payment to all of the Company s existing and future unsecured, unsubordinated indebtedness and senior in right of payment to any indebtedness that is contractually subordinated to the 2027 Debentures. The 2027 Debentures are effectively subordinated to the Company s secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness and are structurally subordinated to indebtedness and other liabilities of the Company s subsidiaries. If converted, the principal amount of the 2027 Debentures is payable in cash and any amounts payable in excess of the $250 million principal amount, will (based on an initial conversion rate, which represents an initial conversion price of $19.47 per share, subject to adjustment as defined) be paid in cash or shares of the Company s common stock, at the Company s election, only in the following circumstances and to the following extent: (i) on any date during any fiscal quarter beginning after September 30, 2007 (and only during such fiscal quarter) if the closing sale

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price of the Company s common stock was more than 120% of the then current conversion price for at least 20 trading days in the period of the 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the previous fiscal quarter; (ii) during the five consecutive business-day period following any five consecutive trading-day period in which the trading price for $1,000 principal amount of the Debentures for each day during such five trading-day period was less than 98% of the closing sale price of our common stock multiplied by the then current conversion rate; (iii) upon the occurrence of specified corporate transactions, as described in the indenture for the 2027 Debentures; and (iv) at the option of the holder at any time on or after February 15, 2027. Additionally, the Company may redeem the 2027 Debentures, in whole or in part, on or after August 20, 2014 at par plus accrued and unpaid interest; each holder shall have the right, at such holder s option, to require the Company to repurchase all or any portion of the 2027 Debentures held by such holder on August 15, 2014, August 15, 2017 and August 15, 2022. Upon conversion, the Company will pay cash and shares of its common stock (or, at its election, cash in lieu of some or all of such common stock), if any. If the Company undergoes a fundamental change (as described in the indenture for the 2027 Debentures) prior to maturity, holders will have the option to require the Company to repurchase all or any portion of their debentures for cash at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the debentures to be purchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest, including any additional interest to, but excluding, the repurchase date. As of December 31, 2007, no conversion triggers were met. If the conversion triggers were met, the Company could be required to repay all or some of the principal amount in cash prior to the maturity date.

Expanded 2006 Credit Facility

The Company has entered into a credit facility which consists of a $75 million revolving credit line including letters of credit, a $355 million term loan entered into on March 31, 2006, a $90 million term loan entered into on April 5, 2007 and a $225 million term loan entered into on August 24, 2007 (the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility). The term loans are due March 2013 and the revolving credit line is due March 2012. As of December 31, 2007, $662.0 million remained outstanding under the term loans, there were $17.2 million of letters of credit issued under the revolving credit line and there were no other outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit line.

The Expanded 2006 Credit Facility contains covenants, including, among other things, covenants that restrict the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to incur certain additional indebtedness, create or permit liens on assets, enter into sale-leaseback transactions, make loans or investments, sell assets, make certain acquisitions, pay dividends, or repurchase stock. The agreement also contains events of default, including failure to make payments of principal or interest, failure to observe covenants, breaches of representations and warranties, defaults under certain other material indebtedness, failure to satisfy material judgments, a change of control and certain insolvency events. As of December 31, 2007, the Company was in compliance with the covenants under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility.

Borrowings under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility bear interest at a rate equal to the applicable margin plus, at the Company s option, either (a) the base rate (which is the higher of the corporate base rate of UBS AG, Stamford Branch, or the federal funds rate plus 0.50% per annum) or (b) LIBOR (equal to (i) the British Bankers Association Interest Settlement Rates for deposits in U.S. dollars divided by (ii) one minus the statutory reserves applicable to such borrowing). The applicable margin for term loan borrowings under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility ranges from 0.75% to 1.50% per annum with respect to base rate borrowings and from 1.75% to 2.50% per annum with respect to LIBOR-based borrowings, depending on our leverage ratio. The applicable margin for revolving loan borrowings under the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility ranges from 0.50% to 1.25% per annum with respect to base rate borrowings and from 1.50% to 2.25% per annum with respect to LIBOR-based borrowings, depending upon the

Company s leverage ratio. As of December 31, 2007, the Company s applicable margin for the term loan was 1.50% for base rate borrowings and 2.50% for LIBOR-based borrowings. The Company is required to pay a commitment fee for unutilized commitments under the revolving credit facility at a rate ranging from 0.375% to 0.50% per annum, based upon the Company s leverage ratio. As of December 31, 2007, the commitment fee rate was 0.5% and the interest rate was 7.33%.

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The Company capitalized debt issuance costs related to the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility and is amortizing the costs to interest expense using the effective interest rate method through March 2012 for costs associated with the revolving credit facility and through March 2013 for costs associated with the term loan. As of December 31, 2007, the ending unamortized deferred financing fees were $11.8 million and are included in other assets in the Company s accompanying balance sheet.

The Expanded 2006 Credit Facility is subject to repayment in four equal quarterly installments of 1% per annum ($6.7 million per year, not including interest, which is also payable quarterly), and an annual excess cash flow sweep, as defined in the Expanded 2006 Credit Facility, which is payable beginning in the first quarter of each fiscal year, beginning in fiscal 2008, based on the excess cash flow generated in the previous fiscal year. No payment under the excess cash flow sweep provision was due in the first quarter of fiscal 2008 as there was no excess cash flow generated in fiscal 2007. The Company will continue to evaluate the extent to which a payment is due in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 based upon 2008 excess cash flow generation. At the current time, the Company is unable to predict the amount of the outstanding principal, if any, that it may be required to repay during the first quarter of fiscal 2009 pursuant to the excess cash flow sweep provisions. Any term loan borrowings not paid through the baseline repayment, the excess cash flow sweep, or any other mandatory or optional payments that the Company may make, will be repaid upon maturity. If only the baseline repayments are made, the annual aggregate principal amount of the term loans repaid would be as follows (in thousands):

Year Ending September 30,	**Amount**
2008 (January 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008)	$ 5,025
2009	6,700
2010	6,700
2011	6,700
2012	6,700
2013	630,163
Total	