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

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2013

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

For the transition period from to

Commission file number 001-33006

MERGE HEALTHCARE INCORPORATED

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 39–1600938 (I. R. S. Employer Identification No.)

200 East Randolph Street, 24th Floor Chicago, Illinois 60601-6436 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code) (312) 565-6868

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 x No o

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 x 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.

Large accelerated filer o

Accelerated filer x

Non-accelerated filer o

Smaller reporting company o

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b–2 of the Act). Yes o No x

The number of shares outstanding of the Registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, as of April 30, 2013: 93,466,114

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PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1.Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

MERGE HEALTHCARE INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except for share data)

ASSETS	March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents, including restricted cash of \$813 and \$813 at March 31,		
2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively	\$44,538	\$ 35,875
Accounts receivable, net of reserves of \$14,159 and \$14,074 at March 31, 2013 and		
December 31, 2012, respectively	72,615	72,065
Inventory	4,956	5,979
Prepaid expenses	6,196	4,972
Deferred income taxes	3,135	3,135
Other current assets	23,497	21,621
Total current assets	154,937	143,647
Property and equipment:		
Computer equipment	8,120	7,754
Office equipment	2,760	2,699
Leasehold improvements	1,287	1,287
	12,167	11,740
Less accumulated depreciation	7,472	6,776
Net property and equipment	4,695	4,964
Purchased and developed software, net of accumulated amortization of \$15,047 and		
\$13,884 at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively	17,824	19,007
Other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$27,425 and \$25,007 at		
March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively	33,189	35,628
Goodwill	214,269	214,312
Deferred income taxes	4,269	7,041
Other assets	11,716	12,254
Total assets	\$440,899	\$ 436,853
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$25,756	\$ 24,438
Interest payable	12,344	4,944
Accrued wages	5,929	5,881
Restructuring accrual	1,213	222
Other current liabilities	9,517	12,606
Deferred revenue	54,851	52,355
Total current liabilities	109,610	100,446
Notes payable, net of unamortized discount	250,228	250,046
Deferred income taxes	3,046	3,046
Deferred revenue	785	894
Income taxes payable	1,096	1,040

Other liabilities	3,156	3,920
Total liabilities	367,921	359,392
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value: 150,000,000 shares authorized: 93,398,840 shares and		
93,137,737 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012,		
respectively	934	931
Common stock subscribed, 149,341 shares and 158,395 shares at March 31, 2013 and		
December 31, 2012, respectively	914	934
Additional paid-in capital	579,830	577,774
Accumulated deficit	(510,670)	(504,195)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	1,538	1,567
Total Merge shareholders' equity	72,546	77,011
Noncontrolling interest	432	450
Total shareholders' equity	72,978	77,461
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$440,899	\$ 436,853

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

MERGE HEALTHCARE INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited) (in thousands, except for share and per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2013		2012
Net sales:			
Software and other	\$23,571	\$	22,757
Professional services	12,123		9,440
Maintenance and EDI	27,940		28,781
Total net sales	63,634		60,978
Cost of sales:			
Software and other	11,767		8,529
Professional services	6,525		5,892
Maintenance and EDI	8,089		8,683
Depreciation and amortization	1,810		1,879
Total cost of sales	28,191		24,983
Gross margin	35,443		35,995
Operating costs and expenses:			
Sales and marketing	10,366		10,924
Product research and development	8,525		7,592
General and administrative	7,119		8,637
Acquisition-related expenses	269		362
Restructuring and other expenses	1,229		-
Depreciation and amortization	2,653		2,807
Total operating costs and expenses	30,161		30,322
Operating income	5,282		5,673
Other income (expense):			
Interest expense	(8,222)	(8,167)
Interest income	173		127
Other, net	(711)	109
Total other expense	(8,760)	(7,931)
Loss before income taxes	(3,478)	(2,258)
Income tax expense (benefit)	3,015		(395)
Net loss	(6,493)	(1,863)
Less: noncontrolling interest's share	(18)	(21)
Net loss attributable to common shareholders of Merge	\$(6,475) \$	(1,842)
Net loss per share attributable to common shareholders of Merge - basic	\$(0.07) \$	(0.02)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding - basic	93,301,2	77	91,334,309
Net loss per share attributable to common shareholders of Merge - diluted	\$(0.07) \$	(0.02)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding - diluted	93,301,2	77	91,334,309

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MERGE HEALTHCARE INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) (Unaudited) (in thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2013	2012		
Net loss	\$(6,493) \$(1,863)	
Translation adjustment	18	85		
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable security, net of taxes	(47) 29		
Comprehensive loss	(6,522) (1,749)	
Less: noncontrolling interest's share	(18) (21)	
Comprehensive loss attributable to Merge	\$(6,504) \$(1,728)	

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MERGE HEALTHCARE INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except for share and per share data)

	Common Stock				Accumulated					
					Additional		Othor	Total Marga	Non	Total
	Shares S	ubscribe	d Shares	Issued	Additional Paid_in	Accumulated	Other	Merge	Non-	Total Imareholder
	Subscribed		Issued	Amount		Deficit	Income			Equity
Balance at					1			_1		_1)
December 31,										
2012	158,395	\$934	93,137,737	\$931	\$577,774	\$(504,195)	\$1,567	\$77,011	\$450	\$77,461
Stock issued										
under ESPP	(9,054)	(20)	36,103	1	84	-	-	65	-	65
Exercise of										
stock options	-	-	225,000	2	329	-	-	331	-	331
Share-based										
compensation										
expense	-	-	-	-	1,643	-	-	1,643	-	1,643
Net loss	-	-	-	-	-	(6,475)	-	(6,475) (18)	(6,493)
Other										
comprehensive										
income	-	-	-	-	-	-	(29)	(29) -	(29)
Balance at										
March 31, 2013	3 149,341	\$914	93,398,840	\$934	\$579,830	\$(510,670)	\$1,538	\$72,546	\$432	\$72,978

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(1)Net of restricted cash of \$813 and \$707 at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.(2)Net of restricted cash of \$813 and \$707 at March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Merge Healthcare Incorporated and Subsidiaries Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited and in thousands, except for share and per share data)

(1)Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for reporting on Form 10-Q. Accordingly, certain information and notes required by United States of America generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for annual financial statements are not included herein. These interim statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 of Merge Healthcare Incorporated, a Delaware corporation (Merge Healthcare), and its subsidiaries and affiliates (which we sometimes refer to collectively as Merge, we, us or our).

Principles of Consolidation

Our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments, which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of our financial position and results of operations. Such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature, unless otherwise noted. The results of operations in the three month periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for any future period.

Our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP. These accounting principles require us to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. We believe that the estimates, judgments and assumptions are reasonable based on information available at the time they are made. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

(2) Other Current Assets and Other Current Liabilities

Other current assets consist primarily of revenue recognized that has not yet been billed to a customer, an equity investment and other non-trade receivables, all of which are due within the next twelve months. The balances are comprised of the following as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012:

	_	Balance at Balan March 31, Decem 2013 20		
Revenue recognized in excess of billings, net of				
reserves of \$1,566 and \$1,763, respectively	\$	21,639	\$	18,812
Equity investment		1,575		2,016
Other non-trade receivables		283		793
	\$	23,497	\$	21,621

Other current liabilities consist primarily of customer deposits, the current portion of certain acquisition obligations, accrued taxes, lease line facility, leases payable and other non-trade payables, all of which are due within the next twelve months. The balances are comprised of the following as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012:

Balance at	Balance at
March 31,	December 31,

	2013	2012
Customer deposits	\$ 3,315	\$ 3,409
Acquisition obligation	2,755	2,815
Accrued taxes	1,189	998
Leases line facility	211	897
Leases payable	30	83
Other liabilities	2,017	4,404
	\$ 9,517	\$ 12,606

(3)Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Goodwill

The changes in carrying amount of goodwill in the three months ended March 31, 2013, are as follows:

			Merge			
	Total	Healthcare		e DNA		
Balance at December 31, 2012 \$	214,312	\$	194,115	\$	20,197	
Change due to foreign currency	(43)		-		(43)
Balance at March 31, 2013 \$	214,269	\$	194,115	\$	20,154	

Other Intangible Assets

Our intangible assets subject to amortization are summarized as of March 31, 2013 as follows:

	Weighted Average Remaining Amortization Period (Years)	Gro	oss Carrying Amount	cumulated nortization
Purchased software	4.4	\$	31,046	\$ 13,476
Capitalized software	1.7		1,824	1,571
Customer relationships	5.9		46,282	16,916
Backlog	1.3		9,680	8,696
Trade names	7.5		1,463	486
Non-competes	4.1		3,190	1,327
Total		\$	93,485	\$ 42,472

Estimated aggregate amortization expense for our intangible assets, which become fully amortized in 2022, is as follows:

For the remaining 9 months of the year ending:	2013 \$10,529
For the year ending December 31:	2014 12,260
	2015 9,746
	2016 7,701
	2017 5,519
	2018 3,283
	Thereafter 1,975
	Total \$51,013

Amortization expense in the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 is set forth in the following table:

	Three Months Ended March 31,						
	2013 201						
Amortization included in cost of sales:							
Purchased software	\$	1,126	\$	1,150			
Capitalized software		37		53			

Backlog	359	552
Total	1,522	1,755
Amortization included in operating expenses:		
Customer relationships	1,904	1,813
Trade names	40	62
Non-competes	115	115
Total	2,059	1,990
Total amortization	\$ 3,581	\$ 3,745

(4)Fair Value Measurements

Our financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, marketable and non-marketable securities, accounts payable, notes payable, and certain accrued liabilities. The carrying amounts of our cash and cash equivalents (which are comprised primarily of deposit and overnight sweep accounts), accounts receivable, accounts payable, and certain accrued liabilities approximate fair value due to the short maturity of these instruments. The carrying amounts of our marketable equity securities are based on the quoted price of the security in an active market. The estimated fair values of the non-marketable equity securities have been determined from information obtained from independent valuations and management estimates. The fair value of our notes payable was approximately 106.85% of par value as of March 31, 2013 and 107.88% of par value as of December 31, 2012, based on quoted prices of the securities in an active market.

Current Investment

At March 31, 2013, we held an equity security investment that is classified as a Level 2 trading security within other current assets in our condensed consolidated balance sheets. We estimate the fair value of this investment on a recurring basis based on the quoted market price of the security less a discount due to a trading restriction. At March 31, 2013, we estimated the fair value of this investment at \$1,575 and recorded an unrealized loss of \$441 within the other, net line in our statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2013.

Non-Current Investments

At March 31, 2013, we held certain securities in a publicly traded entity and private companies, which are classified within other assets in our condensed consolidated balance sheets. The investment in the publicly traded equity security, over which we do not exert significant influence, is classified as available-for-sale and reported at fair value on a recurring basis using Level 1 inputs. Unrealized gains and losses are reported within the accumulated other comprehensive income component of shareholders' equity. The investments in equity securities of private companies are classified as Level 3 investments and are reported at cost or equity. Any loss due to impairment in value is recorded as a realized loss when such loss occurs. We performed the evaluation of our Level 3 investments as of March 31, 2013, and recorded a realized loss of \$88 based on our proportionate share of the losses from the Level 3 investment that we account for under the equity method of accounting.

The following table sets forth the change in the fair value of our Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 investments for the periods indicated:

	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total	
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$ 56	\$	2,016	\$	553	\$	2,625	
Unrealized gain (loss)	(47)	(441)	-		(488)
Realized gain (loss)	-		-		(88)	(88)
Balance at March 31, 2013	\$ 9	\$	1,575	\$	465	\$	2,049	

Unrealized gains or losses on our available-for-sale (publicly traded) security, as well as foreign currency translation adjustments, are components of accumulated other comprehensive income as set forth in the following table:

	Ν	Iarch 31,	De	cember 31,
		2013		2012
Cumulative translation adjustment	\$	1,983	\$	1,965

Unrealized loss on available-for-sale security, net of				
tax	(445)	(398)
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	\$ 1,538	\$	1,567	

(5)Restructuring

In the three months ended March 31, 2013, we communicated the end of life of a specific product in one of our solution sets. This action was taken based upon a plan for better long term alternatives for our customers that would also result in a profitable structure for us. As a result, we incurred \$1,229 of employee termination costs, lease exit costs and other contract exit costs that were recorded in restructuring and other expenses in our statement of operations.

The following table sets forth the activity in the three months ended March 31, 2013, related to restructuring activities:

	E	mployee					
	Te	rmination	n Co	ntract Ex	it		
		Costs		Costs		Total	
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$	219	\$	3	\$	222	
Charges to expense		133		1,096		1,229	
Payments		(151)	(87)	(238)
Balance at March 31, 2013	\$	201	\$	1,012	\$	1,213	

See note 13, Segment Information for restructuring and other expenses by segment.

(6)Debt

In April 2010, we issued \$200,000 of Senior Secured Notes (Notes) at 97.266% of the principal amount, which bear interest at 11.75% of principal (payable on May 1st and November 1st of each year) with an initial maturity date of May 1, 2015. In June 2011, we issued an additional \$52,000 in Notes at 103.0% of the principal amount with terms identical to the existing Notes. In connection with the Notes, we incurred issuance costs of \$9,015 and \$1,528, respectively (which are recorded in other assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheets). These issuance costs are recorded as a long-term asset and amortized over the life of the Notes using the effective interest method.

In the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, we recorded \$8,139 and \$8,051, respectively, of interest expense related to the Notes, including \$554 and \$488, respectively, of amortization of debt issuance costs and \$182 and \$161, respectively, of amortization of net debt discount.

See note 16, Subsequent Event for further information on our debt refinancing in April 2013.

(7)Shareholders' Equity

In the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, we issued zero and 1,081,917 shares, respectively, of our common stock (including zero and 183,926 shares subscribed at March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively) valued at zero and \$5,636 as consideration for insignificant acquisitions. The value of the shares issued was based on the closing price of our common stock as of the acquisition date, discounted based upon a one-year trading restriction.

(8) Share-Based Compensation

The following table summarizes share-based compensation expense recognized during the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended March 31,					
		2013		2012		
Share-based compensation expense included in the						
statements of operations:						
Professional services cost of sales	\$	20	\$	22		
Maintenance and EDI cost of sales		9		46		
Sales and marketing		545		443		
Product research and development		130		28		
General and administrative		939		660		
Total	\$	1,643	\$	1,199		

Stock option activity in the three months ended March 31, 2013 is set forth in the following table:

	Number of
	Options
Options outstanding, December 31, 2012	12,172,452
Options granted	-
Options exercised	(225,000)
Options forfeited and expired	(212,870)
Options outstanding, March 31, 2013	11,734,582
Options exercisable, March 31, 2013	6,101,575

As of March 31, 2013, there was approximately \$13,612 of unrecognized compensation cost related to stock options that may be recognized in future periods.

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(9)Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation

On June 1, 2009, Merge Healthcare was sued in the Milwaukee County Circuit Court, State of Wisconsin, by William C. Mortimore and David M. Noshay with respect to the separation of Mortimore's and Noshay's employment and our subsequent refusal to indemnify them with respect to litigation related to their services as officers of Merge. The plaintiffs allege that we breached their employment agreements, unreasonably refused their requests for indemnification and breached other covenants of good faith and fair dealing. The plaintiffs seek indemnification and unspecified monetary damages. Discovery in this case is on-going. On April 6, 2011, the Milwaukee County Circuit Court rendered a decision in which it concluded that Merge and Mortimore had entered into an oral employment contract on or about June 15, 2006, but the Court did not make any decision as to damages, which damages would be addressed in a later phase of the litigation. On May 9, 2011, Merge appealed the Circuit Court's decision. On September 18, 2012, the Appellate Court issued its decision reversing the trial court and determined that Mortimore must arbitrate his disputes with Merge. We have retained litigation counsel, intend to continue to defend this action vigorously and have filed a counterclaim for fraud, among other claims, against both Mortimore and Noshay. We believe it is reasonably possible that we may incur a loss with respect to this matter; however, at this stage of the proceedings, it is not possible for management to reasonably estimate the amount of any potential loss.

In January and February 2010, purported stockholder class action complaints were filed in the Superior Court of Suffolk County, Massachusetts in connection with AMICAS Inc.'s (AMICAS) proposed acquisition by a third party. In March 2010, because AMICAS had terminated the merger agreement with that third party and agreed to be acquired by Merge, the Court dismissed the plaintiffs' claims as moot. Subsequently, plaintiffs' counsel filed an application for approximately \$5,000 of attorneys' fees. AMICAS opposed the fee petition, tendered the defense to its insurers that provided coverage against such claims and retained litigation counsel to defend the matter. On December 4, 2010, the Massachusetts court awarded plaintiffs approximately \$3,200 in attorneys' fees and costs. AMICAS appealed this judgment to the Massachusetts Court of Appeals. After receipt of the Massachusetts court's attorneys' fee award decision, AMICAS's insurer denied policy coverage for approximately \$2,500 of the fee award and filed a declaratory judgment action to that effect against AMICAS and Merge in Federal court for the Northern District of Illinois. We contested the insurer's denial of coverage, asserted our rights under the applicable insurance policies and filed a counterclaim against the insurer seeking full payment of the Massachusetts court's fee award, plus additional damages. On April 30, 2012, the Illinois Federal court ruled in favor of our motion for summary judgment, which decision was appealed by the insurer to the United States Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. That appeal, which has been briefed and argued by the parties, is pending. In late February, 2013, the insurer settled the Massachusetts court case by agreeing to pay \$2,990 to plaintiffs' counsel and further agreeing not to pursue AMICAS or Merge for any portion of the amount paid. We believe that the Massachusetts settlement has rendered moot the Seventh Circuit appeal, except for the insurer's claim to reimbursement for a portion of the fees it advanced in the Massachusetts appeal, which we believe is less than \$150 and with respect to Merge's claims for additional damages from the insurer. As a result of the Massachusetts settlement, we recognized a gain of \$2,500 within general and administrative in our statement of operations with respect to these matters in the first quarter of 2013 based on the February 27, 2013 appellate court dismissal date.

In August 2010, Merge Healthcare was sued in the Northern District of Texas by the Court-appointed receiver for Stanford International Bank, Ltd. The receiver alleges that Merge was a recipient of a fraudulent conveyance as a result of a Ponzi scheme orchestrated by Robert Stanford and Stanford International Bank, Ltd. (SIBL). Merge is not alleged to have participated in the Ponzi scheme. The receiver's claims arise from the failed acquisition of Emageon, Inc. (Emageon) by Health Systems Solutions, Inc. (HSS), an affiliate of SIBL, in February 2009, which resulted in the payment of a \$9,000 break-up fee by HSS, which payment is alleged to have been financed by SIBL. Merge subsequently acquired Emageon as part of our AMICAS acquisition. The complaint seeks to recover the \$9,000

payment to Emageon, plus interest, costs, and attorneys' fees. We have retained litigation counsel and intend to vigorously defend this action. We have filed a motion to dismiss the complaint. That motion has been fully briefed, and we are awaiting a decision from the Court. We believe it is reasonably possible that we may incur a loss with respect to this matter. The potential loss may lie in a range from zero to the full amount claimed, plus interest.

In September 2012, Merge Healthcare was sued in the Middle District of North Carolina by Heart Imaging Technologies, LLC (HIT). HIT alleges that certain features of products within our Image Interoperability Platform that collectively are expected to represent less than 5% of our net sales during 2013 infringe three of HIT's patents related to internet-based image viewing. The complaint seeks equitable relief and damages for patent infringement. We have retained litigation counsel and intend to vigorously defend this action. HIT has filed a Motion for a Temporary Injunction that, if granted, would prohibit Merge from selling the applicable products. The parties have completed briefing on the Motion, which is not expected to be decided for several months. We believe it is reasonably possible that we may incur a loss with respect to this matter; however, at this stage of the proceedings, it is not possible for management to reasonably estimate the amount of any potential loss.

In addition to the matters discussed above, we are involved in various legal matters that are in the process of litigation or settled in the ordinary course of business. Although the final results of all such matters and claims cannot be predicted with certainty, we believe that the ultimate resolution of all such matters and claims will not have a material adverse effect on Merge's financial condition. Professional legal fees are expensed when incurred. We accrue for contingent losses when such losses are probable and reasonably estimable. In the event that estimates or assumptions prove to differ from actual results, adjustments are made in subsequent periods to reflect more current information. Should we fail to prevail in any legal matter or should several legal matters be resolved against us in the same reporting period, such matters could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and cash flows for that particular period.

Guarantees

We assumed a guarantee to a lender on behalf of a customer. At March 31, 2013, the balance outstanding on the loan was approximately \$156.

(10)Transactions with Related Party

Merrick RIS, LLC (Merrick) and its affiliates, including Merrick Ventures, LLC (Merrick Ventures), beneficially own, as of March 31, 2013, approximately 29% of our outstanding common stock. Michael W. Ferro, Jr., our Chairman of the Board, and trusts for the benefit of Mr. Ferro's family members beneficially own a majority of the equity interest in Merrick. Mr. Ferro also serves as the chairman and chief executive officer of Merrick Ventures. Accordingly, Mr. Ferro indirectly owns or controls all of the shares of our common stock owned by Merrick and Merrick Ventures. Due to its stock ownership, Merrick has significant influence over our business, including the election of our directors.

Effective January 1, 2009, we entered into a consulting agreement with Merrick. Services provided by Merrick under the consulting agreement include financial analysis and strategic planning. Effective January 1, 2010, we entered into an amendment to extend the term of the consulting agreement with Merrick through December 31, 2011, and modified the payment terms from a flat fee arrangement per quarter to a per transaction or success based arrangement. On February 24, 2012, we entered into a second amendment, effective January 3, 2012, to extend the term of the consulting agreement with Merrick through December 31, 2013, and modified the fee structure to include a quarterly retainer in the amount of \$150. This is in addition to the per transaction or success based arrangement that exists. Further, the second amendment includes a modification of the success payment in the event of a sale, by including a payment of 2% of the total consideration received if the total consideration is greater than \$1 billion (the agreement still allows for a 1% success fee if under \$1 billion). We paid \$150 and \$282 to Merrick for such services and recognized \$177 and \$427 in acquisition related and general and administrative expenses in the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. As of March 31, 2013 and 2012, we had \$27 and \$277, respectively, recorded in accounts payable covering obligations under this agreement.

Merrick Ventures owns over 70% of the outstanding equity interest of an entity called higi llc (higi). Mr. Ferro is higi's Chairperson and Founder. In December 2011, we entered into a master services agreement with higi, pursuant to which we agreed to provide higi with certain professional services, including software engineering design, application and web portal development. Revenue of zero and \$155 was recognized under this Agreement in the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. In addition, the agreement granted higi certain branding rights related to our health station business and requires higi to pay to us a fixed annual fee of one hundred dollars per station for each station that is branded with higi's trademark and that includes higi's user interface. The agreement has an initial term of one year with continuing renewal rights and is subject to termination on 120 days advance notice from us. On March 28, 2012, we entered into an agreement to sell to higi health stations and related equipment for \$2,750. Revenue of \$358 was recognized in the first quarter of 2012 related to this Agreement.

On February 24, 2012, we entered into an Assignment Agreement with Merrick Ventures under which Merge will sublease from Merrick approximately 4,700 square feet located at 200 E. Randolph Street, 22nd floor, Chicago, IL at an annual rental of \$78, terminating on December 13, 2013. The rent will be paid to Merrick monthly and is exactly the same rate as Merrick currently pays under its lease. Under the Assignment, Merge will also pay approximately \$70 (which represents the book value) for all fixtures, leasehold improvements and furniture located in the space.

(11)Income Taxes

We are subject to tax in multiple jurisdictions and record income tax expense on an interim basis using an estimated annual effective tax rate. The estimated annual effective tax rate is modified to exclude the effect of losses for those jurisdictions where the tax benefit cannot be recognized and a separate estimated annual tax rate is required. Items discrete to a specific quarter are reflected in tax expense for that period. A valuation allowance is established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount more likely than not to be realized. Further limitations may apply to deferred tax assets if certain ownership changes occur. There was no material change in unrecognized tax benefits in the three months ended March 31, 2013. We do not expect a significant change in unrecognized tax benefits within the next twelve months.

(12)Earnings Per Share Available to Common Shareholders

Basic and diluted net earnings or loss per share are computed by dividing earnings or loss available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding. The computation of earnings or loss available to common shareholders is presented in our condensed consolidated statements of operations. Diluted earnings per share includes the dilution that could occur based on outstanding restricted stock awards and the potential exercise of stock options, except for stock options with an exercise price of more than the average market price of our common stock, as such exercise would be anti-dilutive.

In the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, options to purchase 6,984,582 and 3,298,776 shares of our common stock, respectively, had exercise prices greater than the average market price of our common stock, and, therefore, are not considered in the above calculations of diluted net loss per share.

As a result of the losses in the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, incremental shares from the assumed exercise of employee stock options totaling 4,750,000 and 8,546,709 shares, respectively, have been excluded from the calculation of diluted loss per share as their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive.

(13)Segment Information

We have two operating groups which constitute reportable operating segments. Merge Healthcare, which represents about 84% of our total revenues, markets, sells and implements interoperability, imaging and clinical solutions to healthcare providers. Merge DNA (Data and Analytics), representing 16% of our revenues, focuses on the emergence of consumerism in healthcare, including health stations, clinical trials software and other consumer-focused solutions.

We evaluate the performance of these operating groups based on their respective revenues and operating income, which exclude public company costs, certain corporate costs (amortization expense that is not specific to a segment), net interest expense and income taxes.

The following tables present operating group financial information for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2013							
	Н		DNA		Total			
Net sales:								
Software and other	\$	17,825	\$	5,746		\$	23,571	
Professional Services		8,055		4,068			12,123	
Maintenance and EDI		27,358		582			27,940	
Total net sales	\$	53,238	\$	10,396		\$	63,634	
Expenses		44,151		10,564			54,715	
Segment income (loss)	\$	9,087	\$	(168)		8,919	
Net corporate/other expenses (1)							12,397	
Loss before income taxes						\$	(3,478)

	Three Months Ended March										
	Н	lealthcare		DNA		Total					
Net sales:											
Software and other	\$	19,100	\$	3,657	\$	22,757					
Professional Services		5,899		3,541		9,440					
Maintenance and EDI		28,316		465		28,781					
Total net sales	\$	53,315	\$	7,663	\$	60,978					
Expenses		44,129		7,058		51,187					
Segment income (loss)	\$	9,186	\$	605		9,791					
Net corporate/other expenses (1)						12,049					
Loss before income taxes					\$	(2,258)					

(1) Net corporate/other expenses include public company costs, corporate administration expenses, amortization expense which is not attributable to business segments, acquisition-related expenses and net interest expense.

	H	Iealthcare	DNA	C	orporate/ Other	Co	onsolidated
Depreciation and amortization							
Three Months Ended March 31, 2013	\$	3,401	\$ 1,046	\$	16	\$	4,463
Restructuring and Other One Time Charges							
Three Months Ended March 31, 2013	\$	1,229	\$ -	\$	-	\$	1,229
		, -					, -
Assets as of March 31, 2013	\$	412,913	\$ 39,588	\$	(11,602)\$	440,899
				C	orporate/		
	H	Iealthcare	DNA	C	Other	Co	nsolidated
Depreciation and amortization							
Three Months Ended March 31, 2012	\$	3,831	\$ 844	\$	11	\$	4,686
Restructuring and Other One Time							

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Three Months Ended March 31, 2012	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-				
Assets as of December 31, 2012	\$	412,841	\$	33,207	\$	(9,195)\$	436,853				

(14)Guarantor Subsidiaries

The obligations under the Notes were fully and unconditionally guaranteed (except for certain release provisions including any sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of that guarantor, any sale or other disposition of the capital stock of that guarantor, if we designate any restricted subsidiary that is a guarantor to be an unrestricted subsidiary and upon legal defeasance of satisfaction and discharge of the indenture, which are considered customary), jointly and severally, by all of our current and future 100% owned domestic restricted subsidiaries (Guarantors). No other subsidiaries guaranteed the Notes. The Notes and guarantees were secured by a first-priority lien on certain collateral which comprises substantially all of the Parent and Guarantors' tangible and intangible assets, subject to certain exceptions. The following tables present the balance sheets, statements of operations and statements of cash flows of the Parent, Guarantor and Non-Guarantor entities along with the eliminations necessary to arrive at the information on a consolidated basis.

General corporate expenses, including public company costs, certain amortization, corporate administration costs, acquisition-related expenses and net interest expense are included in the results of the Parent.

See note 16, Subsequent Event for further information on our debt refinancing in April 2013.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS Current assets:	Parent	Guarantors	March 31, 2013 Non-Guarantors		Consolidated
Cash and cash equivalents (including					
restricted cash)	\$1,020	\$38,040	\$ 5,478	\$ -	\$ 44,538
Accounts receivable, net	-	64,626	7,989	-	72,615
Intercompany receivables	1,151	40,585	799	(42,535)) –
Other current assets	2,671	31,386	3,727	-	37,784
Total current assets	4,842	174,637	17,993	(42,535)	154,937
Net property and equipment	113	3,958	624	-	4,695
Purchased and developed software, net	-	17,359	465	-	17,824
Other intangible assets, net	-	32,623	566	-	33,189
Goodwill	-	212,908	1,361	-	214,269
Investment in and advances to subsidiaries	350,642	2,475	-	(353,117)) –
Other assets	5,556	3,544	6,885	-	15,985
Total assets	\$361,153	\$447,504	\$ 27,894	\$ (395,652)	\$ 440,899
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS'					
EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$1,241	\$23,389	\$ 1,126	\$ -	\$ 25,756
Deferred revenue	-	52,990	1,861	-	54,851
Intercompany payables	22,175	10,738	9,682	(42,595)	
Other accrued liabilities	11,784	15,982	1,237	-	29,003
Total current liabilities	35,200	103,099	13,906	(42,595)	109,610
Notes payable	250,228	-	-	-	250,228
Other long-term liabilities	2,747	4,735	601	-	8,083
Total liabilities	288,175	107,834	14,507	(42,595)	367,921
Total shareholders' equity	72,978	339,670	13,387	(353,057)	72,978
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$361,153	\$447,504	\$ 27,894	\$ (395,652)	\$ 440,899

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

	December 31, 2012										
	Parent	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated						
ASSETS											
Current assets:											
Cash and cash equivalents (including											
restricted cash)	\$862	\$32,012	\$ 3,001	\$ -	\$ 35,875						
Accounts receivable, net	-	61,871	10,194	-	72,065						
Intercompany receivables	1,142	48,418	799	(50,359)	-						
Other current assets	2,668	29,337	3,702	-	35,707						
Total current assets	4,672	171,638	17,696	(50,359)	143,647						
Net property and equipment	130	4,187	648	-	4,964						
Purchased and developed software, net	-	18,508	499	-	19,007						
Other intangible assets, net	-	35,025	603	-	35,628						
Goodwill	-	212,908	1,404	-	214,312						
Investment in and advances to subsidiaries	345,364	(868) –	(344,496)	-						
Other assets	5,957	5,745	7,593	-	19,295						
Total assets	\$356,123	\$447,143	\$ 28,443	\$ (394,855)	\$ 436,853						
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS'											
EQUITY											
Current liabilities:											
Accounts payable	\$1,509	\$21,839	\$ 1,090	\$ -	\$ 24,438						
Deferred revenue	-	50,716	1,639	-	52,355						
Intercompany payables	20,008	13,369	17,037	(50,414)	-						
Other accrued liabilities	4,352	18,168	1,133	-	23,653						
Total current liabilities	25,869	104,092	20,899	(50,414)	100,446						
Notes payable	250,046	-	_	-	250,046						
Other long-term liabilities	2,747	5,518	635	-	8,900						
Total liabilities	278,662	109,610	21,534	(50,414)	359,392						
Total shareholders' equity	77,461	337,533	6,909	(344,441)	77,461						
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$356,123	\$447,143	\$ 28,443	\$ (394,855)	\$ 436,853						

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

			Three	Mor	ths Ended M	arc	h 31, 2013			
	Parent		Guaranto	r l	Non-Guaranto	or	Eliminations	s C	Consolidat	ed
Net sales	\$-		\$59,022		\$ 4,612		\$ -	\$	63,634	
Cost of sales	-		27,568		623		-		28,191	
Gross margin	-		31,454		3,989		-		35,443	
Selling, research and development, general										
and administrative expenses	2,561		24,934		(1,485)	-		26,010	
Acquisition-related expenses	269		-		-		-		269	
Restructuring and other expenses	-		1,228		1				1,229	
Depreciation and amortization	17		2,577		59		-		2,653	
Total operating costs and expenses	2,847		28,739		(1,425)	-		30,161	
Operating income (loss)	(2,847)	2,715		5,414		-		5,282	
Equity in net income of subsidiaries	4,971		(525)	-		(4,446)	-	
Other, net	(8,617)	(30)	(113)	-		(8,760)
Other income (expense)	(3,646)	(555)	(113)	(4,446)	(8,760)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(6,493)	2,160		5,301		(4,446)	(3,478)
Income tax expense	-		2,355		660		-		3,015	
Net income (loss)	\$(6,493)	\$(195)	\$ 4,641		\$ (4,446) \$	(6,493)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

			Three	Mo	nths Ended	Mar	ch 31, 2012	2		
	Parent		Guaranto	or	Non-Guara	ntor	Eliminatio	ons	Consolida	ted
Net sales	\$-		\$56,698		\$ 4,280		\$ -		\$ 60,978	
Cost of sales	-		23,826		1,157		-		24,983	
Gross margin	-		32,872		3,123		-		35,995	
Selling, research and development, general										
and administrative expenses	976		23,056		3,121		-		27,153	
Acquisition-related expenses	362		-		-		-		362	
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	11		2,740		56		-		2,807	
Total operating costs and expenses	1,349		25,796		3,177		-		30,322	
Operating income (loss)	(1,349)	7,076		(54)	-		5,673	
Equity in net income of subsidiaries	7,572		(472)	-		(7,100)	-	
Other, net	(8,054)	59		64		-		(7,931)
Other income (expense)	(482)	(413)	64		(7,100)	(7,931)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(1,831)	6,663		10		(7,100)	(2,258)
Income tax expense (benefit)	32		(621)	194		-		(395)
Net income (loss)	\$(1,863)	\$7,284		\$ (184)	\$ (7,100)	\$ (1,863)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Cash flows from operating		Parent		C	Three Suarantor			hs Ended March 31, 2013 Non-Guarantor Eliminations						Consolidated			
activities: Net income (loss)	\$	(6,493)	\$	(195)	\$	4,641		\$	(4,446)	\$	(6,493			
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash	φ	(0,493)	φ	(195)	φ	4,041		φ	(4,440)	φ	(0,493)		
provided by (used in) operating activities:																	
Depreciation and amortization		16			4,368			79			_			4,463			
Share-based compensation		866			736			41			-			1,643			
Amortization of notes payable														,			
issuance costs & discount		736			-			-			-			736			
Provision for doubtful																	
accounts receivable and																	
allowances, net of recoveries		-			150			(65)		-			85			
Deferred income taxes		-			2,111			661			-			2,772			
Unrealized loss on equity		4.4.1												4 4 1			
security		441			-			-			-			441			
Net change in assets and liabilities (net of effects of																	
acquisitions)		6,552			(4,119)		2,607			_			5,040			
Net cash provided by (used in)		0,332			(-,11))		2,007						5,010			
operating activities		2,118			3,051			7,964			(4,446)		8,687			
Cash flows from investing		,			,												
activities:																	
Purchases of property,																	
equipment, and leasehold																	
improvements		-			(373)		(20)		-			(393)		
Cash paid for acquisitions, net					(500			(500	、 、		1 000						
of cash acquired		-			(500)		(500)		1,000			-			
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities					(873)		(520)		1,000			(393)		
Cash flows from financing		-			(875)		(520)		1,000			(393)		
activities:																	
Intercompany advances		500			-			500			(1,000)		-			
Proceeds from exercise of												,					
stock options and employee																	
stock purchase plan		64			332			-			-			396			
Principal payments on notes																	
payable		-			-			(5)		-			(5)		
Principal payments on capital					(102									(102			
leases		-			(103)		-			-			(103)		
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		564			229			495			(1,000)		288			
Effect of exchange rates on		304			229			473			(1,000)		200			
cash and cash equivalents		-			_			81			_			81			
cash and cash equivalents								51						51			

Net increase (decrease) in											
cash and cash equivalents		2,682		2,407		8,020		(4,446)	8,663	
Cash and cash equivalents (net											
of restricted cash), beginning											
of period		212		31,849		3,001		-		35,062	(1)
Cash and cash equivalents (net											
of restricted cash), end of											
period	\$	2,894	\$	34,256	\$	11,021	\$	(4,446)	\$ 43,725	(2)
((1) N	let of restr	icted ca	ash of \$81.	3 at De	cember 31	, 2012.				

(2)Net of restricted cash of \$813 at March 31, 2013.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Cash flows from operating	Parent		C	Three a starter the starter of the s		Ended M -Guaran		2012 minatior	18	Co	nsolidate	ed
activities:												
Net income (loss)	\$ (1,863)	\$	7,284		\$ (184)	\$ (7,100)	\$	(1,863)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:												
Depreciation, amortization and				4 505		0.0					1.606	
impairment	11 563			4,587		88 31		-			4,686	
Share-based compensation Change in contingent	303			605		31		-			1,199	
consideration for acquisitions	_			(297)	_		_			(297)
Amortization of notes payable				(_> /)						(_> /)
issuance costs and discount	649			-		-		-			649	
Provision for doubtful												
accounts receivable and sales				40.0							7 0 (
returns, net of recoveries	-			493	`	31		-			524	``
Deferred income taxes Net change in assets and	-			(307)	212		-			(95)
liabilities (net of effects of												
acquisitions)	(4,141)		(5,865)	274		7,100			(2,632)
Net cash provided by (used in)	()	/		(-)	/			- ,			()	,
operating activities	(4,781)		6,500		452		-			2,171	
Cash flows from investing												
activities:												
Acquisitions, net of cash				(500	`						(500	`
acquired Purchases of property,	-			(500)	-		-			(500)
equipment, and leasehold												
improvements	(62)		(1,487)	(194)	_			(1,743)
Intercompany advances	2,470	/		(198)	(2,470)	198			-	,
Net cash provided by (used in)												
investing activities	2,408			(2,185)	(2,664)	198			(2,243)
Cash flows from financing												
activities:						100		(100	>			
Intercompany advances Proceeds from exercise of	-			-		198		(198)		-	
stock options and employee												
stock purchase plan	745			_		_		_			745	
Principal payments on notes												
payables	-			-		(27)	-			(27)
Principal payments on capital												
leases	-			(41)	-		-			(41)
Net cash provided by (used in)	745			(41		171		(100			(77	
financing activities	745			(41)	171		(198)		677	

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Effect of exchange rates on								
cash and cash equivalents	-	-	(12)	-		(12)
Net increase (decrease) in cash								
and cash equivalents	(1,628)	4,274	(2,053)	-		593	
Cash and cash equivalents (net								
of restricted cash), beginning								
of period	4,907	27,840	5,818		-		38,565	(1)
Cash and cash equivalents (net								
of restricted cash), end of								
period	\$ 3,279	\$ 32,114	\$ 3,765		\$ -	\$	39,158	(2)

(1)Net of restricted cash of \$707 at December 31, 2011(2)Net of restricted cash of \$707 at March 31, 2012

(15)Recent Accounting Pronouncements

We describe below recent pronouncements that have had or may have a significant effect on our financial statements or on our disclosures. We do not discuss recent pronouncements that are not anticipated to have an impact on or are unrelated to our financial condition, results of operations, or related disclosures.

In July 2012, the FASB issued ASU No. 2012-02, Intangibles — Goodwill and Other — Testing Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets for Impairment, to establish an optional two-step analysis for impairment testing of indefinite-lived intangibles other than goodwill. The two-step analysis establishes an optional qualitative assessment to precede the quantitative assessment, if necessary. In the qualitative assessment, the entity must evaluate the totality of qualitative factors, including any recent fair value measurements, that impact whether an indefinite-lived intangible asset other than goodwill has a carrying amount that more likely than not exceeds its fair value. The entity must proceed to conducting a quantitative analysis, according to which the entity would record an impairment charge for the amount of the asset's fair value exceeding the carrying amount, if (1) the entity determines that such impairment is more likely than not to exist, or (2) the entity foregoes the qualitative assessment entirely. The standards update will be effective for financial statements of periods beginning after September 15, 2012, with early adoption permitted. The adoption of ASU No. 2012-02 did not have a material impact on our statement of operations, financial position, or cash flows.

(16)Subsequent Event

On April 23, 2013, we announced the completion of our debt refinancing including new senior secured credit facilities of a six-year term loan (the "Term Loan") of \$255,000 issued at 99% of the Term Loan amount and a five-year revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Credit Facility") of up to \$20,000. The senior secured credit facilities have been established pursuant to a Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") which contains limited operating covenants other than certain debt-to-adjusted-EBITDA ratios. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement bear interest at a floating rate which can be, at the Company's option, either (i) a LIBOR borrowing rate for a specified interest period plus an applicable margin or, (ii) an alternative base rate plus an applicable margin, subject to a LIBOR rate floor of 1.25% or a base rate floor of 2.25%, as applicable. The applicable margin for borrowings under the Credit Agreement is 4.75% per annum for LIBOR loans and 3.75% per annum for base rate loans. If an event of default occurs under the Credit Agreement, the applicable interest rate will increase by 2.00% per annum during the continuance of such event of default.

Merge also announced the early settlement of its cash tender offer (the "Tender Offer") for the Notes due 2015 (the "Notes"). On April 15, 2013, holders of approximately 99.36% of the \$252,000 aggregate principal amount of the Notes had validly tendered and consented to the proposed amendments to the Note indenture. On April 23, 2013, Merge accepted all such Notes for payment, and the tendering Noteholders received \$1,066.96 per \$1,000 in principal amount of Notes, including a consent payment of \$30.00 per \$1,000 principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. On April 23, 2013, Merge also issued a redemption notice to redeem, on May 1, 2013, all of the \$1,614 aggregate principal amount of Notes that remain outstanding after the Tender Offer, at a redemption price of \$1,058.75 per \$1,000 principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

We used available cash of \$34,300 and the Term Loan proceeds to fund the Tender Offer and the Note redemption and to pay related fees and expenses due at the time of closing. Further, we expect to make additional transaction expense payments in the second quarter totaling no more than \$1,500. Going forward, Merge may use the Revolving Credit Facility for working capital and other general corporate purposes.

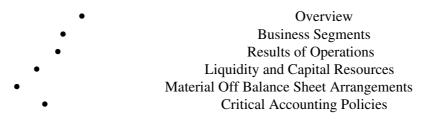
As of March 31, 2013, we capitalized \$154 of debt issuance costs for the debt refinancing in other assets in our consolidated balance sheet.

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

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

The discussion below contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. We have used words such as "believes," "intends," "anticipates," "expects" and similar expressions to identify forward-looking statements. These statements are based on information currently available to us and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that may cause our actual results of operations, financial condition, cash flows, performance, business prospects and opportunities and the timing of certain events to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, without limitation, those matters discussed in Item 1A of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. Except as expressly required by the federal securities laws, we undertake no obligation to update such factors or to publicly announce the results of any of the forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect future events, developments, or changed circumstances, or for any other reason. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto appearing in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and Item 1A, "Risk Factors" for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Management's Discussion and Analysis is presented in the following order:



Overview

We develop software solutions that facilitate the sharing of images to create a more effective and efficient electronic healthcare experience for patients and physicians. Our solutions are designed to help solve some of the most difficult challenges in health information exchange today, such as the incorporation of medical images and diagnostic information into broader healthcare IT applications, the interoperability of proprietary software solutions, the profitability of outpatient imaging practices and the ability to improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of our customers' businesses. Our ability to innovate has driven consistent expansion of solutions and services and entry into new markets.

Our solutions optimize processes for healthcare providers ranging in size from single provider practices to large health systems, to the sponsors of clinical trials and medical device manufacturers. These solutions are licensed by more than 1,500 hospitals, 6,000 clinics and labs, 250 medical device manufacturers and by top pharmaceutical companies world-wide. We believe that we have an opportunity to grow revenue by expanding our solution footprint with existing customers, as only a small percent currently have more than one of our enterprise solutions.

We have two operating groups which constitute reportable operating segments. Merge Healthcare, which represents about 84% of our total revenues, markets, sells and implements interoperability, imaging and clinical solutions to healthcare providers. Merge DNA (Data and Analytics), representing 16% of our revenues, focuses on the emergence of consumerism in healthcare, including health stations, clinical trials software and other consumer-focused solutions.

Merge Healthcare primarily generates revenue from the sale of software (including upgrades), hardware, professional services, maintenance and electronic data interchange (EDI) services. Today, the majority of total revenue is generated through perpetual license agreements with our customers. Merge DNA derives the vast majority of its revenue from software, professional services and hosting through subscription arrangements. Under perpetual license agreements, the software, hardware and professional services are considered to be sources of non-recurring revenue and related backlog. The fourth quarter is typically the strongest booking quarter for Merge, along with the rest of the healthcare IT industry, while in the first quarter customers focus on implementation of their purchased solutions. As a result, non-recurring backlog is expected to decline in the first quarter compared to the year-end balance. The first quarter of 2012 was an anomaly to this trend given that in 2011 and early 2012 Merge was in the process of building out its sales force. The backlog of non-recurring revenue was \$23.8 million and \$32.8 million as of March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. We also generate revenue through subscription-based pricing arrangements in which the contract elements are payable by our customers over a number of years. Generally, these contracts will include a minimum image volume and/or dollar commitment. As such, revenue from these transactions is recognized ratably over an extended period of time. Subscription arrangements also include contracts structured with monthly payments (including leases), long-term clinical trials or renewable annual software contracts (with very high renewal rates). As of March 31, 2013 subscription revenue backlog was \$52.8 million, compared to \$30.4 million at March 31, 2012. This significant increase is the result of the continued success of our strategic plan to continue to move to the subscription model. Due to the variability in timing and length of maintenance renewals, we do not track backlog for maintenance and EDI.

Business Segments

The following tables provide operating group information for our two reportable operating segments, Merge Healthcare and Merge DNA, for the periods indicated, based on GAAP reported information (all amounts are in thousands, except percentages):

Three Months Ended March											
Merge Healthcare Segment	31,							Change			
		2013			2012	\$		%			
Net sales:											
Software and other	\$	17,825		\$	19,100	\$	(1,275)	-6.7	%	
Professional Services		8,055			5,899		2,156		36.5	%	
Maintenance and EDI		27,358			28,316		(958)	-3.4	%	
Total net sales		53,238			53,315		(77)	-0.1	%	
Expenses		44,151			44,129		22		0.0	%	
Segment income	\$	9,087		\$	9,186	\$	(99)	-1.1	%	
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Merge DNA Segment			nths E 31,			•		Change			
с с	Т 20			nde 20		\$		Change %			
Merge DNA Segment Net sales:		13				\$		U			
с с						\$ \$	2,089	U	57.1	%	
Net sales:	20	13		20	12		2,089 527	U		% %	
Net sales: Software and other	20	13 5,746		20	12 3,657			U	57.1		
Net sales: Software and other Professional Services	20	13 5,746 4,068		20	12 3,657 3,541		527	U	57.1 14.9	%	
Net sales: Software and other Professional Services Maintenance and EDI	20	13 5,746 4,068 582		20	12 3,657 3,541 465		527 117	U	57.1 14.9 25.2	% %	

The following tables provide GAAP sales generated by non-recurring, subscription and maintenance and EDI revenue sources by segment for the periods indicated and non-recurring and subscription backlog as of March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively (all amounts are in thousands, except percentages):

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2013												
	Healthcare				DNA					Total			
Revenue													
Source	\$		%		\$		%)		\$		%	
Maintenance													
& EDI	\$	27,358	51.4	%	\$	582		5.6	%	\$	27,940	43.9	%
Subscription		1,673	3.1	%		7,675		73.8	%		9,348	14.7	%
Non-recurring		24,207	45.5	%		2,139		20.6	%		26,346	41.4	%
Total	\$	53,238	100.0	%	\$	10,396		100.0	%	\$	63,634	100.0	%

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2012										
	He	althcare		DNA		Total					
Revenue											
Source	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%					
Maintenance											
& EDI	\$ 28,316	5 53.1	% \$ 46	6.1	% \$	28,781 47.2	%				
Subscription	3,652	6.9	% 6,	841 89.3	3 %	10,493 17.2	%				

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Non-recurring	21,347	40.0 %	357	4.7 %	21,704	35.6 %
Total \$	53,315	100.0 % \$	7,663	100.0 % \$	60,978	100.0 %

	Backlog as of March 31, 2013											
	Healthcare					DN	λA		Total			
Revenue												
Source	\$	%			\$		%	9		%		
Subscription	\$ 11,828		33.2	%	\$	40,943	100.0	% \$	52,	771	68.9	%
Non-recurring	23,768		66.8	%		-	0.0	%	23,	768	31.1	%
Total	\$ 35,596		100.0	%	\$	40,943	100.0	% \$	76,	539	100.0	%
				Ba	ıckl	og as of N	March 31, 20	012				
	Health	care	e			DN	JA			Total		
Revenue												
Source	\$	%			\$		%	9		%		
Subscription	\$ 11,223		27.2	%	\$	19,134	87.4	% \$	30,3	357	48.1	%
Non-recurring	30,036		72.8	%		2,767	12.6	%	32,8	303	51.9	%
Total	\$ 41,259		100.0	%	\$	21,901	100.0	% §	63.	160	100.0	%

Results of Operations

Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 Compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2012

The following table sets forth selected, summarized, unaudited, consolidated financial data for the periods indicated, as well as comparative data showing increases and decreases between the periods. All amounts, except percentages, are in thousands.

Three Months Ended March 31, Change