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**FORM 10-K**

x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008

OR

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

Commission file number 1-10427

**ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>DELAWARE</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<b>94-1648752</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
<b>2884 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park, California</b> (Address of principal executive offices)	<b>94025</b> (Zip code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: <b>(650) 234-6000</b>	

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

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<b>Title of each class</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which registered</b>
Common Stock, Par Value \$.001 per Share	New York Stock Exchange
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:	

None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company. Yes  No

As of June 30, 2008, the aggregate market value of the Common Stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$3,506,138,450 based on the closing sale price on that date. This amount excludes the market value of 9,639,848 shares of Common Stock directly or indirectly held by registrant's directors and officers and their affiliates.

As of January 31, 2009, there were 151,358,681 outstanding shares of the registrant's Common Stock.

#### **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the registrant's Proxy Statement to be mailed to stockholders in connection with the registrant's annual meeting of stockholders, scheduled to be held in May 2009, are incorporated by reference in Part III of this report. Except as expressly incorporated by reference, the registrant's Proxy Statement shall not be deemed to be part of this report.

## PART I

### Item 1. Business

Robert Half International Inc. (the Company) provides specialized staffing and risk consulting services through such divisions as *Accountemps*<sup>®</sup>, *Robert Half*<sup>®</sup> Finance & Accounting, *OfficeTeam*<sup>®</sup>, *Robert Half*<sup>®</sup> Technology, *Robert Half*<sup>®</sup> Management Resources, *Robert Half*<sup>®</sup> Legal, *The Creative Group*<sup>®</sup>, and *Protiviti*<sup>®</sup>. The Company, through its *Accountemps*, *Robert Half Finance & Accounting*, and *Robert Half Management Resources* divisions, is the world's largest specialized provider of temporary, full-time, and project professionals in the fields of accounting and finance. *OfficeTeam* specializes in highly skilled temporary administrative support personnel. *Robert Half Technology* provides information technology professionals. *Robert Half Legal* provides temporary, project, and full-time staffing of attorneys and specialized support personnel within law firms and corporate legal departments. *The Creative Group* provides project staffing in the advertising, marketing, and web design fields. *Protiviti*, which began operations in 2002, is a global business consulting and internal audit firm. *Protiviti*, which primarily employs professionals specializing in risk, advisory and transactional services, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

The Company's business was originally founded in 1948. Prior to 1986, the Company was primarily a franchisor, under the names *Accountemps* and *Robert Half* (now called *Robert Half Finance & Accounting*), of offices providing temporary and full-time professionals in the fields of accounting and finance. Beginning in 1986, the Company and its current management embarked on a strategy of acquiring franchised locations. All of the franchises have been acquired. The Company believes that direct ownership of offices allows it to better monitor and protect the image of its tradenames, promotes a more consistent and higher level of quality and service throughout its network of offices and improves profitability by centralizing many of its administrative functions. Since 1986, the Company has significantly expanded operations at many of the acquired locations, opened many new locations and acquired other local or regional providers of specialized temporary service personnel. The Company has also expanded the scope of its services by launching the new product lines *OfficeTeam*, *Robert Half Technology*, *Robert Half Management Resources*, *Robert Half Legal* and *The Creative Group*.

In 2002, the Company hired more than 700 professionals who had been affiliated with the internal audit and business and technology risk consulting practice of Arthur Andersen LLP, including more than 50 individuals who had been partners of Andersen. These professionals formed the base of the Company's *Protiviti* Inc. subsidiary. *Protiviti* has enabled the Company to enter the market for business consulting and internal audit services, which market the Company believes offers synergies with its traditional lines of business.

#### *Accountemps*

The *Accountemps* temporary services division offers customers a reliable and economical means of dealing with uneven or peak work loads for accounting, tax and finance personnel caused by such predictable events as vacations, taking inventories, tax work, month-end activities and special projects and such unpredictable events as illness and emergencies. Businesses view the use of temporary employees as a means of controlling personnel costs and converting such costs from fixed to variable. The cost and inconvenience to clients of hiring and firing regular employees are eliminated by the use of *Accountemps* temporaries. The temporary workers are employees of *Accountemps* and are paid by *Accountemps*. The customer pays a fixed rate only for hours worked.

*Accountemps* clients may fill their regular employment needs by using an *Accountemps* employee on a trial basis and, if so desired, converting the temporary position to a regular position. The client typically pays a one-time fee for such conversions.

#### *OfficeTeam*

The Company's *OfficeTeam* division, which commenced operations in 1991, places temporary and full-time office and administrative personnel, ranging from word processors to office managers. *OfficeTeam* operates in much the same fashion as the *Accountemps* and *Robert Half Finance & Accounting* divisions.

*Robert Half Finance & Accounting*

The Company's *Robert Half Finance & Accounting* division specializes in the placement of full-time accounting, financial, tax and banking personnel. Fees for successful placements are paid only by the employer and are generally a percentage of the new employee's annual compensation. No fee for placement services is charged to employment candidates.

*Robert Half Technology*

The Company's *Robert Half Technology* division, which commenced operations in 1994, specializes in providing information technology contract consultants and placing full-time employees in areas ranging from multiple platform systems integration to end-user support, including specialists in programming, networking, systems integration, database design and help desk support.

*Robert Half Legal*

Since 1992, the Company has been placing temporary and full-time employees in attorney, paralegal, legal administrative and legal secretarial positions through its *Robert Half Legal* division. The legal profession's requirements (the need for confidentiality, accuracy and reliability, a strong drive toward cost-effectiveness, and frequent peak workload periods) are similar to the demands of the clients of the *Accountemps* division.

*Robert Half Management Resources*

The Company's *Robert Half Management Resources* division, which commenced operations in 1997, specializes in providing senior level project professionals in the accounting and finance fields, including chief financial officers, controllers, and senior financial analysts, for such tasks as financial systems conversions, expansion into new markets, business process reengineering and post-merger financial consolidation.

*The Creative Group*

The *Creative Group* division commenced operations in 1999 and serves clients in the areas of advertising, marketing and web design and places project consultants in a variety of positions such as creative directors, graphics designers, web content developers, web designers, media buyers, and public relations specialists.

*Protiviti*

*Protiviti* is a global business consulting and internal audit firm composed of experts specializing in risk, advisory and transactional services. The firm helps clients solve problems in finance and transactions, operations, technology, litigation, governance, risk and compliance.

*Marketing and Recruiting*

The Company markets its staffing services to clients as well as employment candidates. Local marketing and recruiting are generally conducted by each office or related group of offices. Local advertising directed to clients and employment candidates consists of radio, yellow pages, websites and trade shows. Direct marketing through e-mail, regular mail and telephone solicitation also constitutes a significant portion of the Company's total advertising. National advertising conducted by the Company consists primarily of radio and of print advertisements in national newspapers, magazines and trade journals. Additionally, the Company has expanded its use of job boards in all aspects of sales and recruitment. Joint marketing arrangements have been entered into with major software manufacturers and typically provide for development of proprietary skills tests, cooperative advertising, joint mailings and similar promotional activities. The Company also actively seeks endorsements and affiliations with professional organizations in the business management, office administration and

professional secretarial fields. The Company also conducts public relations activities designed to enhance public recognition of the Company and its services. Local employees are encouraged to be active in civic organizations and industry trade groups.

*Protiviti* markets its business consulting and internal audit services to a variety of clients in a range of industries. Industry and competency teams conduct targeted marketing efforts, both locally and nationally, including print advertising and branded speaking events, with support from *Protiviti* management. National advertising conducted by *Protiviti* consists primarily of print advertisements in national newspapers, magazines and selected trade journals. *Protiviti* has initiated a national direct mail program to share information with clients on current corporate governance and risk management issues. It conducts public relations activities, such as press releases and newsletters, designed to enhance recognition for the *Protiviti* brand, establish its expertise in key issues surrounding its business and promote its services. *Protiviti* plans to expand both the services and value added content on the *Protiviti.com* website and increase traffic through targeted Internet advertising. Local employees are encouraged to be active in civic organizations and industry trade groups.

The Company and its subsidiaries own many trademarks, service marks and tradenames, including the *Robert Half*<sup>®</sup> *Finance & Accounting*, *Accountemps*<sup>®</sup>, *OfficeTeam*<sup>®</sup>, *Robert Half*<sup>®</sup> *Technology*, *Robert Half*<sup>®</sup> *Management Resources*, *Robert Half*<sup>®</sup> *Legal*, *The Creative Group*<sup>®</sup> and *Protiviti*<sup>®</sup> marks, which are registered in the United States and in a number of foreign countries.

#### *Organization*

Management of the Company's staffing operations is coordinated from its headquarters facilities in Menlo Park and Pleasanton, California. The Company's headquarters provides support and centralized services to its offices in the administrative, marketing, public relations, accounting, training and legal areas, particularly as it relates to the standardization of the operating procedures of its offices. As of December 31, 2008, the Company conducted its staffing services operations through more than 370 offices in 42 states, the District of Columbia and 20 foreign countries. Office managers are responsible for most activities of their offices, including sales, local advertising and marketing and recruitment.

The day-to-day operations of *Protiviti* are managed by a chief executive officer and a senior management team with operational and administrative support provided by individuals located in Pleasanton and Menlo Park, California. As of December 31, 2008, *Protiviti* had more than 60 offices in 23 states and 16 foreign countries.

#### *Competition*

The Company's staffing services face competition in attracting clients as well as skilled specialized employment candidates. The staffing business is highly competitive, with a number of firms offering services similar to those provided by the Company on a national, regional or local basis. In many areas the local companies are the strongest competitors. The most significant competitive factors in the staffing business are price and the reliability of service, both of which are often a function of the availability and quality of personnel. The Company believes it derives a competitive advantage from its long experience with and commitment to the specialized employment market, its national presence, and its various marketing activities.

*Protiviti* faces competition in its efforts to attract clients and win proposal presentations. The risk consulting and internal audit businesses are highly competitive. In addition, the changing regulatory environment is increasing opportunities for non-attestation audit and risk consulting services. The principal competitors of *Protiviti* remain the big four accounting firms. Significant competitive factors include reputation, technology, tools, project methodologies, price of services and depth of skills of personnel. *Protiviti* believes its competitive strengths lie in its unique ability to couple the deep skills and proven methodologies of its big four heritage with the customer focus and attention of a smaller organization.

### *Employees*

The Company has approximately 13,300 full-time employees, including approximately 3,000 engaged directly in *Protiviti* operations. In addition, the Company placed approximately 222,000 temporary employees on assignments with clients during 2008. Employees placed by the Company on assignment with clients are the Company's employees for all purposes while they are working on assignments. The Company pays the related costs of employment, such as workers' compensation insurance, state and federal unemployment taxes, social security and certain fringe benefits. The Company provides access to voluntary health insurance coverage to interested temporary employees.

### *Other Information*

The Company's current business constitutes three business segments. (See Note M of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statement in Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data for financial information about the Company's segments.)

The Company is not dependent upon a single customer or a limited number of customers. The Company's staffing services operations are generally more active in the first and fourth quarters of a calendar year. *Protiviti* has been in operation since May 2002. *Protiviti* is generally more active in the third and fourth quarters of a calendar year. Order backlog is not a material aspect of the Company's staffing services business. While backlog is of greater importance to *Protiviti*, the Company does not believe, based upon the length of time of the average *Protiviti* engagement, that backlog is a material aspect of the *Protiviti* business. No material portion of the Company's business is subject to government contracts.

Information about foreign operations is contained in Note M of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8. The Company does not have export sales.

### *Available Information*

The Company's Internet address is [www.rhi.com](http://www.rhi.com). The Company makes available, free of charge, through its website, its Annual Reports on Form 10-K, proxy statements for its annual meetings of stockholders, its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and Current Reports on Form 8-K, and any amendments to those reports, as soon as is reasonably practicable after such reports are filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Also available on the Company's website are its Corporate Governance Guidelines, its Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, and the charters for its Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Governance Committee, each of which is available in print to any stockholder who makes a request to Robert Half International Inc., 2884 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025, Attn: Corporate Secretary. The Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is the Code of Ethics required by Item 406 of Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation S-K. The Company intends to satisfy any disclosure obligations under Item 5.05 of Form 8-K regarding any amendment or waiver relating to its Code of Business Conduct and Ethics by posting such information on its website.

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

The Company's business prospects are subject to various risks and uncertainties that impact its business. The most important of these risks and uncertainties are as follows:

*The global financial crisis may harm the Company's business and financial condition.* Many financial and economic analysts are predicting that the world economy may be entering into a prolonged economic downturn characterized by high unemployment, limited availability of credit and decreased consumer and business spending. Given the nature of the Company's business, financial results could be significantly harmed should such a downturn occur. In the past, the Company's business has suffered during periods of high unemployment as demand for staffing services tends to significantly decrease during such periods. This impact on the Company's business could be further dramatized during the current downturn given the unprecedented impact it has had and may continue to have on the global credit markets. In addition, the impact of the credit

crisis could harm the Company's financial condition. At December 31, 2008, the Company had approximately \$355 million in cash and cash equivalents. The Company has historically invested these amounts in U.S. treasuries and government agencies, bank deposits, corporate debt, money market funds, commercial paper and municipal bonds meeting certain criteria. Certain of these investments are subject to general credit, liquidity, market and interest rate risks. These risks associated with the Company's investment portfolio may negatively impact the Company's financial condition.

*Any reduction in global economic activity may harm the Company's business.* The demand for the Company's services, in particular its staffing services, is highly dependent upon the state of the economy and upon the staffing needs of the Company's clients. Any variation in the economic condition or unemployment levels of the U.S. or of any of the foreign countries in which the Company does business, or in the economic condition of any region of any of the foregoing, or in any specific industry may severely reduce the demand for the Company's services and thereby significantly decrease the Company's revenues and profits.

*The Company faces risks in operating internationally.* The Company depends on operations in international markets for a significant portion of its business. These international operations are subject to a number of risks, including general political and economic conditions in those foreign countries, the burden of complying with various foreign laws and technical standards and unpredictable changes in foreign regulations, U.S. legal requirements governing U.S. companies operating in foreign countries, legal and cultural differences in the conduct of business, potential adverse tax consequences and difficulty in staffing and managing international operations. In addition, the Company's business may be affected by foreign currency exchange fluctuations. In particular, the Company is subject to risk in translating its results in foreign currencies into the U.S. dollar. If the value of the U.S. dollar declines relative to other currencies, the Company's reported income from these operations could decrease.

*The Company may be unable to find sufficient candidates for its staffing business.* The Company's staffing services business consists of the placement of individuals seeking employment. There can be no assurance that candidates for employment will continue to seek employment through the Company. Candidates generally seek temporary or regular positions through multiple sources, including the Company and its competitors. Any shortage of candidates could materially adversely affect the Company.

*The Company operates in a highly competitive business and may be unable to retain clients or market share.* The staffing services business is highly competitive and, because it is a service business, the barriers to entry are quite low. There are many competitors, some of which have greater resources than the Company, and new competitors are entering the market all the time. In addition, long-term contracts form a negligible portion of the Company's revenue. Therefore, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to retain clients or market share in the future. Nor can there be any assurance that the Company will, in light of competitive pressures, be able to remain profitable or, if profitable, maintain its current profit margins.

*The Company's business depends on a strong reputation and anything that harms its reputation will likely harm its results.* As a provider of temporary and permanent staffing solutions as well as consultant services, the Company's reputation is dependent upon the performance of the employees it places with its clients and the services rendered by its consultants. If the Company's clients become dissatisfied with the performance of those employees or consultants or if any of those employees or consultants engage in conduct that is harmful to the Company's clients, the Company's ability to maintain or expand its client base may be harmed.

*The Company may incur potential liability to employees and clients.* The Company's temporary services business entails employing individuals on a temporary basis and placing such individuals in clients' workplaces. The Company's ability to control the workplace environment is limited. As the employer of record of its temporary employees, the Company incurs a risk of liability to its temporary employees for various workplace events, including claims of physical injury, discrimination, harassment or failure to protect confidential personal information. While such claims have not historically had a material adverse effect upon the Company, there can be no assurance that such claims in the future will not result in adverse publicity or have a material adverse effect.

upon the Company. The Company also incurs a risk of liability to its clients resulting from allegations of errors, omissions or theft by its temporary employees, or allegations of misuse of client confidential information. The Company maintains insurance with respect to many of such claims. While such claims have not historically had a material adverse effect upon the Company, there can be no assurance that the Company will continue to be able to obtain insurance at a cost that does not have a material adverse effect upon the Company or that such claims (whether by reason of the Company not having insurance or by reason of such claims being outside the scope of the Company's insurance) will not have a material adverse effect upon the Company.

*The Company is dependent on its management personnel and employees and a failure to attract and retain such personnel could harm its business.* The Company is engaged in the services business. As such, its success or failure is highly dependent upon the performance of its management personnel and employees, rather than upon technology or upon tangible assets (of which the Company has few). There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to attract and retain the personnel that are essential to its success.

*The Company's business is subject to extensive government regulation and a failure to comply with regulations could harm its business.* The Company's business is subject to regulation or licensing in many states and in certain foreign countries. While the Company has had no material difficulty complying with regulations in the past, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to continue to obtain all necessary licenses or approvals or that the cost of compliance will not prove to be material. Any inability of the Company to comply with government regulation or licensing requirements could materially adversely affect the Company. In addition, the Company's temporary services business entails employing individuals on a temporary basis and placing such individuals in clients' workplaces. Increased government regulation of the workplace or of the employer-employee relationship, or judicial or administrative proceedings related to such regulation, could materially adversely affect the Company.

*The Company's computer and communications hardware and software systems are vulnerable to damage and interruption.* The Company's ability to manage its operations successfully is critical to its success and largely depends upon the efficient and uninterrupted operation of its computer and communications hardware and software systems. The Company's primary computer systems and operations are vulnerable to damage or interruption from power outages, computer and telecommunications failures, computer viruses, security breaches, catastrophic events and errors in usage by the Company's employees.

*Failure to maintain adequate financial and management processes and controls could lead to errors in the Company's financial reporting.* Failure to maintain adequate financial and management processes and controls could lead to errors in the Company's financial reporting. If the Company's management is unable to certify the effectiveness of its internal controls or if its independent registered public accounting firm cannot render an opinion on the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting, or if material weaknesses in the Company's internal controls are identified, the Company could be subject to regulatory scrutiny and a loss of public confidence. In addition, if the Company does not maintain adequate financial and management personnel, processes and controls, it may not be able to accurately report its financial performance on a timely basis, which could cause its stock price to fall.

*The demand for the Company's services related to Sarbanes-Oxley or other regulatory compliance may decline.* The operations of both the staffing services business and *Protiviti* include services related to Sarbanes-Oxley and other regulatory compliance. There can be no assurance that there will be ongoing demand for these services.

*Long-term contracts do not comprise a significant portion of the Company's revenue.* Because long-term contracts are not a significant part of the Company's staffing services business, future results cannot be reliably predicted by considering past trends or extrapolating past results.

*The Company and certain subsidiaries are defendants in several class and representative action lawsuits alleging various wage and hour claims that could cause the Company to incur substantial liabilities.* The Company and certain subsidiaries are defendants in several class and representative action lawsuits brought by or



on behalf of the Company's current and former employees alleging violations of federal and state law with respect to certain wage and hour matters. The Company and certain subsidiaries are currently defendants in four such lawsuits, all of which are pending in California. Three of such lawsuits allege, among other things, the misclassification of certain employees as exempt employees under federal and state law and other related wage and hour violations and seek an unspecified amount for unpaid overtime compensation, statutory penalties, and other damages, as well as attorneys' fees. The fourth lawsuit alleges, among other things, that temporary employees in California were improperly denied expense reimbursement and wages for time purportedly spent preparing for, traveling to, and attending interviews, and seeks compensation for such expenses and wages, penalties and injunctive relief, as well as attorneys' fees. It is not possible to predict the outcome of these lawsuits. However, these lawsuits may consume substantial amounts of the Company's financial and managerial resources and might result in adverse publicity, regardless of the ultimate outcome of the lawsuits. In addition, the Company and its subsidiaries may become subject to similar lawsuits in the same or other jurisdictions. An unfavorable outcome with respect to these lawsuits and any future lawsuits could, individually or in the aggregate, cause the Company to incur substantial liabilities that may have a material adverse effect upon the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations.

*Protiviti may be unable to attract and retain key personnel.* Protiviti is a services business, and is dependent upon its ability to attract and retain personnel. While Protiviti has retained its key personnel to date, there can be no assurance that it will continue to be able to do so.

*Protiviti operates in a highly competitive business and faces competitors who are significantly larger and have more established reputations.* Protiviti operates in a highly competitive business. As with the Company's staffing services business, the barriers to entry are quite low. There are many competitors, some of which have greater resources than Protiviti and many of which have been in operation far longer than Protiviti. In particular, Protiviti faces competition from the "big four" accounting firms, which have been in operation for a considerable period of time and have established reputations and client bases. Because the principal factors upon which competition is based are reputation, technology, tools, project methodologies, price of services and depth of skills of personnel, there can be no assurance that Protiviti will be successful in attracting and retaining clients.

*Protiviti's operations could subject it to liability.* The business of Protiviti consists of providing business consulting and internal audit services. Liability could be incurred or litigation could be instituted against the Company or Protiviti for claims related to these activities or to prior transactions or activities. There can be no assurance that such liability or litigation will not have a material adverse impact on Protiviti or the Company.

#### **Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.**

Not applicable.

#### **Item 2. Properties**

The Company's headquarters operations are located in Menlo Park and Pleasanton, California. As of December 31, 2008, placement activities were conducted through more than 370 offices located in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Belgium, Brazil, France, the Netherlands, Germany, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain, Switzerland, Japan, China, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Austria and the United Arab Emirates. As of December 31, 2008, Protiviti had more than 60 offices in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Australia, China, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, India, the United Kingdom, Belgium and Spain. All of the offices are leased.

#### **Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

On September 10, 2004, Plaintiff Mark Laffitte, on behalf of himself and a putative class of salaried Account Executives and Staffing Managers, filed a complaint in California Superior Court naming the Company

and three of its wholly owned subsidiaries as Defendants. The complaint alleges that salaried Account Executives and Staffing Managers based in California have been misclassified under California law as exempt employees and seeks an unspecified amount for unpaid overtime pay alleged to be due to them had they been paid as non-exempt hourly employees. In addition, the Plaintiff seeks an unspecified amount for statutory penalties for alleged violations of the California Labor Code arising from the alleged misclassification of these employees as exempt employees. On September 18, 2006, the Court issued an order certifying a class with respect to claims for alleged unpaid overtime pay but denied certification with respect to claims relating to meal periods and rest time breaks. On August 15, 2008, the Court stayed the litigation pending the California Supreme Court's ruling in another case unrelated to the Company titled *Harris v. Superior Court*. The ruling in such case may have a material adverse bearing on the Company's position in this litigation. At this stage of the litigation, it is not feasible to predict the outcome of or a range of loss, should a loss occur, from this proceeding, and accordingly, no amounts have been provided in the accompanying financial statements. The Company believes it has meritorious defenses to the allegations, and the Company intends to continue to vigorously defend against the litigation.

On May 4, 2006, Plaintiff Don Tran, on behalf of himself and a putative class of salaried Consultants and Senior Consultants, and a sub-class of terminated salaried Consultants and Senior Consultants, filed a complaint in California Superior Court naming Protiviti Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (Protiviti), as Defendant. The complaint alleges that salaried consultants based in California have been misclassified under California law as exempt employees and seeks an unspecified amount for unpaid overtime pay alleged to be due to them had they been paid as non-exempt, hourly employees. Plaintiff also seeks an unspecified amount for statutory penalties for alleged violations of the California Labor Code arising from the alleged misclassification of these employees as exempt employees. The complaint further seeks damages and penalties for the failure to provide meal and rest periods, and for the failure to reimburse business expenses, including, without limitation, parking and cellular telephone expenses. On February 28, 2008, the Court allowed Plaintiff to amend the complaint to name as class representatives two additional former Protiviti Consultants, who had worked for Protiviti's Internal Audit business line. Plaintiff Tran had worked for Protiviti's Technology Risk business line. On April 3, 2008, Plaintiffs agreed in open court to dismiss their claim for failure to reimburse business expenses. On December 18, 2008, the Court ruled that it would certify two classes, one of California Consultants and another of California Senior Consultants, on the overtime pay claims. The Court also ruled that it would deny certification, without prejudice, on the claims for alleged unpaid meal and rest breaks. Further, it ruled that the Plaintiffs must submit a detailed trial plan, which the Court may use to revisit the class certification issue. The class has not yet been given notice of the action or the ruling. On February 6, 2009 the Court issued its order certifying the two classes described above on the overtime pay claims. A ruling in the unrelated *Harris* case referenced in the first paragraph of this Item 3 may have a material adverse bearing on Protiviti's position in this litigation. At this stage of the litigation, it is not feasible to predict the outcome of or a range of loss, should a loss occur, from this proceeding, and accordingly, no amounts have been provided in the accompanying financial statements. Protiviti believes it has meritorious defenses to the allegations, and Protiviti intends to continue to vigorously defend against the litigation.

On September 24, 2007, Plaintiff Van Williamson, on behalf of himself and a putative class of salaried Account Executives and Staffing Managers, filed a complaint in California Superior Court naming the Company and three of its wholly owned subsidiaries as Defendants. The complaint alleges that salaried Account Executives and Staffing Managers based in California were not provided meal periods, paid rest periods, and accurate itemized wage statements. It seeks one hour of wages for each employee for each meal and rest period missed during the statutory liability period. It also seeks an unspecified amount for statutory penalties for alleged violations of the California Labor Code arising from the alleged failure to provide the meal and rest periods and accurate itemized wage statements. The allegations in the complaint are substantially similar to the allegations included in the complaint filed by Mark Laffitte described above. On August 28, 2008, the Court stayed the litigation pending the California Supreme Court's decision on whether to review a case unrelated to the Company titled *Brinker Restaurant Corp. v. Superior Court*. On October 22, 2008, the California Supreme Court granted such review. The Plaintiffs and Defendants in the current action are scheduled to review the stay with the Court.

on February 26, 2009. A ruling in the unrelated *Harris* case referenced in the first paragraph of this Item 3 and/or the *Brinker* case referenced above may have a material adverse bearing on the Company's position in this litigation. At this stage of the litigation, it is not feasible to predict the outcome of or a range of loss, should a loss occur, from this proceeding, and accordingly, no amounts have been provided in the accompanying financial statements. The Company believes it has meritorious defenses to the allegations, and the Company intends to continue to vigorously defend against the litigation.

On September 16, 2008, Plaintiff Donald R. Green, on behalf of himself and a putative class of all temporary staffing employees in California, filed a complaint in California Superior Court naming the Company and one of its wholly owned subsidiaries as Defendants. The complaint alleges that temporary employees in California were improperly denied expense reimbursement and wages for time purportedly spent preparing for interviews, and traveling to and attending interviews with, alleged clients of Defendants. Plaintiff seeks penalties and equitable and legal remedies under Section 17200 of the California Business and Professions Code and Sections 1194 and 2802 of the California Labor Code. At this stage of the litigation, it is not feasible to predict the outcome of or a range of loss, should a loss occur, from this proceeding, and accordingly, no amounts have been provided in the accompanying financial statements. The Company believes it has meritorious defenses to the allegations, and the Company intends to vigorously defend against the litigation.

The Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 and the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 contained disclosure regarding a complaint filed against the Company and three of its wholly owned subsidiaries on August 9, 2005, by Plaintiff Lizette Greene, on behalf of herself and a putative class of salaried inside sales persons. On February 11, 2009, the Court dismissed this case.

The Company is involved in a number of other lawsuits arising in the ordinary course of business. While management does not expect any of these other matters to have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, financial position or cash flows, litigation is subject to certain inherent uncertainties.

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

Not applicable.

## PART II

**Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**  
*Market Price, Dividends and Related Matters*

The Company's Common Stock is listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol RHI. On January 31, 2009, there were 5,357 holders of record of the Common Stock.

Following is a list by fiscal quarters of the sales prices of the stock:

2008	Sales Prices	
	High	Low
4th Quarter	\$ 24.64	\$ 14.31
3rd Quarter	\$ 29.99	\$ 21.96
2nd Quarter	\$ 26.60	\$ 22.51
1st Quarter	\$ 28.32	\$ 21.21

2007	Sales Prices	
	High	Low
4th Quarter	\$ 32.95	\$ 24.41
3rd Quarter	\$ 38.24	\$ 28.59
2nd Quarter	\$ 38.01	\$ 32.78
1st Quarter	\$ 42.21	\$ 35.91

Cash dividends of \$.11 per share were declared and paid in each quarter of 2008. Cash dividends of \$.10 per share were declared and paid in each quarter of 2007.

*Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities*

	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under Publicly Announced Plans (d)
October 1, 2008 to October 31, 2008	110,659(a)	\$ 17.96	110,454	13,702,465
November 1, 2008 to November 30, 2008	3,788,556(b)	\$ 17.91	3,788,532	9,913,933
December 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008	291,025(c)	\$ 19.88	118,536	9,795,397
Total October 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008	4,190,240		4,017,522	

- (a) Includes 205 shares repurchased in connection with employee stock plans, whereby Company shares were tendered by employees for the payment of applicable withholding taxes and/or exercise price.
- (b) Includes 24 shares repurchased in connection with employee stock plans, whereby Company shares were tendered by employees for the payment of applicable withholding taxes and/or exercise price.

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- (c) Includes 172,489 shares repurchased in connection with employee stock plans, whereby Company shares were tendered by employees for the payment of applicable withholding taxes and/or exercise price.
  
- (d) Commencing in October 1997, the Company's Board of Directors has, at various times, authorized the repurchase, from time to time, of the Company's common stock on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions depending on market conditions. Since plan inception, a total of 78,000,000 shares have been authorized for repurchase, of which, 68,204,603 shares have been repurchased as of December 31, 2008.

The remainder of the information required by this item is incorporated by reference to Part III, Item 12 of this Form 10-K.

## Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The selected five-year financial data presented below should be read in conjunction with the information contained in Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements and the Notes thereto contained in Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

	2008	2007	Years Ended December 31, 2006			2005	2004
			(in thousands)				
<b>Income Statement Data:</b>							
Net service revenues	\$ 4,600,554	\$ 4,645,666	\$ 4,013,546	\$ 3,338,439	\$ 2,675,696		
Direct costs of services, consisting of payroll, payroll taxes, insurance costs and reimbursable expenses	2,686,983	2,667,838	2,319,293	1,965,390	1,619,394		
Gross margin	1,913,571	1,977,828	1,694,253	1,373,049	1,056,302		
Selling, general and administrative expenses	1,496,839	1,497,957	1,243,952	991,488	824,382		
Amortization of intangible assets	2,617	2,594	851	335	1,025		
Interest income, net	(5,161)	(13,127)	(16,752)	(10,948)	(3,770)		
Income before income taxes	419,276	490,404	466,202	392,174	234,665		
Provision for income taxes	169,095	194,192	183,024	154,304	94,061		
Net income	\$ 250,181	\$ 296,212	\$ 283,178	\$ 237,870	\$ 140,604		

	2008	2007	Years Ended December 31, 2006			2005	2004
			(in thousands, except per share amounts)				
<b>Net Income Per Share:</b>							
<b>Basic</b>	\$ 1.65	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.71	\$ 1.42	\$ .83		
<b>Diluted</b>	\$ 1.63	\$ 1.81	\$ 1.65	\$ 1.36	\$ .79		
<b>Shares:</b>							
<b>Basic</b>	151,607	159,767	166,003	167,664	169,742		
<b>Diluted</b>	153,289	163,479	171,712	174,382	176,866		
<b>Cash Dividends Declared Per Share</b>	\$ .44	\$ .40	\$ .32	\$ .28	\$ .18		

	2008	2007	December 31, 2006			2005	2004
			(in thousands)				
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>							
Goodwill and other intangible assets, net	\$ 189,382	\$ 195,143	\$ 178,665	\$ 165,857	\$ 167,931		
Total assets	\$ 1,411,850	\$ 1,450,298	\$ 1,459,021	\$ 1,318,686	\$ 1,198,657		
Long-term debt financing	\$ 1,892	\$ 3,753	\$ 3,831	\$ 2,698	\$ 2,266		
Stockholders' equity	\$ 983,888	\$ 984,049	\$ 1,042,671	\$ 970,873	\$ 911,870		

**Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

Certain information contained in Management's Discussion and Analysis and in other parts of this report may be deemed forward-looking statements regarding events and financial trends that may affect the Company's future operating results or financial positions. These statements may be identified by words such as estimate, forecast, project, plan, intend, believe, expect, anticipate, or variations or negatives thereof, or similar or comparable words or phrases. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the following: the global financial and economic situation; changes in levels of unemployment and other economic conditions in the United States or foreign countries where the Company does business, or in particular regions or industries; reduction in the supply of candidates for temporary employment or the Company's ability to attract candidates; the entry of new competitors into the marketplace or expansion by existing competitors; the ability of the Company to maintain existing client relationships and attract new clients in the context of changing economic or competitive conditions; the impact of competitive pressures, including any change in the demand for the Company's services, on the Company's ability to maintain its margins; the possibility of the Company incurring liability for its activities, including the activities of its temporary employees, or for events impacting its temporary employees on clients' premises; the possibility that adverse publicity could impact the Company's ability to attract and retain clients and candidates; the success of the Company in attracting, training, and retaining qualified management personnel and other staff employees; the Company's ability to comply with governmental regulations affecting personnel services businesses in particular or employer/employee relationships in general; whether there will be ongoing demand for Sarbanes-Oxley or other regulatory compliance services; the Company's reliance on short-term contracts for a significant percentage of its business; litigation relating to prior or current transactions or activities, including litigation that may be disclosed from time to time in the Company's SEC filings; the ability of the Company to manage its international operations and comply with foreign laws and regulations; the impact of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates; the possibility that the Company's computer and communications hardware and software systems could be damaged or their service interrupted; and the possibility that the Company may fail to maintain adequate financial and management controls and as a result suffer errors in its financial reporting. Additionally, with respect to Protiviti, other risks and uncertainties include the fact that future success will depend on its ability to retain employees and attract clients; there can be no assurance that there will be ongoing demand for Sarbanes-Oxley or other regulatory compliance services; failure to produce projected revenues could adversely affect financial results; and there is the possibility of involvement in litigation relating to prior or current transactions or activities. Further information regarding these and other risks and uncertainties is contained in Item 1A. Risk Factors. Because long-term contracts are not a significant part of the Company's business, future results cannot be reliably predicted by considering past trends or extrapolating past results.

*Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates*

As described below, the Company's most critical accounting policies and estimates are those that involve subjective decisions or assessments.

*Accounts Receivable Allowances.* The Company maintains allowances for estimated losses resulting from (i) the inability of its customers to make required payments, (ii) temporary placement sales adjustments, and (iii) permanent placement candidates not remaining with the client through the 90-day guarantee period, commonly referred to as "fall offs". The Company establishes these allowances based on its review of customers' credit profiles, historical loss statistics and current trends. The adequacy of these allowances is reviewed each reporting period. Historically, the Company's actual losses and credits have been consistent with these allowances. As a percentage of gross accounts receivable, the Company's accounts receivable allowances totaled 6.6% and 4.6% as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. As of December 31, 2008, a five-percentage point deviation in the Company's accounts receivable allowances balance would have resulted in an increase or decrease in the allowance of \$1.7 million. Although future results cannot always be predicted by extrapolating past results, management believes that it is reasonably likely that future results will be consistent with historical trends and experience. However, if the financial condition of the Company's customers were to

deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, or if unexpected events or significant future changes in trends were to occur, additional allowances may be required.

*Income Tax Assets and Liabilities.* In establishing its deferred income tax assets and liabilities, the Company makes judgments and interpretations based on the enacted tax laws and published tax guidance that are applicable to its operations. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured and recorded using current enacted tax rates, which the Company expects will apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are recovered or settled. The likelihood of a material change in the Company's expected realization of these assets is dependent on future taxable income, its ability to use foreign tax credit carryforwards and carrybacks, final U.S. and foreign tax settlements, and the effectiveness of its tax planning in the various relevant jurisdictions.

The Company also evaluates the need for valuation allowances to reduce the deferred tax assets to realizable amounts. Management evaluates all positive and negative evidence and uses judgment regarding past and future events, including operating results, to help determine when it is more likely than not that all or some portion of our deferred tax assets may not be realized. When appropriate, a valuation allowance is recorded against deferred tax assets to offset future tax benefits that may not be realized. In relation to actual net operating losses in certain foreign operations, valuation allowances of \$14.6 million were recorded as of December 31, 2008. If such losses are ultimately utilized to offset future operating income, the Company will benefit its deferred tax assets up to the full amount of the valuation reserve.

While management believes that its judgments and interpretations regarding income taxes are appropriate, significant differences in actual experience may materially affect the future financial results of the Company.

*Goodwill Impairment.* The Company assesses the impairment of goodwill annually in the second quarter, or more often if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Impairment assessments for goodwill are done at a reporting unit level. For purposes of this assessment, the Company's reporting units are its lines of business. In performing periodic impairment tests, the fair value of the reporting unit is compared to the carrying value, including goodwill and intangible assets. If the fair value exceeds the carrying value, there is no impairment. If the carrying value exceeds the fair value, however, an impairment condition may exist.

The goodwill impairment assessment is based upon a discounted cash flow analysis. The estimate of future cash flows is based upon, among other things, a discount rate and certain assumptions about expected future operating performance. The discount rate used by management has been calculated on a consistent basis and has not fluctuated significantly. The primary assumptions related to future operating performance include revenue growth rates and expense levels. These assumptions are updated annually and are primarily based upon historical trends. The Company's estimates of discounted cash flow may differ from actual cash flow due to, among other things, economic conditions, changes to its business model or changes in its operating performance. Although management believes the assumptions and estimates made in its goodwill impairment analysis to be reasonable and appropriate, different assumptions could materially impact the Company's reported financial results. As of December 31, 2008 and 2007, total goodwill equaled \$187.5 million and \$191.1 million, respectively. The Company completed its annual goodwill impairment analysis during each of the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and determined that no adjustment to the carrying value of goodwill was required.

*Workers' Compensation.* Except for states which require participation in state-operated insurance funds, the Company retains the economic burden for the first \$0.5 million per occurrence in workers' compensation claims. Workers' compensation includes ongoing healthcare and indemnity coverage for claims and may be paid over numerous years following the date of injury. Claims in excess of \$0.5 million are insured. Workers' compensation expense includes the insurance premiums for claims in excess of \$0.5 million, claims administration fees charged by the Company's workers' compensation administrator, premiums paid to state-operated insurance funds, and an estimate for the Company's liability for Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR) claims and for the ongoing development of existing claims. Total workers' compensation expense was \$12.1



million and \$9.4 million, representing 0.37% and 0.27% of applicable U.S. revenue for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The accrual for IBNR claims and for the ongoing development of existing claims in each reporting period includes estimates. The Company has established reserves for workers' compensation claims using loss development rates which are estimated using periodic third party actuarial valuations based upon historical loss statistics which include the Company's historical frequency and severity of workers' compensation claims, and an estimate of future cost trends. While management believes that its assumptions and estimates are appropriate, significant differences in actual experience or significant changes in assumptions may materially affect the Company's future results. Based on the Company's results for the year ended December 31, 2008, a five-percentage point deviation in the Company's estimated loss development rates would have resulted in an increase or decrease in the reserve of \$0.5 million.

*Stock-based Compensation.* Under various stock plans, officers, employees and outside directors have received or may receive grants of restricted stock, stock units, stock appreciation rights or options to purchase common stock.

Compensation expense for restricted stock and stock units is generally recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the stock's fair market value on the grant date. For restricted stock grants issued with performance conditions, compensation expense is recognized over each vesting tranche. The Company recognizes compensation expense for only the portion of restricted stock and stock units that is expected to vest, rather than record forfeitures when they occur. If the actual number of forfeitures differs from those estimated by management, additional adjustments to compensation expense may be required in future periods. For purposes of calculating stock-based compensation expense for retirement-eligible employees, the service period is assumed to be met on the grant date or retirement-eligible date, whichever is later.

No stock appreciation rights have been granted under the Company's existing stock plans.

The Company determines the fair value of options to purchase common stock using the Black-Scholes valuation model. The Company recognizes expense over the service period for options that are expected to vest and records adjustments to compensation expense at the end of the service period if actual forfeitures differ from original estimates. The Company has not granted any options to purchase common stock since 2006.

For the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, compensation expense related to restricted stock and stock units was \$63.6 million, \$53.8 million and \$40.8 million, respectively, of which \$17.0 million, \$21.1 million and \$10.2 million was related to grants made in 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. A one-percentage point deviation in the estimated forfeiture rates would have resulted in a \$0.6 million, \$0.5 million and \$0.4 million increase or decrease in compensation expense related to restricted stock and stock units for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

#### *Recent Accounting Pronouncements*

In December 2007, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued SFAS No. 141(R), *Business Combinations* (SFAS 141(R)). SFAS 141(R) establishes principles and requirements for how an acquirer recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree, and the goodwill acquired. SFAS 141(R) also establishes disclosure requirements to enable the evaluation of the nature and financial effects of the business combination. SFAS 141(R) is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS 141(R) to have a material effect on its Financial Statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements - an amendment of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51* (SFAS 160). SFAS 160 establishes accounting and reporting standards for ownership interests in subsidiaries held by parties other than the parent, the amount of consolidated net income attributable to the parent and to the noncontrolling interest, changes in a

parent's ownership interest, and the valuation of retained, noncontrolling equity investments when a subsidiary is deconsolidated. SFAS 160 also establishes disclosure requirements that clearly identify and distinguish between the interests of the parent and the interests of the noncontrolling owners. SFAS 160 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS 160 to have a material effect on its Financial Statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* ( SFAS 157 ), which defines fair value, establishes guidelines for measuring fair value and expands disclosures regarding fair value measurements. Subsequently in February 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position 157-2, *Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157*, which delays the effective date of SFAS 157 for non-financial assets and liabilities, except for items that are recognized and disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis, until fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. The implementation of SFAS 157 for financial assets and liabilities, effective January 1, 2008, did not impact the Company's consolidated Financial Statements. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS 157 for non-financial assets and liabilities to have a material effect on its Financial Statements.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, *Disclosures About Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities - an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133* ( SFAS 161 ). SFAS 161 expands quarterly disclosure requirements included in SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* ( SFAS 133 ), about an entity's derivative instruments and hedging activities. SFAS No. 161 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS 161 to have a material effect on its Financial Statements.

In June 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position No. EITF 03-6-1, *Determining Whether Instruments Granted in Share-Based Payment Transactions Are Participating Securities* ( FSP EITF 03-6-1 ). FSP EITF 03-6-1 provides that unvested share-based payment awards that contain nonforfeitable rights to dividends are participating securities and should be included in the computation of earnings per share pursuant to the two-class method. FSP EITF 03-6-1 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The Company does not expect the adoption of FSP EITF 03-6-1 to have a material effect on its Financial Statements.

#### *Results of Operations for the Three Years Ended December 31, 2008*

Temporary and consultant staffing services revenues were \$3.6 billion, \$3.6 billion and \$3.1 billion for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively, remaining flat in 2008 and increasing by 16% in 2007. Because fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates have an impact on revenue, the Company provides selected growth results on a constant-currency basis. Constant-currency percentages are calculated using as-reported amounts which have been retranslated using the prior year's foreign currency exchange rates. On a constant-currency basis, temporary and consultant staffing services revenues decreased 1% and increased 14% for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Permanent placement revenues were \$427 million, \$444 million and \$336 million for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively, decreasing by 4% in 2008 and increasing by 32% in 2007. On a constant-currency basis, permanent placement services revenues decreased 5% and increased 29% for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The 2008 decrease in temporary and permanent staffing services revenues was the result of weakening general macroeconomic conditions in the United States, partially offset by higher international revenues, particularly in Continental Europe. Risk consulting and internal audit services revenues were \$547 million, \$552 million and \$543 million for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively, decreasing by 1% in 2008 and increasing by 2% in 2007. On a constant-currency basis, risk consulting and internal audit services revenues decreased 2% and were flat for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The 2008 decrease in risk consulting and internal audit services revenues was the result of difficult global economic conditions which weakened as the year progressed. There can be no assurances that there will be ongoing demand for risk consulting and internal audit services, or that future results can be reliably predicted by considering past trends or extrapolating past results. We expect total Company revenues to continue to be impacted by general macroeconomic conditions in 2009.

The Company's temporary and permanent staffing services business has more than 370 offices in 42 states, the District of Columbia and 20 foreign countries, while Protiviti has more than 60 offices in 23 states and 16 foreign countries. Revenues from foreign operations represented 29%, 24% and 21% of revenues for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Gross margin dollars from the Company's temporary and consultant staffing services represent revenues less direct costs of services, which consist of payroll, payroll taxes and insurance costs for temporary employees, and reimbursable expenses. Gross margin dollars from permanent placement staffing services represent revenues less reimbursable expenses. Gross margin dollars for risk consulting and internal audit services represent revenues less direct costs of services, which consist primarily of professional staff payroll, payroll taxes, insurance costs and reimbursable expenses. Gross margin dollars for the Company's temporary and consultant staffing services were \$1.3 billion, \$1.4 billion and \$1.2 billion for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively, decreasing by 2% in 2008 and increasing by 17% in 2007. On a constant-currency basis, temporary and consultant staffing services gross margin dollars decreased 3% and increased 15% for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Gross margin amounts equaled 37% of revenues for temporary and consultant staffing services for each of the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006.

Gross margin dollars for the Company's permanent placement staffing division were \$427 million, \$444 million and \$336 million for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively, decreasing by 4% in 2008 and increasing by 32% in 2007. On a constant-currency basis, permanent placement staffing services gross margin dollars decreased 5% and increased 29% for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Gross margin dollars for the Company's risk consulting and internal audit division were \$155 million, \$175 million and \$199 million for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively, decreasing by 11% and 12% in 2008 and 2007, respectively. On a constant-currency basis, risk consulting and internal audit services gross margin dollars decreased by 13% for both the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. Gross margin amounts equaled 28%, 32% and 37% of revenues for risk consulting and internal audit services for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The year-over-year margin decline is primarily due to the higher mix of non-U.S. revenues.

Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$1.5 billion in 2008, compared to \$1.5 billion in 2007 and \$1.2 billion in 2006. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenues were 33%, 32% and 31% for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Selling, general and administrative expenses consist primarily of staff compensation, advertising, depreciation and occupancy costs.

For acquisitions, the Company allocates the excess of cost over the fair market value of the net tangible assets first to identifiable intangible assets, if any, and then to goodwill. Identifiable intangible assets are amortized over their lives, typically ranging from two to five years. Goodwill is not amortized, but is tested at least annually for impairment. The Company completed its annual goodwill impairment analysis during each of the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and determined that no adjustment to the carrying value of goodwill was required. Net intangible assets, consisting primarily of goodwill, represented 13% of total assets and 19% of total stockholders' equity at December 31, 2008.

Interest income for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, was \$10.5 million, \$17.2 million and \$19.3 million, respectively. Lower 2008 interest income was primarily due to lower interest rates. Interest expense for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, was \$5.3 million, \$4.1 million and \$2.5 million, respectively.

The provision for income taxes was 40%, 40% and 39% of income before taxes for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

*Liquidity and Capital Resources*

The change in the Company's liquidity during the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, is primarily the net effect of funds generated by operations and the funds used for capital expenditures, repurchases of common stock, payment of dividends and principal payments on outstanding notes payable.

Cash and cash equivalents were \$355 million, \$310 million and \$447 million at December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Operating activities provided \$447 million during the year ended December 31, 2008, partially offset by \$95 million and \$285 million of net cash used in investing activities and financing activities, respectively. Operating activities provided \$411 million during the year ended December 31, 2007, partially offset by \$116 million and \$452 million of net cash used in investing activities and financing activities, respectively. Operating activities provided \$376 million during the year ended December 31, 2006, partially offset by \$96 million and \$299 million of net cash used in investing activities and financing activities, respectively.

**Operating activities** Net cash provided by operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2008, was composed of net income of \$250 million adjusted for non-cash items of \$150 million, and net cash provided by changes in working capital of \$47 million. Net cash provided by operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2007, was composed of net income of \$296 million adjusted for non-cash items of \$124 million, and net cash used by changes in working capital of \$9 million. Net cash provided by operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2006, was composed of net income of \$283 million adjusted for non-cash items of \$58 million, and net cash provided by changes in working capital of \$35 million.

**Investing activities** Cash used in investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2008, was \$95 million. This was primarily composed of capital expenditures of \$73 million and deposits to trusts for employee benefits and retirement plans of \$21 million. Cash used in investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2007, was \$116 million. This was composed of capital expenditures of \$84 million, purchases of goodwill and other intangible assets of \$19 million, and deposits to trusts for employee benefits and retirement plans of \$13 million. Cash used in investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2006, was \$96 million. This was composed of capital expenditures of \$80 million, purchases of goodwill and other intangible assets of \$12 million, and deposits to trusts for employee benefits and retirement plans of \$4 million.

**Financing activities** Cash used in financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2008, was \$285 million. This included repurchases of \$245 million in common stock, \$69 million in cash dividends to stockholders and principal payments on notes payable and other indebtedness of \$2 million, offset by proceeds of \$27 million from exercises of stock options and the excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation of \$4 million. Cash used in financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2007, was \$452 million. This included repurchases of \$453 million in common stock and \$66 million in cash dividends to stockholders, partially offset by proceeds of \$52 million from exercises of stock options and the excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation of \$15 million. Cash used in financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2006, was \$299 million. This included repurchases of \$400 million in common stock and \$54 million in cash dividends to stockholders, partially offset by proceeds of \$105 million from exercises of stock options and the excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation of \$50 million.

As of December 31, 2008, the Company is authorized to repurchase, from time to time, up to 9.8 million additional shares of the Company's common stock on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, depending on market conditions. During the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, the Company repurchased approximately 9.4 million shares, 12.2 million shares and 7.9 million shares of common stock on the open market for a total cost of \$203 million, \$397 million and \$273 million, respectively. Additional stock repurchases were made in connection with employee stock plans, whereby Company shares were tendered by employees for the payment of exercise price and applicable statutory withholding taxes. During the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, such repurchases totaled approximately 1.6 million shares, 1.6 million shares and 3.3 million shares at a cost of \$42 million, \$58 million and \$127 million, respectively. Repurchases of shares have been funded with cash generated from operations.

The Company's working capital at December 31, 2008, included \$355 million in cash and cash equivalents. The Company's working capital requirements relate primarily to accounts receivable. While there can be no assurances in this regard, the Company expects that internally generated cash will be sufficient to support the working capital needs of the Company, the Company's fixed payments, dividends, and other obligations on both a short- and long-term basis.

On February 12, 2009, the Company announced a quarterly dividend of \$.12 per share to be paid to all shareholders of record on February 25, 2009. The dividend will be paid on March 16, 2009.

The Company's cash flows generated from operations are also the primary source for funding various contractual obligations. The table below summarizes the Company's major commitments as of December 31, 2008 (in thousands):

Contractual Obligations	2009	Payments due by period			Total
		2010 and 2011	2012 and 2013	Thereafter	
Long-term debt obligations	\$ 278	\$ 555	\$ 508	\$ 2,019	\$ 3,360
Operating lease obligations	109,281	176,551	95,151	127,577	508,560
Purchase obligations	15,702	4,760	18		20,480
Other liabilities	1,069	2,709	5,271	7,156	16,205
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 126,330</b>	<b>\$ 184,575</b>	<b>\$ 100,948</b>	<b>\$ 136,752</b>	<b>\$ 548,605</b>

Long-term debt obligations consist of promissory notes and related interest as well as other forms of indebtedness issued in connection with certain acquisitions and other payment obligations. Operating lease obligations consist of minimum rental commitments for 2009 and thereafter under non-cancelable leases in effect at December 31, 2008. Purchase obligations consist of purchase commitments primarily related to telecom service agreements, software licenses and subscriptions, and computer hardware and software maintenance agreements. The above table does not reflect \$20.5 million of unrecognized tax benefits which the Company has accrued for uncertain tax positions in accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*. As of December 31, 2008, the Company classified \$18.4 million of its unrecognized tax benefits as a current liability, as these amounts are expected to be paid in the next twelve months. The remaining \$2.1 million of unrecognized tax benefits have been classified as a non-current liability, as a reasonably reliable estimate of the period of future payments, if any, could not be determined.

#### Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The Company is exposed to the impact of foreign currency fluctuations. The Company's exposure to foreign currency exchange rates relates primarily to the Company's foreign subsidiaries. Exchange rates impact the U.S. dollar value of the Company's reported earnings, investments in its foreign subsidiaries, and the intercompany transactions with its foreign subsidiaries.

For the year ended December 31, 2008, approximately 29% of the Company's revenues were generated outside of the United States. These operations transact business in their functional currency. As a result, fluctuations in the value of foreign currencies against the U.S. dollar have an impact on the Company's reported results. Revenues and expenses denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the monthly average exchange rates prevailing during the period. Consequently, as the value of the U.S. dollar changes relative to the currencies of the Company's non-U.S. markets, the Company's reported results vary.

Fluctuations in currency exchange rates impact the U.S. dollar amount of the Company's stockholders' equity. The assets and liabilities of the Company's non-U.S. subsidiaries are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rates in effect at period end. The resulting translation adjustments are recorded in stockholders' equity as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income.

**Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data****ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

(in thousands, except share amounts)

	December 31,	
	2008	2007
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 354,756	\$ 310,000
Accounts receivable, less allowances of \$34,217 and \$28,464	484,808	593,169
Deferred income taxes and other current assets	193,335	156,469
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>1,032,899</b>	<b>1,059,638</b>
Goodwill and other intangible assets, net	189,382	195,143
Property and equipment, net	145,699	152,311
Deferred income taxes	43,870	43,206
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,411,850</b>	<b>\$ 1,450,298</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 111,645	\$ 108,070
Accrued payroll costs and retirement obligations	301,102	323,264
Income taxes payable		16,248
Current portion of notes payable and other indebtedness	105	370
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>412,852</b>	<b>447,952</b>
Notes payable and other indebtedness, less current portion	1,892	3,753
Other liabilities	13,218	14,544
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>427,962</b>	<b>466,249</b>
Commitments and Contingencies (Note I)		
<b>STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Preferred stock, \$.001 par value authorized 5,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding zero shares		
Common stock, \$.001 par value authorized 260,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 150,943,324 and 158,057,575 shares	151	158
Capital surplus	949,474	915,038
Accumulated other comprehensive income	34,263	68,853
Retained earnings		
<b>Total stockholders equity</b>	<b>983,888</b>	<b>984,049</b>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders equity</b>	<b>\$ 1,411,850</b>	<b>\$ 1,450,298</b>

The accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

are an integral part of these financial statements.

## ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
Net service revenues	\$ 4,600,554	\$ 4,645,666	\$ 4,013,546
Direct costs of services, consisting of payroll, payroll taxes, insurance costs and reimbursable expenses	2,686,983	2,667,838	2,319,293
Gross margin	1,913,571	1,977,828	1,694,253
Selling, general and administrative expenses	1,496,839	1,497,957	1,243,952
Amortization of intangible assets	2,617	2,594	851
Interest income, net	(5,161)	(13,127)	(16,752)
Income before income taxes	419,276	490,404	466,202
Provision for income taxes	169,095	194,192	183,024
Net income	\$ 250,181	\$ 296,212	\$ 283,178
Basic net income per share	\$ 1.65	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.71
Diluted net income per share	\$ 1.63	\$ 1.81	\$ 1.65
Shares:			
Basic	151,607	159,767	166,003
Diluted	153,289	163,479	171,712
Cash dividends declared per share	\$ .44	\$ .40	\$ .32

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**ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY**

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
<b>COMMON STOCK SHARES:</b>			
Balance at beginning of period	158,058	167,848	170,682
Net issuances of restricted stock	2,240	1,297	1,702
Repurchases of common stock	(11,000)	(13,835)	(11,242)
Exercises of stock options	1,645	2,748	6,706
Balance at end of period	150,943	158,058	167,848
<b>COMMON STOCK PAR VALUE:</b>			
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 158	\$ 168	\$ 171
Net issuances of restricted stock	2	1	2
Repurchases of common stock	(11)	(14)	(12)
Exercises of stock options	2	3	7
Balance at end of period	\$ 151	\$ 158	\$ 168
<b>CAPITAL SURPLUS:</b>			
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 915,038	\$ 1,003,926	\$ 875,843
Net issuances of restricted stock at par value	(2)	(1)	(2)
Repurchases of common stock excess over par value	(63,913)	(225,641)	(14,980)
Exercises of stock options excess over par value	27,478	52,383	105,366
Stock-based compensation expense restricted stock and stock units	63,571	53,830	40,835
Stock-based compensation expense stock options	5,109	9,229	17,628
Tax impact of equity incentive plans	2,193	21,312	65,414
Reclassification of deferred compensation			(86,178)
Balance at end of period	\$ 949,474	\$ 915,038	\$ 1,003,926
<b>DEFERRED COMPENSATION:</b>			
Balance at beginning of period	\$	\$	\$ (86,178)
Reclassification of deferred compensation			86,178
Balance at end of period	\$	\$	\$
<b>ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME:</b>			
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 68,853	\$ 38,577	\$ 24,987
Translation adjustments, net of tax	(34,590)	30,276	13,590
Balance at end of period	\$ 34,263	\$ 68,853	\$ 38,577
<b>RETAINED EARNINGS:</b>			
Balance at beginning of period	\$	\$	\$ 156,050
Cumulative impact from adoption of FASB Interpretation No. 48		(1,709)	
Repurchases of common stock excess over par value	(181,573)	(228,983)	(384,825)
Cash dividends (\$.44 per share, \$.40 per share and \$.32 per share)	(68,608)	(65,520)	(54,403)
Net income	250,181	296,212	283,178



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Balance at end of period	\$	\$	\$
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME:			
Net income	\$ 250,181	\$ 296,212	\$ 283,178
Translation adjustments, net of tax	(34,590)	30,276	13,590
Total comprehensive income	\$ 215,591	\$ 326,488	\$ 296,768

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## ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Net income	\$ 250,181	\$ 296,212	\$ 283,178
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Amortization of intangible assets	2,617	2,594	851
Depreciation expense	70,593	68,847	60,234
Stock-based compensation expense restricted stock and stock units	63,571	53,830	40,835
Stock-based compensation expense stock options	5,109	9,229	17,628
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	(3,688)	(14,690)	(49,929)
Provision for deferred income taxes	(6,043)	(7,242)	(19,318)
Provision for doubtful accounts	18,137	11,359	7,585
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions:			
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	67,283	(54,723)	(75,442)
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable, accrued expenses, accrued payroll costs and retirement obligations	(5,238)	26,944	49,542
(Decrease) increase in income taxes payable	(12,941)	28,839	66,166
Change in other assets, net of change in other liabilities	(2,456)	(9,975)	(5,112)
Net cash flows provided by operating activities	447,125	411,224	376,218
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Purchase of goodwill and other intangible assets and other assets	(272)	(19,524)	(11,958)
Capital expenditures	(73,413)	(83,777)	(80,446)
Increase in trusts for employee benefits and retirement plans	(21,116)	(12,949)	(3,618)
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(94,801)	(116,250)	(96,022)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Repurchases of common stock	(245,497)	(452,944)	(399,817)
Cash dividends paid	(68,608)	(65,520)	(54,403)
Decrease in notes payable and other indebtedness	(1,980)	(352)	(348)
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	3,688	14,690	49,929
Proceeds from exercises of stock options	27,480	52,386	105,373
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(284,917)	(451,740)	(299,266)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(22,651)	19,287	8,191
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	44,756	(137,479)	(10,879)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	310,000	447,479	458,358
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 354,756	\$ 310,000	\$ 447,479
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>			
Cash paid during the year for:			
Interest	\$ 485	\$ 505	\$ 537
Income taxes, net of refunds	\$ 192,205	\$ 165,866	\$ 131,769
Purchase of goodwill and other intangible assets and other assets:			
Assets acquired			

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Goodwill and other intangible assets	\$ 272	\$ 16,917	\$ 13,970
Other assets		3,002	4,051
<b>Liabilities incurred</b>			
Notes payable and other contracts			(1,524)
Other liabilities		(395)	(4,539)
Cash paid, net of cash acquired	\$ 272	\$ 19,524	\$ 11,958
<b>Non-cash items:</b>			
Stock repurchases awaiting settlement	\$	\$ 1,694	\$

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****Note A Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Nature of Operations.* Robert Half International Inc. (the Company) provides specialized staffing and risk consulting services through such divisions as *Accountemps*<sup>®</sup>, *Robert Half*<sup>®</sup> *Finance & Accounting*, *OfficeTeam*<sup>®</sup>, *Robert Half*<sup>®</sup> *Technology*, *Robert Half*<sup>®</sup> *Management Resources*, *Robert Half*<sup>®</sup> *Legal*, *The Creative Group*<sup>®</sup>, and *Protiviti*<sup>®</sup>. The Company, through its *Accountemps*, *Robert Half Finance & Accounting*, and *Robert Half Management Resources* divisions, is a specialized provider of temporary, full-time, and project professionals in the fields of accounting and finance. *OfficeTeam* specializes in highly skilled temporary administrative support personnel. *Robert Half Technology* provides information technology professionals. *Robert Half Legal* provides temporary, project, and full-time staffing of attorneys and specialized support personnel within law firms and corporate legal departments. *The Creative Group* provides project staffing in the advertising, marketing, and web design fields. *Protiviti* provides business consulting and internal audit services, and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Revenues are predominantly derived from specialized staffing services. The Company operates in North America, South America, Europe, Asia and Australia. The Company is a Delaware corporation.

*Basis of Presentation.* The Consolidated Financial Statements ( Financial Statements ) of the Company are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( GAAP ) and the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ).

*Principles of Consolidation.* The Financial Statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries, all of which are wholly-owned. All intercompany balances have been eliminated.

*Use of Estimates.* The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates 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. As of December 31, 2008, such estimates included allowances for uncollectible accounts receivable, workers' compensation losses and income and other taxes.

*Revenue Recognition.* The Company derives its revenues from three segments: temporary and consultant staffing, permanent placement staffing, and risk consulting and internal audit services. Net service revenues as presented on the Consolidated Statements of Operations represent services rendered to customers less sales adjustments and allowances. Reimbursements, including those related to travel and out-of-pocket expenses, are also included in net service revenues, and equivalent amounts of reimbursable expenses are included in direct costs of services. The Company records revenue on a gross basis as a principal versus on a net basis as an agent in the presentation of revenues and expenses. The Company has concluded that gross reporting is appropriate because the Company (i) has the risk of identifying and hiring qualified employees, (ii) has the discretion to select the employees and establish their price and duties and (iii) bears the risk for services that are not fully paid for by customers.

*Temporary and consultant staffing revenues* Temporary and consultant staffing revenues are recognized when the services are rendered by the Company's temporary employees. Employees placed on temporary assignment by the Company are the Company's legal employees while they are working on assignments. The Company pays all related costs of employment, including workers' compensation insurance, state and federal unemployment taxes, social security and certain fringe benefits. The Company assumes the risk of acceptability of its employees to its customers.

*Permanent placement staffing revenues* Permanent placement staffing revenues are recognized when employment candidates accept offers of permanent employment. The Company has a substantial history of estimating the effect of permanent placement candidates who do not remain with its clients through the 90-day guarantee period. Allowances are established to estimate these losses. Fees to clients are generally calculated as a

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**Note A Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

percentage of the new employee's annual compensation. No fees for permanent placement services are charged to employment candidates.

**Risk consulting and internal audit revenues** Risk consulting and internal audit services are generally provided on a time-and-material basis or fixed-fee basis. Revenues earned under time-and-material arrangements are recognized as services are provided. Revenues on fixed-fee arrangements are recognized using a proportional performance method as hours are incurred relative to total estimated hours for the engagement. The Company periodically evaluates the need to provide for any losses on these projects, and losses are recognized when it is probable that a loss will be incurred.

**Costs of Services.** Direct costs of temporary and consultant staffing services consist of payroll, payroll taxes and insurance costs for the Company's temporary employees, as well as reimbursable expenses. Direct costs of permanent placement staffing services consist of reimbursable expenses. Risk consulting and internal audit costs of services include professional staff payroll, payroll taxes and insurance costs, as well as reimbursable expenses.

**Advertising Costs.** The Company expenses all advertising costs as incurred. Advertising expense totaled \$50.2 million, \$59.2 million and \$52.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

**Comprehensive Income.** Comprehensive income includes net income and certain other items that are recorded directly to Stockholders' Equity. The Company's only source of other comprehensive income is foreign currency translation adjustments.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents.** The Company considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity at the date of purchase of three months or less as cash equivalents.

**Goodwill and Intangible Assets.** Intangible assets primarily consist of the cost of acquired companies in excess of the fair market value of their net tangible assets at the date of acquisition. Identifiable intangible assets are amortized over their lives, typically ranging from two to five years. Goodwill is not amortized, but is tested at least annually for impairment. The Company completed its annual goodwill impairment analysis during each of the three years ended December 31, 2008, and determined that no adjustment to the carrying value of goodwill was required.

**Income Tax Assets and Liabilities.** In establishing its deferred income tax assets and liabilities, the Company makes judgments and interpretations based on the enacted tax laws and published tax guidance that are applicable to its operations. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured and recorded using current enacted tax rates, which the Company expects will apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are recovered or settled. The likelihood of a material change in the Company's expected realization of these assets is dependent on future taxable income, its ability to use foreign tax credit carryforwards and carrybacks, final U.S. and foreign tax settlements, and the effectiveness of its tax planning strategies in the various relevant jurisdictions.

**Workers' Compensation.** Except for states which require participation in state-operated insurance funds, the Company retains the economic burden for the first \$0.5 million per occurrence in workers' compensation claims. Workers' compensation includes ongoing healthcare and indemnity coverage for claims and may be paid over numerous years following the date of injury. Claims in excess of \$0.5 million are insured. Workers' compensation expense includes the insurance premiums for claims in excess of \$0.5 million, claims administration fees charged by the Company's workers' compensation administrator, premiums paid to state-

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**
**Note A Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

operated insurance funds, and an estimate for the Company's liability for Incurred But Not Reported ( IBNR ) claims and for the ongoing development of existing claims.

The accrual for IBNR claims and for the ongoing development of existing claims in each reporting period includes estimates. The Company has established reserves for workers' compensation claims using loss development rates which are estimated using periodic third party actuarial valuations based upon historical loss statistics which include the Company's historical frequency and severity of workers' compensation claims, and an estimate of future cost trends. While management believes that its assumptions and estimates are appropriate, significant differences in actual experience or significant changes in assumptions may materially affect the Company's future results.

*Foreign Currency Translation.* The results of operations of the Company's foreign subsidiaries are translated at the monthly average exchange rates prevailing during the period. The financial position of the Company's foreign subsidiaries is translated at the current exchange rates at the end of the period, and the related translation adjustments are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income within Stockholders' Equity. Gains and losses resulting from foreign currency transactions are included as a component of selling, general and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations, and have not been material for all periods presented.

*Stock-based Compensation.* Under various stock plans, officers, employees and outside directors have received or may receive grants of restricted stock, stock units, stock appreciation rights or options to purchase common stock.

Compensation expense for restricted stock and stock units is generally recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the stock's fair market value on the grant date. For restricted stock grants issued with performance conditions, compensation expense is recognized over each vesting tranche. The Company recognizes compensation expense for only the portion of restricted stock and stock units that is expected to vest, rather than record forfeitures when they occur. If the actual number of forfeitures differs from those estimated by management, additional adjustments to compensation expense may be required in future periods. For purposes of calculating stock-based compensation expense for retirement-eligible employees, the service period is assumed to be met on the grant date or retirement-eligible date, whichever is later.

No stock appreciation rights have been granted under the Company's existing stock plans.

The Company determines the fair value of options to purchase common stock using the Black-Scholes valuation model. The Company recognizes expense over the service period for options that are expected to vest and records adjustments to compensation expense at the end of the service period if actual forfeitures differ from original estimates. The Company has not granted any options to purchase common stock since 2006.

*Property and Equipment.* Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation expense is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Computer hardware	2 to 3 years
Computer software	2 to 5 years
Furniture and equipment	5 years
Leasehold improvements	Term of lease, 5 years maximum

*Internal-use Software.* The Company capitalizes direct costs incurred in the development of internal-use software. Amounts capitalized are reported as a component of computer software within property and equipment. The Company capitalized approximately \$16.2 million, \$13.3 million and \$8.3 million of internal-use software development costs for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**Note B New Accounting Pronouncements**

In December 2007, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued SFAS No. 141(R), *Business Combinations* ( SFAS 141(R) ). SFAS 141(R) establishes principles and requirements for how an acquirer recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree, and the goodwill acquired. SFAS 141(R) also establishes disclosure requirements to enable the evaluation of the nature and financial effects of the business combination. SFAS 141(R) is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS 141(R) to have a material effect on its Financial Statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements - an amendment of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51* ( SFAS 160 ). SFAS 160 establishes accounting and reporting standards for ownership interests in subsidiaries held by parties other than the parent, the amount of consolidated net income attributable to the parent and to the noncontrolling interest, changes in a parent's ownership interest, and the valuation of retained, noncontrolling equity investments when a subsidiary is deconsolidated. SFAS 160 also establishes disclosure requirements that clearly identify and distinguish between the interests of the parent and the interests of the noncontrolling owners. SFAS 160 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS 160 to have a material effect on its Financial Statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* ( SFAS 157 ), which defines fair value, establishes guidelines for measuring fair value and expands disclosures regarding fair value measurements. Subsequently in February 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position 157-2, *Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157*, which delays the effective date of SFAS 157 for non-financial assets and liabilities, except for items that are recognized and disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis, until fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. The implementation of SFAS 157 for financial assets and liabilities, effective January 1, 2008, did not impact the Company's consolidated Financial Statements. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS 157 for non-financial assets and liabilities to have a material effect on its Financial Statements.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, *Disclosures About Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities - an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133* ( SFAS 161 ). SFAS 161 expands quarterly disclosure requirements included in SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* ( SFAS 133 ), about an entity's derivative instruments and hedging activities. SFAS No. 161 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS 161 to have a material effect on its Financial Statements.

In June 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position No. EITF 03-6-1, *Determining Whether Instruments Granted in Share-Based Payment Transactions Are Participating Securities* ( FSP EITF 03-6-1 ). FSP EITF 03-6-1 provides that unvested share-based payment awards that contain nonforfeitable rights to dividends are participating securities and should be included in the computation of earnings per share pursuant to the two-class method. FSP EITF 03-6-1 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The Company does not expect the adoption of FSP EITF 03-6-1 to have a material effect on its Financial Statements.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**Note C Deferred Income Taxes and Other Current Assets**

Deferred income taxes and other current assets consisted of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2008	2007
Deferred income taxes	\$ 61,955	\$ 55,522
Deposits in trusts for employee benefits and retirement plans	72,295	51,179
Other	59,085	49,768
	\$ 193,335	\$ 156,469

**Note D Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, Net**

The following table sets forth the activity in goodwill and other intangible assets from December 31, 2006 through December 31, 2008 (in thousands):

	Goodwill	Other Intangible Assets	Total
Balance as of December 31, 2006	\$ 177,125	\$ 1,540	\$ 178,665
Purchase of intangible assets	11,817	5,100	16,917
Translation adjustments	2,126	29	2,155
Amortization of intangible assets		(2,594)	(2,594)
Balance as of December 31, 2007	191,068	4,075	195,143
Purchase of intangible assets		272	272
Translation adjustments	(3,538)	122	(3,416)
Amortization of intangible assets		(2,617)	(2,617)
Balance as of December 31, 2008	\$ 187,530	\$ 1,852	\$ 189,382

The estimated remaining amortization expense is \$1.5 million for 2009 and \$0.4 million for 2010.

**Note E Property and Equipment, Net**

Property and equipment consisted of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2008	2007
Computer hardware	\$ 161,696	\$ 151,924
Computer software	259,790	243,216
Furniture and equipment	129,628	129,103
Leasehold improvements	121,861	113,654



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Other	16,112	16,089
Property and equipment, cost	689,087	653,986
Accumulated depreciation	(543,388)	(501,675)
Property and equipment, net	\$ 145,699	\$ 152,311

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**
**Note F Accrued Payroll Costs and Retirement Obligations**

Accrued payroll costs and retirement obligations consisted of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2008	2007
Payroll and benefits	\$ 170,123	\$ 195,383
Employee retirement obligations	69,868	64,049
Workers compensation	29,630	28,996
Payroll taxes	31,481	34,836
	<b>\$ 301,102</b>	<b>\$ 323,264</b>

Included in employee retirement obligations is \$61 million at December 31, 2008, and \$57 million at December 31, 2007, related to the Company's Chief Executive Officer for a deferred compensation plan and other benefits.

**Note G Notes Payable and Other Indebtedness**

The Company issued promissory notes as well as other forms of indebtedness in connection with certain acquisitions and other payment obligations. These are due in varying installments, carry varying interest rates and, in aggregate, amounted to \$2.0 million at December 31, 2008 and \$4.1 million at December 31, 2007. At December 31, 2008, \$2.0 million of the notes were collateralized by a standby letter of credit. The following table shows the schedule of maturities for notes payable and other indebtedness at December 31, 2008 (in thousands):

2009	\$ 105
2010	113
2011	123
2012	111
2013	117
Thereafter	1,428
	<b>\$ 1,997</b>

At December 31, 2008, the notes carried fixed rates and the weighted average interest rate for the above was approximately 9.0%, 6.5% and 6.9% for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

The Company has an uncommitted letter of credit facility (the facility) of up to \$35.0 million, which is available to cover the issuance of debt support standby letters of credit. The Company had used \$24.7 million in debt support standby letters of credit as of December 31, 2008, and \$23.1 million as of December 31, 2007. Of the debt support standby letters of credit outstanding, \$22.7 million as of December 31, 2008, and \$21.0 million as of December 31, 2007, satisfies workers' compensation insurer's collateral requirements. There is a service fee of 1.0% on the used portion of the facility. The facility is subject to certain financial covenants and expires on August 31, 2009.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**Note H Income Taxes**

The provision (benefit) for income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
<b>Current:</b>			
Federal	\$ 97,262	\$ 144,520	\$ 148,926
State	28,046	31,448	32,329
Foreign	49,830	25,466	21,087
<b>Deferred:</b>			
Federal and state	(6,569)	(6,599)	(19,096)
Foreign	526	(643)	(222)
	\$ 169,095	\$ 194,192	\$ 183,024

Income before the provision for income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
Domestic	\$ 337,402	\$ 439,015	\$ 423,312
Foreign	81,874	51,389	42,890
	\$ 419,276	\$ 490,404	\$ 466,202

The income taxes shown above varied from the statutory federal income tax rates for these periods as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
Federal U.S. income tax rate	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%
State income taxes, net of federal tax benefit	4.4	4.3	4.2
Tax-free interest income	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.5)
Non-deductible expenses	0.9	0.5	0.4
Non-U.S. income taxed at different rates, net of foreign tax credits	(0.1)	0.5	0.1
Federal tax credits	(0.4)	(0.3)	
Other, net	0.7	(0.1)	0.1
Effective tax rate	40.3%	39.6%	39.3%

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note H Income Taxes (Continued)

The deferred portion of the tax provision consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
Amortization of franchise rights	\$ 824	\$ 994	\$ 972
Amortization of other intangibles	366	(214)	339
Accrued expenses, deducted for tax when paid	(6,398)	(8,544)	(22,154)
Capitalized costs for books, deducted for tax	7,577	6,701	3,673
Depreciation	(2,113)	(3,146)	(4,980)
Federal benefit of FIN 48 liability	831	(3,242)	
Foreign tax credit carryforwards	(5,434)		
Other, net	(1,696)	209	2,832
	\$ (6,043)	\$ (7,242)	\$ (19,318)

The deferred income tax amounts included on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position are comprised of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2008	2007
Current deferred income tax assets, net	\$ 61,955	\$ 55,522
Long-term deferred income tax assets, net	43,870	43,206
	\$ 105,825	\$ 98,728

The components of the deferred income tax amounts at December 31, 2008 and 2007, were as follows (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2008	2007
<b>Deferred Income Tax Assets</b>		
Provision for bad debts	\$ 11,521	\$ 7,191
Employee retirement and other benefit obligations	44,733	48,219
Workers compensation	10,404	9,245
Deferred compensation	28,567	23,979
Credits and net operating loss carryforwards	33,330	23,892
Property and equipment basis differences		2,497
Other	15,491	15,773
<b>Total deferred income tax assets</b>	<b>144,046</b>	<b>130,796</b>
<b>Deferred Income Tax Liabilities</b>		
Amortization of intangible assets	(16,124)	(14,935)
Property and equipment basis differences	(2,718)	
Other	(4,801)	(4,434)
<b>Total deferred income tax liabilities</b>	<b>(23,643)</b>	<b>(19,369)</b>

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Valuation allowance	(14,578)	(12,699)
Total deferred income tax assets, net	\$ 105,825	\$ 98,728

The Company has net operating loss carryforwards in a number of states. The tax benefit of these net operating losses is \$0.5 million. These state net operating losses expire in 2009 and later. The Company has net

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note H Income Taxes (Continued)

operating loss carryforwards in foreign countries. The tax benefit of these net operating losses is \$14.6 million. These net operating losses expire in 2009 and later.

The Company has not provided deferred income taxes or foreign withholding taxes on \$6.5 million and \$4.8 million of undistributed earnings of its non-U.S. subsidiaries as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, since the Company intends to reinvest these earnings indefinitely. The U.S. tax impact upon repatriation, net of foreign tax credits, would be \$0.7 million and \$0.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The Company adopted FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes* ( FIN 48 ) on January 1, 2007. FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute criteria for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The interpretation also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition.

The following table reconciles the total amounts of gross unrecognized tax benefits from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008 (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2008	2007
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 5,783	\$ 8,088
Gross increases tax positions in prior years	15,144	523
Gross decreases tax positions in prior years	(332)	(1,465)
Gross increases tax positions in current year	493	122
Settlements	(543)	(1,450)
Lapse of statute of limitations	(60)	(35)
Balance at end of period	\$ 20,485	\$ 5,783

The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would impact the effective tax rate is \$2.9 million and \$4.2 million for 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The Company's continuing practice is to recognize interest and penalties related to income tax matters in income tax expense. The total amount of interest and penalties accrued as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, is \$7.9 million and \$4.9 million, respectively, including \$3.1 million and \$1.9 million, respectively, that was accrued during the year.

The Company believes it is reasonably possible that the settlement of certain tax uncertainties could occur within the next twelve months; accordingly, \$18.4 million and \$3.5 million of the unrecognized gross tax benefit has been classified as a current liability as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. This amount primarily represents unrecognized tax benefits comprised of items related to assessed state income tax audits, as well as state, U.S. and Canadian federal settlement negotiations currently in progress.

The Company's major income tax jurisdictions are the United States and Canada. For U.S. federal income tax, the Company remains subject to examination for 2002 and subsequent years. For major U.S. states, with few exceptions, the Company remains subject to examination for 2000 and subsequent years. For Canada, the Company remains subject to examination for 2002 and subsequent years.

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**Note I Commitments and Contingencies**

Rental expense, primarily for office premises, amounted to \$108.8 million, \$95.8 million and \$83.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The approximate minimum rental commitments for 2009 and thereafter under non-cancelable leases in effect at December 31, 2008 were as follows (in thousands):

2009	\$ 109,281
2010	101,084
2011	75,467
2012	57,827
2013	37,324
Thereafter	127,577
	<b>\$ 508,560</b>

Additionally, as of December 31, 2008, the Company had future purchase commitments of approximately \$20 million over the next three years primarily related to telecom service agreements, software licenses and subscriptions, and computer hardware and software maintenance agreements.

On September 10, 2004, Plaintiff Mark Laffitte, on behalf of himself and a putative class of salaried Account Executives and Staffing Managers, filed a complaint in California Superior Court naming the Company and three of its wholly owned subsidiaries as Defendants. The complaint alleges that salaried Account Executives and Staffing Managers based in California have been misclassified under California law as exempt employees and seeks an unspecified amount for unpaid overtime pay alleged to be due to them had they been paid as non-exempt hourly employees. In addition, the Plaintiff seeks an unspecified amount for statutory penalties for alleged violations of the California Labor Code arising from the alleged misclassification of these employees as exempt employees. On September 18, 2006, the Court issued an order certifying a class with respect to claims for alleged unpaid overtime pay but denied certification with respect to claims relating to meal periods and rest time breaks. On August 15, 2008, the Court stayed the litigation pending the California Supreme Court's ruling in another case unrelated to the Company titled *Harris v. Superior Court*. The ruling in such case may have a material adverse bearing on the Company's position in this litigation. At this stage of the litigation, it is not feasible to predict the outcome of or a range of loss, should a loss occur, from this proceeding, and accordingly, no amounts have been provided in the accompanying financial statements. The Company believes it has meritorious defenses to the allegations, and the Company intends to continue to vigorously defend against the litigation.

On May 4, 2006, Plaintiff Don Tran, on behalf of himself and a putative class of salaried Consultants and Senior Consultants, and a sub-class of terminated salaried Consultants and Senior Consultants, filed a complaint in California Superior Court naming Protiviti Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (Protiviti), as Defendant. The complaint alleges that salaried consultants based in California have been misclassified under California law as exempt employees and seeks an unspecified amount for unpaid overtime pay alleged to be due to them had they been paid as non-exempt, hourly employees. Plaintiff also seeks an unspecified amount for statutory penalties for alleged violations of the California Labor Code arising from the alleged misclassification of these employees as exempt employees. The complaint further seeks damages and penalties for the failure to provide meal and rest periods, and for the failure to reimburse business expenses, including, without limitation, parking and cellular telephone expenses. On February 28, 2008, the Court allowed Plaintiff to amend the complaint to name as class representatives two additional former Protiviti Consultants, who had worked for Protiviti's Internal Audit business line. Plaintiff Tran had worked for Protiviti's Technology Risk business line. On April 3, 2008, Plaintiffs agreed in open court to dismiss their claim for failure to reimburse business expenses. Plaintiffs filed a motion to certify the class on May 12, 2008 and Protiviti filed a motion to strike the class allegations on the same date. On December 18, 2008, the Court ruled that it would certify two classes, one

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**Note I Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)**

of California Consultants and another of California Senior Consultants, on the overtime pay claims. The Court also ruled that it would deny certification, without prejudice, on the claims for alleged unpaid meal and rest breaks. Further, it ruled that the Plaintiffs must submit a detailed trial plan, which the Court may use to revisit the class certification issue. The class has not yet been given notice of the action or the ruling. On February 6, 2009 the Court issued its order certifying the two classes described above on the overtime pay claims. A ruling in the unrelated *Harris* case referenced in the first paragraph of this Item 3 may have a material adverse bearing on Protiviti's position in this litigation. At this stage of the litigation, it is not feasible to predict the outcome of or a range of loss, should a loss occur, from this proceeding, and accordingly, no amounts have been provided in the accompanying financial statements. Protiviti believes it has meritorious defenses to the allegations, and Protiviti intends to continue to vigorously defend against the litigation.

On September 24, 2007, Plaintiff Van Williamson, on behalf of himself and a putative class of salaried Account Executives and Staffing Managers, filed a complaint in California Superior Court naming the Company and three of its wholly owned subsidiaries as Defendants. The complaint alleges that salaried Account Executives and Staffing Managers based in California were not provided meal periods, paid rest periods, and accurate itemized wage statements. It seeks one hour of wages for each employee for each meal and rest period missed during the statutory liability period. It also seeks an unspecified amount for statutory penalties for alleged violations of the California Labor Code arising from the alleged failure to provide the meal and rest periods and accurate itemized wage statements. The allegations in the complaint are substantially similar to the allegations included in the complaint filed by Mark Laffitte described above. On August 28, 2008, the Court stayed the litigation pending the California Supreme Court's decision on whether to review a case unrelated to the Company titled *Brinker Restaurant Corp. v. Superior Court*. On October 22, 2008, the California Supreme Court granted such review. The Plaintiffs and Defendants in the current action are scheduled to review the stay with the Court on February 26, 2009. A ruling in the unrelated *Harris* case referenced in the first paragraph of this Note I and/or the *Brinker* case referenced above may have a material adverse bearing on the Company's position in this litigation. At this stage of the litigation, it is not feasible to predict the outcome of or a range of loss, should a loss occur, from this proceeding, and accordingly, no amounts have been provided in the accompanying financial statements. The Company believes it has meritorious defenses to the allegations, and the Company intends to continue to vigorously defend against the litigation.

On September 16, 2008, Plaintiff Donald R. Green, on behalf of himself and a putative class of all temporary staffing employees in California, filed a complaint in California Superior Court naming the Company and one of its wholly owned subsidiaries as Defendants. The complaint alleges that temporary employees in California were improperly denied expense reimbursement and wages for time purportedly spent preparing for interviews, and traveling to and attending interviews with, alleged clients of Defendants. Plaintiff seeks penalties and equitable and legal remedies under Section 17200 of the California Business and Professions Code and Sections 1194 and 2802 of the California Labor Code. At this stage of the litigation, it is not feasible to predict the outcome of or a range of loss, should a loss occur, from this proceeding, and accordingly, no amounts have been provided in the accompanying financial statements. The Company believes it has meritorious defenses to the allegations, and the Company intends to vigorously defend against the litigation.

The Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 and the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 contained disclosure regarding a complaint filed against the Company and three of its wholly owned subsidiaries on August 9, 2005, by Plaintiff Lizette Greene, on behalf of herself and a putative class of salaried inside sales persons. On February 11, 2009, the Court dismissed this case.

The Company is involved in a number of other lawsuits arising in the ordinary course of business. While management does not expect any of these other matters to have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, financial position or cash flows, litigation is subject to certain inherent uncertainties.



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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**Note I Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)**

Legal costs associated with the resolution of claims, lawsuits and other contingencies are expensed as incurred.

**Note J Stockholders Equity**

*Stock Repurchase Program.* As of December 31, 2008, the Company is authorized to repurchase, from time to time, up to 9.8 million additional shares of the Company's common stock on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, depending on market conditions. During the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, the Company repurchased approximately 9.4 million shares, 12.2 million shares and 7.9 million shares of common stock on the open market for a total cost of \$203 million, \$397 million and \$273 million, respectively. Additional stock repurchases were made in connection with employee stock plans, whereby Company shares were tendered by employees for the payment of exercise price and applicable statutory withholding taxes. During the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, such repurchases totaled approximately 1.6 million shares, 1.6 million shares and 3.3 million shares at a cost of \$42 million, \$58 million and \$127 million, respectively. Repurchases of shares have been funded with cash generated from operations.

Repurchases of shares are applied first to the extent of retained earnings and any remaining amounts are applied to capital surplus. As a result, the Company had no retained earnings as of December 31, 2008.

The repurchased shares are held in treasury and are presented as if constructively retired. Treasury stock is accounted for using the cost method. Treasury stock activity for each of the three years ended December 31, 2008 (consisting of stock option exercises and the purchase of shares for the treasury) is presented in the Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity.

**Note K Stock Plans**

Under various stock plans, officers, employees, and outside directors have received or may receive grants of restricted stock, stock units, stock appreciation rights or options to purchase common stock. Grants have been made at the discretion of the Committees of the Board of Directors. Grants generally vest over four years. Shares offered under the plan are authorized but unissued shares or treasury shares.

Options currently outstanding under the plans have an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the Company's common stock at the date of grant and consist of non-statutory stock options under the Internal Revenue Code, and generally have a term of 10 years.

Recipients of restricted stock do not pay any cash consideration to the Company for the shares, have the right to vote all shares subject to such grant, and receive all dividends with respect to such shares, whether or not the shares have vested. Recipients of stock units do not pay any cash consideration for the units, do not have the right to vote, and do not receive dividends with respect to such units. Compensation expense for restricted stock and stock units is generally recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the stock's fair market value on the grant date. For restricted stock grants issued with performance conditions, compensation expense is recognized over each vesting tranche.

Stock-based compensation expense recognized in the Company's Financial Statements for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, included compensation expense for stock options, which includes grants made prior to, but not yet vested as of December 31, 2005, as well as stock options granted subsequent to December 31, 2005.

SFAS 123(R) requires that excess tax benefits be recognized as an addition to capital surplus and that unrealized tax benefits be recognized as income tax expense unless there are excess tax benefits from previous

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**Note K Stock Plans (Continued)**

equity awards to which it can be offset. The Company calculates the amount of eligible excess tax benefits that are available to offset future tax shortfalls in accordance with the long-form method described in paragraph 81 of SFAS 123(R).

Under both SFAS 123 and SFAS 123(R), the Company determines the fair value of stock options using the Black-Scholes valuation model. Under SFAS 123, the Company estimated forfeitures. SFAS 123(R) requires the Company to recognize expense over the service period for options that are expected to vest and record adjustments to compensation expense at the end of the service period if actual forfeitures differ from original estimates.

No stock options were granted during the years ended December 31, 2008 or 2007. During the year ended December 31, 2006, the Company granted stock options on 0.2 million shares. The assumptions utilized in the Black-Scholes valuation model for these stock options included expected dividend yield of .99%, expected volatility of 38.5%, risk-free interest rate of 4.9% and an expected life of 4.7 years.

The Company recognizes compensation expense for only the portion of restricted stock and stock units that is expected to vest, rather than record forfeitures when they occur, as previously permitted. If the actual number of forfeitures differs from those estimated by management, additional adjustments to compensation expense may be required in future periods. For purposes of calculating stock-based compensation expense for retirement-eligible employees, the service period is assumed to be met on the grant date or retirement-eligible date, whichever is later.

SFAS 123(R) no longer requires the recognition of deferred compensation upon grant of restricted stock. On January 1, 2006, deferred compensation related to awards issued prior to the adoption of SFAS 123(R) was reduced to zero with a corresponding decrease to capital surplus. In addition, SFAS 123(R) requires the Company to reflect the tax savings resulting from tax deductions in excess of expense reflected in its Financial Statements as a financing cash flow, which will impact the Company's future reported cash flows from operating activities.

Stock-based compensation expense related to stock options under SFAS 123(R) for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, was \$5.1 million, \$9.2 million and \$17.6 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, total unrecognized compensation cost, net of estimated forfeitures, was \$0.6 million, \$4.7 million and \$13.1 million, respectively, related to stock options and \$100.4 million, \$100.6 million and \$78.9 million, respectively, related to restricted stock and stock units. The unrecognized compensation cost is expected to be recognized over the next 4 years.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## Note K Stock Plans (Continued)

The following table reflects activity under all stock plans from December 31, 2005 through December 31, 2008, and the weighted average exercise prices (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Restricted Stock Plans		Stock Option Plans	
	Number of Shares/ Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share
Outstanding, December 31, 2005	3,848	\$ 26.32	20,973	\$ 18.77
Granted	1,953	\$ 35.69	207	\$ 32.36
Exercised			(6,706)	\$ 15.71
Restrictions lapsed	(1,152)	\$ 23.57		
Forfeited	(120)	\$ 31.78	(281)	\$ 25.04
Outstanding, December 31, 2006	4,529	\$ 30.92	14,193	\$ 20.29
Granted	1,688	\$ 37.50		
Exercised			(2,748)	\$ 19.06
Restrictions lapsed	(1,659)	\$ 29.36		
Forfeited	(180)	\$ 34.89	(169)	\$ 26.10
Outstanding, December 31, 2007	4,378	\$ 33.88	11,276	\$ 20.51
Granted	2,754	\$ 26.60		
Exercised			(1,645)	\$ 16.71
Restrictions lapsed	(1,847)	\$ 31.08		
Forfeited	(283)	\$ 32.20	(453)	\$ 24.61
Outstanding, December 31, 2008	5,002	\$ 31.00	9,178	\$ 20.98

The total pre-tax intrinsic value of stock options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, was \$16.5 million, \$45.3 million and \$150.9 million, respectively. The total fair value of shares vested during the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, was \$44.0 million, \$60.9 million and \$42.8 million, respectively.

The following table summarizes information about options outstanding as of December 31, 2008 (in thousands, except number of years and per share amounts):

Range of Exercise Prices	Options Outstanding				Options Exercisable			
	Number Outstanding as of December 31, 2008	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value	Number Exercisable as of December 31, 2008	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
\$ 10.41 to \$16.11	1,956	1.82	\$ 14.26	\$ 12,831	1,956	1.80	\$ 14.26	\$ 12,831
\$ 16.28 to \$21.00	1,848	3.88	\$ 17.33	6,454	1,848	3.82	\$ 17.33	6,454
\$ 21.17 to \$22.56								