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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission file number 001-32255

ANSWERS CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

98-0202855
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

237 West 35th Street, Suite 1101, New York,
N.Y.
(Address of principal executive offices)

10001
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (646) 502-4777

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

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock	The NASDAQ Capital Market

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

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Indicate by check mark whether 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 Section 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

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

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

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

The aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant, computed by reference to price at which the common equity was sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common stock as of June 30, 2009, was \$60,860,415. For purposes of this computation, the registrant has excluded the market value of all shares of its common stock reported as being beneficially owned by executive officers and directors and holders of more than 10% of the common stock on a fully diluted basis of the registrant; such exclusion shall not, however, be deemed to constitute an admission that any such person is an "affiliate" of the registrant. As of March 4, 2010, there were 7,958,928 issued and outstanding shares of common stock of the registrant.

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References to Web Property Usage Measurements

We gauge the effectiveness of our monetization efforts and trends by measuring our revenue per thousand page views, or RPM. Throughout this Annual Report, we refer to estimates of traffic, or page views. In our Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") prior to our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2008, we tracked the traffic on ReferenceAnswers and WikiAnswers Web properties using two separate systems:

- ReferenceAnswers traffic was measured using our internally developed server-side, log-based system ("Internal Data Warehouse"). This system was designed to identify traffic from search engine robots and other known Web robots, commonly referred to as Web spiders or Web crawlers, as well as from suspected automated spidering scripts, and excluded such traffic from the traffic activity measurements.
- WikiAnswers traffic was tracked using HBX Analytics, a tag-based Web analytics system offered by Omniture, Inc., ("Omniture"). Traffic measurements from this system are generated by our placement of tags on our Web pages. The Omniture system then independently generates traffic metrics.

Beginning with the MD&A in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2008, all traffic measurements (including measurements previously reported in past filings using our Internal Data Warehouse) for ReferenceAnswers are also presented based on the Omniture data. We estimate that the historical page views for ReferenceAnswers pursuant to Omniture data, as set forth in our reports beginning with our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2008, are approximately 11% lower than the traffic measurements reported in previous filings. Consequently, our ReferenceAnswers RPMs, as reported in our current reports, reflect higher values than those presented in previous filings.

We also use Google, Inc.'s Google Analytics measurement services and Google AdSense data to estimate the breakdown of our traffic sources. Google Analytics measurements are generated by our placement of tags on our Web properties' pages, which Google Analytics uses to count and report audience metrics independently.

In this Annual Report, statistics gathered from Omniture and Google Analytics are also referred to as "internal estimates".

We also follow and report certain measurements performed by comScore, Inc., a global leader in measuring the digital world and one of the preferred sources of digital marketing intelligence. comScore's "unique visitors" data to which we subscribe is based on a new solution introduced by comScore in mid-2009, Media Metrix 360, a 'panel-centric hybrid' solution to digital audience measurement. The new approach combines person-level measurement from comScore's proprietary 2 million person global panel with Web site server metrics. Our focus on comScore's unique visitors metric – in the U.S. and worldwide – helps us understand and analyze our progress vis-à-vis other Web properties in general and in the context of the competitive Q&A space, in particular.

Certain comScore clients have moved to a full-hybrid measurement methodology, while others have moved to partial hybrid status, or have yet to implement hybrid measurement. Direct comparison of a ranking post-hybrid implementation vs. pre-Hybrid implementation may not reflect the actual change in the site's ranking or audience size over time. Answers implemented hybrid measurement beginning August 2009.

Third party services measuring traffic audiences may provide different estimates than the estimates reported by other similar services and our internal estimates. These discrepancies may result from differences in methodologies applied or the sampling approaches used by each measuring service.

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We also generate community-related statistics, including total number of answers and new registered users, from our own systems contained in the WikiAnswers property.

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ANSWERS CORPORATION

PART I

Item 1. Business

Introductory Note

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains “forward looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward looking statements are based on expectations, estimates, goals and projections as of the date of this filing and are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed in forward looking statements.

We were incorporated as a Texas corporation in December 1998 and reorganized as a Delaware corporation in April 1999. In October 2005, we changed our name from GuruNet Corporation to Answers Corporation. Our principal executive offices are located in New York, NY. In addition, we have an office in Jerusalem, Israel. We completed our initial public offering in October 2004 and our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol “ANSW.”

In this Annual Report, “Answers.com,” the “Company,” “we,” “us” and “our” refer to Answers Corporation and its subsidiary GuruNet Israel Ltd.

We use various trademarks and trade names in our business, including without limitation “Answers.com®,” “WikiAnswers®,” “WikiAnswers.comTM,” “AnswerthonTM,” “AnswerTips®” and “1-Click AnswersTM”. This Annual Report also contains trademarks and trade names of other businesses that are the property of their respective holders.

Available Information

We make available free of charge at www.answers.com (in the “Investor Relations” section) copies of materials we file with, or furnish to, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, including our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such materials with, or furnish them to, the SEC.

Mission

Our mission is to become the dominant and recognized market leader for answers online.

Answers.com is committed to bringing people the best possible answers covering all topics in thousands of categories by leveraging a growing community of contributors and an editorial library of authoritative content licensed from leading publishers.

We intend to build the best online:

- § Answer experience
- § Answer database
- § Q&A community

Overview

Answers.com is a leading Q&A site catering to the growing need of online consumers to locate answers to their questions. By integrating our two popular properties - WikiAnswers and ReferenceAnswers –we have combined the power of community-driven content with hundreds of expert resources from licensed content. People can ask anything and automatically receive the best available answer, which could be user-generated or from an editorial resource. Our community-generated social knowledge Q&A platform, WikiAnswers, leverages wiki-based technologies; through the contributions of a large and growing community, answers can be edited and improved over time. The award-winning reference site ReferenceAnswers includes content on millions of topics from over 250 licensed sources created by leading publishers, including Houghton Mifflin Company, Barron's and Encyclopedia Britannica.

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According to comScore data for the month of January 2010, Answers.com had 50 million unique visitors, which ranked us number 18 in the top U.S. Web properties. Worldwide, Answers.com had approximately 77 million unique visitors, ranking us number 33 in the world's top properties.

According to our internal estimates, during 2009, Answers.com yielded approximately 3.4 billion page views.

Our business runs on the ability to attract and monetize traffic to Answers.com. Monetization of Answers.com is achieved by displaying online advertisements, mostly pay-per-performance ads which require people viewing them to actually click on them in order for us to generate revenue. We earn substantially all of our revenue from online advertising.

We believe our valuable content and overall user experience drives traffic to Answers.com, which in turn drives advertising revenue.

Company History

Prior to January 2005, we were primarily in the business of selling subscriptions for access to an answer-based product which benefited from intelligent aggregation of multiple sources of content.

In January 2005, we announced the release of the original version of Answers.com, a free-access Web site that had been launched in August 2004 in beta version. The answer-based service offered content from brand-name publishers licensed by us. In conjunction with the original Answers.com, we also released 1-Click Answers, our free downloadable software application that facilitates more efficient access for Windows users to the original Answers.com.

In November 2006, we acquired a questions and answers Web site, collaboratively written and edited by its community of users, which we later re-branded "WikiAnswers". Our objective for WikiAnswers was twofold: First, we aimed to turn the platform into a dynamic, multi-disciplinary resource for users to share knowledge on similar areas of interest, thus adding a compelling facet to our overall offering. Second, we strived to leverage the potential of the network effect discussed in more detail below (the WikiAnswers component) and strategically use WikiAnswers as a content creation source.

Over the course of 2007, 2008 and 2009, our focus on user-generated content grew considerably and became the primary driver of our business.

We began to integrate Answers.com and WikiAnswers towards the end of 2008. The product strategy guiding the integration was our desire to give users the best answers to all types of questions – be they community-generated from WikiAnswers, or editorially licensed from Answers.com, which we rebranded as ReferenceAnswers.

In September 2009 we announced the launch of the new Answers.com, in recognition of our completing the integration of our two Web properties. Thus, Answers.com is now our umbrella brand and is comprised of two properties or sub-brands, WikiAnswers and ReferenceAnswers. At the end of 2009 we announced the availability of the WikiAnswers component of Answers.com in four new languages: French, Italian, German and Spanish, extending the power of the popular wiki Q&A platform beyond our English language user base. These languages joined our Tagalog version, which was created and developed organically by users in the Philippines.

Products & Services

The New Answers.com

We own and operate Answers.com, a leading Q&A site, dedicated to providing useful answers to questions about anything. Answers.com includes two Web properties, or components: WikiAnswers and ReferenceAnswers. WikiAnswers is a community-generated social knowledge Q&A platform, leveraging wiki-based technologies. Through the contributions of the community, our questions and answers are continuously growing, improving and being updated, to form the world's best Q&A database. ReferenceAnswers provides trusted editorial content on millions of topics licensed from the world's top reference publishers.

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Integration of WikiAnswers and ReferenceAnswers

The first stages of the integration were minor - creating a similar “look and feel” for, and cross-linking between, the two Web properties. Thus, for example, a user looking up “Michael Jackson” in ReferenceAnswers, arrived at a page displaying reference content covering the specific query, in addition to being asked to answer WikiAnswers unanswered questions relating to Michael Jackson. The result page also resembled a WikiAnswers page by way of including the standard “Ask” and “Answer” bar in the header of the page, as opposed to the original “Search” button displayed adjacent to the query bar. Subsequently, we added an “All” radio button adjacent to the query bar on both properties, allowing users, should they choose, to find a result by searching both properties. In the second quarter of 2009, we took an important additional step in integrating both Web properties by making the “All” radio button the default setting above the query box of both properties. As a result of this user-interface change, users typing in queries into either of our properties are automatically directed to the Web page our algorithms deem most appropriate as a response. For example, a user typing the query, “When did WWII start?” in ReferenceAnswers, lands on a Web page belonging to WikiAnswers with an answer to that question. A user typing the query “Who is Oprah Winfrey?” in WikiAnswers, arrives at a ReferenceAnswers page displaying the Oprah Winfrey topic. In September 2009, we took our final step in integrating the two Web properties by creating a new unified Answers.com home page and login, integrating features from both properties, and making other changes in our user interface to strengthen our positioning as having one dominant product and brand, Answers.com, comprised of the two properties, WikiAnswers and ReferenceAnswers.

The WikiAnswers Component

WikiAnswers is a user-generated content (UGC), community-based, Q&A platform where people ask questions and the community answers them. WikiAnswers is currently differentiated from other popular question and answer sites which facilitate a forum where users can ask and answer questions, often repeating the same question in many different ways, but cannot improve upon or edit the questions or answers. WikiAnswers’ approach allows the community to transform each question and answer into its own “wiki” page, a collaborative page that can be improved upon by others in the community. In this manner, good answers can potentially become better answers over time; related questions can be merged or physically associated with each other; and ultimately, the community user-experience is enhanced.

Content generation is the core of WikiAnswers. The dynamics of UGC make WikiAnswers highly scalable. We believe the size of the community helps drive the quantity of the content, content attracts additional users which in turn grows the community. We believe this cyclical pattern is the major source of growth for WikiAnswers. We have seen a very high correlation between growth in questions and answers and growth in page views. This is the self reinforcing, self sustaining growth engine driving WikiAnswers. We intend to focus on continuing this trend and enhance WikiAnswers to grow the overall community, which in turn should heavily contribute to the overall growth of Answers.com’s content and traffic.

The WikiAnswers component grew very strongly in 2009. Average daily page views in the fourth quarter of 2009 were 8.2 million, 88% higher than the same quarter in 2008. Based on the daily average for the month of December 2009 compared to December 2008, we have seen the following increases in key performance indicators:

- questions answered on a daily basis increased from approximately 8,400 to approximately 11,500; and
- daily new questions being added to our system grew from approximately 28,100 to approximately 37,600.

The ReferenceAnswers Component

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ReferenceAnswers, launched in January 2005 as the original Answers.com, aggregates millions of topics in categories including health and medical, legal, business and finance, science and technology, history, reference, translation and language from brand-name publishers and other sources. Our technology combines and presents targeted information from disparate sources and delivers answers to users' questions in a single consolidated view.

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Our ReferenceAnswers content includes over 250 licensed titles from leading offline and online publishers. The publishers from which we currently license content include, among many others, All Media Guide, Barron's Educational Series, Encyclopedia Britannica, Houghton Mifflin Company, McGraw-Hill, Oxford University Press and Gale. We attribute the data source of information on each Web page, enabling our users to make an independent evaluation as to the credibility of the content.

Licensing agreements with our publishers are generally for fixed periods, mostly ranging from one year to four years, renewable by consent of the parties. A licensing agreement will typically entitle us to provide the licensed information to our end users through ReferenceAnswers in return for a fixed amount payable over the life of the agreement, either in a lump sum up front or payable over the course of a fixed schedule, either monthly, quarterly or annually. We also provide content we license at no cost, for example, from Wikipedia. We favor content that is difficult to find elsewhere on the Internet.

Early in 2010, ReferenceAnswers also began featuring many licensed videos. We believe that our users will value and be attracted to the rich footage covering thousands of topics in numerous categories.

1-Click Answers; AnswerTips; Web-Based AnswerTips

1-Click Answers is a tool that facilitates access to Answers.com. With 1-Click Answers installed on a computer, a user can click on a word or phrase within virtually any application, such as an e-mail, spreadsheet, document or database, and gain access to Answers.com's online library. Answers.com content related to the word or phrase is displayed in an AnswerTips pop-up information bubble. Available for users of both Microsoft Windows and Apple's Macintosh OS X, 1-Click Answers performs contextual analysis of the words or phrase clicked. For example, when clicking on the word "Ford" appearing in the context of Ford Motor Company, Harrison Ford, or Gerald Ford, 1-Click Answers will process and recognize the context and deliver information on the vehicle manufacturer, the film star, or the U.S. president, respectively.

Since 2007, we began offering other Web properties and blogs the ability to provide their users with the 1-Click functionality through our webmaster tool version of AnswerTips, which does not require a download. The Web version of AnswerTips is triggered when a visitor double-clicks a word or phrase on an "AnswerTips-enabled" site.

Internationalization

In the third quarter of 2009 we launched French, Italian, German and Spanish language versions of WikiAnswers, which we refer to as "FIGS". The Q&A platform also supports Tagalog (Filipino). Our strategy will capitalize on the needs of users around the globe who are searching for answers online and will leverage our core strengths: community building and Q&A space. Further, we plan on leveraging our large and dynamic English language database and community, to grow our foreign language versions. The WikiAnswers English language database contains over 7 million answered questions. We are selectively translating some of our answered English language questions, to help accelerate the adoption of our non-English versions, and plan to continue that effort throughout 2010.

Based on the success of our current internationalization efforts, we may decide to add support for additional languages in 2010 and beyond.

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Traffic Generation

Our revenues are primarily driven by the traffic generated by Answers.com and our ability to effectively monetize that traffic. Please refer to the preamble of this Annual Report for a full explanation of the manner in which we measure traffic. The 2009 average daily page views and RPMs (revenue per thousand page views) of Answers.com, by quarter, broken down by component, are as follows:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Traffic (page views)				
WikiAnswers	5,337,000	6,082,000	6,336,000	8,199,000
ReferenceAnswers	2,982,000	2,965,000	2,857,000	2,737,000
Total	8,319,000	9,047,000	9,193,000	10,936,000
RPM (Revenue per thousand page views)				
WikiAnswers	64%	67%	69%	75%
ReferenceAnswers	36%	33%	31%	25%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%
RPM (Revenue per thousand page views)				
WikiAnswers	\$6.58	\$6.14	\$5.87	\$5.93
ReferenceAnswers	\$5.84	\$5.87	\$5.89	\$6.08

Search engines. Answers.com's largest source of traffic is search engines, which represented 89% of our traffic for the fourth quarter of 2009. Among search engines, Google is by far our largest provider of search engine traffic, providing approximately 84% of overall search engine traffic.

We continually seek to improve the volume and optimize the monetization of traffic directed to our Web properties by search engines. The industry commonly refers to these efforts as search engine optimization, or SEO. One of our principal strategic initiatives is centered on our understanding that content drives traffic through SEO. We believe that rich, unique content is valued by the user and by the search engines and their content indexing algorithms. Thus, we have historically focused on adding unique content that has not been broadly offered on the Web. Currently, the Q&A-oriented content belonging to WikiAnswers is playing an overwhelming role in creating rich and unique information for Answers.com. Our additional SEO efforts involve optimizing Answers.com's coding, presentation and structure, such as incorporating a clear hierarchical site-structure, and structuring the site to facilitate search engine indexing.

In July 2007, a search engine algorithm adjustment by Google led to a drop in Google directed traffic to ReferenceAnswers. Future changes in algorithms that search engines use to identify Web pages towards which traffic will ultimately be directed, or restrictions by search engines on users visiting Answers.com, could cause a significant decrease in traffic and revenues.

Direct users. Answers.com also receives traffic from users visiting and returning to our sites directly. Direct users, including Google definition link traffic, represented 11% of our traffic for the fourth quarter of 2009.

Google definition link. Since 2005, we benefited from an informal, non-contractual relationship with Google under which Google linked certain search results related to definitional queries to ReferenceAnswers. This link (or links, in

the case of multiple-phrase queries) appeared at the right end of the blue header bar for Google Search Results. For the ten months ended October 31, 2009, according to our internal estimates, this source of traffic represented approximately 5% of our overall traffic and revenue. In October 2009, Google informed us that beginning sometime during the fourth quarter of 2009, they will no longer be sending us traffic from the Google Definition Link. By the end of 2009, all Google definition link traffic had been discontinued. Despite this change, we continue to receive very significant levels of traffic from Google's search engine, as described above.

Traffic Monetization

We earn practically all of our revenue from advertising. There are two primary categories of Internet advertising: pay-per-performance, also known as cost-per-click ("CPC"), and pay-per-impression display ads or cost per 1,000 impressions ("CPM"). In the CPC model, we earn revenue based on the number of clicks associated with an ad; in the CPM model, we derive revenue from the sole display of ads on pages that are visited by our audience. 90% and 10% of our advertising revenue in 2009 was earned from CPC advertising and CPM advertising, respectively. We obtain CPC and CPM advertisements from third-party ad networks. These ad networks compensate us by paying us a portion of the revenue they earn from advertisers for our provision of promotional space on Answers.com.

Our primary third party ad network, Google AdSense, provided Answers.com with almost all of the site's CPC ads and accounted for approximately 88% of our total advertising revenue in 2009.

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Google AdSense. Google AdSense refers to the online program through which Google distributes advertisers' "AdWords" ads, for display on the web sites of its Google Network members. Answers.com is a member of such network. Google's AdSense program includes, amongst others, "AdSense for search" and "AdSense for content", both of which are utilized on Answers.com.

AdSense for search is Google's online service for distributing relevant ads from advertisers for display with search results. Google's AdSense for search ads are targeted to match user search queries. For example, if a user has typed into the Answers.com search box a query with the words "going green initiatives," the search result page may include ads relating to environmentally-friendly products. Answers.com displays Google's AdSense for search ads in textual format. Most of the ads served on the ReferenceAnswers component of Answers.com are delivered by AdSense for search.

AdSense for content is Google's online service for distributing ads from its network of advertisers that are relevant to content appearing on Answers.com. Google's technology analyzes the meaning of the content on Answers.com web pages and serves relevant ads based on the meaning of such content. For example, a web page with a question and an answer about finding a job might display ads for job placement agencies or higher education programs. While AdSense for content allows a variety of ad types to be shown, including text ads, image ads, Google Video Ads and more, Answers.com utilizes text ads, almost exclusively. The ads displayed on the WikiAnswers component of Answers.com are almost always drawn from AdSense for content.

The advertisers in Google's network pay Google a fee each time an Answers.com user clicks on their advertisement which Google served to our web site. Google shares the revenue associated with these clicks, with us.

Google Contract. In January 2005, we entered into the Google Services Agreement (GSA) governing our participation in Google AdSense. In effect, the GSA positions Google AdSense as our most significant third party ad network. The GSA, extended for an additional two years pursuant to an October 2009 amendment, is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2012. Google may terminate the GSA with no advance notice for any of the following reasons:

- our breach of certain prohibited actions including, among other things:
 - o editing or modifying the order of search results,
 - o redirecting end users, producing or distributing any software which prevents the display of ads by Google,
 - o modifying, adapting or otherwise attempting to obtain source code from Google technology, content, software and documentation, or
 - o engaging in any action or practice that reflects poorly on Google or otherwise disparages or devalues Google's reputation or goodwill;
- our breach of the grant of a license to us by Google of certain trade names, trademarks, service marks, logos, domain names and other distinctive brand features of Google;
 - our breach of the confidentiality provisions of the GSA;
 - our breach of the exclusivity provisions of the GSA; or
- our material breach of the GSA more than two times, irrespective of any cure to such breaches.

Direct Ad Sales. In the second quarter of 2008, we decided to suspend our direct ad sales efforts and to instead focus on selling ads through advertising networks, primarily Google AdSense. In the second and third quarter of 2008 we terminated all of our direct ad sales employees. This decision allowed us to focus on growing the community, growing our traffic and monetizing via Google and other ad networks. Notwithstanding the lack of a direct ad sales team, we are occasionally approached directly by advertisers who wish to advertise on Answers.com, and we often facilitate such requests.

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Licensing Revenue. We earn a negligible portion of our revenues from partners that pay us for providing them with our answer-based services that they then use in their own products, via co-branded Web pages. Revenues from these arrangements are based on various formulae, including fees based on the number of user queries and fixed periodic fees.

Seasonality

Our results of operations have historically been affected by seasonal patterns in both traffic to Answers.com and advertising demand. For example, many of our users are students that utilize Answers.com as reference sources. Our traffic fluctuates with the academic school year, rising from January through May, falling to lower levels during the summer months, rising again in September through November, and falling again in December, coinciding with school breaks and the holiday season. We expect traffic to Answers.com to continue to fluctuate seasonally in the future. This seasonal fluctuation contributes to the fluctuation in our quarterly revenues.

Community Development

As part of our continuous effort to support our growing community, the last year has seen continued focus on several site-wide, community-oriented programs designed to foster loyalty, increase repeat visits and build on the “human element” that has fueled Answers.com’s growth.

Volunteer Premier Answerers. Volunteer Premier Answerers are a group of dedicated contributors recognized for the time and effort they spend researching and providing consistent improvement to answers. Typically, they are experts in a certain field or on a particular topic and possess the knowledge to answer complex or detailed questions. By empowering these special contributors to focus on what they know best, the overall quality and utility of Answers.com improves.

Volunteer WikiReviewers. Volunteer WikiReviewers are registered users dedicated to taking on an organized approach to improving site quality. These members review flagged questions to fix general spelling and grammar, rewrite answers to ensure neutrality and original content, and generally improve answers to make them more applicable to the question being asked. Some volunteer WikiReviewers research difficult questions that are unanswered for a prolonged period of time. By improving the quality of the content in these areas, the site becomes more user-friendly and improves site credibility.

Mentoring Program. The Mentoring Program is an effort to provide a friendly, fun and worthwhile learning experience for newly appointed volunteer Supervisors who are looking to pursue a more active role in the community. Experienced volunteer Mentors are matched-up with new volunteer Supervisors. Mentors are site veterans who have garnered considerable experience and knowledge, enabling them to provide solid support and guidance to up-and-coming contributors.

Community Outreach Program. Volunteer WikiGuides enhance the community environment by creating a sense of citizenship and interconnectedness among Answers.com participants. Through the Outreach Program, new contributors are greeted with a warm welcome, infrequent visitors are given positive feedback on their contributions, and less-active volunteer Supervisors are encouraged to return to active participation. WikiGuides also deliver invitations to participate in site-wide events and congratulations on special occasions and for participation achievements. The welcoming atmosphere created by our Outreach Program improves member retention and draws back site contributors when their motivation lags.

Influential Teens Program. The Influential Teen Program, also known as WIT (WikiAnswers Influential Teens), builds on the growing community of teen contributors on the site. The aim of the program is to provide a constructive

and safe online locale for teens to “hang out” and ask and answer questions. WIT is about empowering teens through specially created individual projects. Through WIT, these future trailblazers develop their leadership abilities while learning how to use the site and its features correctly.

Vandal Patrol Program. The Vandal Patrol Program addresses the problem of damaging or abusive edits to content, a common problem on wiki-based sites. As user-generated content on Answers.com grows in both size and recognition, it continues to attract not only great contributors, but more vandals as well. Through this targeted program, volunteer participants enjoy finding, eliminating, and defending against vandalism on the site.

Dispute Resolution Program. With an ever-growing and diverse community spanning across the globe, the need for a Dispute Resolution Program on Answers.com is apparent. Our Community Development team receives reports regarding editing conflicts – large and small – that they work to resolve amicably. Through appealing to this mediating service, contributors enjoy improved communication, less discord, and better understanding of their fellow contributors.

Moving toward the future, Community Development intends to further strengthen our ability to support a growing population of people asking, answering, and organizing questions through clear community oriented policies and community influenced projects that embrace the ability for large crowds to collaborate at a pace with the site’s expected growth.

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Our Strategy

We believe our valuable content and overall user experience drives traffic to Answers.com, which in turn drives the creation of more content and more traffic. Our traffic is monetized through advertising. As we view our business consisting of the core Answers.com platform with several possible product extensions, the key elements of our strategy to increase revenue will include:

1. Investment in, and development of, our core Answers.com service, by:
 - Growing our Q&A database;
 - Improving content quality by, among others, developing tools and engaging users;
 - Building and empowering our user community;
 - Improving overall user-experience and core user functionality;
 - Enhancing our search engine optimization (SEO) efforts;
 - Improving the relevance of internal text search; and
 - Introducing newly-licensed content
2. Continuous development of our international versions, by:
 - Translating English Q&A content into other languages;
 - Building communities around the international languages; and
 - Launching additional languages
3. Enabling mobile access to Answers.com via smart-phones
4. Connecting more aggressively to social media platforms, by:
 - More tightly integrating the question and answering process with popular social networks, such as Facebook and Twitter; and
 - Leveraging our community towards greater social engagement
5. Entering the video space, by:
 - Syndicating video from third-party video aggregators and potentially adding a video creation platform to Answers.com

Technology

Research and Development

We devote a substantial portion of our resources to enhancing and improving our existing core product, Answers.com, developing new product extensions and strengthening our technological expertise. In fiscal years 2008 and 2009, we spent approximately \$3.5 million and \$3.6 million, respectively, on research and development of our products and services. Our engineering and production teams are located in our Jerusalem, Israel development facility, with additional production support provided from our office in New York City. We have developed our technology internally, acquired it or licensed it from outside vendors.

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Hosting Services

We manage our Web operations through our two independently-managed data centers, which we refer to as colocation facilities. Our facility located in New Jersey is supported by Net Access Corporation (the “First Facility”) and our facility located in Utah is supported by C7 Data Centers, Inc. (the “Second Facility”). Our agreements with Net Access Corporation and C7 Data Centers provide us with the right to use space, equipment, Internet bandwidth, electrical power, cooling and other facility functionalities, enabling us to monitor and manage our applications, databases, servers, routers, IT devices and other networkable assets. Continuous maintenance and operation of the colocation facilities are critical to the stability and growth of Answers.com and our ancillary Web operations. The advantages of managing our operations out of two separate colocation facilities include, among others:

- Near-to-complete redundancy and load balancing;
- Greater ability to handle traffic spikes, Internet attacks and Internet brownouts;
- Much faster recovery from single-site issues or disasters; and
- Built-in backup by virtue of maintaining a copy of all data in both locations.

Net Access Contract. On April 19, 2008, we entered into a Network Access and Data Center Services Agreement with Net Access with respect to the First Facility (the “NetAccess Agreement”). The term of the NetAccess Agreement is thirty six months and is scheduled to expire in April 2011. Specific services are provided by Net Access pursuant to service-specific Service Orders entered into by the parties from time to time. The NetAccess Agreement will automatically renew unless cancelled by us sixty days prior to its scheduled expiration, and does not include provisions affording Net Access the right to terminate its services prior to such scheduled expiration. We have also entered into a service level agreement pursuant to which Net Access has guaranteed certain standards of service level and operational specifications (the “NetAccess SLA”). We believe that the NetAccess SLA sufficiently addresses our operational needs. Termination of our relationship with Net Access, for whatever reason, would result in our need to replace this relationship and obtain colocation facility services from alternative providers. We believe we would successfully locate and engage such alternative providers, however, there is no assurance we would receive equally favorable terms as those provided in the NetAccess Agreement and NetAccess SLA.

C7 Contract. On March 31, 2009, we entered into a Master Services Agreement with C7 with respect to the Second Facility (the “C7 Agreement”). The term of the C7 Agreement is thirty six months from the date of installation and is scheduled to expire in April 2012. Specific services are provided by C7 pursuant to service-specific Statements of Work entered into by the parties from time to time. Each statement of work automatically renews unless cancelled by us ninety days prior to its scheduled expiration. C7 is afforded the right to terminate its services upon the failure by us to cure a breach of the C7 Agreement on our part, following a twenty day cure period. The C7 Agreement includes a service level agreement pursuant to which C7 has guaranteed certain standards of service level and operational specifications (the “C7 SLA”). We believe that the C7 SLA sufficiently addresses our operational needs. Termination of our relationship with C7, for whatever reason, would result in our need to replace this relationship and obtain colocation facility services from alternative providers. We believe we would successfully locate and engage such alternative providers, however, there is no assurance we would receive equally favorable terms as those provided in the C7 Agreement and C7 SLA.

Competition

Competition in the questions and answers space has greatly intensified over the past several years, and Answers.com faces significant competition from a wide variety of Web properties. Question and answer sites, such as Yahoo! Answers (owned by Yahoo!), Yedda (owned by AOL), Answerbag.com (owned by Demand Media, Inc.), Aardvark (owned by Google), Wikia, Inc., Askville (owned by Amazon), StackOverflow, ChaCha, Mahalo Answers, Hunch and many other properties, all compete with our community-driven component of Answers.com. Content sites that

compete for the same users searching for information include destination portals and other free online information and/or reference services, such as e-How (owned by Demand Media), Seed.com (owned by AOL), About.com (owned by the New York Times), Dictionary.com (owned by IAC/InterActiveCorp), HowStuffWorks (owned by Discovery Communication), WikiHow, TheFreeDictionary.com and Wikipedia.org. These sites also compete with Answers.com.

Since several companies operating traditional search engines, such as Google, Yahoo!, Microsoft, AOL and Ask.com offer answers within their search services, these companies too can be viewed as competitors of our answers-driven products, particularly in light of the fact that some search engines have begun putting snippets of useful answers at the top of many of their pages, in response to queries made by users. Nevertheless, search engines remain the greatest source of traffic arriving at our Web properties.

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Many of our competitors have longer operating histories, more extensive management experience, an employee base with more extensive experience, better geographic coverage, larger consumer bases, greater brand recognition and significantly greater financial, marketing and other resource than we do. We expect competition to further intensify in the future. If our competitors are more successful than we are in developing compelling products or attracting and retaining users, then our competitive position and financial results could be adversely affected.

Marketing

To enhance the Answers.com brand, we are pursuing a brand development strategy that includes word-of-mouth marketing, direct marketing, spreading the word via social media networks, blogging and public relations efforts.

Word of Mouth Marketing. We benefit from word of mouth advertising when users share their positive experience using Answers.com with friends, colleagues, family, and others. We work to encourage the practice by adding features that make it simple to link to Answers.com, or post information from, or send an e-mail with information from answers.com.

Direct Marketing. We aim to annually produce several events for directly reaching our community audience in an interactive manner. We have institutionalized the Answerthon™ weekend contests on Answers.com, occurring several times throughout the year, in which users attempt to answer as many questions as they can and compete for prizes. We have also established an Answers.com Scholarship Fund in order to better connect with our student demographic, by offering \$20,000 in scholarships for answering questions in any categories of interest. This initiative took place in 2009 and is recurring in 2010. We also held certain community events, virtual and live, for purposes of bolstering loyalty of prominent contributors and volunteer supervisors, while at the same time facilitating the establishment of stronger community identification and more social interaction between members of the site. For example, in December 2009, we held the Answers Summit, an event which included workshops on growing, improving and celebrating our Q&A platform.

Social Media Networks. Answers.com includes features that enable users to share a question or an answer with their friends and contacts via Facebook, or Twitter. Our site also facilitates interaction by users with the brand via becoming a fan of Answers.com on Facebook, subscribing to the Answers.com channel on YouTube or following Answers.com on Twitter. We have also retained a consultant focused on attracting Twitter users to feeds concerning Answers.com in an effort to raise awareness of and create mass linking to the site by way of “Tweets”.

Blogging. We maintain a blog at www.nostupidanswers.com which we use to share news about the community, acquaint users with our top contributors and volunteer supervisors, update the community about the Company and recent product features and developments, as well as engage the community by sharing stories, tips and trivia about a wide variety of topics of interest.

Public Relations Efforts. Over the years, we have received multiple favorable reviews from numerous publications and we plan on continuing our public relations efforts with outreach, speaking opportunities and sponsorships at conferences, press releases, interviews and briefings. For example, in 2009 we sponsored such conferences as DEMOfall '09, Web 2.0 Summit, LeWeb and the Online Community Summit.

Employees

At December 31, 2009, we had 86 employees, of which 73 were full-time employees and 13 were part-time employees. As of such date, 60 employees were located in our office in Jerusalem and 26 employees were based in the United States. None of our employees is subject to a collective bargaining agreement, and we consider our employee relations to be satisfactory.

Intellectual Property

We regard our domain names, patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade dress, trade secrets, proprietary technologies and similar intellectual property as critical to our success, and we rely on patent, trademark and copyright law, trade-secret protection, and confidentiality and/or license agreements with our employees, customers, partners, and others to protect our proprietary rights.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office has granted us four United States patents; the Israeli Patent Office has granted us one patent. We have one patent pending in the United States and a corresponding patent pending under the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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The status of any patent involves complex legal and factual questions, and the breadth of claims allowed is uncertain. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that any patent application filed by us will result in a patent being issued or that our issued patents, and any patents that may be issued in the future, will afford adequate protection against competitors with similar technology. We similarly face the risk that any patents issued to us might be infringed or designed around by others.

While we rely on patent and other intellectual property laws to protect our technology, we also believe that factors such as the technological and creative skills of our personnel, new product developments, frequent product enhancements and reliable product maintenance are essential to establishing and maintaining our market position. We enter into confidentiality agreements, as appropriate, with our employees, consultants and customers, and otherwise seek to control access to, and distribution of, our proprietary information. These measures, however, afford only limited protection. There is no guarantee that these safeguards will protect our technology and other valuable competitive information from being used by competitors.

We have applied for, or have been assigned by third parties, numerous domain names and have filed applications for a number of trademarks by U.S. governmental authorities. To date, we have been granted a Community Trademark (“CTM”) by the European Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market for the Answers.com mark and we expect the U.S. registration for the Answers.com mark in the first half of 2010. We have also been granted a CTM and a registered U.S. mark for the word WikiAnswers, and a U.S. mark for the word AnswerTips.

Companies in the Internet, technology, and media industries own large numbers of patents, copyrights, and trademarks and frequently enter into litigation based on allegations of infringement or other violations of intellectual property rights. As we face increasing competition, the possibility of intellectual property claims against us grows. Answers.com has been, and from time to time we expect to continue to be, subject to claims of alleged infringement of copyrights, trademarks and other intellectual property rights of third parties. These claims and any resultant litigation, should it occur, could subject us to significant liability for damages. Our technologies may not be able to withstand any third-party claims or rights against their use. In addition, even if we prevail, litigation could be time-consuming and expensive to defend and could result in the diversion of our time and attention. Any claims from third parties may also result in limitations on our ability to use the intellectual property subject to these claims, unless we are able to enter into license agreements with the third parties making these claims.

Government Regulation

We are subject to a number of domestic and foreign laws and regulations that affect corporations using the Internet as their business platform. The interpretation of laws and regulations pertaining to the privacy of users, freedom of expression, content, advertising and intellectual property rights in the United States and in foreign jurisdictions may at times be unclear or unsettled. Additionally, rules and regulations in these areas are being debated and considered for adoption in other countries, and we face risks from proposed legislation that may be adopted in the future.

In the U.S., laws governing the liability of Internet companies offering online services for the activity of Website users and/or other third parties, are currently being tested by a number of claims. Cases include actions for libel, slander, invasion of privacy and other tort claims, unlawful activity, trademark and copyright infringement, as well as other theories based on the nature and content of the materials searched, the ads posted, or the content generated by users. Certain foreign jurisdictions are also testing the liability of providers of online services for activities of their users and other third parties. Any court ruling that will impose liability on providers of online services for activities of their users and other third parties could harm our business.

Nevertheless, to resolve some of the current legal uncertainty, we expect the courts to interpret these laws and regulations and such rulings may be applicable to our activities. Such rulings could generally dampen the growth in

use of the Internet and could potentially expose us to substantial liability, including significant expenses necessary to comply with applicable laws and regulations. Several U.S. federal laws that could have an impact on our business include, among others:

- The Digital Millennium Copyright Act (“DMCA”), intended to reduce the liability of online service providers for listing or linking to third party Web properties that include materials that infringe copyrights of others. The DMCA is intended to limit, but does not necessarily eliminate, our liability for listing, linking, or hosting third-party content that includes materials that infringe copyrights.
- Portions of the Communications Decency Act, intended to provide statutory protections to online service providers who distribute third party content.
- The Child’s Online Protection Act, or COPA, the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act, or COPPA and the Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to End Exploitation of Children Today Act, are intended to restrict the distribution of certain materials deemed harmful to children and impose additional restrictions on the ability of online services to collect user information from minors.
- The CAN-SPAM Act is intended to regulate spam and create criminal penalties for unmarked sexually-oriented material and emails containing fraudulent headers.

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A range of other laws and new interpretations of existing laws could have an impact on our business. For example, in the area of data protection, many states have passed laws requiring notification to users when there is a security breach for personal data, such as California's Information Practices Act. The costs of compliance with these laws may increase in the future as a result of changes in interpretation. Furthermore, any failure on our part to comply with these laws may subject us to significant liabilities.

We post our privacy policy and practices concerning the use and disclosure of user data. Any failure by us to comply with our posted privacy policy, U.S. Federal Trade Commission requirements or other domestic or international privacy-related laws and regulations could result in proceedings by governmental or regulatory bodies, that could potentially harm our business, results of operations and financial condition. In this regard, there are a large number of legislative proposals before the European Union, as well as before the United States Congress and various state legislative bodies, regarding privacy issues related to our business. It is not possible to predict whether or when such legislation may be adopted, and certain proposals, if adopted, could harm our business operations. For example, decreases in usage of Answers.com could be caused by, among other provisions, the required use of disclaimers or other requirements before users can utilize our services.

In addition, because our services are accessible worldwide, and particularly in light of our recent launch of several international versions of WikiAnswers, certain foreign jurisdictions may claim that we are required to comply with their laws, including laws relating to labor arrangements, taxes, media and content, among others, even where we have no local entity, employees, or infrastructure. We might unintentionally violate such laws, such laws may be modified or interpreted to our detriment, and new laws may be enacted in the future. Any such developments could harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

We may be subject to legal liability for specific types of online services we provide. We direct users to a wide variety of services that enable individuals to exchange information, conduct business and engage in various online activities on an international basis. The law relating to the liability of providers of these online services for activities of their users is currently unsettled both within the United States and abroad. Claims may be threatened against us for aiding and abetting defamation, negligence, copyright or trademark infringement, or other theories based on the nature and content of information to which we provide links or that may be posted online.

Operations in Israel

The Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investments, 5719 – 1959 (the "Investment Law"), provides that upon application to the Investment Center of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Employment of the State of Israel, or the Investment Center, a proposed capital investment in eligible capital expenditures may be designated as an Approved Enterprise. Each certificate of approval for an Approved Enterprise relates to a specific investment program delineated both by its financial scope, including its capital sources, and by its physical characteristics, such as the equipment to be purchased and utilized under the program. The tax benefits derived from any certificate of approval relate only to taxable income derived from growth in manufacturing revenues attributable to the specific Approved Enterprise. If a company has more than one approval or only a portion of its capital investments are approved, its effective tax rate is the result of a weighted combination of the applicable rates.

Taxable income of a company derived from an Approved Enterprise is subject to tax at the maximum rate of 25% for the benefit period. This period is ordinarily 7 years, beginning with the year in which the Approved Enterprise first generates taxable income, and is limited to 12 years from when production begins or 14 years from the date of approval, whichever is earlier. A company owning an Approved Enterprise may elect to receive an alternative package of benefits, which allows the company to receive tax exemptions rather than grants. Under the alternative package, the company's undistributed income derived from an Approved Enterprise will be exempt from tax for a period of between 2 and 10 years from the first year of taxable income, depending on the geographic location of the Approved Enterprise

within Israel, and the company will be eligible for the tax benefits under the Investment Law for the remainder of the benefit period.

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The benefits available to an Approved Enterprise are conditional upon compliance with the conditions stipulated in the Investment Law and related regulations and the criteria described in the specific certificate of approval. If a company violates these conditions, in whole or in part, it would be required to refund the amount of tax benefits and any grants received plus an amount linked to the Israeli consumer price index and interest.

On April 1, 2005, amendment No. 60 to the Investment Law became effective (the "Amendment") and has changed several provisions of the Investment Law, mainly in respect of the alternative package. The Amendment sets forth the scope of enterprises which may qualify as a Beneficiary Enterprise - under the Amendment, the designation is Beneficiary Enterprise rather than Approved Enterprise - by setting forth criteria for qualification of a company. Additionally, the Amendment determined that companies operating under the alternative package no longer require Investment Center approval in order to qualify for tax benefits. Instead, this position will be incorporated as part of the regular tax audits of the Israeli Tax Authorities (the "ITA").

Under the Amendment, the year in which a company elects to commence its tax benefits is designated as the year of election ("Year of Election"). A company may choose its Year of Election by notifying the ITA in its annual tax return or within twelve months after the end of the Year of Election, whichever is earlier, or by requesting a pre-ruling from the ITA no later than six months after the end of the Year of Election. However, the Investment Law provides that terms and benefits included in any letter of approval which was granted prior to the effective date of the Amendment, will remain subject to the provisions of the law as they were on the date of such approval. Therefore, our Israeli subsidiary's (GuruNet Israel Ltd.) existing Approved Enterprise status will generally not be subject to the provisions of the Amendment, while in order to receive further benefits, it will have to meet the Amendment's requirements. During 2009, GuruNet Israel Ltd. elected 2008 as the Year of Election under the Amendment, for its second expansion.

GuruNet Israel Ltd. currently has three capital investment programs, two of which were granted Approved Enterprise status under the Investment Law prior to the Amendment, ending December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2014, respectively, and one Beneficiary Enterprise pursuant to the Amendment, ending December 31, 2017. Qualifying income arising from our Approved Enterprise is tax-free in Israel under the alternative package of benefits described above for a period of 10 years from the first year in which our Israeli subsidiary generates taxable income from such Approved Enterprise, but not later than certain specified periods. We have begun to generate taxable income for purposes of the Investment Law, and we have utilized these tax benefits beginning in 2000. The Investment Law also provides that an Approved Enterprise is entitled to accelerated depreciation on its property and equipment that are included in an approved investment program.

Item 2. Properties

Our New York office, which serves as our corporate U.S. headquarters for community development, investor relations, sales and parts of production operations, is located at 237 West 35th Street, Suite 1101, New York, NY 10001 and occupies a portion of the 11th floor at this location. The current per annum rent for this office is approximately \$73,000. The lease for these premises expires in June 2010 and we are actively seeking new office space with a view towards expanding our U.S. headquarters.

Our research and development facility is located on the entire 7th floor of the Tower (Building 2), Jerusalem Technology Park, P.O. Box 48253, Jerusalem 91481, Israel in approximately 1,000 square meters of space, occupied under a 5-year lease with a current monthly rental rate of approximately \$21,000 based on the Dollar-NIS exchange rate on December 31, 2009. The lease will expire in July 2010, with an option to extend the term for an additional 5 years. Our current plan is to locate and lease additional space or alternative space for expanding our research and development operations in advance of the expiration of this lease. We believe that there is space available in the local markets at reasonable rates that will be suitable for our needs.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we receive various legal claims incidental to our normal business activities, such as intellectual property infringement claims and claims of defamation and invasion of privacy. Although the results of claims cannot be predicted with certainty, we believe the final outcome of such matters will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations, or cash flows. Regardless of the outcome, litigation can have an adverse impact on us because of defense costs, diversion of management resources, and other factors. In addition, it is possible that an unfavorable resolution of any proceeding could in the future materially and adversely affect our financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

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PART II

Item 5. Market for the Registrant's Common Stock, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

Our common stock has been quoted on The NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "ANSW" between August 2, 2005 and September 28, 2008 and on The NASDAQ Capital Market, under the same symbol, since September 29, 2008. The following table sets forth the high and low closing sale prices for our common stock as quoted on The NASDAQ Global Market (or The NASDAQ Capital Market, as the case may be) for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009 and the subsequent period indicated.

	High	Low
Year ended December 31, 2008		
First quarter	\$6.93	\$3.76
Second quarter	\$5.52	\$3.27
Third quarter	\$5.77	\$2.82
Fourth quarter	\$7.23	\$3.70
Year ended December 31, 2009		
First quarter	\$9.56	\$5.62
Second quarter	\$8.88	\$6.05
Third quarter	\$9.11	\$7.73
Fourth quarter	\$10.86	\$7.40
Year ending December 31, 2010		
First quarter (through March 5, 2010)	\$8.95	\$7.46

The closing sale price of our common stock as reported by The NASDAQ Capital Market on March 5, 2010 was \$8.45 per share.

As of March 1, 2010, there were approximately 40 holders of record of our common stock (not including beneficial owners holding shares in nominee accounts). We have not paid any common stock cash dividends since formation and we do not expect to pay any common stock cash dividends in the foreseeable future. During 2009 we did not repurchase any shares of our common stock.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table sets forth certain information at December 31, 2009 with respect to our compensation plans that provide for the issuance of options, warrants or rights to purchase our securities.

	No. of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	No. of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security	2,316,088	\$8.80	379,255

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holders Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	—	—	—
Total	2,316,088		379,255

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

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by, our financial statements (and notes related thereto) and other more detailed financial information appearing elsewhere in this annual report. In addition to historical information, this annual report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. These statements include, among other things, statements concerning:

- Our expectations relating to the growth of our business and revenue;
- Our expectations concerning future traffic trends;
- Our expectations concerning future RPM trends;
- Our plans to continue investing resources in our core platform in areas such as content quality, maintaining and improving search engine optimization, performance, scalability, and usability;
- Our plans to continue our investment in the FIGS versions of WikiAnswers and our belief that this area will be critical to our growth in future years;
- Our plans surrounding mobile Answers.com access;
- Our plans to further address the social answers space by more tightly integrating the question-answering process with popular social networks;
- Our intention to enter the video space in order to enrich the types of answers we serve our user base;
- Our expectation that at least some of our planned product extensions will contribute significantly to 2011 revenue;
- Our expectations concerning seasonality and traffic patterns in the future;
- Our expectation that CPC ads will continue to generate the overwhelming majority of our revenue;
- Our expectation to grow our research and development team significantly in 2010;
- Our expectation that going forward, cash flow from operations will continue to be our principal source of liquidity; and
- Our belief that we have sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet our working capital and operating requirements for at least the next twelve months;

As well as other statements concerning our future operations, financial condition and prospects and business strategies. These forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those reflected in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in this annual report, and in particular, the risks discussed in other documents we file with the SEC. We undertake no obligation to revise or publicly release the results of any revision to these forward-looking statements. Given the risks and uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements.

Introduction

This Management discussion and analysis, or MD&A, is divided into sections entitled “General,” “Results of Operations,” “Liquidity and Capital Resources,” “Off Balance Sheet Arrangements,” “Critical Accounting Estimates” and “Quarterly Results”. The “General” section contains information regarding our business and recent events as well as background and commentary regarding the revenue and expense captions that comprise our Statement of Operations. The “Results of Operations” section is our commentary on this year’s results of operations compared to the immediately preceding year. All of the sections herein should help provide a better understanding of the major factors and trends that affect our earnings performance and financial condition, and how our performance during 2009 compares to prior years.

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General

We own and operate Answers.com, a leading Q&A site, dedicated to providing useful answers to questions about anything. Answers.com includes WikiAnswers and ReferenceAnswers. WikiAnswers is a community-generated social knowledge Q&A platform, leveraging wiki-based technologies. Through the contributions of the community, our questions and answers are continuously growing, improving and being updated, to form the world's greatest Q&A database. ReferenceAnswers provides trusted editorial content on millions of topics licensed from what we believe to be the world's top reference publishers. ReferenceAnswers usually provides the best results for simple questions of the who-is, what-is variety. More complex questions are better handled by WikiAnswers. Our goal is to become the dominant and recognized market leader for answers on the Internet.

According to our internal estimates, Answers.com generated 9.4 million average daily page views in 2009 compared to 5.8 million average daily page views in 2008. According to comScore, under its new hybrid audience measurement methodology, Answers.com had 50 million unique visitors in the U.S. in January 2010, ranking the site number 18 among the top U.S. Web properties for that month. Also according to comScore, Answers.com had approximately 77 million unique visitors worldwide in January 2010, ranking us number 33 worldwide.

New Answers.com: Integration of WikiAnswers and ReferenceAnswers

In September 2009 we announced the launch of the new Answers.com, in recognition of the integration of our two Web properties, culminating a process that began several quarters earlier. Answers.com is the name we now use for our combined site, as well as our umbrella brand, and is comprised of two properties or sub-brands, WikiAnswers and ReferenceAnswers. The product strategy guiding the integration was our desire to give users one address for the best answers to all types of questions – be they community-generated from WikiAnswers, or editorially licensed from ReferenceAnswers.

The first stages of the integration were minor - creating a similar “look and feel” for, and cross-linking between, the properties. Thus, for example, a user looking up “Michael Jackson” in ReferenceAnswers, arrived at a page displaying reference content covering the specific query, in addition to being asked to answer WikiAnswers unanswered questions relating to Michael Jackson. The result page also resembled a WikiAnswers page by way of including the standard “Ask” and “Answer” bar in the header of the page, as opposed to the original “Search” button displayed adjacent to the query bar. Subsequently, we added an “All” radio button adjacent to the query bar on both properties, allowing users, should they choose, to find a result by searching both properties. In the second quarter of 2009, we took an additional and important step in integrating both Web properties by making the “All” radio button the default setting above the query box of both properties. As a result of this user-interface change, users typing in queries into either of our properties are automatically directed to the Web page our algorithms deem most appropriate as a response. For example, a user typing the query, “When did WWII start?” in ReferenceAnswers, lands on a Web page belonging to WikiAnswers with an answer to that question. A user typing the query “Who is Oprah Winfrey?” in WikiAnswers, arrives at a ReferenceAnswers page displaying the Oprah Winfrey topic. In September 2009, we took our final step in integrating the two Web properties by creating a new unified Answers.com home page and login, integrating features from both properties, and making other changes in our user interface to strengthen our positioning as having one dominant product and brand, Answers.com, comprised of the two properties, WikiAnswers and ReferenceAnswers.

How we Generate Revenue

Traffic

Our revenue is driven by the traffic generated by Answers.com and our ability to effectively monetize that traffic. Search engines, primarily Google, are responsible for most of the traffic to Answers.com. Users submit queries and

search engines respond by generating a list of Web pages that they deem likely to offer the most relevant content. When an Answers.com page ranks high in the algorithmic systems of search engines, our results are more likely to be accessed by users. For the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2008, according to our internal estimates, this source of traffic represented approximately 80% and 76%, respectively, of Answers.com's traffic. For the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2009, according to our internal estimates, this source of traffic represented approximately 89% and 86%, respectively, of Answers.com's traffic.

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The balance of the traffic arriving at Answers.com in 2008 and 2009 originated from direct usage, i.e., users visiting our home page and/or navigating within Answers.com, and from users who have clicked on Google's Definition Link feature. Beginning in 2005, we benefited from an informal, non-contractual relationship with Google under which Google linked certain search results related to definitional queries to ReferenceAnswers. This link (or links, in the case of multiple-phrase queries) appeared at the right end of the blue header bar for Google Search Results. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, according to our internal estimates, this source of traffic represented approximately 5% of our overall traffic and revenue. In October 2009, Google informed us that beginning sometime during the fourth quarter of 2009, they would no longer be sending us traffic from the Google Definition Link. We began to see the impact of this change at various points in the fourth quarter, and by the end of 2009, this traffic ceased.

Search engines, at any time and for any reason, could change their algorithms that direct search queries to Answers.com or other web properties, or could restrict the flow of users visiting Answers.com specifically. In fact, we have previously experienced decreases in traffic, and consequently in revenue, in response to such search engine action. Thus, we expend resources guarding and improving the volume of this traffic. The industry commonly refers to such efforts as search engine optimization, or SEO. We often refer to traffic from search engines as SEO traffic. We also focus on the "quality" of our Q&A database, since a potential result of poor quality content may be a negative impact on our SEO traffic.

Seasonality

Our results of operations have historically been affected by seasonal traffic patterns and advertising demand. Many of our users are students who utilize our Web properties as reference sources. Our traffic fluctuates with the academic school year, rising from January through May, falling to lower levels during the summer months, rising again in September through November, and falling again in December, coinciding with school breaks and the holiday season. We expect traffic to our Web properties to continue to fluctuate seasonally in the future. This seasonal fluctuation in traffic results in a fluctuation in our quarterly revenues, since lower traffic to Answers.com translates into fewer users clicking on or viewing the advertisements we display. Our current seasonal patterns may become more pronounced or may change as we grow domestically.

Monetization

Advertising Revenue. We earn practically all of our revenue from advertising. There are two primary categories of Internet advertising: pay-per-performance, also known as cost-per-click ("CPC"), and pay-per-impression display ads or cost per 1,000 impressions ("CPM") In the CPC model, we earn revenue based on the number of clicks associated with an ad; in the CPM model, we derive revenue from the display of ads. The overwhelming majority of our advertising revenue is earned from CPC advertising. We obtain all of our CPC, and most of our CPM advertisements from third-party ad networks. These ad networks compensate us by paying us a portion of the revenue they earn from advertisers for our provision of promotional space on our Web properties.

Our primary third party ad network, Google AdSense, accounted for approximately 88% of our total revenue in 2009, as compared to approximately 82% of our total revenue in 2008. We obtain practically all our CPC ads from Google. In addition to Google, we utilize the services of other third party ad networks that provide us with CPM ads. We expect that for the foreseeable future, CPC ads will continue to generate the overwhelming majority of our revenue, and we have no plans to reduce our reliance on CPC ads.

Our relationship with Google is governed by our Google Services Agreement, or GSA, which was recently renewed for a two-year period ending January 31, 2012. We participate in two Google AdSense programs, "AdSense for Search" or "AFS" and "AdSense for Content" or "AFC". AFS is the online service for distributing relevant ads from Google's

advertisers for search results on Google Network members' sites. AFC, on the other hand, is Google's online service for distributing ads from its advertisers that are relevant to content on its Network members' web sites. Under this program, Google uses automated technology to analyze the meaning of the content on the web page and serve relevant ads based on the meaning of such content. Queries resulting in WikiAnswers pages are almost always monetized via AFC ads, while queries triggering ReferenceAnswers pages are mostly monetized via AFS ads.

For a full discussion explaining our monetization and traffic metrics, please refer to the first section in this Annual Report, titled "References to Web Property Usage Measurements".

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Direct Ad Sales. In the second quarter of 2008, we decided to suspend our direct ad sales efforts and to instead focus on selling ads through third-party advertising networks, primarily Google AdSense. In the second and third quarter of 2008 we terminated all of our direct ad sales employees. This decision allowed us to focus on our core competency – growing the community, growing our traffic and monetizing via Google and other ad networks. Notwithstanding the lack of a direct ad sales team, we are occasionally approached directly by advertisers who wish to advertise on Answers.com, and we often facilitate such requests. Direct ads represented an immaterial portion of our total 2009 revenue.

Licensing Revenue. We earn a negligible portion of our revenues from partners that pay us for providing them with our answer-based services that they then use in their own products, via co-branded Web pages.

Costs and Expenses

Cost of Revenue

Cost of revenue consists of compensation, travel and overhead costs relating to personnel who are engaged in production operations, content editing and integration, fees to third parties to license and translate content, data center costs, including depreciation of information technology assets, Web search service fees, ad serving fees, amortization of the cost of acquired software used in our products, and contractual revenue sharing fees to various Web property operators for visitors directed to our Web properties, or traffic acquisition costs. We expect our cost of revenue, as a percentage of revenue, to increase in 2010 because of the various initiatives we are planning, including translation of significantly more English-language content into foreign languages.

Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses consist of compensation, travel and overhead costs of personnel conducting research and development of our products and services, and consulting costs. Our research and development team works primarily on projects to improve and enhance product functionality, quality, performance, scalability, user interface, and monetization. In the long term, we expect that our research and development expenses will decline as a percentage of revenue as we grow our revenue. However, since we expect to grow our research and development team significantly in 2010, we expect our research and development expenses, as a percentage of revenue, to increase in 2010.

Community Development, Sales and Marketing Expenses

Community development, sales and marketing expenses consist of compensation, travel and overhead costs of personnel in charge of developing and encouraging the WikiAnswers community of users asking and answering questions and volunteer supervisors, sales and marketing, product management, marketing and market information services, public relations and promotional costs. As a result of our termination of direct ad sales in 2008, we expect that the primary future growth in this expense line item will be in the area of WikiAnswers community development. In the long term we expect that our community development, sales and marketing expenses will decline as a percentage of revenue as we grow our revenue, however we may not experience that improvement in 2010.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of compensation, travel and overhead costs for general executive, financial, legal, human resources, and other administrative personnel, professional services, including investor relations, legal, accounting, payroll and other consulting services, insurance fees, amortization of domain names, and other general corporate expenses. We generally expect that our general and administrative expenses will

decline as a percentage of revenue as we grow our revenue.

Overhead Costs

Overhead costs consist primarily of rent, telecommunications, utilities and depreciation expenses.

Stock-Based Compensation

New employees typically receive stock option awards within three months of their start date. We also grant additional stock option awards to existing employees and directors. We account for stock-based awards under Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 718, “Compensation – Stock Compensation”, which requires measurement of compensation cost for all stock-based awards at fair value on date of grant and recognition of compensation over the service period awards are expected to vest. Costs resulting from stock-based compensation are part of our compensation expense and are included in the operating expense categories in our Statements of Operations.

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Impact of Foreign Currency Fluctuations

The dollar cost of our operations is heavily influenced by changes in the value of the dollar in relation to the New Israeli Shekel (“NIS”), mostly due to the NIS-based salaries of our Israel-based employees. Close to half of our operating expenses, excluding non-cash items such as stock-based compensation, are denominated in New Israel Shekels. We enter into forward contracts to hedge some of our NIS-based expenses. Prior to May 2009, these derivatives were not designated as hedging instruments under the rules of ASC 815, “Derivatives and Hedging”, and therefore, the net gains (losses) arising from these derivatives were recognized in operating expenses as they occurred. Starting May 2009, we designated all of our currency hedging activity as cash flow hedges as they were all eligible. Thus, the change in those hedges are recorded as other comprehensive income (loss), and are reclassified to earnings as the forward contracts mature or if, and to the extent that the hedging relationship is deemed ineffective.

In 2009, compensation, excluding stock-based compensation (thereafter, “Cash-Based Compensation”), to employees amounted to \$7,134 thousand compared to \$7,071 thousand during the same period in 2008, a net increase of \$63 thousand. As a result of the strengthening of the dollar as compared to the NIS and the effect of foreign currency derivatives, Cash-Based Compensation in 2009 declined approximately \$495 thousand as compared to 2008; however, such decline was offset by other compensation changes, including increases in headcount and raises, amounting to \$558 thousand.

Our period-over-period discussion regarding operating expenses includes the impact of foreign currency on such expenses. We expect our NIS-based expenses in 2010, to be in excess of 2009 levels, thus, if the dollar continues to fluctuate as compared to the NIS, we will experience further fluctuation in the dollar amount of our NIS-based expenses.

Termination fees and write-off of cost relating to the terminated Lexico acquisition and abandoned follow-on offering

In the first quarter of 2008, our planned acquisition of Lexico Publishing Group LLC and the related planned offering of securities were terminated due to unfavorable market conditions. As a result, we recorded a charge to our statement of operations, amounting to approximately \$2.54 million.

Interest Expense, Net

Interest expense, net, is comprised of interest income earned on cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, interest expense on capital leases, transaction costs we incurred in connection with the issuance of the Series B Warrants in June 2009 and amortization of deferred costs we incurred in connection with the issuance of the Series B Unit Warrant, in June 2008.

Other Income, Net

Other income, net, is comprised of foreign currency gains and losses.

Loss Resulting from Fair Value Adjustment of Warrants

The Series A Warrants, the Series B Warrants and the Series B Unit Warrant (prior to exercise), which are components of transactions with Redpoint Omega, L.P. and Redpoint Omega Associates, LLC (collectively, “Redpoint”) are revalued each reporting date. Any change to their fair value is recorded as a gain or loss in the Statement of Operations. Background regarding the transaction with Redpoint follows.

Redpoint Financings

On June 16, 2008, pursuant to a private placement of our securities, Redpoint purchased \$6 million of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (60,000 shares), convertible into 1,333,333 shares of common stock at an initial conversion price of \$4.50 per share, along with Common Stock Purchase Warrants exercisable for 666,667 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$4.95 per share (“Series A Warrants”). In conjunction therewith, Redpoint also received a warrant, referred to as the “Series B Unit Warrant”, exercisable until June 16, 2009, to purchase units of up to \$7 million of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (70,000 shares) and Common Stock Purchase Warrants exercisable for 636,364 shares of common stock (“Series B Warrants”). The Series B Convertible Preferred Stock is initially convertible into 1,272,727 shares of common stock at an initial conversion price of \$5.50 per share. The Series B Warrants have an exercise price of \$6.05 per share. On June 10, 2009, Redpoint exercised the Series B Unit Warrant, in full.

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After deducting placement agent fees and legal expenses, our net proceeds from the private placement, in June 2008, were \$5.38 million, while our net proceeds from the exercise of the Series B Unit warrant, in June 2009, were \$6.48 million. The transaction that took place on June 16, 2008 is referred to as the “Series A Financing”. The transaction that took place on June 10, 2009 is referred to as the “Series B Financing”. The two transactions, in aggregate, are collectively referred to as the “Redpoint Financings”. The Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, the Series A Warrants and the Series B Warrants are collectively referred to as the “Redpoint Securities”.

The Series A Convertible Preferred Stock has the rights and preferences set forth in our Certificate of Designations, Number, Voting Powers, Preferences and Rights of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, which, as of its date of filing on June 16, 2008, amended our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation. The Series B Convertible Preferred Stock has the rights and preferences set forth in the Company’s Certificate of Designations, which amended the Company’s Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation on June 9, 2009. For a detailed description of the rights and preferences of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, we refer you to the notes to the financial statements contained in this annual report.

In connection with the Redpoint Financings, Redpoint received and exercised their right to appoint two individuals to serve as voting members of our board of directors.

In connection with the Redpoint Financings we entered into a registration rights agreement with Redpoint, pursuant to which we agreed to register with the SEC for resale the common stock underlying the Redpoint Securities. In connection with the registration rights agreement, we agreed to pay a penalty of 1.0% per month, on a daily pro rata basis, up to a maximum of 8.0%, of the aggregate purchase price, as partial liquidated damages, for certain default events and subject to certain circumstances. The partial liquidated damages may trigger if the registration statements covering the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, which we filed on July 30, 2008 and June 15, 2009, respectively, and which were declared effective by the SEC on September 16, 2008 and July 28, 2009, respectively, cease to remain continuously effective.

Income Tax Benefit (Expense), Net

Our effective tax rate differs from the statutory federal rate primarily due to differences between income and expense recognition prescribed by income tax regulations and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. We utilize different methods and useful lives for depreciating and amortizing property, equipment and intangible assets and different methods and timing for certain expenses. Furthermore, permanent differences arise from certain income and expense items recorded for financial reporting purposes but not recognizable for income tax purposes, and from certain income and expense items recorded for income tax purposes financial but not recognizable for reporting purposes. In addition, our income tax expense has been adjusted for the effect of state and local taxes and foreign income from our wholly owned subsidiary. At December 31, 2009, our deferred tax assets were almost entirely offset by a valuation allowance. Despite the fact that we had income in 2009, we experienced a cumulative loss in recent years and view this as a significant piece of negative evidence that makes it difficult to support a conclusion that expected taxable income from future operations justifies recognition of deferred tax assets.

Our Israeli subsidiary had net income in 2008 and 2009, resulting from services we received from the Israeli subsidiary. The Israeli subsidiary charges us for research & development it provides us, plus a profit margin, currently 8.3%. However, the subsidiary operates primarily through plans recognized as “approved enterprises” (and a “beneficiary enterprise” as later amended in amendment No. 60 to the Investment Law) under Israeli law, which means that income arising from the subsidiary’s approved research & development activities, is subject to zero percent tax under the “alternative benefit” path for a period of ten years. Currently, the subsidiary operates under two separate “approved enterprise” plans, ending December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2014, respectively, and a “beneficiary enterprise” plan

ending December 31, 2017. After the close of the first approved enterprise plan in 2009, the subsidiary will have to pay taxes at the regular corporate income tax rate on the relative proportion of taxable income attributable to the first approved enterprise plan.

Additionally, the Israeli subsidiary provides Answers Corporation with certain management services plus a profit margin, currently 8.3%. Income derived from such services are taxable at the Israeli corporate tax rate in effect at the time (27% and 26% in 2008 and 2009, respectively).

In the event of distributions by our Israeli subsidiary to Answers Corporation, the Israeli subsidiary would have to pay a 10% corporate tax on the amount distributed, and Answers Corporation would have to pay a 15% tax to be withheld at source on the amounts of such distributions received. Furthermore, Answers Corporation would be subject to a 35% federal tax on dividends received, before applying any credits possibly allowed for NOL carryforwards or by the income tax treaty between the United States and Israel. At present, we do not plan on having the subsidiary distribute a dividend to Answers Corporation.

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Results of Operations

	Year Ended December 31		
	2008	2009	Change
	(\$ - in thousands)		
WikiAnswers advertising revenue	7,524	14,454	6,930
ReferenceAnswers advertising revenue	6,622	6,230	(392)
Licensing revenue	81	71	(10)
	14,227	20,755	6,528

Revenue

Revenue increased \$6,528 thousand, or 46%, from \$14,227 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2008 to \$20,755 thousand for the year ended December 31, 2009.

WikiAnswers advertising revenue in 2009 increased \$6,930 thousand, or 92%, compared to the preceding year, due to increases in traffic, offset to some extent by decreased RPM. WikiAnswers average daily page views in the year ended December 31, 2009 were 6,496,000, an increase of 123% compared to the average daily page views of 2,916,000 in 2008. We believe that the traffic growth that WikiAnswers has experienced in the year ended December 31, 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008 is primarily due to the dynamics of the property. As our database of questions and answers grows, we draw new traffic, primarily from SEO, which in turn results in the creation of new questions and answers, or new content, which in turn drives additional growth. The growth in revenue from the aforesaid traffic growth was partially offset by a decrease in our RPM. The average WikiAnswers RPM in the year ended December 31, 2009 was \$6.10, a decrease of 14% compared to the average RPM of \$7.07 in 2008. Google AdSense comprised 89% of our WikiAnswers ad revenue in 2009, thus, the decrease in RPM resulted mostly from a decrease in the RPM we earn from Google AdSense. We believe the decline in Google AdSense RPM may be attributed to any of a number of possible factors, or a combination of several such factors, including, changes we made to the site, changes that Google may have made to the AdSense algorithm that connects advertisers and publishers and changes in how advertisers may have managed their advertising costs in response to uncertain economic conditions.

ReferenceAnswers advertising revenue in 2009 decreased \$392 thousand, or 6%, compared to the preceding year, due to lower RPM. ReferenceAnswers RPM in the year ended December 31, 2009 was \$5.92, a decrease of 6%, compared to the RPM of \$6.28 in 2008. We attribute the decline mostly due to the elimination of direct ad sales in the third quarter of 2008. Unlike WikiAnswers, the ReferenceAnswers Google RPM did not decline in 2009, as compared to 2008, notwithstanding our belief that the possible factors discussed above with respect to the Google AdSense RPM on WikiAnswers are the same factors that may have played a role in determining ReferenceAnswers' Google AdSense RPM. ReferenceAnswers average daily page views in 2009 were 2,884,000, which approximates our average daily page views of 2,889,000 in 2008.

As described in further detail above, in September 2009, we announced the launch of the new Answers.com, in recognition of our integration of WikiAnswers and ReferenceAnswers. The product strategy guiding such integration was our desire to give users a common address for the best answers to all types of questions – be they community-generated from WikiAnswers, or editorially licensed from ReferenceAnswers. In September 2009, we took our final step in this integration by creating a new unified Answers.com home page and login, integrating features from both properties, and making other changes in our user interface to strengthen our positioning as having one dominant product and brand, Answers.com, comprised by two properties, WikiAnswers and ReferenceAnswers. Since the new unified Answers.com home page was designed to give prominence to WikiAnswers and to encourage users to enter their questions into the site's query bar, beginning September 2009, visits to that page, which on average approximate 175,000 per day, are being recorded as a WikiAnswers page-view rather than a ReferenceAnswers

page-view, contrary to the previous practice.

Traffic and Revenue Trends

The following table illustrates the historical trends of our two Web properties' revenues, average daily page views and RPMs, by quarter, beginning the first quarter of 2008.

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	2008				2009			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Ad Revenue (\$ - in thousands)								
WikiAnswers	1,185	1,500	1,960	2,879	3,162	3,400	3,422	4,470
ReferenceAnswers	1,828	1,485	1,579	1,730	1,567	1,585	1,548	1,530
Total	3,013	2,985	3,539	4,609	4,729	4,985	4,970	6,000
WikiAnswers	39%	50%	55%	62%	67%	68%	69%	75%
ReferenceAnswers	61%	50%	45%	38%	33%	32%	31%	25%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Traffic Average Daily Page Views								
WikiAnswers	1,885,000	2,318,000	3,094,000	4,350,000	5,337,000	6,082,000	6,336,000	8,199,000
ReferenceAnswers	3,225,000	2,641,000	2,666,000	3,027,000	2,982,000	2,965,000	2,857,000	2,737,000
Total	5,110,000	4,959,000	5,760,000	7,377,000	8,319,000	9,047,000	9,193,000	10,936,000
WikiAnswers	37%	47%	54%	59%	64%	67%	69%	75%
ReferenceAnswers	63%	53%	46%	41%	36%	33%	31%	25%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
RPM								
WikiAnswers	\$6.91	\$7.11	\$6.89	\$7.19	\$6.58	\$6.14	\$5.87	\$5.93
ReferenceAnswers	\$6.23	\$6.18	\$6.44	\$6.21	\$5.84	\$5.87	\$5.89	\$6.08

Traffic Trends

The traffic and RPM trend discussion that follows pertains to our Answers.com English site and not the FIGS sites that are currently in their infancy and are immaterial.

Since we purchased WikiAnswers in November 2006, the Web property has grown significantly, both in terms of traffic and revenue. We believe that the growth that WikiAnswers has experienced is primarily due to the dynamics of the property. As our database of questions and answers grows, we draw new traffic, primarily from SEO, which in turn results in the creation of new questions and answers, or new content, which drives additional growth. This is a self-reinforcing growth model that we consider a “virtuous cycle of growth”. Notwithstanding this cycle of growth, WikiAnswers’ growth has, over time decelerated, and we believe that, as WikiAnswers grows further and gets larger, its rate of growth will decelerate further. In addition, the integration of our two Web properties may further decelerate the growth of WikiAnswers as compared to past periods.

Beginning the third quarter of 2007, when we experienced a drop in our traffic to ReferenceAnswers due to a search engine algorithm adjustment by Google, through the first quarter of 2009, ReferenceAnswers average daily page views in every quarter has declined, compared to the same quarter in the immediately preceding year. In the second and third quarters of 2009, ReferenceAnswers average daily page views were 12% and 7% higher, respectively, than

the average daily page views for the same periods in 2008. However, ReferenceAnswers experienced traffic declines in the months of September and October 2009, as compared to the same months in 2008. Finally, in the fourth quarter of 2009, ReferenceAnswers stopped receiving traffic from the Google Definition Link. We are presently not able to identify a predictable traffic trend for this property.

RPM Trends

As noted earlier, 88% of our 2009 revenue was earned via Google AdSense. Since we are not planning to change this dependence anytime in the near future, our RPM will largely be a function of the revenue we earn from Google AdSense. We renewed our GSA in October 2009, extending the agreement through January 2012, at financial terms that are slightly less favorable than the terms we had for the two-year period ending January 31, 2010, therefore we expect a slightly lower Google AdSense RPM. Further, we believe that there are many other factors, any one of which or a combination thereof, that may impact our Google AdSense revenue, including changes we make to the site, positioning of ads, the geographic mix of our traffic, the growing percentage of returning visitors and changes that Google may make to the algorithm that connects advertisers and publishers. In addition, advertisers may lower or increase their bids for keywords in response to how much they are able to make per paid click. As a result of the multiple possible factors, many of which are not in our control, we cannot predict whether the RPM declines we saw in 2009 will continue in 2010.

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Costs and Expenses

Cost of Revenue

	Year Ended December 31		
	2008	2009	Change
	(\$ - in thousands)		
Cost of revenue	4,641	4,796	155

Cost of revenue increased \$155 thousand, or 3%, from \$4,641 thousand in 2008, to \$4,796 thousand in 2009. The change in cost of revenue was due primarily to an increase of \$275 thousand in compensation costs, excluding stock based compensation, and an increase of \$150 thousand in content licensing costs. Additionally, in 2009 we started translating WikiAnswers into four languages, which resulted in translation expenses of \$132 thousand, an expense we did not incur in 2008. The aforesaid increases were partially offset by decreases of \$35 thousand in stock-based compensation, and \$358 thousand in amortization expense from intangible technology assets we purchased in connection with the Brainboost acquisition that took place in December 2005. As we wrote off the Brainboost Answer Engine on May 25, 2008, there was no amortization recorded subsequent to such date.

Research and Development Expenses

	Year Ended December 31		
	2008	2009	Change
	(\$ - in thousands)		
Research and development	3,482	3,608	126

Research and development expenses increased \$126 thousand, or 4%, from \$3,482 thousand in 2008, to \$3,608 thousand in 2009. The change in research and development expenses was due primarily to an increase of \$49 thousand in compensation related expenses, excluding stock based compensation, and increases in travel and overhead of \$52 thousand and \$46 thousand, respectively. Such increases were offset, to some extent, by a decrease in stock based compensation of \$34 thousand.

Community Development, Sales and Marketing Expenses

	Year Ended December 31		
	2008	2009	Change
	(\$ - in thousands)		
Community development, sales and marketing	2,734	2,459	(275)

Community development, sales and marketing expenses decreased \$275 thousand, or 10%, from \$2,734 thousand in 2008, to \$2,459 thousand, in 2009. The primary factor that caused this decrease was that compensation related expenses, excluding stock based compensation, decreased \$312 thousand, and stock based compensation decreased \$75 thousand, mostly due to the termination of our direct ad sales team in the second and third quarters of 2008. At the end of the second quarter of 2008 we decided to abandon direct ad sales, and terminated most of our direct ad sales staff. Further, as a result of such decision we recorded a net charge of \$90 thousand, in 2008, to account for the termination of certain service contracts relating to our abandoned direct ad sales efforts. Finally, there was also a decrease of \$62 thousand in overhead expenses in 2009 as compared to 2008. The aforesaid decreases were partially offset by increases in costs relating to promotion and marketing, including WikiAnswers community events, of \$196

thousand, and increases in consulting and other services of \$64 thousand.

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General and Administrative Expenses

	Year Ended December 31		
	2008	2009	Change
	(\$ - in thousands)		
General and administrative	4,799	4,899	100

General and administrative expenses increased \$100 thousand, or 2%, from \$4,799 thousand in 2008, to \$4,899 thousand in 2009. The change in general and administrative expenses was due primarily to the following factors: Compensation costs, excluding stock based compensation, increased by \$51 thousand, travel and conference expenses increased by \$104 thousand, consulting fees increased by \$57 thousand and non-income related taxes increased by \$73 thousand. The aforesaid increases were partially offset by decreases of \$115 thousand in accounting and legal fees, \$22 thousand in stock based compensation, and \$30 thousand in overhead expenses.

Write-off of the Brainboost Answer Engine

	Year Ended December 31		
	2008	2009	Change
	(\$ - in thousands)		
Write-off of the Brainboost Answer Engine	3,138	-	(3,138)

As a result of our decision to effectively abandon our use of the Brainboost Answer Engine, the net book value of the Brainboost Answer Engine, as of May 25, 2008, in the amount of \$3,138 thousand, was written off and the resulting charge was included in our statement of operations for 2008.

Termination Fees and Write-off of Costs Relating to the Terminated Lexico Acquisition and Abandoned Follow-on Offering

	Year Ended December 31		
	2008	2009	Change
	(\$ - in thousands)		
Termination fees and write-off of costs relating to the terminated Lexico acquisition and abandoned follow-on offering	2,543	-	(2,543)

In 2008 we recorded a charge of \$2,543 thousand for various costs and fees we incurred in connection with the terminated acquisition of Lexico and the abandoned follow-on offering of securities.

Interest Expense, Net

	Year Ended December 31		
	2008	2009	Change
	(\$ - in thousands)		
Interest expense, net	(55)	(440)	(385)

Interest expense, net, rose \$(385) thousand, from \$(55) thousand expense, net, in 2008, to \$(440) thousand expense, net, in 2009. The change in interest expense, net, resulted mostly from the following matters: Firstly, in 2009, we recorded \$166 thousand of amortization relating to \$363 thousand of transaction costs that we incurred in connection with the Series B Unit Warrant in June 2008, while in 2008, such amortization amounted to \$196 thousand. Secondly, in 2009, we recorded a \$290 thousand charge relating to the Series B Warrants transaction costs we incurred in June 2009. Finally, interest earned from our cash balance in 2009 was \$25 thousand, compared to \$148 thousand in 2008. The reduction in interest income earned on our cash balances was the result of lower short-term interest rates.

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Other Income, Net

	Year Ended December 31		
	2008	2009	Change
	(\$ - in thousands)		
Other income, net	19	6	(13)

Other income, net, declined \$13 thousand, from \$19 thousand in 2008, to \$6 thousand, net, in 2009. Other income, net, results from foreign currency net gains and losses.

Loss Resulting from Fair Value Adjustments of Warrants

	Year Ended December 31		
	2008	2009	Change
	(\$ - in thousands)		
Loss resulting from fair value adjustment of warrants	(5,187)	(2,634)	2,553

The Series A Warrants and Series B Warrants are revalued each reporting date, and any change to their fair value is recorded in the statement of operations. The Warrant to Purchase Units of Series B Preferred Stock and Warrants was, up to its exercise in June 2009, also revalued each reporting period and the change in its fair value was recorded in the statement of operations.

The primary reason for the change in value of the aforesaid warrants is the market price of our common stock on the measurement dates. An increase in the price of our common stock increases the value of the warrants and thus results in a loss on our statement of operations. Conversely, a decline in the price of our common stock decreases the value of the warrants and thus results in a gain on our statement of operations.

Income Tax Benefit (Expense), Net

	Year Ended December 31		
	2008	2009	Change
	(\$ - in thousands)		
Income tax benefit (expense), net	82	(165)	(247)

Income tax benefit (expense), net, changed by \$(247) thousand, from 2008 to 2009. The tax benefit for the year ended December 31, 2008 was primarily the result of the recognition of \$147 thousand of tax benefits relating to closed tax years, which was partially offset by Israeli income taxes amounting to approximately \$53 thousand. The tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2009 was primarily the result of \$190 thousand related to estimated income taxes for U.S. federal, state and local, and Israeli income taxes, partially offset by \$36 thousand of net deferred tax assets recorded by the subsidiary.

We have net operating loss ("NOL") carryforwards for federal income tax purposes of approximately \$53 million at December 31, 2009. The federal NOLs will expire if not utilized on various dates from 2021 through 2028. Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 ("Section 382") generally imposes an annual limitation on the amount of NOL carryforwards that may be used to offset taxable income where a corporation has undergone significant changes in its stock ownership. We estimate two ownership changes, as defined under Section 382, have occurred, that would

trigger this limitation. Based on our current estimates and assumptions, we may currently use approximately \$36 million of our accumulated NOLs. The remaining approximate \$17 million NOL is available to offset taxable income in an amount of approximately \$1.4 million per year. Any unused portion of the \$1.4 million is available for use in future years until such NOL is scheduled to expire. The Subsidiary has capital loss carryforwards of approximately \$789 thousand, which can be applied to future capital gains for an unlimited period of time under current tax rules.

We file U.S. federal, various state and local and foreign income tax returns. We are no longer subject to U.S. federal income tax examinations by tax authorities for years prior to 2005 and New York State and City income tax examinations for years prior to 2006. Our Israeli subsidiary is no longer subject to tax examinations by the Israeli income tax authorities for years prior to 2007.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

Historically, our principal sources of liquidity were our cash inflows from revenues and funds that were raised through various financing events that took place through June 2008. Beginning the last quarter of 2008, our principal source of liquidity has been our cash inflows from operations, and we expect that going forward, cash flow from operations will continue to be our principal source of liquidity. Notwithstanding, as a result of Redpoint's exercise of their Series B Unit Warrant in June 2009, we received an additional infusion of funds in the amount of \$7 million before transaction costs.

	Year Ended December 31	
	2008	2009
	(\$ - in thousands)	
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(299)	6,799
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	82	(2,333)
Net cash provided by financing activities	5,196	6,047

Operating Activities

Despite a net loss of \$12,251 thousand in 2008, net cash used in operations was \$299 thousand. The adjustments to reconcile the two amounts, including changes to the balances of our various operating assets and liabilities, are noted in detail on the accompanying statement of cash flows. The largest reconciling items are the loss resulting from the fair value adjustment of the Series B Unit Warrant of \$5,187 thousand, the write-off of the Brainboost Answers Engine of \$3,138 thousand, stock-based compensation of \$1,719 thousand, and depreciation and amortization of \$1,329 thousand.

Although net income in 2009 was \$1,760 thousand in 2009, the net cash provided by operations was \$6,799 thousand. The adjustments to reconcile the two amounts, including changes to the balances of our various operating assets and liabilities, are noted in detail on the accompanying statement of cash flows. The largest reconciling items are the loss resulting from the fair value adjustment of the warrants of \$2,634 thousand, stock-based compensation of \$1,553 thousand, and depreciation and amortization of \$1,185 thousand.

Investing Activities

Net cash provided by investing activities of \$82 thousand, in 2008, is attributable to the proceeds from the sale of marketable securities of \$700 thousand, less cash used to increase long-term deposits of \$60 thousand and cash used for capital expenditures of \$558 thousand.

Net cash used in investing activities of \$2,333 thousand, in 2009, is attributable to cash used for capital expenditures of \$1,515 thousand, cash used to purchase marketable securities of \$799 thousand, and cash used to increase long-term deposits of \$19 thousand. Most of our capital expenditures resulted from the establishment of our second colocation facility. We expect capital expenditures in 2010 will continue to grow as we continue to invest in various areas including our existing colocation facilities and office facilities.

Financing Activities

Net cash flow from financing activities in 2008 and 2009 were mostly the result of the Redpoint Financings, less dividends paid to Redpoint.

Future Operations

Based on our current cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities and expected cash flow from operations, we believe we have sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet our working capital and operating requirements for at least the next twelve months.

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We assess acquisition opportunities as they arise. Financing in excess of our current cash and cash equivalents may be required if we decide to make additional acquisitions. There can be no assurance, however, that any such opportunities may arise, or that any such acquisitions may be consummated. Additional financing may not be available on satisfactory terms when required. To the extent that we raise additional funds by issuing equity securities, our stockholders may experience significant dilution.

As a result of the Redpoint Financings in June 2008 and June 2009, we raised net proceeds of approximately \$11.9 million, significantly improving our cash position. The Series A and Series B Preferred Stock contain redemption provisions which allow the holders of a majority of the Series A and Series B Preferred Stock to request redemption, at any time on or after June 16, 2014, of all or any part of their stock.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of December 31, 2009, there were no off-balance sheet arrangements.

Critical Accounting Estimates

While our significant accounting policies are more fully described in the notes to our audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009, we believe the following accounting policies to be the most critical in understanding the judgments and estimates we use in preparing our consolidated financial statements.

Goodwill, Intangibles and Other Long-Lived Assets

We account for our purchases of acquired companies in accordance with ASC 805, "Business Combinations" (formerly SFAS 141), and for goodwill and other identifiable definite and indefinite-lived acquired intangible assets in accordance with ASC 350, "Intangibles – Goodwill and Other" (formerly SFAS 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets"). Additionally, we review our long-lived assets for recoverability in accordance with ASC 360, "Property, Plant and Equipment" (formerly SFAS 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets").

The identification and valuation of intangible assets and the determination of the estimated useful lives at the time of acquisition are based on various valuation methodologies including reviews of projected future cash flows. The use of alternative estimates and assumptions could increase or decrease the estimated fair value of our goodwill and other intangible assets, and potentially result in a different impact to our results of operations. Further, changes in business strategy and/or market conditions may significantly impact these judgments thereby impacting the fair value of these assets, which could result in an impairment of the goodwill and acquired intangible assets.

We evaluate our long-lived tangible and intangible assets for impairment in accordance with ASC 350, with the annual goodwill impairment testing date set at September 30. Further, in accordance with ASC 360 and ASC 350, we also evaluate our long-lived tangible and intangible assets, respectively, for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets. While we use available information to prepare our estimates and to perform impairment evaluations, the completion of annual impairment tests requires significant management judgments and estimates.

As of December 31, 2009, we determined that there was no impairment of goodwill and that there were no events or changes in circumstances indicating that the carrying amount of our intangible and other long-lived assets may not be recoverable; therefore, there was no need to evaluate the recoverability or compute impairment of any of the aforesaid assets.

Accounting for Stock-based Compensation

We account for stock-based awards under ASC 718, “Compensation – Stock Compensation” (formerly SFAS 123R, “Share-Based Payment”), which requires measurement of compensation cost for stock-based awards at fair value on date of grant and recognition of compensation over the service period awards are expected to vest. The estimation of stock-based awards that will ultimately vest requires judgment, and to the extent actual results differ from our estimates, such amounts will be recorded as a cumulative adjustment in the period estimates are revised. We consider various factors when estimating expected forfeitures, including historical experience. Actual results may differ substantially from these estimates.

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We determine the fair value of stock options granted to employees and directors using the Black-Scholes valuation model, which requires significant assumptions regarding the expected stock price volatility, the risk-free interest rate and the dividend yield, and the estimated period of time option grants will be outstanding before they are ultimately exercised. We estimate our expected stock volatility based on our own historical stock volatility rates. Had we made different assumptions about our stock price volatility or the estimated time option and warrant grants will be outstanding before they are ultimately exercised, the related stock based compensation expense, and our net income (loss) and net earnings (loss) per share amounts could have been significantly different, in 2009 and 2008.

Accounting for Income Taxes

As part of the process of preparing our consolidated financial statements, we are required to estimate our income taxes in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate. This process involves management estimating our actual current tax exposure together with assessing temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are included within our consolidated balance sheet. We must then assess the likelihood that our deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income and, to the extent we believe that recovery is not more likely than not, we must establish a valuation allowance. Significant management judgment is required in determining our provision for income taxes, our deferred tax assets and liabilities and any valuation allowance recorded against our net deferred tax assets. At December 31, 2009, we have fully offset our U.S. net deferred tax asset with a valuation allowance. Despite the fact that we had income in 2009, we experienced a cumulative loss in recent years and view this as a significant piece of negative evidence that makes it difficult to support a conclusion that expected taxable income from future operations justifies recognition of deferred tax assets.

ASC 740, "Income Taxes" (formerly FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes — an Interpretation of FASB Statement 109"), prescribes how a company should recognize, measure, present and disclose in its financial statements uncertain tax positions that the company has taken or expects to take on a tax return. Additionally, for tax positions to qualify for deferred tax benefit recognition under ASC 740, the position must have at least a "more likely than not" chance of being sustained upon challenge by the respective taxing authorities, and whether or not it means that criteria is a matter of significant judgment.

We have not provided U.S. and Israeli income taxes and withholding taxes on the undistributed earnings of our Israeli subsidiary as of December 31, 2009 because we intend to permanently reinvest such earnings outside the U.S. As of December 31, 2009, the cumulative amount of earnings upon which U.S. income taxes have not been provided is approximately \$4.4 million. We make an evaluation at the end of each reporting period as to whether or not the undistributed earnings of our foreign subsidiary are permanently reinvested. While, to date, we have concluded that such undistributed earnings are permanently reinvested, facts and circumstances may change in the future. Changes in facts and circumstances may include a change in the estimated capital needs of our foreign subsidiaries, or a change in our corporate liquidity requirements. Such changes could result in our management determining that some or all of such undistributed earnings are no longer permanently reinvested. In that event, we would be required to recognize income tax liabilities on the assumption that our foreign undistributed earnings will be distributed to the U.S.

Accounting for Redpoint Financings

In accounting for the Series A Financing, the proceeds were first allocated to the Series B Unit Warrant, which was classified as a current liability, based on its fair value, and the residual amount was allocated among the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and the Series A Warrants based on their relative fair values, all in accordance with the guidance in ASC 480, "Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity" (formerly SFAS 150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity"), ASC 815, "Derivatives and Hedging" (formerly SFAS 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities") and ASC 815-40, "Derivatives and hedging —

Contracts in Entity's Own Equity" (formerly EITF 00-19, "Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments Indexed to, and Potentially Settled in, a Company's Own Stock"). The Series B Unit Warrant has been revalued at each reporting date, since its inception until it was exercised on June 10, 2009. The Series A Convertible Preferred Stock has been classified as temporary equity, in accordance with the guidance in ASC 480-10-S99A (formerly EITF D-98, "Classification and Measurement of Redeemable Securities"), and, prior to January 1, 2009, the Series A Warrants were classified in permanent equity.

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In June 2008, the FASB ratified the consensus of EITF 07-5, “Determining Whether an Instrument (or Embedded Feature) Is Indexed to an Entity’s Own Stock” (incorporated in ASC 815–40). ASC 815–40 responded to practice questions about whether an instrument or embedded feature is indexed to the reporting company’s own stock by establishing a framework for the determinations and by nullifying some previous requirements. The adoption of ASC 815–40’s requirements affects issuers’ accounting for warrants and many convertible instruments with provisions that protect holders from declines in the stock price (“Down-Round” provisions). Warrants with such provisions are no longer recorded in equity, and many convertible instruments with such provisions require “bifurcation” with the conversion option separately accounted for as a derivative under ASC 815. As a result of ASC 815–40, effective January 1, 2009, and due to the Down-Round Protection of the Series A Warrants, such warrants are separately accounted for as a derivative under ASC 815 and are no longer recorded in equity but rather as a liability to be revalued at each reporting date.

On June 10, 2009, Redpoint exercised, in full, the Series B Unit Warrant, which was valued at approximately \$10.8 million on such date, thus extinguishing this liability from the Company’s balance sheet through a corresponding increase to additional paid-in capital. In accounting for the Series B Financing, the proceeds were first allocated to the Series B Warrants which were classified as a liability, based on its fair value, and the residual amount was allocated to the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, all in accordance with the guidance in ASC 480, ASC 815 and ASC 815-40. The Series B Convertible Preferred Stock has been classified as temporary equity, in accordance with the guidance in ASC 480-10-S99A.

We used various valuation models and techniques to determine the individual values of the various components in the Redpoint Financings, including Monte Carlo and Black-Scholes. Inputs used in the models include our stock price and risk-free interest rate. Additionally, significant assumptions used in applying these techniques included redemption behavior estimates (including likelihood of forced conversion, and timing of liquidation event if such event transpires) and expected volatility of our stock price. While we believe we applied appropriate judgment in the aforesaid assumptions, variations in judgment could have materially affected the valuation results, and thus, our financial statements. We continue to use the Black-Scholes valuation model in our periodic fair value adjustments.

The Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock issued as part of the Redpoint Financings contain an embedded conversion option which could potentially require separate accounting under ASC 815. According to ASC 815-15 (formerly paragraph 12(a) of SFAS 133), in order to determine whether separate accounting is required, one has to evaluate whether the economic characteristics and risks of the conversion option are closely related to the host contract, and the nature of the host contract. We exercised judgment and evaluated this matter in accordance with ASC 815-10 (formerly EITF Topic D-109, "Determining the Nature of a Host Contract Related to a Hybrid Financial Instrument Issued in the Form of a Share under FASB Statement No.133"). ASC 815-10 conveys the SEC staff's views on determining whether the characteristics of a host contract in a hybrid financial instrument issued in the form of a share is more akin to debt or equity. In evaluating an embedded derivative feature for separation under ASC 815, the consideration of the economic characteristics and risks of the host contract should not ignore the stated or implied substantive terms and features of the hybrid financial instrument. We considered various factors including redemption provisions, stated rate, voting rights, whether returns are discretionary or mandatory, collateral requirements, participation in residual earnings and liquidation preferences, in making our determination that the host contract was more akin to equity. The most important factor that led us to the conclusion that the host contract was more akin to equity was the fact that the redemption feature was not mandatory or likely to occur. Had we determined that the host contract was more akin to debt and not equity it would have impacted the accounting for the host contract and the embedded conversion option and could have had a material impact on our financial statements.

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Quarterly Results

The following table sets forth our historical quarterly consolidated statement of operations data and certain non-GAAP financial measures beginning with the first quarter of 2008. You should read this information together with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes appearing elsewhere in our filings. The results of historical periods are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for a full year or any future period.

	Quarter Ended							
	Mar. 31, 2008	Jun. 30, 2008	Sep. 30, 2008	Dec. 31, 2008	Mar. 31, 2009	Jun. 30, 2009	Sep. 30, 2009	Dec. 31, 2009
	(in thousands, except page views and RPM data)							
Revenues:								
Advertising revenue	\$3,013	\$2,985	\$3,539	\$4,609	\$4,729	\$4,985	4,970	\$6,000
Answers services licensing	18	18	24	21	18	19	17	17
	3,031	3,003	3,563	4,630	4,747	5,004	4,987	6,017
Costs and expenses:								
Cost of revenue	1,393	1,416	945	887	1,059	1,166	1,264	1,307
Research and development	875	929	866	812	873	817	921	997
Community development, sales and marketing	762	933	563	476	499	558	621	781
General and administrative	1,131	1,198	1,311	1,159	1,219	1,248	1,201	1,231
Write-off of the Brainboost Answers Engine	—	3,138	—	—	—	—	—	—
Termination fees and write-off of costs relating to the terminated Lexico acquisition and abandoned follow-on offering	2,543	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total operating expenses	6,704	7,614	3,685	3,334	3,650	3,789	4,007	4,316
Operating income (loss)	(3,673)	(4,611)	(131)	1,296	1,097	1,215	980	1,701
Interest income (expense), net	55	18	(43)	(86)	(87)	(362)	4	5
Other income (expense), net	(38)	(11)	11	57	15	(9)	(5)	5

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Gain (loss) resulting from fair value adjustment of warrants	—	—	(2,056)	(3,131)	2,010	(4,385)	(999)	740
Income (loss) before income taxes	(3,655)	(4,604)	(2,210)	(1,864)	3,035	(3,541)	(20)	2,451
Income tax benefit (expense), net	(11)	(15)	91	17	6	(78)	(50)	(43)
Net income (loss)	\$(3,667)	\$(4,619)	\$(2,119)	\$(1,847)	\$3,041	\$(3,619)	\$(70)	\$2,408
Other Data:								
Adjusted EBITDA(1)	\$(181)	\$(670)	\$520	\$1,950	\$1,744	\$1,895	\$1,708	\$2,389
WikiAnswers								
average daily page views	1,885,000	2,318,000	3,094,000	4,350,000	5,337,000	6,082,000	6,336,000	8,199,000
ReferenceAnswers								
average daily page views	3,225,000	2,641,000	2,666,000	3,027,000	2,982,000	2,965,000	2,857,000	2,737,000
WikiAnswers								
RPM	\$6.91	\$7.11	\$6.89	\$7.19	\$6.58	\$6.14	\$5.87	\$5.93
ReferenceAnswers								
RPM	\$6.23	\$6.18	\$6.44	\$6.21	\$5.84	\$5.87	\$5.89	\$6.08

(1) We define Adjusted EBITDA as net earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, gain (loss) resulting from fair value adjustment of Series A Warrants, Series B Warrants and warrant to purchase units of Series B preferred stock and warrants, stock-based compensation, foreign currency exchange rate differences and certain non-recurring expenses.

We use Adjusted EBITDA as an additional measure of our overall performance for purposes of business decision-making, developing budgets and managing expenditures. It is useful because it removes the impact of our capital structure (interest expense and gain (loss) resulting from fair value adjustment of Series A Warrants, Series B Warrants and warrant to purchase units of Series B preferred stock and warrants), asset base (amortization and depreciation), stock-based compensation expenses, taxes, foreign currency exchange rate differences and certain non-recurring expenses from our results of operations. We believe that the presentation of Adjusted EBITDA provides useful information to investors in their analysis of our results of operations for reasons similar to the reasons why we find it useful and because these measures enhance their overall understanding of the financial performance and prospects of our ongoing business operations. By reporting Adjusted EBITDA, we provide a basis for comparison of our business operations between current, past and future periods, and peer companies in our industry.

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More specifically, we believe that removing these impacts is important for several reasons:

- **Amortization of Intangible Assets.** Adjusted EBITDA disregards amortization of intangible assets. Specifically, we exclude (a) amortization, and the write-off, of acquired technology from the acquisition of Brainboost Technology, LLC, developer of the Brainboost Answer Engine in December 2005; and (b) amortization of intangible assets resulting from the acquisition of WikiAnswers and other related assets in November 2006. These acquisitions resulted in operating expenses that would not otherwise have been incurred. We believe that excluding such expenses is significant to investors, due to the fact that they derive from prior acquisition decisions and are not necessarily indicative of future cash operating costs. In addition, we believe that the amount of such expenses in any specific period may not directly correlate to the underlying performance of our business operations. While we exclude the aforesaid expenses from Adjusted EBITDA we do not exclude revenues derived as a result of such acquisitions. The amount of revenue that resulted from the acquisition of WikiAnswers and other related assets is disclosed in the revenue discussion of this Item 2. The amount of revenue that resulted from the acquisition of technology from Brainboost is not quantifiable due to the nature of its integration.
- **Stock-based Compensation Expense.** Adjusted EBITDA disregards expenses associated with stock-based compensation, a non-cash expense arising from the grant of stock-based awards to employees and directors. We believe that, because of the variety of equity awards used by companies, the varying methodologies for determining stock-based compensation expense, and the subjective assumptions involved in those determinations, excluding stock-based compensation from Adjusted EBITDA enhances the ability of management and investors to compare financial results over multiple periods.
- **Depreciation, Interest, Gain (Loss) Resulting from Fair Value Adjustment of Series A Warrants, Series B Warrants and Warrant to Purchase Units of Series B Preferred Stock and Warrants, Taxes and Exchange Rate Differences.** We believe that, excluding these items from the Adjusted EBITDA measure provides investors with additional information to measure our performance, by excluding potential differences caused by variations in capital structures (affecting interest expense), asset composition, and tax positions.
- **Terminated Lexico Acquisition and Follow-On Offering.** Adjusted EBITDA disregards \$2,543 thousand in costs associated with our terminated acquisition of Lexico and the cancellation of our follow-on offering. We believe that, excluding these costs provides investors with additional information to measure our performance, by excluding events that are of a non-recurring nature.

Adjusted EBITDA is not a measure of liquidity or financial performance under generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, and should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, a measure of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP. Investors are cautioned that there are inherent limitations associated with the use of Adjusted EBITDA as an analytical tool. Some of these limitations are:

- Non-GAAP financial measures are not based on a comprehensive set of accounting rules or principles;
- Many of the adjustments to Adjusted EBITDA reflect the exclusion of items that are recurring and will be reflected in our financial results for the foreseeable future;
- Other companies, including other companies in our industry, may calculate Adjusted EBITDA differently than us, thus limiting its usefulness as a comparative tool;

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- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect the periodic costs of certain tangible and intangible assets used in generating revenues in our business;
- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect interest income from our investments in cash and investment securities;
- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect foreign exchange net gains and losses;
- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect interest expense and other cost relating to financing our business, including gains and losses resulting from fair value adjustment of Redpoint Venture's Series A Warrants, Series B Warrants and their Warrant to Purchase Units of Series B Preferred Stock and Warrants;
- Adjusted EBITDA excludes taxes, which are an integral cost of doing business; and
- Because Adjusted EBITDA does not include stock-based compensation, it does not reflect the cost of granting employees equity awards, a key factor in management's ability to hire and retain employees.

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We compensate for these limitations by providing specific information in the reconciliation to the GAAP amounts excluded from Adjusted EBITDA, as follows:

	Quarter Ended							
	Mar. 31, 2008	Jun. 30, 2008	Sep. 30, 2008	Dec. 31, 2008	Mar. 31, 2009	Jun. 30, 2009	Sep. 30, 2009	Dec. 31, 2009
	(in thousands)							
Net income (loss)	\$(3,667)	\$(4,619)	\$(2,119)	\$(1,847)	\$3,041	\$(3,619)	\$(70)	\$2,408
Interest (income) expense, net	(55)	(18)	43	86	87	362	(4)	(5)
Foreign currency (gains) losses	38	11	(11)	(57)	(15)	9	5	(5)
Income tax (benefit) expense, net	11	15	(91)	(17)	(6)	78	50	43
Depreciation and amortization	448	383	250	248	261	299	328	302
Stock-based compensation	501	420	392	406	386	381	400	386
Write-off of the Brainboost Answers Engine	—	3,138	—	—	—	—	—	—
Termination fees and write-off of costs relating to the terminated Lexico acquisition and abandoned follow-on offering	2,543	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(Gain) loss resulting from fair value adjustment of warrants	—	—	2,056	3,131	(2,010)	4,385	999	(740)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$(181)	\$(670)	\$520	\$1,950	\$1,744	\$1,895	\$1,708	\$2,389

Our 2010 Outlook

We see our business consisting of core platform plus product extensions. We plan to invest in our core platform and product extensions in 2010.

The core platform is Answers.com in English, comprised of WikiAnswers and ReferenceAnswers. We will continue to invest resources in our core platform in areas such as content quality, maintaining and improving search engine optimization, performance, scalability, and usability. In particular, we see content quality as the single biggest opportunity and challenge of WikiAnswers. To date, the essential driving force behind the growth of traffic continues to be the expansion of our database of Questions and Answers. Content quality plays a crucial role in our search engine rankings, as well as user experience. This fundamental relationship drives our product and community directions.

There are four product extension areas that we have already begun or are planning.

In the third quarter of 2009 we launched our French, Italian, German and Spanish, or “FIGS”, language versions of WikiAnswers. In 2010 we plan to continue our investment in the FIGS versions of WikiAnswers. Our strategy will capitalize on the needs of users around the globe who are searching for answers online and will leverage our core strengths: community building and Q&A space. We plan on leveraging our large and dynamic English language database to grow our foreign language versions, by selectively translating some of the 7.3 million answered questions we have in our WikiAnswers English language database. Our largest competitor already has successful international sites and receives much of its traffic from those sites, thus we view this area as critical to our future growth.

The other three product extensions we are planning in 2010 are in the realm of mobile, social media and video. Users are not always in front of a desktop or laptop when they need answers, and market research, as well as recent announcements by Apple, Google, RIM and others, point to the expected growth of handheld Internet access devices. We think that mobile Answers.com access could add usage, greater engagement, and brand recognition. In terms of connecting more aggressively to social media, we’ve already taken the first step, in the form of our Facebook Connect solution announced in January 2010. Users can now log into Answers.com using their Facebook, Twitter, Yahoo or Google identity. Our goal is to further address the social answers space by more tightly integrating the question-answering process with popular social networks. Lastly, video is another natural extension of our Web-based text solution, and we intend to enter this space to enrich the types of answers we serve our user base.

None of the four product extensions we are planning to begin in 2010 are likely to produce significant amounts of revenue in 2010.

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Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplemental data.

The following are our consolidated financial statements and notes to financial statements, and of our consolidated subsidiary, which are filed as part of this Annual Report.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders
of Answers Corporation:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Answers Corporation and Subsidiary (collectively referred to as “the Company”) as of December 31, 2008 and 2009, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in stockholders’ equity and comprehensive income (loss), and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2009. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Answers Corporation and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2008 and 2009, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2009, in conformity with US generally accepted accounting principles.

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company has applied the new accounting and disclosure requirements issued by the FASB as of January 1, 2008, with respect to its assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis. With respect to nonfinancial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis, the Company has adopted the new requirements as of January 1, 2009.

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed its method of evaluating other-than-temporary impairments of marketable securities due to the adoption of new accounting requirements issued by the FASB, as of April 1, 2009.

As discussed in Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed its method for accounting for its Redpoint warrants due to the adoption of new accounting requirements issued by the FASB, as of January 1, 2009.

/s/ Somekh Chaikin

Somekh Chaikin
Certified Public Accountants (Israel)
A member firm of KPMG International

Jerusalem, Israel
March 8, 2010

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Answers Corporation and Subsidiary		
Consolidated Balance Sheets (in thousands except share and per share data)		
	December 31 2008 \$	December 31 2009 \$
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	11,739	22,234
Marketable securities	-	795
Accounts receivable	1,680	2,350
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	818	907
Deferred tax asset	-	34
Total current assets	14,237	26,320
Long-term deposits (restricted)	257	276
Deposits in respect of employee severance obligations	1,337	1,756
Property and equipment, net	1,234	1,858
Other assets:		
Intangible assets, net	994	797
Goodwill	437	437
Prepaid expenses, long-term, and other assets	220	167
Deferred tax asset, long-term	-	14
Total other assets	1,651	1,415
Total assets	18,716	31,625
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	537	403
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	767	774
Accrued compensation	628	1,009
Warrant to purchase units of Series B preferred stock and warrants	8,698	-
Capital lease obligations – current portion	78	82
Total current liabilities	10,708	2,268
Long-term liabilities:		
Liability in respect of employee severance obligations	1,534	1,838
Capital lease obligations, net of current portion	106	24
Deferred tax liability	26	38
Series A and Series B Warrants	-	8,008
Total long-term liabilities	1,666	9,908
Commitments and contingencies		

Series A and Series B convertible preferred stock: \$0.01 par value; stated value and liquidation preference of \$101.76 per share for the Series A and \$100 per share for the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock; 6% cumulative annual dividend; 60,000 and 130,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2008 and 2009, respectively	624	2,381
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock: \$0.01 par value; 940,000 and 870,000 shares authorized as of December 31, 2008 and 2009, respectively, none issued	-	-
Common stock: \$0.001 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized; 7,870,538 and 7,951,329 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2008 and 2009, respectively	8	8
Additional paid-in capital	77,091	88,539
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(28)	28
Accumulated deficit	(71,353)	(71,507)
Total stockholders' equity	5,718	17,068
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	18,716	31,625

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

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Answers Corporation and Subsidiary

Consolidated Statements of Operations (in thousands except share and per share data)

	Year ended December 31	
	2008	2009
	\$	\$
Revenues:		
Advertising revenue -		
WikiAnswers	7,524	14,454
ReferenceAnswers	6,622	6,230
Answers service licensing	81	71
	14,227	20,755
Costs and expenses:		
Cost of revenue	4,641	4,796
Research and development	3,482	3,608
Community development, sales and marketing	2,734	2,459
General and administrative	4,799	4,899
Write-off of the Brainboost Answer Engine	3,138	-
Termination fees and write-off of costs relating to the terminated Lexico acquisition and abandoned follow-on offering	2,543	-
Total operating expenses	21,337	15,762
Operating income (loss)	(7,110)	4,993
Interest expense, net	(55)	(440)
Other income, net	19	6
Loss resulting from fair value adjustments of warrants, net	(5,187)	(2,634)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(12,333)	1,925
Income tax benefit (expense), net	82	(165)
Net income (loss)	(12,251)	1,760
Basic and diluted net loss per common share	(1.65)	(0.07)
Weighted average number of shares used in computing basic and diluted net loss per common share	7,863,917	7,909,353

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity and Comprehensive Income (Loss) (in thousands except shares)

	Common stock Shares	Common stock Amount (\$)	Additional paid-in capital \$	Accumulated other comprehensive loss \$	Accumulated deficit \$	Total stockholders' equity \$	Comprehensive income (loss) \$
Balance as of December 31, 2007	7,859,890	8	73,893	(28)	(59,102)	14,771	
Issuance of common stock in connection with exercise of vested stock options	10,648	-	10	-	-	10	-
Stock-based compensation to employees and Directors	-	-	1,719	-	-	1,719	-
Dividends on preferred stock, \$3.30 per share	-	-	(198)	-	-	(198)	-
Discount to temporary equity resulting from beneficial conversion feature in the Redpoint Financing (Series A)	-	-	1,768	-	-	1,768	-
Discount to temporary equity resulting from the issuance of the Series A Warrants in the Redpoint Financing	-	-	464	-	-	464	-
Amortization of discounts resulting from Redpoint Financing	-	-	(518)	-	-	(518)	-
Stock registration cost	-	-	(47)	-	-	(47)	-
Net loss for year	-	-	-	-	(12,251)	(12,251)	(12,251)
Comprehensive loss							(12,251)

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Balance as of December 31, 2008	7,870,538	8	77,091	(28)	(71,353)	5,718	
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle (see note 9)	-	-	(1,657)		(1,914)	(3,571)	-
Issuance of common stock in connection with exercise of vested stock options	80,791	-	247	-	-	247	-
Stock-based compensation to employees and directors	-	-	1,553	-	-	1,553	-
Dividends on Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, \$6.10 per share	-	-	(366)	-	-	(366)	-
Dividends on Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, \$3.37 per share	-	-	(236)	-	-	(236)	-
Amortization of discounts resulting from Redpoint Financing	-	-	(1,740)	-	-	(1,740)	-
Discount to temporary equity resulting from beneficial conversion feature in the Redpoint Financing (Series B)	-	-	2,867	-	-	2,867	-
Exercise of the Series B Unit Warrant	-	-	10,780	-	-	10,780	-
Unrealized gains on derivative and hedging activity, net	-	-	-	60	-	60	60
Unrealized loss on marketable securities	-	-	-	(4)	-	(4)	(4)
Net income for year	-	-	-	-	1,760	1,760	1,760
Comprehensive income							1,816
Balance as of December 31, 2009	7,951,329	8	88,539	28	(71,507)	17,068	

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (in thousands)

	Year ended December 31	
	2008	2009
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	(12,251)	1,760
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,329	1,185
Increase in deposits in respect of employee severance obligations	(105)	(407)
Increase in liability in respect of employee severance obligations	304	288
Stock-based compensation to employees and directors	1,719	1,553
Increase in deferred tax asset	-	(48)
Increase in deferred tax liability	12	12
Write-off of the Brainboost Answer Engine	3,138	-
Write-off of amounts paid in prior periods, relating to the terminated Lexico acquisition and abandoned follow on offering		
	663	-
Fair value adjustments of warrants, net	5,187	2,634
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	7	73
Loss from foreign exchange rate forward contracts	10	-
Exchange rate losses	10	6
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Increase in accounts receivable, and prepaid expenses and other current assets	(212)	(410)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses, long-term, and other assets	39	49
Decrease in accounts payable	(214)	(307)
Increase in accrued expenses, accrued compensation and other current liabilities	65	411
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(299)	6,799
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(558)	(1,515)
Increase in long-term deposits (restricted)	(60)	(19)
Purchases of marketable securities	-	(799)
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	700	-
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	82	(2,333)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayment of capital lease obligation	(55)	(78)
Stock registration costs	(47)	-
Redpoint financing, net of issuance cost	5,380	6,480
Dividends paid	(92)	(602)
Exercise of common stock options and warrants	10	247
Net cash provided by financing activities	5,196	6,047
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(18)	(18)

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Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	4,961	10,495
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	6,778	11,739
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	11,739	22,234
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Income taxes paid	-	171
Interest paid on capital lease obligations	7	9
Non-cash investing activities:		
Acquisition of assets through capital lease obligation	239	-
Capital expenditures on account	127	170
Non-cash financing activities:		
Increase in accrued dividends	(106)	-

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Note 1 - Business

Answers Corporation (“the Parent”), a Delaware corporation, and its wholly-owned Israeli subsidiary (“the Subsidiary”) that engages primarily in research and development services to the Parent, are collectively referred to as “the Company.” The Parent is a public company and trades on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol “ANSW”.

The Company provides answer-based search services to users primarily through its website Answers.com®, which includes WikiAnswers® and ReferenceAnswers™. In the Company’s reports prior to its quarterly report for the second quarter of 2009, it referred to ReferenceAnswers as Answers.com. Beginning with the quarterly report for the second quarter of 2009 it refers to that property as ReferenceAnswers or ReferenceAnswers.com.

In the first quarter of 2008, the Company’s planned acquisition of Lexico Publishing Group LLC and the related planned offering of securities were terminated due to unfavorable market conditions. As a result, the Company recorded a charge to its statement of operations, amounting to approximately \$2.54 million.

On June 16, 2008, the Company raised \$6 million, before related fees and costs, in a private placement offering, and on June 10, 2009 the Company raised an additional \$7 million, before related fees and costs, from the exercise of the second tranche warrant of such private placement offering. See Note 9 for further details.

As of December 31, 2009, approximately \$678 thousand of the Company’s net assets were located outside of the United States.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Answers Corporation and its Subsidiary and are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”). All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

During the third quarter of 2009, the new Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) as issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) became effective. The ASC has become the source of authoritative U.S. GAAP recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities. The ASC does not change U.S. GAAP and, therefore, does not have any impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements. All references to GAAP in the notes to the consolidated financial statements use the new codification numbering system.

Foreign Currency Translation

The currency of the primary economic environment in which the operations of the Company are conducted is the U.S. dollar (“dollar”), therefore, the dollar has been determined to be the Company’s functional currency. Transactions in foreign currency (substantially all in New Israeli Shekels – “NIS”) are recorded at the exchange rate as of the transaction date. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are translated on the basis of the representative rate of exchange at the balance sheet date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are stated at historical exchange rates. All exchange gains and losses from remeasurement of monetary balance sheet items denominated in non-dollar currencies are reflected in the statement of operations as they arise.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported results of operations during the reporting periods. The current economic environment has increased the degree of uncertainty inherent in those estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents, and Marketable Securities

All highly liquid investments with stated maturities of three months or less from date of purchase are classified as cash equivalents.

All highly liquid investments with stated maturities of greater than three months are classified as marketable securities. The Company determines the appropriate classification of its investments in marketable securities at the time of purchase. The Company's marketable securities have been classified and accounted for as available-for-sale. After consideration of its risk versus reward objectives, as well as its liquidity requirements, the Company may sell these securities prior to their stated maturities. As these securities are viewed by the Company as available to support current operations, securities with maturities beyond 12 months are classified as current assets under the caption marketable securities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. These securities are carried at fair value, with the unrealized gains and losses reported as a component of stockholders' equity, except for unrealized losses determined to be other than temporary which are recorded as other income (expense), net. Any realized gains or losses on the sale of marketable securities are determined on a specific identification method, and such gains and losses are reflected as a component of other income (expense), net.

In April 2009, the FASB issued FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124- 2, Recognition and Presentation of Other-Than-Temporary Impairments (included in FASB Topic 320, Investment Debt and Equity Securities), which amends the recognition guidance for other-than-temporary impairments (OTTI) of debt securities and expands the financial statement disclosures for OTTI on debt and equity securities. When an other-than-temporary impairment has occurred, the amount of the other-than-temporary impairment recognized in earnings depends on whether the Company intends to sell the security or more likely than not will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis less any current-period credit loss. If the Company intends to sell the security or more likely than not will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis less any current-period credit loss, the other-than-temporary impairment is recognized in earnings equal to the entire difference between the investment's amortized cost basis and its fair value at the balance sheet date. If the Company does not intend to sell the security and it is not more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis less any current-period credit loss, the other-than-temporary impairment is separated into the amount representing the credit loss and the amount related to all other factors. The amount of the other-than-temporary impairment related to the credit loss is recognized in earnings. The amount of the other-than-temporary impairment related to other factors is recognized in other comprehensive income, net of applicable income taxes.

The Company considers all available information relevant to the collectibility of the security, including past events, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts when developing estimate of cash flows expected to be

collected. Evidence considered in this assessment includes the reasons for the impairment, the severity and duration of the impairment, changes in value subsequent to year-end, forecasted performance of the investee, and the general market condition in the geographic area or industry the investee operates in.

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Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are recorded when earned and do not bear interest. If necessary, the Company records an allowance for doubtful accounts to reflect the Company's best estimate of the amount of probable credit losses in the Company's existing accounts receivable. As of the balance sheet dates such allowance was not significant.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Annual depreciation rates are as follows:

	%
Computer equipment	33
Furniture and fixtures	7 -
	20

Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the estimated useful life or the expected life of the lease.

Revenue Recognition

The Company, through its website Answers.com, generates revenues via advertising in the form of pay-per-performance ads and paid-for-impression advertising. In the pay-per-performance model, the Company earns revenue based on the number of clicks associated with such ads. In the paid-for-impression model, the Company's revenue is derived from the display of ads.

Almost all of the Company's advertising revenue is obtained through the efforts of third parties rather than through direct contracts with advertisers. The third party is obligated to pay the Company a portion of the revenue it receives from advertisers, as compensation for the Company's sale of promotional space on its Internet properties. Amounts received from such third parties are reflected as revenue in the period in which such advertising services are provided.

The Company also earns an immaterial amount of revenue from partners that pay the Company for providing them with answer-based services that they then use in their own products, via co-branded web pages.

Research and Development

The Company expenses research and development costs as incurred. Certain internal use software and website development costs are capitalized in accordance with the FASB's authoritative guidance on accounting for intangibles.

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Stock-Based Compensation

The fair value of stock options granted to employees and directors, is estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model, which takes into consideration the share price at the date of grant, the exercise price of the option, the expected life of the option, expected interest rates and the expected volatility. The value of stock options, as noted, is recognized as compensation expense on a straight-line basis, over the requisite service period of the entire award, net of estimated forfeitures.

Beginning in 2008, as the Company accumulated its own volatility history, the estimates of the expected stock volatility are based on the Company's own historical stock volatility rates.

The fair value for each stock option granted to employees and directors during the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009, was estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model, assuming no dividends and the following average assumptions:

	Year ended December 31	
	2008	2009
Expected risk-free interest rate	2.80%	1.97%
Expected life (in years)	4.08	4.08
Expected volatility	84.66%	72.7%

The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant for periods corresponding with the expected life of the option.

The expected life represents the average period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding. The Company estimates the expected life of outstanding options by taking the average of the vesting term and the contractual term of the option, in accordance with the SEC's non-authoritative guidance (the "Simplified Method"). The Company uses the Simplified Method as adequate historical experience is not available to provide a reasonable estimate of the expected life for stock option grants, and it will continue to apply the Simplified Method until enough historical experience is available.

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Income Taxes

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

In assessing the need for a valuation allowance, the Company looks at cumulative losses in recent years, estimates of future taxable earnings, feasibility of on-going tax planning strategies, the realizability of tax benefit carryforwards, and other relevant information. Valuation allowances related to deferred tax assets can be impacted by changes to tax laws, changes to statutory tax rates and future taxable earnings. Ultimately, the actual tax benefits to be realized will be based upon future taxable earnings levels, which are very difficult to predict. In the event that actual results differ from these estimates in future periods, the Company will be required to adjust the valuation allowance.

Significant judgment is required in evaluating the Company's federal, state and foreign tax positions and in the determination of its tax provision. Despite management's belief that the Company's liability for unrecognized tax benefits is adequate, it is often difficult to predict the final outcome or the timing of the resolution of any particular tax matters. The Company may adjust these reserves as relevant circumstances evolve, such as guidance from the relevant tax authority, its tax advisors, or resolution of issues in the courts. The Company's tax expense includes the impact of reserve provisions and changes to reserves that it considers appropriate, as well as related interest and penalties. These adjustments are recognized as a component of income tax expense entirely in the period in which they are identified.

Impairment of Property and Equipment, Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The Company reviews property and equipment and intangible assets, excluding goodwill, for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of these assets is measured by comparison of carrying amounts to the future undiscounted cash flows the assets are expected to generate. If property and equipment and intangible assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized equals the amount by which the carrying value of the asset exceeds its fair market value.

Additionally, the Company tests its goodwill for impairment at least annually, in accordance with the provisions of FASB ASC Topic 350, "Intangibles - Goodwill and Other", with the annual impairment testing date set at September 30, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that this asset may be impaired. There was no impairment in any of the years presented.

Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income represents net income (loss) plus any revenue, expenses, gains and losses that are specifically excluded from net income (loss) and recognized directly as a component of shareholders' equity.

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Net Loss per Share

Basic net loss per share is computed by dividing the net loss for the period by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net loss per share is computed by dividing the net loss for the period, adjusted with the Redpoint dividends and amortizations of discounts, by the weighted average number of shares of common stock and potentially dilutive common stock outstanding during the period. The dilutive effect of outstanding options and warrants is reflected in diluted earnings per share by application of the treasury stock method. The dilutive effect of the issued and outstanding Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (collectively, the "Series A and Series B Convertible Preferred Stock") is reflected in diluted earnings per share by application of the if-converted method. The calculation of diluted net loss per share excludes all anti-dilutive shares. The diluted net loss per share for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009 is the same as basic net loss per share as the inclusion of the Company's common stock equivalents would be anti-dilutive.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net loss per share for the periods indicated:

Year ended December 31
 2008 2009
 \$ (in thousands, except
 share and per share
 amounts)

Basic and diluted net loss per common share computation

Numerator:

Net income (loss)	(12,251)	1,760
Series A and Series B Convertible Preferred Stock dividends	(198)	(602)
Amortization of Series A and Series B Convertible Preferred Stock discounts	(518)	(1,740)
Net loss attributable to common shares	(12,967)	(582)