

APAC CUSTOMER SERVICE INC

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

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

**For the quarterly period ended September 28, 2008**  
**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: 0-26786**  
**APAC Customer Services, Inc.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Illinois**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**36-2777140**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**Bannockburn Lake Office Plaza 1, 2333 Waukegan Road, Suite 100, Bannockburn, Illinois 60015**  
**(847) 374-4980**

(Address and zip code of principal executive offices and registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Six Parkway North, Deerfield, Illinois 60015**

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes ☒ No ☐

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

|                                               |                                                    |                                                                                  |                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Large accelerated filer <input type="radio"/> | Accelerated filer <input checked="" type="radio"/> | Non-accelerated filer*<br>o (*Do not check if a<br>smaller reporting<br>company) | Smaller reporting<br>company <input type="radio"/> |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes ☐ No ☒

There were 50,603,312 common shares, \$0.01 par value per share, outstanding as of September 28, 2008.



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**Forward-Looking Statements and Factors That May Affect Future Results**

In passing the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the Reform Act), Congress encouraged public companies to make forward-looking statements by creating a safe harbor to protect companies from securities law liability in connection with forward-looking statements. We intend to qualify our written and oral forward-looking statements for protection under the Reform Act and any other similar safe harbor provisions. Unless the context indicates otherwise, the words Company, we, our, and us when used in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q refer collectively to APAC Customer Services, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries.

Generally, forward-looking statements include expressed expectations, estimates and projections of future events and financial performance and the assumptions on which these expressed expectations, estimates and projections are based. Statements that are not historical facts, including statements about our beliefs and expectations and our management, are forward-looking statements. Sometimes these statements will contain words such as believes, expects, anticipates, intends, estimates, goals, would, could, should, plans, and other similar terms. Forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain as they are based on various expectations and assumptions about future events, and they are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that can cause actual events and results to differ materially from historic results and those projected.

Due to such uncertainties, the investment community is cautioned not to place undue reliance on our written or oral forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they were made. If no date is provided, such statements speak only as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. We expressly undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements as a result of changed assumptions, new information, future events or otherwise.

Forward-looking statements are contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, primarily in Items 2 and 3. Moreover, through our senior management, we may from time to time make forward-looking statements about matters described herein or about other matters concerning us.

There are numerous factors that could prevent us from achieving our goals and cause future results to differ materially from historic results or those expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements including, but not limited to, the following:

- Our revenue is generated from a limited number of clients and the loss of one or more of them, or a reduction in their demand for our services, could materially affect our financial results.

- Our financial results depend on our ability to effectively manage our production capacity and our workforce.

- Our success is subject to the terms of our client contracts.

- Our success depends on our ability to sustain profitability.

- Our success depends on our ability to continue to reduce costs and achieve efficiencies.

- Our business may be affected by our cash flows from operations and our ability to comply with our debt covenants and funding requirements under our credit facility.

- Our principal shareholder can exercise significant control over us.

- Our financial results may be affected by risks associated with international operations and expansion, including foreign currency fluctuations.

- Our success depends on key personnel.

- Our business operates in a highly competitive market.

Circumstances outside our control such as typhoons, earthquakes, floods and other acts of God, political instability, equipment malfunction, telephone or data service interruptions, changes in the telecommunications market, war and terrorism could seriously harm our domestic or off-shore business.

Our inability to attract and retain a sufficient number of qualified employees could negatively impact our business.

Our business and our clients' businesses are subject to federal and state regulation and industry standards, including laws and industry standards regarding consumer privacy and information security.

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See our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for further discussion of the risks and uncertainties associated with our business, in particular, the discussion in Item 1A of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2007, and in Item 1A of Part II of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 30, 2008.

In various places throughout this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q we use certain non-GAAP financial measures when describing our performance. A non-GAAP financial measure is defined as a numerical measure of a company's financial performance that excludes or includes amounts so as to be different than the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP in the statements of operations, balance sheets or statements of cash flows of a company. We believe that non-GAAP financial measures provide meaningful supplemental information and are useful in understanding our results of operations and analyzing of trends because they exclude certain charges such as interest, taxes and depreciation and amortization expenses that are not part of our ordinary business operations. We also believe that non-GAAP financial measures are useful to investors and analysts in allowing for greater transparency with respect to the supplemental information used by us in our financial and operational decision-making. In addition, we believe investors, analysts and lenders benefit from referring to non-GAAP measures when assessing our performance and expectations of our future performance. However, this information should not be used as a substitute for our GAAP financial information; rather it should be used in conjunction with financial statement information contained in our condensed consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP. We discuss non-GAAP financial measures in Item 2 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q under the caption Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Non-GAAP Financial Measures. Pursuant to the requirements of Regulation G, we have provided a reconciliation of all non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure in Item 2 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

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**APAC CUSTOMER SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(Dollars in thousands)

|                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>September 28,<br/>2008<br/>(Unaudited)</b> | <b>December 30,<br/>2007</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                               |                              |
| <b>Current assets:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                               |                              |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                                                                                                                                               | \$ 452                                        | \$ 1,426                     |
| Accounts receivable, net                                                                                                                                                                                | 31,946                                        | 34,468                       |
| Other current assets                                                                                                                                                                                    | 4,407                                         | 5,971                        |
| Total current assets                                                                                                                                                                                    | 36,805                                        | 41,865                       |
| Property and equipment, net                                                                                                                                                                             | 22,190                                        | 26,772                       |
| Goodwill                                                                                                                                                                                                | 13,338                                        | 13,338                       |
| Other intangible assets, net                                                                                                                                                                            | 4,037                                         | 5,891                        |
| Other assets                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1,468                                         | 2,060                        |
| Total assets                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$ 77,838                                     | \$ 89,926                    |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>                                                                                                                                                             |                                               |                              |
| <b>Current liabilities:</b>                                                                                                                                                                             |                                               |                              |
| Short-term debt                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$ 13,806                                     | \$ 12,307                    |
| Current portion of long-term debt                                                                                                                                                                       |                                               | 2,400                        |
| Accounts payable                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1,410                                         | 2,287                        |
| Income taxes payable                                                                                                                                                                                    | 253                                           | 220                          |
| Accrued payroll and related items                                                                                                                                                                       | 18,070                                        | 15,954                       |
| Accrued liabilities                                                                                                                                                                                     | 10,346                                        | 8,052                        |
| Total current liabilities                                                                                                                                                                               | 43,885                                        | 41,220                       |
| Long-term debt                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                               | 11,600                       |
| Other liabilities                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4,394                                         | 3,725                        |
| Commitments and contingencies                                                                                                                                                                           |                                               |                              |
| <b>Shareholders' equity:</b>                                                                                                                                                                            |                                               |                              |
| Common shares, \$0.01 per share; authorized 200,000,000 shares;<br>50,603,312 shares issued and outstanding at September 28, 2008, and<br>50,379,296 shares issued and outstanding at December 30, 2007 | 507                                           | 504                          |
| Additional paid-in capital                                                                                                                                                                              | 104,137                                       | 102,647                      |
| Accumulated deficit                                                                                                                                                                                     | (74,846)                                      | (72,760)                     |
| Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income                                                                                                                                                           | (239)                                         | 2,990                        |
| Total shareholders' equity                                                                                                                                                                              | 29,559                                        | 33,381                       |



|                                            |    |        |    |        |
|--------------------------------------------|----|--------|----|--------|
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$ | 77,838 | \$ | 89,926 |
|--------------------------------------------|----|--------|----|--------|

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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**APAC CUSTOMER SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)  
(Unaudited)

|                                                | <b>Thirteen Weeks Ended</b> |                  | <b>Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended</b> |                  |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
|                                                | <b>September</b>            | <b>September</b> | <b>September</b>               | <b>September</b> |
|                                                | <b>28,</b>                  | <b>30,</b>       | <b>28,</b>                     | <b>30,</b>       |
|                                                | <b>2008</b>                 | <b>2007</b>      | <b>2008</b>                    | <b>2007</b>      |
| Net revenue                                    | \$ 59,243                   | \$ 56,820        | \$ 183,470                     | \$ 163,023       |
| Cost of services                               | 49,172                      | 52,299           | 154,896                        | 148,095          |
| Gross profit                                   | 10,071                      | 4,521            | 28,574                         | 14,928           |
| Operating expenses:                            |                             |                  |                                |                  |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses   | 7,187                       | 6,500            | 23,582                         | 21,580           |
| Restructuring and other charges:               |                             |                  |                                |                  |
| Restructuring charges                          | 54                          | 8                | 34                             | 1,565            |
| Other severance charges                        | 562                         |                  | 3,360                          |                  |
| Total operating expenses                       | 7,803                       | 6,508            | 26,976                         | 23,145           |
| Operating income (loss)                        | 2,268                       | (1,987)          | 1,598                          | (8,217)          |
| Other income                                   | (129)                       | (163)            | (303)                          | (254)            |
| Interest expense                               | 359                         | 939              | 3,954                          | 2,589            |
| Income (loss) before income taxes              | 2,038                       | (2,763)          | (2,053)                        | (10,552)         |
| Income tax provision (benefit)                 | 33                          |                  | 33                             | (17,568)         |
| Net income (loss)                              | \$ 2,005                    | \$ (2,763)       | \$ (2,086)                     | \$ 7,016         |
| Net income (loss) per share:                   |                             |                  |                                |                  |
| Basic                                          | \$ 0.04                     | \$ (0.06)        | \$ (0.04)                      | \$ 0.14          |
| Diluted                                        | \$ 0.04                     | \$ (0.06)        | \$ (0.04)                      | \$ 0.13          |
| Weighted average number of shares outstanding: |                             |                  |                                |                  |
| Basic                                          | 50,486                      | 49,930           | 50,367                         | 49,732           |
| Diluted                                        | 51,160                      | 49,930           | 50,367                         | 53,035           |

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.



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**APAC CUSTOMER SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(Dollars in thousands)  
(Unaudited)

|                                                                                          | <b>Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended</b>    |                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                                                                          | <b>September<br/>28,<br/>2008</b> | <b>September 30,<br/>2007</b> |
| <b>Operating activities:</b>                                                             |                                   |                               |
| Net income (loss)                                                                        | \$ (2,086)                        | \$ 7,016                      |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities: |                                   |                               |
| Depreciation and amortization                                                            | 9,239                             | 10,247                        |
| Non-cash restructuring charges                                                           | 14                                | 13                            |
| Stock compensation expense                                                               | 1,082                             | 1,272                         |
| Amortized gain on sale leaseback                                                         | (95)                              | (143)                         |
| Loss (gain) on sale of property and equipment                                            | 193                               | (50)                          |
| Income taxes payable                                                                     | 33                                | (17,580)                      |
| Change in operating assets and liabilities                                               | 7,662                             | 1,981                         |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                                                | 16,042                            | 2,756                         |
| <b>Investing activities:</b>                                                             |                                   |                               |
| Purchases of property and equipment, net                                                 | (3,137)                           | (10,483)                      |
| Net proceeds from sale of property and equipment                                         | 57                                | 191                           |
| Net cash used in investing activities                                                    | (3,080)                           | (10,292)                      |
| <b>Financing activities:</b>                                                             |                                   |                               |
| Net (payments) borrowings on long-term debt                                              | (14,000)                          | 9,400                         |
| Net borrowings (payments) under revolving credit facility                                | 1,499                             | (3,366)                       |
| Cash received from exercise of stock options                                             | 412                               | 719                           |
| Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities                                      | (12,089)                          | 6,753                         |
| Effect of exchange rate change on cash                                                   | (1,847)                           | (110)                         |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents                                                | (974)                             | (893)                         |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents:</b>                                                        |                                   |                               |
| Beginning balance                                                                        | 1,426                             | 1,305                         |
| Ending balance                                                                           | \$ 452                            | \$ 412                        |

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.



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**APAC CUSTOMER SERVICES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(Unaudited)**

**(Dollars in thousands, except as otherwise indicated)**

**1. Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation**

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of APAC Customer Services, Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively, the Company) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) for interim financial information and the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of a normal recurring nature) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Interim consolidated financial statements are not necessarily indicative of the financial position or operating results for an entire year.

The Company's off-shore customer care centers use their local currency, the Philippine peso, as their functional currency. Assets and liabilities of off-shore customer care centers have been translated at period-end rates, and income and expenses have been translated using average exchange rates for the respective periods. All inter-company transactions and balances have been eliminated. The balance sheet at September 28, 2008 has been derived from the unaudited financial statements at that date and includes all of the information and notes required by GAAP for interim financial statements. These interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto included in Item 8 of Part II of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2007. Copies of the Company's filings are available on a web site maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

The Company operates on a thirteen week fiscal quarter that ends on the Sunday closest to September 30. The Company operates on a 52/53 week fiscal year that ends on the Sunday closest to December 31.

**2. New Accounting Pronouncements**

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement No. 157 (SFAS No. 157)

Fair Value Measurements, which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. In February 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position 157-2, Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157, which delays the effective date of SFAS No. 157 for non-financial assets and liabilities, except for those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis, until fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. The Company adopted SFAS 157 as of December 31, 2007, with the exception of the application of the statement to non-recurring, non-financial assets and liabilities. The adoption of SFAS 157 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. See Note 12, Fair Value Measurements, for additional information.

In March 2008, the FASB issued Statement No. 161 (SFAS No. 161) Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 to amend and expand the disclosures about derivatives and hedging activities. The statement requires enhanced qualitative disclosures about an entity's objectives and strategies for using derivatives, and tabular quantitative disclosures about the fair value of derivative instruments and gains and losses on derivatives during the reporting period. SFAS No. 161 is effective for both fiscal years and interim periods that begin after November 15, 2008. The Company is evaluating the effect that this standard will have on its disclosures.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. 142-3 (FSP FAS No. 142-3), Determining the Useful Life of Intangible Assets. FSP FAS No. 142-3 amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under FASB Statement No. 142 (SFAS No. 142), Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. The intent of this FSP is to improve the consistency between the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS No. 142 and the period of expected cash flows used to measure the fair value of the asset under SFAS No. 141(R) Business Combinations. FSP FAS No. 142-3 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The Company is evaluating the impact that FSP FAS No. 142-3 will have on its financial statements.



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In May 2008, the FASB issued Statement No. 162 (SFAS No. 162), The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. The standard is intended to improve financial reporting by identifying a consistent framework, or hierarchy, for selecting accounting principles to be used in preparing financial statements that are presented in conformity with GAAP for nongovernmental entities. Prior to the issuance of SFAS No. 162, GAAP hierarchy was defined in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) No. 69, The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity With Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. SFAS No. 162 is effective 60 days following SEC approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Auditing amendments to AU Section 411, The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. The Company is currently evaluating the provisions and guidance of SFAS No. 162 and does not expect that it will have a material impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

**3. Accrued Liabilities**

The components of other current accrued liabilities included in the condensed consolidated balance sheets are as follows:

|                                        | <b>September 28,<br/>2008</b> | <b>December 30,<br/>2007</b> |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Accrued workers' compensation          | \$ 1,720                      | \$ 2,089                     |
| Accrued severance                      | 1,577                         |                              |
| Unrecognized loss on forward contracts | 1,219                         |                              |
| Deferred rent                          | 1,041                         | 1,023                        |
| Accrued professional fees              | 801                           | 644                          |
| Accrued restructuring charges          | 317                           | 1,756                        |
| Accrued property tax                   | 260                           | 332                          |
| Other                                  | 3,411                         | 2,208                        |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$ 10,346</b>              | <b>\$ 8,052</b>              |

**4. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets**

Under SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, the Company is required and it is its policy to test all existing goodwill for impairment at least annually and more frequently if circumstances require. The Company tested the goodwill for impairment in the third quarter of fiscal year 2008, resulting in no impairment being recorded. As of September 28, 2008 and December 30, 2007, the Company had \$13.3 million of goodwill.

The Company is required to test other intangible assets for impairment under the provisions of SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, if impairment indicators are present. The identifiable intangible assets of the Company represent acquired customer relationships and internally developed software. As a result of the declining volumes of one of the clients supporting the acquired customer relationship intangible balance, the Company tested the identifiable intangible assets for impairment in the third quarter of fiscal year 2008, resulting in no impairment being recorded. The acquired customer relationships have a gross carrying value of \$28.5 million and accumulated amortization of \$24.6 million and \$22.8 million as of September 28, 2008 and December 30, 2007, respectively. The internally developed software has a gross carrying value of \$0.3 million as of September 28, 2008 and \$0.4 million as of December 30, 2007 and accumulated amortization of \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million as of September 28, 2008 and December 30, 2007, respectively.





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Under the provisions of SFAS No. 142, the Company amortizes intangible assets with definite lives over their estimated useful lives. The Company evaluates the remaining useful life of its acquired customer relationships balance at least annually to determine whether events or circumstances warrant a revision to the remaining amortization period. The customer relationship intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the expected period of benefit of 12 years. The internally developed software intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over an expected period of benefit of 3 to 5 years. Total amortization expense related to intangible assets was \$0.6 million for each of the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008 and September 30, 2007, and \$1.8 million for each of the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 and September 30, 2007. Annual amortization expense is expected to be \$2.4 million for fiscal years 2008 and 2009, \$1.0 million in fiscal year 2010 and less than \$1.0 million in each of fiscal years 2011 and 2012.

**5. Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation**

At September 28, 2008, the Company had a share-based incentive compensation plan for employees and non-employee directors, which authorized the granting of various equity-based incentive awards, including stock options and non-vested common shares. The total number of common shares authorized for issuance under the plan is 11.8 million, of which 2.3 million shares are available for future grants at September 28, 2008.

Total stock-based compensation expense was \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008 and September 30, 2007, respectively. For the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 and September 30, 2007, total stock-based compensation expense was \$1.1 million and \$1.3 million, respectively. As of September 28, 2008, there was \$1.5 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested awards that is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 4 years.

A summary of the Company's non-vested common share grant activity during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 is presented below:

|                                   | <b>Number of Shares</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Outstanding on December 30, 2007  | 366,758                 |
| Granted                           | 50,000                  |
| Exercised                         | (298,199)               |
| Forfeited                         | (50,000)                |
| Expired                           |                         |
| Outstanding on September 28, 2008 | 68,559                  |

During the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008 and September 30, 2007, the Company did not award any non-vested common shares to employees. During the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 and September 30, 2007, respectively, the Company awarded 50,000 and 106,000 non-vested common shares to employees at a weighted average value per share of \$1.10 and \$4.48, respectively. The majority of the non-vested common shares vest two years from the grant date.

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A summary of the Company's stock option grant activity during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 is presented below:

|                                   | Number of   | Grant Price       | Weighted |                |           |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------|----------------|-----------|
|                                   | Options     | Range             | Average  | Exercise Price | Aggregate |
|                                   |             | Per Share         | Per      |                | Intrinsic |
|                                   |             |                   | Share    |                | Value     |
| Outstanding on December 30, 2007  | 6,495,396   | \$ 0.85 - \$11.63 | \$ 2.22  |                |           |
| Granted                           | 2,707,080   | 0.79 - 1.49       | 1.05     |                |           |
| Exercised                         | (270,250)   | 0.85 - 1.35       | 0.91     |                |           |
| Forfeited                         | (820,501)   | 0.85 - 4.60       | 1.56     |                |           |
| Expired                           | (1,132,281) | 1.35 - 11.56      | 2.61     |                |           |
| Outstanding on September 28, 2008 | 6,979,444   | \$ 0.79 - \$11.63 | \$ 1.83  | \$             | 3,284     |
| Exercisable on September 28, 2008 | 3,667,149   | \$ 0.86 - \$11.63 | \$ 2.21  | \$             | 1,199     |

Prior to April 4, 2007, options to purchase common shares were granted with an exercise price equal to the average of the high and low market price of the Company's common shares on the NASDAQ Global Market on the date of the grant. Effective April 4, 2007, the 2005 Incentive Stock Plan was amended to provide that the fair value for future option grants would be the closing price of the common shares on the NASDAQ Global Market on the date of grant. Substantially all of the options become exercisable between one to five years after the grant date and generally expire ten years from the grant date.

**6. Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

Comprehensive income (loss) for the thirteen and thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 and September 30, 2007, respectively, is as follows:

|                                                | Thirteen Weeks Ended |            | Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended |           |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------|
|                                                | September            | September  | September               | September |
|                                                | 28,                  | 30,        | 28,                     | 30,       |
|                                                | 2008                 | 2007       | 2008                    | 2007      |
| Net income (loss)                              | \$ 2,005             | \$ (2,763) | \$ (2,086)              | \$ 7,016  |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment        | (374)                | 343        | (1,127)                 | 862       |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on derivative contracts | 160                  |            | (2,102)                 |           |
| Total comprehensive income (loss)              | \$ 1,791             | \$ (2,420) | \$ (5,315)              | \$ 7,878  |

The foreign currency translation adjustment relates to the impact of a change in exchange rates on net assets located outside of the United States.

As of September 28, 2008, forward contracts to purchase 1,016 million Philippine pesos at a US dollar notional amount of \$22.6 million were outstanding. The objective of the forward contracts is to mitigate the variability in cash flows and expenses over the period of the hedge contracts due to the foreign currency risk associated with the repayment of the intercompany accounts payable from the US operations to the Philippines representing the Philippines share of revenue. The net loss recognized in earnings on settled forward contracts was \$0.5 million for the

thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008 and \$0.1 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008. The loss on settled forward contracts is recorded as a component of cost of services. Unrealized gain and unrealized loss in value of the outstanding forward contracts was \$0.1 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, and was recorded in other assets and other liabilities as of September 28, 2008. The unrealized gain and unrealized loss will be recognized in earnings over the next 12 months as cash flows related to the intercompany payable are effectively settled.

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During the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008, the Company entered into a pay fixed / receive floating interest rate swap for a \$5.0 million notional amount. The objective of the swap is to mitigate the variability in cash flows resulting from changes in the LIBOR rate. The unrealized loss of less than \$0.1 million as of September 28, 2008 was recorded in other liabilities.

**7. Legal Proceedings**

The Company is subject to lawsuits, governmental investigations and claims arising out of the routine conduct of its business. Management does not believe that the outcome of any pending proceedings will have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations, liquidity, or financial condition. Although management does not believe that any such proceeding will result in a material adverse effect, no assurance to that effect can be given.

**8. Debt**

As of December 30, 2007, the Company was party to two separate loan agreements: (i) a Second Restated Credit Agreement with LaSalle Bank National Association (LaSalle), as agent, as amended, and (ii) a Second Lien Loan Agreement with Atalaya Funding II, L.P. as lender and Atalaya Administrative, LLC, as agent (Atalaya), as amended. The loan agreements provided the Company with a \$27.5 million revolving loan facility which expired in October 2010 (Revolving Loan Facility) and a \$15.0 million term loan which matured in January 2011 (Term Loan). For additional information regarding the loan agreements, as amended, see Note 9 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2007 and the Company's subsequent filing on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended March 30, 2008 and June 29, 2008.

On May 5, 2008, the Company entered into a Revolving Credit and Security Agreement (Revolving Loan Agreement) with PNC Bank National Association (PNC), as agent, and the financial institutions from time to time parties thereto as lenders. The Revolving Loan Agreement provides the Company with a \$40.0 million revolving loan facility which expires in May 2011. Borrowings under the Revolving Loan Agreement were used to repay in full the Company's Revolving Loan Facility and Term Loan.

The Company's ability to borrow under the Revolving Loan Agreement depends on the amount of eligible accounts receivable from its clients. The Revolving Loan Agreement contains certain financial covenants including limits on the amount of capital expenditures and maintenance of a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio. Other covenants in the Revolving Loan Agreement prohibit (with limited exceptions) the Company from incurring additional indebtedness, repurchasing outstanding common shares, permitting liens, acquiring, selling or disposing of certain assets, engaging in certain mergers and acquisitions, paying dividends or making certain restricted payments.

Borrowings under the Revolving Loan Agreement incur a floating interest rate based on the London Interbank Offered Rate or LIBOR index rate or an alternate base rate which approximates the prime rate defined in the Revolving Loan Agreement subjecting the Company to interest rate risk and requires a \$5.0 million interest rate hedge. To date, the impact from interest rate fluctuations has not been material. In August 2008, the Company entered into a pay fixed / receive floating interest rate swap for a \$5.0 million notional amount. The objective of the swap is to mitigate the variability in cash flows resulting from changes in the LIBOR rate. The Company designates the interest rate swap as a cash flow hedge to the extent that it qualifies for accounting as a hedging instrument and therefore, the effective portion of gains and losses that result from changes in fair value of the instrument are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income until the hedged transaction affects income, at which time gains and/or losses are realized. The unrealized loss of less than \$0.1 million as of September 28, 2008 was recorded in other liabilities.

The Revolving Loan Agreement is secured principally by a grant of a first priority security interest in all of the Company's personal property, including its accounts receivable. In addition, the Company pays a commitment fee on the unused portion of the Revolving Loan Agreement as well as fees on outstanding letters of credit.



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In addition to borrowing against its eligible receivables, the Company may borrow an additional \$9.0 million which is supported by a letter of credit (Credit Enhancement Letter of Credit) which was provided by TCS Global Holdings, L.P. (TCS), an affiliate of Theodore G. Schwartz, the Company's chairman and principal shareholder. The face amount of the Credit Enhancement Letter of Credit may be reduced or entirely released by PNC under certain circumstances after PNC receives the Company's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2008, and if the Company achieves certain financial ratios and EBITDA and meets certain minimum availability thresholds under the Revolving Loan Agreement.

In connection with the issuance of the Credit Enhancement Letter of Credit, the Company and TCS entered into a Reimbursement and Security Agreement, dated May 5, 2008 (Reimbursement Agreement). Under the terms of the Reimbursement Agreement, the Company paid \$0.2 million in fees to TCS which are being amortized over the term of the Credit Enhancement Letter of Credit. Additionally, the Company pays TCS for providing the Credit Enhancement Letter of Credit an amount which varies depending on the amount of borrowings under the Revolving Loan Agreement. PNC is entitled to draw on the Credit Enhancement Letter of Credit under certain circumstances. In such event, the Company is obligated to reimburse TCS for the total amount so drawn. Any unpaid reimbursement amounts due under the Reimbursement Agreement incur interest at floating interest rate based on the LIBOR index rate. The Company's obligations under the Reimbursement Agreement are secured principally by a grant of a second priority security interest in all of the Company's personal property, including accounts receivable. The Reimbursement Agreement also contains covenants substantially identical to the covenants contained in the Revolving Loan Agreement.

On June 26, 2008, the Company entered into an amendment (the Amendment) to the Revolving Loan Agreement in connection with the syndication of that facility. Pursuant to the terms of the Amendment, the Company and PNC agreed to amend the definitions of applicable margin, obligations, and unbilled eligible receivables.

Borrowings under the Revolving Loan Agreement totaled \$13.8 million as of September 28, 2008. Interest rates on the Company's borrowings for the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008 ranged from 4.96% to 5.50% under the Revolving Loan Agreement and the Credit Enhancement Letter of Credit. The Company had \$16.2 million of unused borrowing capacity under the Revolving Loan Agreement as of September 28, 2008. The Company was in compliance with its financial covenants as of September 28, 2008.

The Company expects that its cash balances, cash flow from operations and available borrowings under its Revolving Loan Agreement will be sufficient to meet projected operating needs, fund any planned capital expenditures, and repay debt obligations for the next twelve months. The Company's cash flow is significantly impacted by its ability to collect its clients' accounts receivable on a timely basis. To the extent that the Company's business with a single client or small group of clients represents a more significant portion of its revenue, a delay in receiving payment could materially and adversely affect the availability of cash to fund operations. A significant change in operating cash flow or a failure to achieve or sustain profitability could have a material adverse effect on the Company's liquidity and its ability to comply with the covenants in its Revolving Loan Agreement. In addition, the Company's failure to adhere to the financial and other covenants could give rise to a default under the Revolving Loan Agreement which would have a material adverse effect on the Company's liquidity and financial condition. There can be no assurances that the Company will be able to meet the financial and other covenants in its Revolving Loan Agreement.

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**9. Restructuring and Other Charges**

Restructuring and other charges were \$0.6 million and \$3.4 million for the thirteen weeks and thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008, respectively, and were related to severance charges resulting from changes in the senior executive team and the elimination of operational and administrative positions, as well as adjustments to the 2005 and 2007 restructuring initiatives. Restructuring and other charges were less than \$0.1 million for the thirteen weeks and \$1.6 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007.

*Other Severance Charges*

Other severance charges of \$3.4 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 were related to changes in the Company's executive team and operational and administrative positions. In January 2008, Robert Keller, the Company's former President and CEO, announced his intention to retire. Additionally, several changes in the executive team took place during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008, resulting in charges of \$2.1 million. The Company also effectively restructured operations resulting in the elimination of approximately 130 operational and administrative positions throughout the company. Charges of \$1.3 million related to these events were recorded during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008. Payments totaling \$1.5 million related to severance charges have been made through September 28, 2008 and remaining cash payments of \$1.9 million are payable through 2010.

*2007 Restructuring Initiatives*

In May 2007, the Company approved a plan to restructure certain operations. The plan, which included downsizing space in its Tucson, Arizona customer care center and eliminating certain administrative and operations positions within the Company, resulted in restructuring charges of \$1.3 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007. These charges included \$0.7 million in lease termination and other costs and \$0.6 million in severance costs related to the elimination of five positions. During the second quarter of 2008, the Company recorded \$0.2 million of additional restructuring costs as a result of delays in subletting space in its Tucson customer care center. During the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008, the Company determined it would expand utilization of its Tucson customer care center and reversed the remaining \$0.1 million reserve associated with the 2007 restructuring.

Cash payments totaling \$1.3 million related to 2007 restructuring initiatives have been made through September 28, 2008, \$0.6 million of which occurred during the first three quarters of fiscal 2008. Remaining cash payments of \$0.1 million related to severance costs are payable through 2008.

*2006 Restructuring Initiatives*

The 2006 restructuring initiatives resulted from the closure of four customer care centers with approximately 960 workstations. Cash payments totaling \$1.8 million related to the 2006 restructuring initiative have been made through September 28, 2008. Remaining cash payments of less than \$0.1 million, related to real estate taxes, are payable through 2008.

*2005 Restructuring Initiatives*

The July 2005 restructuring initiative included costs associated with the reduction of the Company's corporate office space in Deerfield, Illinois and the closure of seven additional customer care centers. During the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008, the Company recorded an additional \$0.1 million of costs associated with exiting the corporate office space.

Cash payments totaling \$7.6 million relating to the July 2005 restructuring initiative have been paid through September 28, 2008, \$0.9 million of which occurred during the first three quarters of fiscal 2008. Remaining cash payments of \$0.2 million, primarily related to lease termination costs, are payable in fiscal year 2008.



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Following is a summary of the activity for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 in current reserves established in connection with the Company's restructuring initiatives:

|                                   | <b>December<br/>30,<br/>2007</b> | <b>Charges<br/>(Reversals)</b> | <b>Asset<br/>Write-off</b> | <b>Cash<br/>Payments</b> | <b>September<br/>28,<br/>2008</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2005 restructuring initiatives:   |                                  |                                |                            |                          |                                   |
| Lease obligations and other costs | \$ 1,123                         | \$ (42)                        | \$ 14                      | \$ (880)                 | \$ 215                            |
| 2006 restructuring initiatives:   |                                  |                                |                            |                          |                                   |
| Lease obligations and other costs | 29                               |                                |                            |                          | 29                                |
| 2007 restructuring initiatives:   |                                  |                                |                            |                          |                                   |
| Employee severance costs          | 333                              |                                |                            | (260)                    | 73                                |
| Lease obligations and other costs | 286                              | 62                             |                            | (348)                    |                                   |
| Total                             | \$ 1,771                         | \$ 20                          | \$ 14                      | \$ (1,488)               | \$ 317                            |

**10. Income Taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes using the asset and liability method. 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. A valuation allowance is recorded when management believes it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized in the future. The Company records a reserve for tax contingencies unless it believes it is more likely than not that the deductions giving rise to these contingencies will be sustained if challenged by taxing authorities. Tax contingencies are not material to the financial statements.

As of September 28, 2008, the Company is in a cumulative loss position for the prior twelve quarters. This was primarily the result of losses incurred from the exited outbound customer acquisition business. Due to the uncertainty in the Company's ability to realize the benefit of its net deferred tax assets a valuation allowance of \$37.0 million is recorded as of September 28, 2008. The valuation allowance reported at December 30, 2007 was \$37.5 million.

In October 2003, the Company received an \$11.6 million cash tax refund associated with the write-off for tax purposes in 2002 of its remaining investment in ITI Holdings, Inc. (ITI). The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) audited the Company's 2002 tax return and proposed an adjustment that would disallow this deduction. The Company believed that it had sufficient support for the deduction and filed an appeal contesting the proposal adjustment. On March 27, 2007, the Company received written notification from the Appeals Officer that the IRS had reviewed the technical merits of its position and was proposing to allow the deduction in its entirety. Therefore, the Company reversed the reserve, including related accrued interest, in connection with this issue resulting in an income tax benefit of \$17.6 million for the thirteen weeks ended April 1, 2007. On August 30, 2007, the Company received a closing letter from the IRS notifying it of the favorable conclusion of the IRS audit.

The income tax expense of \$0.8 million associated with the income before income taxes earned for the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008 was offset with a corresponding reduction of the net operating loss carryforward. The effective income tax rate for the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008 was 1.6% due to the provision for state income taxes. The effective tax rate for the thirteen weeks ended September 30, 2007 was zero.

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The tax benefit associated with the loss before income taxes incurred for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 of \$0.8 million and the related deferred tax asset were offset with a corresponding valuation allowance. This results in a zero effective income tax rate for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008, excluding the impact of the provision for state income taxes. A tax benefit of \$4.1 million and a related deferred tax asset associated with the pre-tax loss incurred for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007 were offset with a corresponding valuation allowance. This results in a zero effective income tax rate for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007, excluding the impact of the reversal of the reserve for ITI.

The Company's net operating loss carry forwards expire over the following periods:

| <b>Expiration</b> | <b>Net Operating Loss<br/>Carryforward</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 2024              | \$ 11,130                                  |
| 2025              | 13,901                                     |
| 2026              | 9,046                                      |
| 2027              | 11,774                                     |
|                   | \$ 45,851                                  |

**11. Earnings Per Share**

Basic earnings per share are computed by dividing the Company's net income (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share are computed by dividing the Company's net income (loss) by the weighted average number of shares and dilutive potential common shares outstanding during the period. The impact of any potentially dilutive securities is excluded from the computation for the thirteen weeks ended September 30, 2007 and the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 as the Company recorded a net loss for these periods. The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the thirteen and thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 and September 30, 2007:

|                                              | <b>Thirteen Weeks Ended</b>                      |                                   | <b>Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended</b>    |                                   |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                              | <b>September<br/>28,<br/>2008</b>                | <b>September<br/>30,<br/>2007</b> | <b>September<br/>28,<br/>2008</b> | <b>September<br/>30,<br/>2007</b> |
|                                              | <b>(In thousands, except earnings per share)</b> |                                   |                                   |                                   |
| Net income (loss)                            | \$ 2,005                                         | \$ (2,763)                        | \$ (2,086)                        | \$ 7,016                          |
| Shares used in basic per share calculation   | 50,486                                           | 49,930                            | 50,367                            | 49,732                            |
| Effects of dilutive securities:              |                                                  |                                   |                                   |                                   |
| Stock options                                | 605                                              |                                   |                                   | 2,892                             |
| Non-vested stock                             | 69                                               |                                   |                                   | 411                               |
| Shares used in diluted per share calculation | 51,160                                           | 49,930                            | 50,367                            | 53,035                            |
| Net income (loss) per share:                 |                                                  |                                   |                                   |                                   |
| Basic                                        | \$ 0.04                                          | \$ (0.06)                         | \$ (0.04)                         | \$ 0.14                           |

|         |    |      |    |        |    |        |    |      |
|---------|----|------|----|--------|----|--------|----|------|
| Diluted | \$ | 0.04 | \$ | (0.06) | \$ | (0.04) | \$ | 0.13 |
|---------|----|------|----|--------|----|--------|----|------|

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**12. Fair Value Measurements**

The Company adopted SFAS 157 as of December 31, 2007, with the exception of the application of the statement to non-recurring, non-financial assets and liabilities which becomes effective December 29, 2008. The adoption of SFAS 157 did not have a material impact on the Company's fair value measurements. SFAS 157 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. SFAS 157 establishes a fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value into three broad levels as follows:

Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 Inputs, other than the quoted prices in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs based on the Company's own assumptions.

The following table presents the fair value hierarchy for those assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 28, 2008:

|                                              | <b>Fair Value Measurements at September 28, 2008</b> |                          |                |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
|                                              | <b>Level 1</b>                                       | <b>Using<br/>Level 2</b> | <b>Level 3</b> |
| Cash and cash equivalents(1)                 | \$ 452                                               | \$                       | \$             |
| Foreign currency contracts, net liability(2) | \$                                                   | \$ 1,094                 | \$             |
| Interest rate swap, net liability(3)         | \$                                                   | \$ 43                    | \$             |

Notes to Fair Value  
Measurements

(1) Cash and cash equivalents: The carrying amount of these items approximates fair value at period end.

(2) Foreign currency contracts: The carrying amount

of these items is  
based on  
valuations  
provided by the  
counter-party  
institution, but  
there are no  
guaranteed  
selling prices  
for these  
forward  
currency  
contracts.

- (3) Interest rate  
swap: The  
carrying amount  
of this item is  
based on a  
valuation  
provided by the  
counter-party  
institution, but  
there is no  
guaranteed  
selling price for  
this contract.

**13. Reclassification**

Certain amounts in the prior period financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation. Deferred rent of \$3.071 million has been reclassified from current accrued liabilities to other liabilities for the period ended December 30, 2007.

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

Our management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this report and our audited consolidated financial statements which appear in Item 8 of Part II of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2007. Our management's discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain as they are based on various expectations and assumptions about future events and are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties, and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance, or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. See **Forward Looking Statements and Factors That May Affect Future Results** on page 3 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

***Overview***

We are a leading provider of customer care services and solutions to market leaders in the healthcare, business services, communications, publishing, travel and entertainment and financial services industries. As part of our strategy, we have targeted primarily high growth business segments, each with critical customer care needs and businesses with unique opportunities for outsourced customer care. We seek opportunities with reliable revenue streams and clients that want to work with a quality provider.

Our services are provided through customer care centers staffed with skilled customer service representatives in domestic, off-shore, and client-owned locations. As of September 28, 2008 and September 30, 2007, we operated nine customer care centers in the United States, two of which are client-owned facilities, and three off-shore customer care centers in the Philippines. As of September 28, 2008, our domestic operations consisted of approximately 4,500 workstations and our off-shore operations consisted of approximately 3,300 workstations. This compares to approximately 4,500 domestic workstations and approximately 2,500 off-shore workstations as of September 30, 2007. We completed the construction of our third customer care center in the Philippines in the first quarter of 2007 and added nearly 1,000 production seats in our off-shore facilities in the second half of 2007. In May 2007, we added over 675 seats domestically when we began managing a second facility in our business services vertical. Increased client demand has resulted in the continued expansion of capacity of our domestic customer care centers located in Cedar Rapids and Davenport, Iowa and Tucson, Arizona in the third fiscal quarter of 2008. Additionally, we recently signed an agreement for the build-out of our fourth off-shore customer care center in the Philippines.

Our high level growth strategy is to maximize the contribution of our existing capacity, diversify our client base and expand our service offerings. We believe we are well positioned to continue to improve our margins and realize the long-term potential of our business.

In February 2008, Michael P. Marrow was appointed our new President and Chief Executive Officer. For 2008, our focus is on improving our financial performance by reducing costs and improving efficiencies and on enhancing our quality and service delivery. Under Mr. Marrow's leadership, we began to take steps to further these objectives. During the first three quarters of 2008, we restructured operations resulting in the reduction of overhead costs and headcount, refinanced our debt, and took steps to improve our operating efficiencies. We continue to see an immediate impact from these and other cost savings initiatives resulting in a third quarter net income of \$2.0 million, our best quarterly performance in over five years. Additionally, our gross profit margins have increased to 15.6% for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008, from 9.2% in the comparable prior year period. Our focus on improving our financial performance has also resulted in significantly improved cash flow and lower levels of debt.

On June 12, 2008, our Cedar Rapids, Iowa facility was impacted by unprecedented flooding in the area. We immediately implemented our business continuity plans, resulting in minimal disruption to most of our affected clients and employees. We incurred operating expenses and acquired replacement assets necessary to continue operations totaling approximately \$0.9 million, all of which have been fully offset by insurance recoveries. In addition, \$0.1 million of insurance recoveries were related to credits issued to clients affected by the disruption.

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***Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Certain of our accounting policies are considered critical, due to the level of subjectivity and judgment necessary in applying these policies and because the impact of these estimates and assumptions on our financial conditions and operating performance may be material. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates and judgments in these areas based on historic experience and other relevant factors. The estimates as of the date of the financial statements reflect our best judgment giving consideration to all currently available facts and circumstances. We believe our estimates and judgments are reasonable, however, actual results and the timing of the recognition of such amounts could differ from those estimates.

We have used methodologies that are consistent from year to year in all material respects. We have identified the following accounting policies and estimates that we believe are most critical in the preparation of our condensed consolidated financial statements: accounting for derivatives, allowance for doubtful accounts, accounting for employee benefits, revenue recognition, intangible assets, restructuring charges, accounting for stock-based compensation and income taxes. For details concerning these critical accounting policies and estimates see Item 7 of Part II of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2007, under the caption

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates and Note 3 to our audited consolidated financial statements which appears in Item 8 of Part II of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2007. Any deviation from these policies or estimates could have a material impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

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The following table sets forth selected information about our results of operations for the thirteen and thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 and September 30, 2007, respectively. Certain additional components of net revenue and cost of services have been included as we believe they would enhance an understanding of our results of operations. All amounts in the table below are presented in thousands.

|                                            | <b>Thirteen Weeks Ended</b>       |                                   |                                         | <b>Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended</b>    |                                   |                                         |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                            | <b>September<br/>28,<br/>2008</b> | <b>September<br/>30,<br/>2007</b> | <b>Fav<br/>(Unfav)<br/>%<br/>Change</b> | <b>September<br/>28,<br/>2008</b> | <b>September<br/>30,<br/>2007</b> | <b>Fav<br/>(Unfav)<br/>%<br/>Change</b> |
| Net Revenue:                               |                                   |                                   |                                         |                                   |                                   |                                         |
| Domestic                                   | \$ 43,026                         | \$ 45,704                         | (5.9)%                                  | \$ 136,888                        | \$ 131,770                        | 3.9%                                    |
| Off-shore                                  | 16,217                            | 11,116                            | 45.9                                    | 46,582                            | 31,253                            | 49.0                                    |
| Total net revenue                          | 59,243                            | 56,820                            | 4.3                                     | 183,470                           | 163,023                           | 12.5                                    |
| Cost of Services:                          |                                   |                                   |                                         |                                   |                                   |                                         |
| Direct labor                               | 34,239                            | 34,326                            | 0.3                                     | 106,218                           | 96,648                            | (9.9)                                   |
| Other facility expenses                    | 14,933                            | 17,973                            | 16.9                                    | 48,678                            | 51,447                            | 5.4                                     |
| Total cost of services                     | 49,172                            | 52,299                            | 6.0                                     | 154,896                           | 148,095                           | (4.6)                                   |
| Percentage of revenue                      | 83.0%                             | 92.0%                             |                                         | 84.4%                             | 90.8%                             |                                         |
| Gross profit                               | 10,071                            | 4,521                             | 122.8                                   | 28,574                            | 14,928                            | 91.4                                    |
| Gross profit margin                        | 17.0%                             | 8.0%                              |                                         | 15.6%                             | 9.2%                              |                                         |
| Operating Expenses:                        |                                   |                                   |                                         |                                   |                                   |                                         |
| Selling, general & administrative expenses | 7,187                             | 6,500                             | (10.6)                                  | 23,582                            | 21,580                            | (9.3)                                   |
| Restructuring and other charges            | 616                               | 8                                 | *                                       | 3,394                             | 1,565                             | (116.9)                                 |
| Total operating expenses                   | 7,803                             | 6,508                             | (19.9)                                  | 26,976                            | 23,145                            | (16.6)                                  |
| Operating income (loss)                    | 2,268                             | (1,987)                           | 214.1                                   | 1,598                             | (8,217)                           | 119.4                                   |
| Other income                               | (129)                             | (163)                             | (20.9)                                  | (303)                             | (254)                             | 19.3                                    |
| Interest expense                           | 359                               | 939                               | 61.8                                    | 3,954                             | 2,589                             | (52.7)                                  |
| Income (loss) before income taxes          | 2,038                             | (2,763)                           | 173.8                                   | (2,053)                           | (10,552)                          | 80.5                                    |
| Income tax provision (benefit)             | 33                                |                                   | *                                       | 33                                | (17,568)                          | *                                       |



|                   |          |            |        |            |          |          |
|-------------------|----------|------------|--------|------------|----------|----------|
| Net income (loss) | \$ 2,005 | \$ (2,763) | 172.6% | \$ (2,086) | \$ 7,016 | (129.7)% |
|-------------------|----------|------------|--------|------------|----------|----------|

\* Means that the percentage change is not meaningful.

***Non-GAAP Financial Measures***

To supplement our condensed consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP, we use the following measures defined as non-GAAP financial measures: EBITDA and free cash flow. The presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures is not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the financial information presented in accordance with GAAP or as a measure of liquidity. The items excluded from these non-GAAP financial measures are significant components of our financial statements and must be considered in performing a comprehensive analysis of our overall financial results.

We believe these non-GAAP financial measures provide meaningful supplemental information and are useful in understanding our results of operations and analyzing trends because they exclude certain charges such as interest, taxes and depreciation and amortization expenses that are not part of our ordinary business operations.

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EBITDA and free cash flow are measures used by our lenders, investors and analysts to evaluate our financial performance and our ability to pay interest and repay debt. Each of these measures is also indicative of our ability to fund the capital investments necessary for our continued growth. We use these measures, together with our GAAP financial metrics, to assess our financial performance, allocate resources, measure our performance against debt covenants, determine management bonuses and evaluate our overall progress towards meeting our long-term financial objectives.

We believe that these non-GAAP financial measures are useful to investors and analysts in allowing for greater transparency with respect to the supplemental information used by us in our financial and operational decision making. In addition, we believe investors, analysts and lenders benefit from referring to these non-GAAP financial measures when assessing our performance and expectations of our future performance. However, this information should not be used as a substitute for our GAAP financial information; rather it should be used in conjunction with financial statement information contained in our condensed consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with GAAP.

We expect to use consistent methods for computation of non-GAAP financial measures. Our calculations of non-GAAP financial measures may not be consistent with calculations of similar measures used by other companies. The accompanying notes have more details on the GAAP financial measures that are most directly comparable to our non-GAAP financial measures and the related reconciliations between these financial measures.

|                    | <b>Thirteen Weeks Ended (1)</b>                                 |                                        |                                         | <b>Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended</b>         |                                        |                                         |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                    | <b>September<br/>28,<br/><br/>2008</b>                          | <b>September<br/>30,<br/><br/>2007</b> | <b>Fav<br/>(Unfav)<br/>%<br/>Change</b> | <b>September<br/>28,<br/><br/>2008</b> | <b>September<br/>30,<br/><br/>2007</b> | <b>Fav<br/>(Unfav)<br/>%<br/>Change</b> |
|                    | <b>(Dollars in thousands except statistical data and notes)</b> |                                        |                                         |                                        |                                        |                                         |
| EBITDA (2)         | \$ 5,214                                                        | \$ 1,666                               | 213.0%                                  | \$ 11,140                              | \$ 2,284                               | 387.7%                                  |
| Free cash flow (3) | 4,863                                                           | (1,784)                                | 372.6                                   | 8,003                                  | (8,199)                                | 197.6                                   |

## Statistical information:

Number of customer care centers:

|           |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|
| Domestic  | 9  | 9  | 9  | 9  |
| Off-shore | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  |
| Total     | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |

Number of workstations, end of period:

|           |       |       |       |       |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Domestic  | 4,486 | 4,473 | 4,486 | 4,473 |
| Off-shore | 3,275 | 2,533 | 3,275 | 2,533 |
| Total     | 7,761 | 7,006 | 7,761 | 7,006 |

***Notes to Non-GAAP Financial Measures***

- (1) We operate on a thirteen week fiscal quarter that ends on the Sunday closest to September 30.
- (2) We define EBITDA as net income (loss) plus the provision (benefit) for income taxes, depreciation and amortization, and interest expense.



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EBITDA can be reconciled to net income (loss), which we believe to be the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, as follows:

|                                | <b>Thirteen Weeks Ended</b>   |                  | <b>Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended</b> |                  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
|                                | <b>September</b>              | <b>September</b> | <b>September</b>               | <b>September</b> |
|                                | <b>28,</b>                    | <b>30,</b>       | <b>28,</b>                     | <b>30,</b>       |
|                                | <b>2008</b>                   | <b>2007</b>      | <b>2008</b>                    | <b>2007</b>      |
|                                | <b>(Dollars in thousands)</b> |                  |                                |                  |
| Net income (loss)              | \$ 2,005                      | \$ (2,763)       | \$ (2,086)                     | \$ 7,016         |
| Interest expense               | 359                           | 939              | 3,954                          | 2,589            |
| Income tax provision (benefit) | 33                            |                  | 33                             | (17,568)         |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 2,817                         | 3,490            | 9,239                          | 10,247           |
| EBITDA                         | \$ 5,214                      | \$ 1,666         | \$ 11,140                      | \$ 2,284         |

(3) We define free cash flow as EBITDA less net capital expenditures.

|                                                    | <b>Thirteen Weeks Ended</b>   |                  | <b>Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended</b> |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
|                                                    | <b>September</b>              | <b>September</b> | <b>September</b>               | <b>September</b> |
|                                                    | <b>28,</b>                    | <b>30,</b>       | <b>28,</b>                     | <b>30,</b>       |
|                                                    | <b>2008</b>                   | <b>2007</b>      | <b>2008</b>                    | <b>2007</b>      |
|                                                    | <b>(Dollars in thousands)</b> |                  |                                |                  |
| EBITDA                                             | \$ 5,214                      | \$ 1,666         | \$ 11,140                      | \$ 2,284         |
| Capital expenditures                               | (771)                         | (3,450)          | (4,436)                        | (10,483)         |
| Capital expenditures funded by landlord and others | 420                           |                  | 1,299                          |                  |
| Free Cash Flow                                     | \$ 4,863                      | \$ (1,784)       | \$ 8,003                       | \$ (8,199)       |

Free cash flow can be reconciled to the net cash provided by (used in) operating activities, which we believe to be the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, as follows:

|                                                     | <b>Thirteen Weeks Ended</b>   |                  | <b>Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended</b> |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
|                                                     | <b>September</b>              | <b>September</b> | <b>September</b>               | <b>September</b> |
|                                                     | <b>28,</b>                    | <b>30,</b>       | <b>28,</b>                     | <b>30,</b>       |
|                                                     | <b>2008</b>                   | <b>2007</b>      | <b>2008</b>                    | <b>2007</b>      |
|                                                     | <b>(Dollars in thousands)</b> |                  |                                |                  |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | \$ 2,741                      | \$ (3,941)       | \$ 16,042                      | \$ 2,756         |
| Purchase of property and equipment                  | (351)                         | (3,450)          | (3,137)                        | (10,483)         |
| Income tax provision (benefit)                      | 33                            |                  | 33                             | (17,568)         |
| Interest expense                                    | 359                           | 939              | 3,954                          | 2,589            |
| Amortized gain on sale leaseback                    | 32                            | 49               | 95                             | 143              |
| (Loss) gain on sale of property and equipment       | (194)                         | 103              | (193)                          | 50               |
| Income taxes payable                                | (33)                          |                  | (33)                           | 17,580           |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities         | 2,528                         | 4,848            | (7,662)                        | (1,981)          |
| Stock compensation expense                          | (238)                         | (332)            | (1,082)                        | (1,272)          |

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|                                |          |            |          |            |  |      |
|--------------------------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|--|------|
| Non-cash restructuring charges | (14)     |            |          | (14)       |  | (13) |
| Free Cash Flow                 | \$ 4,863 | \$ (1,784) | \$ 8,003 | \$ (8,199) |  |      |

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***Comparison of Results of Operations for the Thirteen Weeks Ended September 28, 2008 and September 30, 2007***

Net revenue was \$59.2 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008, a \$2.4 million, or 4.3% increase from \$56.8 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 30, 2007. Domestic revenue decreased by \$2.7 million or 5.9%, driven primarily by decreased volume of \$1.7 million from our financial services vertical and \$1.0 million from decreased volume from a retail client. Off-shore revenue increased by \$5.1 million, or 45.9%, due primarily to increased volume of \$2.4 million in our healthcare vertical, \$1.7 million in our publishing vertical and \$0.9 million in our travel and hospitality vertical.

Cost of services was \$49.2 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008, a \$3.1 million decrease as compared to \$52.3 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 30, 2007. The decrease was driven by a \$1.8 million decline in facility costs, \$1.6 million reduction in domestic direct labor driven by lower volume and \$1.2 million of cost savings related to cost savings initiatives associated with account management, IT and other costs, slightly offset by a \$1.5 million increase in off-shore direct labor resulting from higher volume and wage rates. As a percentage of revenue, cost of services decreased to 83.0% for the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008, from 92.0% for the thirteen weeks ended September 30, 2007, primarily driven by cost savings initiatives.

Gross profit increased \$5.6 million, or 122.8%, to \$10.1 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008, as compared to \$4.5 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 30, 2007. The improvement was primarily the result of the reduction of costs of services and increased volume. Gross profit margin increased to 17.0% for the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008, as compared to 8.0% for the thirteen weeks ended September 30, 2007, primarily as a result of the previously mentioned reduction in cost of services as a percentage of revenue.

Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$7.2 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008, as compared to \$6.5 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 30, 2007. The \$0.7 million increase is primarily due to a \$0.6 million increase in compensation and benefits for incentive compensation, partially offset by lower salaries and wages of \$0.2 million, lower recruiting expenses of \$0.1 million and a decline in health insurance costs of \$0.1 million. Additionally, a charge of \$0.5 million for doubtful accounts was related to a retail client that had been assigned for the benefit of creditors to a trustee, who subsequently sold the company to a third party buyer.

Restructuring and other charges were \$0.6 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008, as compared to less than \$0.1 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 30, 2007. The increase was driven by \$0.6 million of severance charges related to changes in our executive team and further reductions in our operations and administrative headcount and \$0.1 million in additional restructuring charges associated with our 2005 restructuring initiative, partially offset by the reversal of the remaining \$0.1 million reserve associated with the 2007 restructuring initiative. Restructuring and other charges of less than \$0.1 million were recorded for the thirteen weeks ended September 30, 2007 were related to adjustments in the 2006 and 2007 restructuring initiatives. For more information regarding restructuring and other charges, see Note 9 of the condensed consolidated financial statements appearing elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Operating income was \$2.3 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008, as compared to an operating loss of \$2.0 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 30, 2007. The \$4.3 million improvement is the result of increased gross profit of \$5.6 million, partially offset by increased selling, general and administrative expenses of \$0.7 million and higher restructuring and other charges of \$0.6 million.

Interest expense was \$0.4 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008, a decrease of \$0.6 million from \$1.0 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 30, 2007, driven by a decline in borrowing rates under the loan facility entered into in May 2008 coupled with lower average debt levels.

EBITDA increased \$3.5 million to \$5.2 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008 from \$1.7 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 30, 2007, as a result of the increase in operating income. More information concerning this non-GAAP financial measure, including the definition of EBITDA and a reconciliation of this measure to the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, can be found under the heading **Non-GAAP Financial Measures** and the accompanying notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.



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The tax provision associated with the income before income taxes for the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008 of \$0.8 million was offset with a corresponding utilization of net operating loss carryforwards. The effective income tax rate for the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008 was 1.6% due to the provision for state income taxes. The effective tax rate for the thirteen weeks ended September 30, 2007 was zero.

We recorded a net income of \$2.0 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008, as compared to net loss of \$2.8 million for the thirteen weeks ended September 30, 2007. The improvement is driven largely by a \$5.6 million improvement in gross profit, partially offset by higher selling, general and administrative expenses and an increase in restructuring and other charges.

***Comparison of Results of Operations for the Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended September 28, 2008 and September 30, 2007***

Net revenue was \$183.5 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008, a \$20.5 million, or 12.5% increase from \$163.0 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007. Domestic revenue increased by \$5.1 million or 3.9%, driven primarily by increased volume of \$9.1 million in our business services vertical and \$3.9 million from our telecommunications vertical, partially offset by a \$4.7 million decline in volume in our financial services vertical, \$1.4 million from the loss of a retail client, and \$0.9 million from our travel and hospitality vertical. Off-shore revenue increased by \$15.3 million, or 49.0%, due primarily to increased volume in our healthcare, publishing and travel and hospitality verticals of \$8.3 million, \$5.0 million and \$1.9 million, respectively.

Cost of services increased \$6.8 million, or 4.6%, from \$148.1 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007 to \$154.9 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008. Direct labor increased \$9.6 million, or 9.9%, primarily driven by increased off-shore volume and higher volume in our business services vertical coupled with higher wage rates. Facility costs decreased \$1.1 million due primarily to lower domestic facility costs of \$2.1 million driven by the 2007 downsizing of our Corpus Christi customer care center, partially offset by a \$1.0 million increase in off-shore facility costs driven by the expansion of our third Philippine customer care center. Other customer care center operating costs decreased \$1.7 million primarily driven by cost savings initiatives. Cost of services decreased as a percentage of revenue to 84.4% for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008, from 90.8% for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007, primarily driven by cost savings initiatives.

Gross profit increased \$13.6 million, or 91.4 %, to \$28.6 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 from \$14.9 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007. The improvement was the result of incremental gross profit from higher off-shore volume, increased gross profit from our business services vertical and lower domestic facility and other center operating costs associated with our cost savings initiatives. Gross profit margin increased to 15.6% for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008, as compared to 9.2% for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007, primarily as a result of the previously mentioned reduction in cost of services as a percentage of revenue.

Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$23.6 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008, as compared to \$21.6 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007. The \$2.0 million increase is primarily due to a \$2.3 million increase in compensation and benefits for incentive compensation, partially offset by lower salaries and wages of \$0.8 million and \$0.4 million of other cost savings. Additionally, a charge of \$0.9 million for doubtful accounts was related to a retail client that had been assigned for the benefit of creditors to a trustee, who subsequently sold the company to a third party buyer.

Restructuring and other charges were \$3.4 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008, as compared to \$1.6 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007. Charges for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 included \$3.4 million of severance charges related to changes in our executive team and further reductions in our operations and administrative headcount and less than \$0.1 million in restructuring charges associated with our 2005 and 2007 restructuring initiatives. Restructuring and other charges of \$1.6 million recorded for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007 were related to adjustments in the 2005, 2006 and 2007 restructuring initiatives. For more information regarding restructuring and other charges, see Note 9 of the condensed consolidated financial statements appearing elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Operating income was \$1.6 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008, as compared to a loss of \$8.2 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007. The \$9.8 million improvement was the result of a



\$13.6 million increase in gross profit, partially offset by a \$2.0 million increase in selling, general and administrative expenses and a \$1.8 million increase in restructuring and other charges.

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Interest expense was \$4.0 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008, an increase of \$1.4 million from \$2.6 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007, driven by the acceleration of deferred financing charges and prepayment fees of \$1.8 million due to the early repayment in May 2008 of our loan facilities with LaSalle and Atalaya, partially offset by lower interest expense driven by a decrease in the borrowing rate and lower average debt levels.

EBITDA increased \$8.8 million to \$11.1 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 from \$2.3 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007, driven by improved gross profit of \$13.6 million, which includes lower depreciation and amortization expense of \$1.0 million, partially offset by increased selling, general and administrative costs of \$2.0 million and increased restructuring and other charges of \$1.8 million. More information concerning this non-GAAP financial measure, including the definition of EBITDA and a reconciliation of this measure to the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, can be found under the heading **Non-GAAP Financial Measures** and the accompanying notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The tax benefit associated with the loss before income taxes for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 of \$0.8 million and the related deferred tax asset were offset with a corresponding valuation allowance. This resulted in a zero effective income tax rate for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008, excluding the impact of the provision for state income taxes. The effective tax rate for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007 was also zero, excluding the impact of the reversal of the reserve for ITI. Our 2007 results reflect a \$17.6 million income tax benefit resulting from the favorable resolution of our IRS appeal. For more information regarding the IRS appeal, see Note 10 of the condensed consolidated financial statements appearing elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

We recorded a net loss of \$2.1 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008, as compared to net income of \$7.0 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007. The \$9.1 million decline in net income was largely the result of the previously mentioned \$17.6 million tax benefit recorded in 2007, increased selling, general and administrative expenses, higher restructuring and other charges and increased interest expense, partially offset by the \$13.6 million improvement in gross profit for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008.

***Liquidity and Capital Resources***

The following table sets forth our condensed consolidated statements of cash flow data for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 and September 30, 2007, respectively.

|                                                     | <b>Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended</b> |                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                                     | <b>September</b>               | <b>September 30,</b> |
|                                                     | <b>28,</b>                     | <b>2007</b>          |
|                                                     | <b>2008</b>                    | <b>2007</b>          |
|                                                     | <b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>  |                      |
| Net cash provided by operating activities           | \$ 16,042                      | \$ 2,756             |
| Net cash used in investing activities               | (3,080)                        | (10,292)             |
| Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities | (12,089)                       | 6,753                |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash             | (1,847)                        | (110)                |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents           | \$ (974)                       | \$ (893)             |

***Operating Activities***

Net cash provided by operating activities increased \$13.3 million, to \$16.0 million, for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008, as compared to the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007. The improvement is due primarily to the improvement in gross profit, partially offset by increases in selling, general and administrative expenses, restructuring and other charges, and interest expense.



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### *Investing Activities*

Net cash used in investing activities was \$3.1 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008, as compared to \$10.3 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007. Spending for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 primarily consisted of \$1.1 million for the build-out of our Davenport, Iowa customer care center, net of funding from the landlord, \$0.8 million in continued investment in information technology equipment, \$0.7 million in capital expenditures related to our third customer care center in the Philippines, and \$0.5 million in capital expenditures related to customer implementation.

Spending for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007 primarily included capital expenditures associated with the build out of our third customer care center in the Philippines.

### *Financing Activities*

Net cash used in financing activities was \$12.1 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008, as compared to cash provided by financing activities of \$6.8 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007. The increase in cash used in 2008 is the result of net payments of \$14.0 million as repayment in full of our outstanding term loan with Atalaya, partially offset by net increased borrowings of \$1.5 million under our Revolving Loan Facility and \$0.4 million cash received from the exercise of stock options.

Net cash provided by financing activities for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007 was \$6.8 million and included net borrowings of \$9.4 million under the term loan and \$0.7 million in cash received from the exercise of stock options, partially offset by net payments of \$3.3 million against the Revolving Loan Facility.

### *Bank Financing*

During a portion of the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008, we were party to two separate loan agreements which provided us with a \$27.5 million revolving loan facility which expired in October 2010 (Revolving Loan Facility) and a \$15.0 million term loan which matured in January 2011 (Term Loan). Our ability to borrow under the Revolving Loan Facility depended on the amount of eligible accounts receivable from our clients and there were limitations on the concentration of these accounts with a single client. In addition, our lender retained certain reserves against otherwise available borrowing capacity. These loan agreements required us to comply with certain financial and other covenants, including limitations on our ability to make capital expenditures, incur additional indebtedness, repurchase outstanding common shares, permit liens, acquire, sell or dispose of certain assets, engage in certain mergers and acquisitions, pay dividends and make certain restricted payments.

On May 5, 2008, we entered into a Revolving Credit and Security Agreement (Revolving Loan Agreement) with PNC, as agent, and the financial institutions from time to time parties thereto as lenders. The Revolving Loan Agreement provides us with a \$40.0 million revolving loan facility which expires in May 2011. Borrowings under the Revolving Loan Agreement were used to repay in full our Revolving Loan Facility and Term Loan.

Borrowings under the Revolving Loan Agreement with PNC totaled \$13.8 million as of September 28, 2008. We had \$16.2 million of unused borrowing capacity under the Revolving Loan Agreement as of September 28, 2008. We were in compliance with our financial covenants as of September 28, 2008.

Our ability to borrow under the Revolving Loan Agreement depends on the amount of eligible accounts receivable from our clients. In addition to borrowing against our eligible receivables, we may borrow an additional \$9.0 million which is supported by a letter of credit (Credit Enhancement Letter of Credit) which was provided by TCS Global Holdings, L.P. (TCS), an affiliate of Theodore G. Schwartz, our chairman and principal shareholder. In connection with the issuance of the Credit Enhancement Letter of Credit, we and TCS entered into a Reimbursement and Security Agreement, dated May 5, 2008 (Reimbursement Agreement). For additional information regarding the Revolving Loan Agreement and the Reimbursement Agreement, see Note 8 to the condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

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We expect that our cash balances, cash flows from operations and available borrowings under our new Revolving Loan Agreement will be sufficient to meet projected operating needs, fund any planned capital expenditures, and repay debt obligations for the next twelve months. Our cash flow is significantly impacted by our ability to collect our clients' accounts receivable on a timely basis. To the extent that our business with a single client or small group of clients represents a more significant portion of our revenue, a delay in receiving payment could materially and adversely affect the availability of cash to fund operations. A significant change in operating cash flow or a failure to achieve profitability could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity and our ability to comply with the covenants in our Revolving Loan Agreement. In addition, our failure to adhere to the financial and other covenants could give rise to a default under the Revolving Loan Agreement which would have a material adverse effect on our liquidity and financial condition. There can be no assurances that we will be able to meet the financial and other covenants in our Revolving Loan Agreement.

*Free Cash Flow*

Free cash flow, defined as EBITDA less net capital expenditures, improved by \$16.2 million to a positive \$8.0 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2008 from a negative \$8.2 million for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2007, as a result of the \$8.8 million increase in EBITDA and a \$7.3 million decline in net capital expenditures. More information concerning this non-GAAP financial measure including the definition of free cash flow and a reconciliation of this measure to the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, can be found under the heading "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" and the accompanying notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

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**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

Historically, we have been exposed to the impact of U.S. interest rate changes directly related to our normal operating and funding activities and foreign currency exchange risk related to our operating costs in the Philippines. Our Revolving Loan Agreement bears interest at a floating rate, subjecting us to interest rate risk. To date, the impact from interest rate fluctuations has not been material. In August 2008, we entered into a pay fixed / receive floating interest rate swap for a \$5.0 million notional amount. The objective of the contract is to mitigate the variability in cash flows resulting from changes in the underlying interest rate index or changes in the LIBOR rate.

The impact from foreign currency exchange rates has become significant due to the appreciation of the U.S. dollar relative to the Philippine peso and the increase in cost of services due to our expanded operations in the Philippines. We had not used derivatives to manage this risk prior to September 30, 2007. In October 2007, we commenced a currency rate hedging program with the objective of mitigating the impact of significant fluctuations in the U.S. dollar / Philippine peso exchange rate. The objective of the hedge transaction is to mitigate the variability in cash flows and expenses over the period of the hedge contracts due to the foreign currency risk associated with the repayment of the intercompany accounts payable from the US operations to the Philippines representing the Philippines share of revenue. As of September 28, 2008, forward contracts to purchase 1,016 million Philippine pesos at a US dollar notional amount of \$22.6 million were outstanding.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

***Disclosure Controls and Procedures***

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act)), as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Based on such evaluation, our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer have concluded that, as of the end of such period, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, on a timely basis, information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act.

***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

There have not been changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2008 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

***Inherent Limitations on the Effectiveness of Controls***

Our management, including our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or our internal control over financial reporting will prevent or detect all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that misstatements due to error or fraud will not occur or that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within our Company have been detected.

These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Controls can also be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the controls. The design of any system of controls is based in part on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Projections of any controls' effectiveness in future periods are subject to risks. Over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or deterioration in the degree of compliance with policies or procedures.

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**Part II. Other Information**

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

For a detailed discussion of the risks and uncertainties associated with our business see Item 1A of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2007 and Item 1A of Part II of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 30, 2008. There have been no material changes to these risk factors since the filing of our Quarterly Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 30, 2008.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

The exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K are listed in the Exhibit Index attached hereto.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

APAC Customer Services, Inc.

Date: November 5, 2008

By: /s/ Michael P. Marrow  
Michael P. Marrow  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: November 5, 2008

By: /s/ Andrew B. Szafran  
Andrew B. Szafran  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: November 5, 2008

By: /s/ Joseph R. Doolan  
Joseph R. Doolan  
Vice President and Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)



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**Exhibit Index**

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3.1                       | Articles of Incorporation of APAC Customer Services, Inc., incorporated by reference to APAC Customer Services, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.            |
| 3.2                       | Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of APAC Customer Services, Inc., dated August 20, 2007, incorporated by reference to APAC Customer Services, Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, dated August 22, 2007. |
| 4.1                       | Specimen Common Stock Certificate, incorporated by reference to APAC Customer Services, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 29, 2002.                                    |
| 31.1                      | Certification of Chief Executive Officer, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.                                                                                           |
| 31.2                      | Certification of Chief Financial Officer, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.                                                                                           |
| 32.1                      | Certification of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.                        |