

BROOKS AUTOMATION 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: June 30, 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 0-25434
BROOKS AUTOMATION, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

04-3040660

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

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

15 Elizabeth Drive
Chelmsford, Massachusetts
(Address of principal executive offices)

01824
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (978) 262-2400

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. (Check one):

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

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

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Section 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court. Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practical date, July 31, 2008:

Common stock, \$0.01 par value 63,592,539 shares

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BROOKS AUTOMATION, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(unaudited)

(In thousands, except share and per share data)

| | June 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 |
|--|------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 109,962 | \$ 168,232 |
| Marketable securities | 34,238 | 80,102 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 73,229 | 105,904 |
| Insurance receivable for litigation | 8,151 | |
| Inventories, net | 111,154 | 104,794 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 17,382 | 20,489 |
| Total current assets | 354,116 | 479,521 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 83,763 | 80,747 |
| Long-term marketable securities | 34,207 | 26,283 |
| Goodwill | 318,548 | 319,302 |
| Intangible assets, net | 64,788 | 76,964 |
| Equity investment in joint ventures | 26,764 | 24,007 |
| Other assets | 6,482 | 8,014 |
| Total assets | \$ 888,668 | \$ 1,014,838 |
| Liabilities, minority interests and stockholders' equity | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 39,553 | \$ 57,758 |
| Deferred revenue | 3,933 | 5,424 |
| Accrued warranty and retrofit costs | 8,503 | 10,986 |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | 17,216 | 23,850 |
| Accrued restructuring costs | 8,141 | 6,778 |
| Accrued income taxes payable | 5,283 | 5,934 |
| Accrual for litigation settlement | 7,750 | |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | 14,662 | 21,908 |
| Total current liabilities | 105,041 | 132,638 |
| Accrued long-term restructuring | 6,265 | 8,933 |
| Income taxes payable | 10,649 | 10,159 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 2,509 | 2,866 |
| Total liabilities | 124,464 | 154,596 |
| Contingencies (Note 13) | | |
| Minority interests | 457 | 463 |

Stockholders' equity

Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding

Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 125,000,000 shares authorized, 76,926,823 shares issued and 63,464,954 shares outstanding at June 30, 2008, 76,483,603 shares issued and 70,423,603 shares outstanding at September 30, 2007

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| | 769 | 765 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 1,786,712 | 1,780,401 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 26,087 | 18,202 |
| Treasury stock at cost, 13,461,869 shares and 6,060,000 shares at June 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, respectively | (200,956) | (110,762) |
| Accumulated deficit | (848,865) | (828,827) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 763,747 | 859,779 |
| Total liabilities, minority interests and stockholders' equity | \$ 888,668 | \$ 1,014,838 |

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

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BROOKS AUTOMATION, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share data)

| | Three months ended | | Nine months ended | |
|---|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | June 30, | | June 30, | |
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Revenues | | | | |
| Product | \$ 92,958 | \$ 160,235 | \$ 331,531 | \$ 485,375 |
| Services | 31,058 | 30,226 | 87,965 | 91,380 |
| Total revenues | 124,016 | 190,461 | 419,496 | 576,755 |
| Cost of revenues | | | | |
| Product | 70,420 | 108,499 | 244,087 | 326,145 |
| Services | 24,739 | 24,526 | 71,664 | 71,002 |
| Total cost of revenues | 95,159 | 133,025 | 315,751 | 397,147 |
| Gross profit | 28,857 | 57,436 | 103,745 | 179,608 |
| Operating expenses | | | | |
| Research and development | 10,270 | 12,817 | 34,255 | 39,185 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 25,636 | 29,924 | 84,635 | 91,482 |
| Restructuring charges | 2,571 | 411 | 5,677 | 3,451 |
| Total operating expenses | 38,477 | 43,152 | 124,567 | 134,118 |
| Operating income (loss) from continuing operations | (9,620) | 14,284 | (20,822) | 45,490 |
| Interest income | 1,237 | 4,344 | 6,252 | 8,874 |
| Interest expense | 93 | 48 | 536 | 503 |
| Gain (loss) on investment | | 5,110 | (2,931) | 5,110 |
| Other (income) expense, net | 1,244 | 491 | 426 | 1,416 |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes, minority interests and equity in earnings of joint ventures | (9,720) | 23,199 | (18,463) | 57,555 |
| Income tax provision | 843 | 605 | 2,398 | 2,729 |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations before minority interests and equity in earnings of joint ventures | (10,563) | 22,594 | (20,861) | 54,826 |
| Minority interests in income (loss) of consolidated subsidiaries | (13) | 58 | (5) | 110 |
| Equity in earnings of joint ventures | 224 | 328 | 447 | 878 |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations | (10,326) | 22,864 (25) | (20,409) | 55,594 13,273 |

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|---|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes | | | | |
| Gain on sale of discontinued operations, net of income taxes | | | 371 | 83,898 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes | | (25) | 371 | 97,171 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (10,326) | \$ 22,839 | \$ (20,038) | \$ 152,765 |
| Basic income (loss) per share from continuing operations | \$ (0.17) | \$ 0.30 | \$ (0.31) | \$ 0.74 |
| Basic income (loss) per share from discontinued operations | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 1.30 |
| Basic net income (loss) per share | \$ (0.17) | \$ 0.30 | \$ (0.31) | \$ 2.04 |
| Diluted income (loss) per share from continuing operations | \$ (0.17) | \$ 0.30 | \$ (0.31) | \$ 0.74 |
| Diluted income (loss) per share from discontinued operations | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 1.29 |
| Diluted net income (loss) per share | \$ (0.17) | \$ 0.30 | \$ (0.31) | \$ 2.03 |
| Shares used in computing income (loss) per share | | | | |
| Basic | 62,483 | 75,046 | 65,196 | 74,802 |
| Diluted | 62,483 | 75,737 | 65,196 | 75,376 |

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

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BROOKS AUTOMATION, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(unaudited)
(In thousands)

| | Nine months ended June 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------|------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (20,038) | \$ 152,765 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 25,867 | 24,280 |
| Stock-based compensation | 5,612 | 5,880 |
| Discount on marketable securities | (782) | (1,006) |
| Undistributed earnings of joint ventures | (447) | (878) |
| Minority interests | (5) | 110 |
| Loss on disposal of long-lived assets | 925 | 568 |
| Gain on sale of software division, net | (371) | (81,813) |
| (Gain) loss on investment | 2,931 | (5,110) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions and disposals: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 32,220 | (4,531) |
| Inventories | (5,138) | (8,990) |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 2,469 | (7,465) |
| Accounts payable | (18,344) | (13,637) |
| Deferred revenue | (1,578) | 4,212 |
| Accrued warranty and retrofit costs | (2,454) | (132) |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | (6,906) | (5,385) |
| Accrued restructuring costs | (1,356) | (2,359) |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | (5,974) | (3,717) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 6,631 | 52,792 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment | (17,235) | (14,837) |
| Proceeds from the sale of software division | 1,500 | 130,393 |
| Purchases of marketable securities | (137,156) | (306,425) |
| Sale/maturity of marketable securities | 174,973 | 316,181 |
| Acquisition of Synetics Solutions, net of cash acquired | | (38) |
| Other | (75) | 12 |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | 22,007 | 125,286 |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Treasury stock purchases | (90,194) | |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net of issuance costs | 1,473 | 8,295 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | (88,721) | 8,295 |

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| Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 1,813 | 852 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (58,270) | 187,225 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 168,232 | 115,773 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$ 109,962 | \$ 302,998 |

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

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The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Brooks Automation, Inc. and its subsidiaries (Brooks or the Company) included herein have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. In the opinion of management, all material adjustments which are of a normal and recurring nature necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the periods presented have been reflected.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in the Company s annual consolidated financial statements have been condensed or omitted and, accordingly, the accompanying financial information should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto contained in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission for the year ended September 30, 2007. Certain reclassifications have been made in the prior period consolidated financial statements to conform to the current presentation.

Recently Enacted Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FIN No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 (FIN No. 48). FIN No. 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise s financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes . FIN No. 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FIN No. 48 also provides guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. The Company adopted FIN No. 48 on October 1, 2007. The effect of the adoption did not materially affect the Company s financial position or results of operations.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS 157). SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements, the FASB having previously concluded in those accounting pronouncements that fair value is the relevant measurement attribute. Accordingly, SFAS 157 does not require any new fair value measurements. SFAS 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years, with earlier adoption permitted. The provisions of SFAS 157 will be applied prospectively as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which it is initially applied. The Company does not believe that the adoption of SFAS 157 will have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 (SFAS 159). SFAS 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value and is effective as of the beginning of the Company s fiscal year beginning after November 15, 2007. The Company does not believe that the adoption of SFAS 159 will have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (revised 2007), Business Combinations (SFAS 141R). SFAS 141R significantly changes the accounting for business combinations in a number of areas including the treatment of contingent consideration, pre-acquisition contingencies, transaction costs, restructuring costs and income taxes. Statement 141 applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the fiscal year beginning after December 15, 2008. The Company is currently evaluating the potential impact of SFAS 141R on its financial position and results of operations.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements An amendment of ARB No. 51 (SFAS 160). SFAS 160 amends ARB 51 to establish accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. It clarifies that a noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary is an ownership interest in the consolidated entity that should be reported as equity in the consolidated financial statements. The amount of net income attributable to the noncontrolling interest will be included in consolidated net income on the face of the income statement. Statement

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160 clarifies that changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in deconsolidation are equity transactions if the parent retains its controlling financial interest. In addition, this Statement requires that a parent recognize a gain or loss in net income when a subsidiary is deconsolidated. SFAS 160 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. At this point in time, the Company believes that there will not be a material impact in connection with SFAS 160 on its financial position or results of operations.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities. An amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 (SFAS 161). SFAS 161 amends and expands the disclosure requirements of SFAS 133 with the intent to provide users of financial statements with an enhanced understanding of (a) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (b) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS 133 and its related interpretations, and (c) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. SFAS 161 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. The Company does not believe that the adoption of SFAS 161 will have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FSP 142-3, Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets (FSP SFAS 142-3). FSP SFAS 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 SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets (SFAS 142). FSP SFAS 142-3 improves the consistency between the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS 142 and the period of expected cash flows used to measure the fair value of the asset under SFAS 141R and other applicable accounting literature. FSP SFAS 142-3 will be effective for the Company on October 1, 2009. The Company does not believe that the adoption of FSP SFAS 142-3 will have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations.

2. Stock Based Compensation

The following table reflects compensation expense recorded during the three and nine months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 in accordance with SFAS 123R (in thousands):

| | Three months ended | | Nine months ended | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| | June 30, | | June 30, | |
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Stock options | \$ 149 | \$ 426 | \$ 659 | \$ 1,867 |
| Restricted stock | 751 | 1,248 | 4,459 | 3,425 |
| Employee stock purchase plan | 169 | 136 | 494 | 588 |
| | \$ 1,069 | \$ 1,810 | \$ 5,612 | \$ 5,880 |

The Company uses the Black-Scholes valuation model for estimating the fair value of the stock options granted under SFAS No. 123R. The fair value per share of restricted stock is equal to the number of shares granted and the excess of the quoted price of the Company's common stock over the exercise price of the restricted stock on the date of grant. Restricted stock with market-based vesting criteria is valued using a lattice model.

Stock Option Activity

The following table summarizes stock option activity for the nine months ended June 30, 2008:

| | Number of | Weighted |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| | Options | Average |
| | | Exercise |
| | | Price |
| Outstanding at September 30, 2007 | 2,512,059 | \$ 20.11 |
| Exercised | (41,277) | 9.39 |
| Forfeited/expired | (529,850) | 21.25 |

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|--------------------------------------|-----------|----|-------|
| Outstanding at June 30, 2008 | 1,940,932 | \$ | 20.03 |
| Options exercisable at June 30, 2008 | 1,796,168 | \$ | 20.53 |

The weighted average remaining contractual life of options exercisable at June 30, 2008 was 2.0 years.

The aggregate intrinsic value of options outstanding and the options exercisable were each \$23,000 at June 30, 2008 which represents the total intrinsic value, based on the Company's closing stock price of \$8.27 as of June 30, 2008, which would have been received by the option holders had all option holders exercised their options as of that date.

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No stock options were granted during the three and nine months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the three month period ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$0 and \$1,662,000, respectively. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the nine month period ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$32,000 and \$2,405,000, respectively. The total cash received from employees as a result of employee stock option exercises during the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$0 and \$4,485,000, respectively. The total cash received from employees as a result of employee stock option exercises during the nine months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$388,000 and \$6,614,000, respectively.

As of June 30, 2008 future compensation cost related to nonvested stock options is approximately \$1.2 million and will be recognized over an estimated weighted average period of 1.6 years.

Restricted Stock Activity

A summary of the status of the Company's restricted stock as of June 30, 2008 and changes during the nine months ended June 30, 2008 is as follows:

| | Nine months ended June 30, 2008 | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| | Shares | Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value |
| Outstanding at September 30, 2007 | 961,875 | \$ 14.42 |
| Awards granted | 599,500 | 12.15 |
| Awards vested | (316,890) | 13.28 |
| Awards canceled | (232,235) | 13.92 |
| Outstanding at June 30, 2008 | 1,012,250 | \$ 13.55 |

The fair value of restricted stock awards vested during the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$0.4 million and \$0.1 million, respectively. The fair value of restricted stock awards vested during the nine months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$4.2 million and \$1.4 million, respectively.

As of June 30, 2008, the unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested restricted stock is \$10.8 million and will be recognized over an estimated weighted average amortization period of 1.8 years.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

There were no shares purchased under the employee stock purchase plan during the three months ended June 30, 2008. There were 106,200 shares purchased under the employee stock purchase plan during the nine months ended June 30, 2008 for aggregate proceeds of \$1.1 million.

Stock Repurchase Plan

On November 9, 2007 the Company announced that its Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase plan to buy up to \$200 million of the Company's outstanding common stock. During the three and nine months ended June 30, 2008, the Company purchased 0 shares and 7,401,869 shares, respectively, of its common stock for a total of \$0 million and \$90.2 million, respectively, in connection with the stock repurchase plan.

3. Goodwill

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by reportable segment for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 is as follows (in thousands):

| | Automation Systems | Critical Components | Global Customer Support | Total |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Balance at September 30, 2007 | \$ 43,544 | \$ 124,091 | \$ 151,667 | \$ 319,302 |
| Adjustments to goodwill: | | | | |
| Resolution of tax contingencies | (660) | (42) | (52) | (754) |

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Balance at June 30, 2008 | \$ 42,884 | \$ 124,049 | \$ 151,615 | \$ 318,548 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|

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In July 2006, the FASB issued FIN No. 48. FIN No. 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. FIN No. 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FIN No. 48 also provides guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition.

The Company adopted the provisions of FIN No. 48 on October 1, 2007. The implementation of FIN No. 48 did not materially affect the Company's financial position or results of operations. As of the adoption date, October 1, 2007, the Company had \$14.5 million of unrecognized tax benefits, of which \$12.3 million, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate and the remaining \$2.2 million, if recognized, would decrease goodwill. As of the adoption date the Company had accrued interest expense related to the unrecognized tax benefits of \$1.4 million, which is included in the \$14.5 million of unrecognized tax benefits. The Company recognizes interest related to unrecognized benefits as a component of tax expense.

Prior to the adoption of FIN No. 48, the Company's policy was to classify accruals for uncertain positions as a current liability unless it was highly probable that there would not be a payment or settlement for such identified risks for a period of at least a year. On October 1, 2007, the Company reclassified \$10.2 million of income tax liabilities from current to long-term liabilities because a cash settlement of these liabilities is not anticipated to be highly probable within one year of the balance sheet date.

The Company is subject to U.S. federal income tax and various state, local and international income taxes in various jurisdictions. The amount of income taxes paid is subject to the Company's interpretation of applicable tax laws in the jurisdictions in which it files. In the normal course of business, the Company is subject to examination by taxing authorities throughout the world. The Company has income tax audits in progress in various state and international jurisdictions in which it operates. In the Company's U.S. and international jurisdictions, the years that may be examined vary, with the earliest tax year being 2001. Based on the outcome of these examinations, or the expiration of statutes of limitations for specific jurisdictions, it is reasonably possible that the related unrecognized tax benefits could change from those recorded in the Company's statement of financial position. The Company anticipates that several of these audits may be finalized within the next 6 months. Of the unrecognized tax benefits at June 30, 2008, the Company currently anticipates that approximately \$2.0 million will be realized in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2008 as a result of the expiration of certain U.S. and non-U.S. statute of limitations. Of this amount, \$1.0 million will be recorded as a reduction to goodwill and \$1.0 million will impact the Company's fiscal year 2008 effective tax rate.

5. Earnings (Loss) per Share

Below is a reconciliation of weighted average common shares outstanding for purposes of calculating basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share (in thousands):

| | Three months ended | | Nine months ended | |
|--|--------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| | June 30, | | June 30, | |
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding used in computing basic earnings (loss) per share | 62,483 | 75,046 | 65,196 | 74,802 |
| Dilutive common stock options and restricted stock awards | | 691 | | 574 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding for purposes of computing diluted earnings (loss) per share | 62,483 | 75,737 | 65,196 | 75,376 |

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Approximately 1,966,000 and 2,769,000 options to purchase common stock and 536,000 and 0 shares of restricted stock were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders for the three months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, as their effect would be anti-dilutive. The 2,769,000 options for the three months ended June 30, 2007 had an exercise price greater than the average market price of the common stock. In addition, approximately 2,172,000 and 3,194,000 options to purchase common

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stock and 461,000 and 44,000 shares of restricted stock were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, as their effect would be anti-dilutive. The 3,194,000 options for the nine months ended June 30, 2007 had an exercise price greater than the average market price of the common stock. These options and restricted stock could, however, become dilutive in future periods.

6. Discontinued Operations

On March 30, 2007, the Company completed the sale of its software division, Brooks Software, to Applied Materials, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Applied) for cash consideration and the assumption of certain liabilities related to Brooks Software. Brooks Software provided real-time applications for greater efficiency and productivity in collaborative, complex manufacturing environments. The Company transferred to Applied substantially all of its assets primarily related to Brooks Software, including the stock of several subsidiaries engaged only in the business of Brooks Software, and Applied assumed certain liabilities related to Brooks Software.

The Company recorded a gain of \$83.9 million in the second quarter of fiscal year 2007 on the sale of its discontinued software business. This gain reflects the proceeds of \$132.5 million of cash consideration, offset by expenses of \$7.7 million, a tax provision of \$1.9 million, and the write-off of net assets totaling \$39.0 million. In the second quarter of fiscal year 2008, the Company resolved certain contingencies which arose from the sale of its software division resulting in an additional gain of \$0.4 million, net of tax of \$0, recorded during the second quarter of fiscal year 2008, and the receipt of \$1.5 million of additional proceeds early in the third quarter of fiscal year 2008.

Effective October 1, 2006, the Company's consolidated financial statements and notes have been reclassified to reflect this business as a discontinued operation in accordance with SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets.

There were no operating results from discontinued operations of the software division for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2008. The summary of operating results from discontinued operations of the software division for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2007 is as follows (in thousands):

| | Three months ended June 30, 2007 | Nine months ended June 30, 2007 |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Revenues | \$ | \$ 47,712 |
| Gross profit | | 34,048 |
| Income from discontinued operations before income taxes | (95) | 12,578 |
| Income from discontinued operations, net of tax | (25) | 13,273 |

The income of \$13,273,000 for the nine months ended June 30, 2007 includes the recognition of a tax benefit resulting from the reversal of tax reserves due to an audit settlement of \$2,100,000.

There were no assets and liabilities from discontinued operations of the software division as of June 30, 2008 or September 30, 2007.

7. Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The calculation of the Company's comprehensive income (loss) for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 is as follows (in thousands):

| | Three months ended June 30, | | Nine months ended June 30, | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (10,326) | \$ 22,839 | \$ (20,038) | \$ 152,765 |
| Change in cumulative translation adjustment | 34 | 368 | 6,794 | 2,092 |
| Cumulative translation adjustment on sale of software division | | | | (2,085) |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities | (258) | (53) | (888) | 127 |
| Recapture of temporary impairment loss | | | 1,978 | |

\$ (10,550) \$ 23,154 \$ (12,154) \$ 152,899

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In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007 the Company made changes to its internal reporting structure and began reporting results in three segments: Automation Systems; Critical Components; and Global Customer Support. In the second quarter of fiscal 2008 these segment disclosures were refined to reflect the results of a comprehensive review of operations conducted subsequent to the appointment of a new CEO and CFO. These refinements resulted in minor changes to the previously disclosed split of revenues and gross margins among segments and between products and services.

The Automation Systems segment consists of a range of wafer handling products and systems that support both atmospheric and vacuum process technology used by the Company's customers.

The Critical Components segment includes cryogenic vacuum pumping, thermal management and vacuum measurement solutions used to create, measure and control critical process vacuum applications. The pump, gauge and chiller products serve various markets that use vacuum as a critical enabler to overall system performance.

The Global Customer Support segment consists of the Company's after market activities including an extensive range of service support to its customers to address their on-site needs, spare parts and repair services, and support of legacy product lines.

The Company evaluates performance and allocates resources based on revenues, operating income (loss) and returns on invested assets. Operating income (loss) for each segment includes selling, general and administrative expenses directly attributable to the segment. Amortization of acquired intangible assets (excluding completed technology) and restructuring charges are excluded from the segments' operating income (loss). The Company's non-allocable overhead costs, which include various general and administrative expenses, are allocated among the segments based upon segment revenues. Segment assets exclude acquired intangible assets, goodwill, investments in joint ventures, marketable securities and cash equivalents.

The Company has reclassified prior year data due to the changes made in its reportable segments.

Financial information for the Company's business segments is as follows (in thousands):

| | Automation Systems | Critical Components | Global Customer Support | Total |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Three months ended June 30, 2008 | | | | |
| Revenues | | | | |
| Product | \$ 58,873 | \$ 28,341 | \$ 5,744 | \$ 92,958 |
| Services | | | 31,058 | 31,058 |
| | \$ 58,873 | \$ 28,341 | \$ 36,802 | \$ 124,016 |
| Gross profit | \$ 9,733 | \$ 10,241 | \$ 8,883 | \$ 28,857 |
| Segment operating income (loss) | \$ (10,013) | \$ 1,432 | \$ 3,319 | \$ (5,262) |
| Three months ended June 30, 2007 | | | | |
| Revenues | | | | |
| Product | \$ 109,270 | \$ 49,245 | \$ 1,720 | \$ 160,235 |
| Services | | | 30,226 | 30,226 |
| | \$ 109,270 | \$ 49,245 | \$ 31,946 | \$ 190,461 |
| Gross profit | \$ 27,658 | \$ 23,279 | \$ 6,499 | \$ 57,436 |
| Segment operating income | \$ 2,556 | \$ 13,017 | \$ 604 | \$ 16,177 |

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|---------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Revenues | | | | |
| Product | \$ 223,470 | \$ 98,173 | \$ 9,888 | \$ 331,531 |
| Services | | | 87,965 | 87,965 |
| | \$ 223,470 | \$ 98,173 | \$ 97,853 | \$ 419,496 |
| Gross profit | \$ 46,509 | \$ 36,370 | \$ 20,866 | \$ 103,745 |
| Segment operating income (loss) | \$ (21,971) | \$ 9,261 | \$ 2,824 | \$ (9,886) |
| Nine months ended June 30, 2007 | | | | |
| Revenues | | | | |
| Product | \$ 344,436 | \$ 128,445 | \$ 12,494 | \$ 485,375 |
| Services | | | 91,380 | 91,380 |
| | \$ 344,436 | \$ 128,445 | \$ 103,874 | \$ 576,755 |
| Gross profit | \$ 100,293 | \$ 53,085 | \$ 26,230 | \$ 179,608 |
| Segment operating income | \$ 21,101 | \$ 25,034 | \$ 7,264 | \$ 53,399 |
| Assets June 30, 2008 | \$ 225,835 | \$ 59,570 | \$ 78,264 | \$ 363,669 |
| September 30, 2007 | \$ 270,401 | \$ 72,771 | \$ 82,020 | \$ 425,192 |

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A reconciliation of the Company's reportable segment operating income (loss) to the corresponding consolidated amounts for the three and nine month periods ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 is as follows (in thousands):

| | Three months ended | | Nine months ended | |
|--|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| | June 30, | | June 30, | |
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Segment operating income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ (5,262) | \$ 16,177 | \$ (9,886) | \$ 53,399 |
| Amortization of acquired intangible assets | 1,787 | 1,482 | 5,259 | 4,458 |
| Restructuring charges | 2,571 | 411 | 5,677 | 3,451 |
| Total operating income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ (9,620) | \$ 14,284 | \$ (20,822) | \$ 45,490 |

A reconciliation of the Company's reportable segment assets to the corresponding consolidated amounts as of June 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007 is as follows (in thousands):

| | June 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 |
|---|------------------|-----------------------|
| Segment assets | \$ 363,669 | \$ 425,192 |
| Goodwill | 318,548 | 319,302 |
| Intangible assets | 64,788 | 76,964 |
| Investments in cash equivalents, marketable securities and joint ventures | 141,663 | 193,380 |
| Total assets | \$ 888,668 | \$ 1,014,838 |

9. Restructuring-Related Charges and Accruals

The Company recorded a charge to continuing operations of \$2,571,000 in the three months ended June 30, 2008 which primarily relates to severance costs of \$2,994,000 for workforce reductions of approximately 135 employees in operations, service and administrative functions located primarily in the United States, and workforce reductions of approximately 45 employees in its China production facility in connection with the decision to discontinue printed circuit assembly activities. The restructuring charge was decreased by \$423,000 primarily due to the benefit of a sublease on a previously exited facility. The Company recorded a charge to continuing operations of \$5,677,000 in the nine months ended June 30, 2008 which primarily relates to severance costs of \$5,586,000 for workforce reductions and the net charge of \$91,000 for excess facilities costs. The Company recorded a charge to continuing operations of \$411,000 in the three months ended June 30, 2007 which primarily relates to costs for workforce reductions in the Company's operations in Germany. The Company recorded charges to continuing operations of \$3,451,000 in the nine months ended June 30, 2007 which consist of \$461,000 for costs incurred related to workforce reductions and \$2,990,000 that relates to a vacant leased facility in Billerica, Massachusetts and fully recognized the Company's remaining obligation on this lease and assumes that the Company will be unable to sublease any portion of the facility over the remainder of the lease.

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The activity for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 related to the Company's restructuring-related accruals is summarized below (in thousands):

| | Activity Balance March 31, 2008 | Three Months Ended June 30, 2008 | | Balance June 30, 2008 |
|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Expense | Utilization | |
| Facilities | \$ 11,519 | \$ (423) | \$ (894) | \$ 10,202 |
| Workforce-related | 2,865 | 2,994 | (1,655) | 4,204 |
| | \$ 14,384 | \$ 2,571 | \$ (2,549) | \$ 14,406 |

| | Activity Balance March 31, 2007 | Three Months Ended June 30, 2007 | | Balance June 30, 2007 |
|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Expense | Utilization | |
| Facilities | \$ 14,478 | \$ | \$ (896) | \$ 13,582 |
| Workforce-related | 595 | 411 | (398) | 608 |
| | \$ 15,073 | \$ 411 | \$ (1,294) | \$ 14,190 |

| | Activity Balance September 30, 2007 | Nine Months Ended June 30, 2008 | | Balance June 30, 2008 |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Expense | Utilization | |
| Facilities | \$ 12,804 | \$ 91 | \$ (2,693) | \$ 10,202 |
| Workforce-related | 2,907 | 5,586 | (4,289) | 4,204 |
| | \$ 15,711 | \$ 5,677 | \$ (6,982) | \$ 14,406 |

| | Activity Balance September 30, 2006 | Nine Months Ended June 30, 2007 | | Balance June 30, 2007 |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Expense | Utilization | |
| Facilities | \$ 13,697 | \$ 2,990 | \$ (3,105) | \$ 13,582 |
| Workforce-related | 2,846 | 439 | (2,677) | 608 |
| | \$ 16,543 | \$ 3,429 | \$ (5,782) | \$ 14,190 |

Workforce related reversals include \$22,000 for the nine months ended June 30, 2007 related to discontinued operations.

The Company expects the majority of the remaining severance costs totaling \$4,204,000 will be paid over the next twelve months. The expected facilities costs, totaling \$10,202,000, net of estimated sub-rental income, will be paid on leases that expire through September 2011.

10. Gain (Loss) on Investment

During the three months ended June 30, 2007, a company in which Brooks held a minority equity interest was acquired by a Swiss public company. The Company's minority equity investment had been previously written down to zero in 2003. As a result, the Company received shares of common stock from the acquirer in exchange for its minority equity interest and recorded a gain of \$5.1 million.

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, the Company recorded a charge of \$2.9 million to write-down its minority equity investment in this Swiss public company to its fair value as of the balance sheet date. This write-down reflects an other than temporary impairment of this investment. The remaining balance of this investment at June 30, 2008 was \$2.9 million.

11. Other Balance Sheet Information

Components of other selected captions in the Consolidated Balance Sheets are as follows (in thousands):

| | June 30, 2008 | September 30, 2007 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Accounts receivable | \$ 74,354 | \$ 107,373 |
| Less allowances | 1,125 | 1,469 |
| | \$ 73,229 | \$ 105,904 |
| Inventories | | |
| Raw materials and purchased parts | \$ 49,980 | \$ 50,304 |
| Work-in-process | 35,905 | 31,555 |
| Finished goods | 25,269 | 22,935 |
| | \$ 111,154 | \$ 104,794 |

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The Company provides for the estimated cost of product warranties, primarily from historical information, at the time product revenue is recognized and retrofit accruals at the time retrofit programs are established. The Company's warranty obligation is affected by product failure rates, utilization levels, material usage, service delivery costs incurred in correcting a product failure, and supplier warranties on parts delivered to the Company. Product warranty and retrofit activity on a gross basis for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 is as follows (in thousands):

| | | | |
|---------------|---|-------------|----------|
| | Activity Three Months Ended June 30, 2008 | | |
| Balance | | | Balance |
| March 31, | | | June 30, |
| 2008 | Accruals | Settlements | 2008 |
| \$9,564 | \$2,768 | \$(3,829) | \$8,503 |
| | Activity Three Months Ended June 30, 2007 | | |
| Balance | | | Balance |
| March 31, | | | June 30, |
| 2007 | Accruals | Settlements | 2007 |
| \$12,204 | \$1,953 | \$(2,668) | \$11,489 |
| | Activity Nine Months Ended June 30, 2008 | | |
| Balance | | | Balance |
| September 30, | | | June 30, |
| 2007 | Accruals | Settlements | 2008 |
| \$10,986 | \$6,814 | \$(9,297) | \$8,503 |
| | Activity Nine Months Ended June 30, 2007 | | |
| Balance | | | Balance |
| September 30, | | | June 30, |
| 2006 | Accruals | Settlements | 2007 |
| \$11,608 | \$8,914 | \$(9,033) | \$11,489 |

12. Related Party Information

A member of the Company's Board of Directors, Dr. C. S. Park is also a member of the Board of Directors of Computer Services Corporation (CSC). Dr. Park joined the Company's Board of Directors in April 2008. During the calendar year of 2007, Brooks entered into service agreements with CSC, which were negotiated on an arms-length basis, to provide pre-implementation consulting and implementation services in connection with the implementation of the Oracle ERP system. For the three and nine months ended June 30, 2008, the Company incurred \$2.8 million and \$7.9 million, respectively, for consulting services provided by CSC. For the three and nine months ended June 30, 2007, the Company incurred \$0.4 million of consulting services provided by CSC. At June 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, the Company owed CSC \$4.5 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, for unpaid consulting services.

13. Contingencies

The Company has been involved in various regulatory proceedings and private litigation matters involving equity incentive practices. A description of this litigation is included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007, and in the Company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended December 31, 2007 and March 31, 2008.

On May 19, 2008, the Company entered into a settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) relating to the Company's historical stock option granting practices. Brooks has agreed to settle with the SEC, without admitting or denying the allegations in the Commission's complaint, by consenting to the entry of a judgment enjoining future violations of the reporting, books and records, and internal controls provisions of the federal

securities laws. Brooks was not charged by the SEC with fraud nor was the Company required to pay any civil penalty or other money damages as part of the settlement. The option grants to which the SEC refers in its complaint were made between 1999 and 2001. The settlement completely resolves the previously disclosed SEC investigation into the Company's historical stock option granting practices.

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On June 24, 2008 a Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement Between All Parties was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts in the In Re Brooks Automation, Inc. Securities Litigation, pursuant to which the parties proposed a final settlement of that class action litigation. The terms of the settlement, which includes no admission of liability or wrong doing by the Company, provide for a full and complete release of all claims in the litigation and a payment of \$7.75 million to be paid into a settlement fund, pending final documentation and approval by the Court of a plan of distribution. As of June 30, 2008, the liability for this settlement is included within current liabilities of the Company's unaudited consolidated balance sheets. The \$7.75 million will be paid by the Company's liability insurers and will not have a material effect on Brooks' financial results. As of June 30, 2008, the Company recorded a receivable from its liability insurers of \$8.2 million within current assets on its unaudited consolidated balance sheets which includes the settlement fund obligation of \$7.75 million and a reimbursement of professional fees of \$0.4 million. In addition, the Company recorded insurance proceeds of \$1.4 million as a reduction of SG&A expenses, for the reimbursement of professional fees incurred in connection with this matter. At such time as it is approved, the settlement will provide a full release of Brooks and the other named defendants in connection with the allegations raised in the class action, and it will resolve all class action litigation pending against the Company and against present and former officers and directors of the Company.

With respect to the federal derivative action captioned as *In re Brooks Automation, Inc. Derivative Litigation* pending in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, the court held a hearing on defendants' motions to dismiss on August 6, 2008. A decision on that motion is pending.

With respect to the consolidated state derivative action filed nominally on the Company's behalf in the Massachusetts Superior Court originally captioned *Darr v. Grady et al.* and *Milton v. Grady et al.* (which is now captioned *In re Brooks Automation, Inc. (Second) Derivative Litigation*), on June 5, 2008 the Court granted plaintiffs' motion for appointment as lead counsel. On July 3, 2008, plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended complaint. The Company anticipates filing a motion to dismiss, which is due on August 18, 2008.

With respect to the consolidated state derivative action filed nominally on the Company's behalf in the Massachusetts Superior Court captioned *In re Brooks Automation, Inc. Derivative Litigation*, on August 1, 2008, the Court granted Brooks' motion to dismiss the case, and entered an order dismissing the amended consolidated shareholder derivative complaint in its entirety.

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

Certain statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q constitute forward-looking statements which involve known risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, our performance or our achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include the Risk Factors which are set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and which are incorporated herein by reference. Precautionary statements made in our Annual Report on Form 10-K should be read as being applicable to all related forward-looking statements whenever they appear in this report.

Overview

We are a leading supplier of technology products and solutions primarily serving the worldwide semiconductor market. We principally supply hardware and services to original equipment manufacturers, or OEMs, who make semiconductor device manufacturing equipment, and chip manufacturers. We are a technology and market leader with offerings ranging from individual hardware modules to fully integrated systems as well as services to install and support our products worldwide.

We report results in three segments: Automation Systems, Critical Components and Global Customer Support. Our Automation Systems segment consists of a range of wafer handling products and systems that support both atmospheric and vacuum process technology used by our customers. Our Critical Components segment includes cryogenic vacuum pumping, thermal management and vacuum measurement products used to create, measure and control critical process vacuum applications. Our Global Customer Support segment consists of our after market activities including an extensive range of service support to our customers to address their on-site needs, spare parts and repair services, and support of legacy product lines.

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We have experienced changes in our senior management team during fiscal year 2008 including the appointment of a new President and Chief Executive Officer, Robert J. Lepofsky, on October 1, 2007, and the appointment of a new Chief Financial Officer, Martin S. Headley, on January 28, 2008. Our new management team has embarked on a review of our organizational structure and resource requirements, resulting in a \$5.7 million charge for restructuring costs during the first nine months of fiscal year 2008. We expect to take further restructuring charges during the next six months.

The demand for semiconductors and semiconductor manufacturing equipment is cyclical, resulting in periodic expansions and contractions. Demand for our products has been impacted by these cyclical industry conditions. During fiscal 2006 and throughout most of fiscal 2007, we benefited from an industry expansion. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007, we began to observe a contraction in the demand for semiconductor manufacturing equipment. Our fiscal 2008 revenue through the first nine months decreased 27.3% from the same prior year period. The length and severity of these downturns can be difficult to predict. We expect these lower levels of revenue to continue in the near term.

Recent Developments

On November 9, 2007 we announced that our Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase plan to buy up to \$200 million of our outstanding common stock. Management and the Board of Directors exercise discretion with respect to the timing and amount of any shares repurchased, based on their evaluation of a variety of factors, including current market conditions. Additionally, we have initiated and may in the future initiate repurchases under a Rule 10b5-1 plan, which would permit shares to be repurchased when we would otherwise be precluded from doing so under insider-trading laws. The repurchase program is being funded using the Company's available cash resources. During the first six months of fiscal 2008, we repurchased 7.4 million shares of our common stock at an aggregate cost of \$90.2 million. We did not repurchase any shares of our common stock during our third quarter of fiscal 2008.

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007 we made changes to our internal reporting structure and began reporting results in three segments: Automation Systems; Critical Components; and Global Customer Support. In the second quarter of fiscal 2008 these segment disclosures were refined to reflect the results of a comprehensive review of operations conducted subsequent to the appointment of a new CEO and CFO. These refinements resulted in minor changes to the previously disclosed split of revenues and gross margins among segments and between products and services.

Three and Nine Months Ended June 30, 2008, Compared to Three and Nine Months Ended June 30, 2007**Revenues**

We reported revenues of \$124.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2008, compared to \$190.5 million in the same prior year period, a 34.9% decrease. This decrease reflects lower revenues related to our Automation Systems segment of \$50.4 million and lower revenues associated with our Critical Components segment of \$20.9 million. These decreases were the result of lower overall demand in the semiconductor manufacturing equipment market. Additionally, our Critical Components segment recorded revenue of \$8.5 million from a one-time royalty license in the prior year period. These decreases were partially offset by a \$4.8 million increase in revenues associated with our Global Customer Support segment. Our revenues for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 were \$419.5 million, compared to \$576.8 million in the same prior year period, a 27.3% decrease. This decrease reflects lower revenues related to our Automation Systems segment of \$121.0 million, lower revenues associated with our Critical Components segment of \$30.3 million, and lower revenues associated with our Global Customer Support segment of \$6.0 million due primarily to lower demand in the semiconductor manufacturing equipment market. Further, the prior year revenues for our Critical Components segment included the \$8.5 million one-time royalty license.

Our Automation Systems segment reported revenues of \$58.9 million in the three months ended June 30, 2008, a decrease of 46.1% from \$109.3 million reported in the same prior year period. This decrease reflects lower revenues across all product lines, including a \$16.8 million decrease in revenue from extended factory products and a \$16.3

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million decrease in revenue from tool automation systems. Revenues for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 were \$223.5 million, compared to \$344.4 million in the same prior year period, a 35.1% decrease. This decrease reflects lower revenues across all product lines, including a \$46.8 million decrease in revenue from tool automation systems and a \$23.6 million decrease in revenue from extended factory products.

Our Critical Components segment reported revenues of \$28.3 million in the three months ended June 30, 2008, a 42.5% decrease from \$49.2 million in the same prior year period. The largest component of this decrease was a reduction of \$18.5 million of sales of cryogenic vacuum pump products. This reduction was in part due to an \$8.5 million one-time royalty license recorded in the prior year period, with the balance of the decline caused by lower demand for semiconductor capital equipment. Revenues for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 were \$98.2 million, compared to \$128.4 million in the same prior year period, a 23.5% decrease. The largest component of this decrease was a reduction of \$23.3 million in sales of cryogenic vacuum pump products, which includes the impact of the \$8.5 million one-time royalty license.

Our Global Customer Support segment reported revenues of \$36.8 million in the three months ended June 30, 2008, a 15.4% increase from \$31.9 million in the same prior year period. This increase was primarily the result of increased sales of legacy products. Revenues for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 were \$97.8 million, compared to \$103.9 million in the same prior year period, a 5.9% decrease. This decrease includes a \$2.6 million reduction in revenues from legacy products, and lower repairs and spares volumes as customers extend preventative maintenance cycles and reduce spending during the downturn.

Product revenues decreased \$67.2 million, or 41.9%, to \$93.0 million, in the three months ended June 30, 2008, from \$160.2 million in the same prior year period. This decrease is attributable to lower revenues of \$50.4 million associated with our Automation Systems segment, lower revenues associated with our Critical Components segment of \$20.9 million, which includes the \$8.5 million one-time royalty license recorded in the prior year period. These decreases were partially offset by \$4.1 million of higher legacy product revenues associated with our Global Customer Support segment. Product revenues decreased \$153.9 million, or 31.7%, to \$331.5 million, in the nine months ended June 30, 2008, from \$485.4 million in the same prior year period. This decrease is attributable to lower revenues of \$121.0 million associated with our Automation Systems segment, lower revenues associated with our Critical Components segment of \$30.3 million, and lower revenues associated with our Global Customer support segment of \$2.6 million. These decreases are primarily attributable to lower demand for semiconductor capital equipment and by the \$8.5 million one-time royalty payment earned in the prior year.

Service revenues increased \$0.8 million, or 2.7%, to \$31.0 million, in the three months ended June 30, 2008, from \$30.2 million in the same prior year period. This increase is primarily related to an increase in service agreement revenue. Service revenues decreased \$3.4 million, or 3.7%, to \$88.0 million, in the nine months ended June 30, 2008, from \$91.4 million in the same prior year period. This decrease is primarily attributable to changes in our customers preventative maintenance and spending behaviors noted above.

Backlog for our products and services as of June 30, 2008, totaled approximately \$73.2 million compared to approximately \$124.6 million as of June 30, 2007.

Gross Profit

Gross profit decreased to \$28.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2008 compared to \$57.4 million for the same prior year period. The decrease in gross profit reflects the lower margin associated with our Automation Systems segment of \$17.9 million, and lower profit associated with our Critical Components segment of \$13.0 million. The decrease in profit from our Critical Components segment includes a one-time royalty license earned in the prior year of \$8.5 million. These decreases were partially offset by \$2.4 million of increased gross profit associated with our Global Customer Support segment. Gross profit as a percent of revenue decreased to 23.3% in the three months ended June 30, 2008 compared to 30.1% for the same prior year period. The decline in gross profit percentage is due in part to the one-time royalty license which increased the prior year gross profit percentage by 3.2%. The remainder of the current year decline in gross profit percentage is primarily attributable to lower absorption of factory overhead on lower revenues.

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Gross profit decreased to \$103.7 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 compared to \$179.6 million for the same prior year period. The decrease in gross profit reflects the lower margin associated with our Automation Systems segment of \$53.8 million, lower margin associated with our Critical Components segment of \$16.7 million, and lower margin associated with our Global Customer Support segment of \$5.4 million. The decrease in profit from our Critical Components segment includes a one-time royalty license earned in the prior year of \$8.5 million. Gross profit as a percent of revenue decreased to 24.7% in the nine months ended June 30, 2008 compared to 31.1% for the same prior year period. This decline is due in part to the one-time royalty license which increased the prior year gross profit percentage by 1.5%, and the remainder of the decline is due primarily to lower absorption of factory overhead on lower revenues.

Gross profit of our Automation Systems segment decreased to \$9.7 million in the three months ended June 30, 2008 compared to \$27.7 million in the same prior year period. Gross profit in the nine months ended June 30, 2008 decreased to \$46.5 million compared to \$100.3 million in the same prior year period. These decreases are primarily due to lower revenues. Gross profit as a percent of revenue decreased to 16.5% and 20.8% in the three and nine months ended June 30, 2008, respectively, compared to 25.3% and 29.1% in the three and nine month prior year periods. The decreases are primarily due to lower absorption of factory overhead on lower revenues.

Gross profit of our Critical Components segment decreased to \$10.2 million and \$36.4 million in the three and nine months ended June 30, 2008, respectively, compared to \$23.3 million and \$53.1 million in the prior year three and nine month periods. The decrease is due in part to the \$8.5 million one-time royalty license earned during the prior year period, with the balance of the decline due to weaknesses in demand that led to lower revenues. Gross profit as a percent of revenues decreased to 36.0% and 37.1% in the three and nine months ended June 30, 2008, respectively, compared to 47.4% and 41.4% for the prior year three and nine month periods. The one-time royalty payment increased gross profit percentage by 11.0% and 4.2% for the prior year three and nine month periods, respectively.

Gross profit of our Global Customer Support segment increased to \$8.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2008, compared to \$6.5 million for the same prior year period. The increase is primarily attributable to increased revenue from the sale of legacy products. Gross profit for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 decreased to \$20.9 million from \$26.2 million in the prior year period. This decrease is the result of lower revenues. Gross profit as a percentage of revenues was 24.2% for the three months ended June 30, 2008, compared to 20.4% for the same prior year period. This increase is primarily the result of higher legacy product sales, which have higher profit margins as compared to our maintenance and repair services. Gross profit as a percentage of revenues was 21.3% for the nine months ended June 30, 2008, compared to 25.2% for the same prior year period. This decrease is primarily attributable to under absorption of fixed service delivery-related costs.

Gross profit on product revenues decreased to \$22.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2008 compared to \$51.7 million in the same prior year period. The decrease in product margins is primarily attributable to lower profit of \$17.9 million related to our Automation Systems products, and lower profit of \$13.0 million associated with our Critical Components products. These decreases were partially offset by a \$1.8 million increase in profit related to legacy hardware products. Gross profit on product revenues for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 decreased to \$87.4 million compared to \$159.2 million in the same prior year period. The decrease in product margins is attributable to lower profit of \$53.8 million related to our Automation Systems products, lower profit of \$16.7 million associated with our Critical Components products, and lower profit of \$1.3 million related to legacy hardware products. The lower profit related to our Critical Components products for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2008 is partly due to an \$8.5 million one-time royalty license recorded in the prior year period. The gross profit percentage on product revenues decreased to 24.2% and 26.4% for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2008, respectively, compared to 32.3% and 32.8% for the prior year three and nine month periods. These decreases are due in part to the one-time royalty license which increased gross profit percentage by 1.8% and 0.6% for the prior year three and nine month periods. The remainder of the decrease is primarily attributable to the lower absorption of factory overhead at lower revenue levels.

Gross profit on service revenues was \$6.3 million or 20.3% for the three months ended June 30, 2008, compared to \$5.7 million or 18.9% in the same prior year period. The increase is primarily the result of the mix of spare and upgrade parts sold. Gross profit on service revenues for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 was \$16.3 million or

18.5%, compared to \$20.4 million or 22.3% in the prior year nine month period. The decrease in service profits is primarily attributable to under absorption of fixed service delivery-related costs.

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Research and development expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2008, were \$10.3 million, compared to \$12.8 million in the same prior year period. The decrease primarily reflects lower spending of \$1.8 million associated with the Automation Systems product development with certain development cycles coming to completion. Research and development expenses for the nine months ended June 30, 2008, were \$34.3 million, compared to \$39.2 million in the same prior year period. The decrease primarily reflects lower spending of \$3.7 million associated with the Automation Systems product development.

Selling, General and Administrative

Selling, general and administrative, or SG&A, expenses declined to \$25.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2008 compared to \$29.9 million in the same prior year period. This decrease is attributable to insurance proceeds of \$1.4 million, which we recorded as a reduction of SG&A expenses, for the reimbursement of professional fees incurred in connection with our shareholder litigation matter which we agreed to settle in June of 2008. In addition, the departure of certain of our executives has resulted in the forfeiture of stock-based equity awards, resulting in a non-cash reduction in our stock-based compensation expense of \$0.8 million. SG&A expenses were \$84.6 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 compared to \$91.5 million in the same prior year period. The decrease is primarily attributable to lower management incentive costs of \$3.9 million and the \$1.4 million reimbursement of professional fees incurred in connection with our shareholder litigation.

Restructuring Charges

We recorded a restructuring charge of \$2.6 million in the three months ended June 30, 2008 which consists of severance costs of \$3.0 million for workforce reductions of approximately 135 employees in operations, service and administrative functions located primarily in the United States, and workforce reductions of approximately 45 employees in our China production facility in connection with our decision to discontinue our printed circuit assembly activities. Our restructuring charge was partially offset by \$0.4 million primarily due to the benefit of a sublease on a previously exited facility. The impact of these cost reductions on our liquidity is not significant, as these cost savings are expected to yield actual cash savings within twelve months. For the nine months ended June 30, 2008, we recorded a restructuring charge of \$5.7 million which consists of severance of \$5.6 million for workforce reductions and a charge of \$0.1 million for excess facility costs.

We recorded a restructuring charge of \$0.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2007, primarily for severance costs in connection with workforce reductions in our German operations. We recorded a restructuring charge of \$3.5 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2007 which includes \$0.5 million in severance costs and \$3.0 million in costs to fully recognize our remaining lease obligation on our vacant facility in Billerica, Massachusetts based on our assumption that we will be unable to sublease any portion of the facility over the remainder of the lease.

Interest Income and Expense

Interest income decreased by \$3.1 million to \$1.2 million, in the three months ended June 30, 2008, from \$4.3 million in the same prior year period. This decrease primarily reflects lower average investment balances. Interest income decreased \$2.6 million to \$6.3 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2008, due primarily to lower average investment balances.

Gain (Loss) on Investment

During the three months ended June 30, 2007, a company in which Brooks held a minority equity interest was acquired by a Swiss public company. Our minority equity investment had been previously written down to zero in 2003. As a result, we received shares of common stock from the acquirer in exchange for our minority equity interest and recorded a gain of \$5.1 million.

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During the three months ended March 31, 2008, we recorded a charge of \$2.9 million to write-down our minority equity investment in this Swiss public company to its fair value as of the balance sheet date. This write-down reflects an other than temporary impairment of this investment. The remaining balance of this investment at June 30, 2008 was \$2.9 million.

Other (Income) Expense

We recorded other expense, net of \$1.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2008 compared to other expense, net of \$0.5 million for the same prior year period. This increase is primarily due to increased unfavorable foreign exchange activity of \$0.6 million. We recorded other expense, net of \$0.4 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 compared to other expense, net of \$1.4 million for the same prior year period. This decrease is primarily due to lower unfavorable foreign exchange activity of \$1.1 million.

Income Tax Provision

We recorded an income tax provision of \$0.8 million and \$2.4 million in the three and nine months ended June 30, 2008, respectively, compared to a provision of \$0.6 million and \$2.7 million in the three and nine month periods in the prior year. The tax provision recorded for both periods is principally attributable to alternative minimum taxes along with foreign income tax and interest related to unrecognized tax benefits. We continued to provide a full valuation allowance for our net deferred tax assets at June 30, 2008, as we believe it is more likely than not that the future tax benefits from accumulated net operating losses and deferred taxes will not be realized. However, it is possible that the more likely than not criterion could be met in a future period, which could result in the reversal of a significant portion or all of the valuation allowance, which, at that time, would be recorded as a tax benefit in the consolidated statements of operations.

We adopted the provisions of FIN No. 48 on October 1, 2007. The implementation of FIN No. 48 did not materially affect our financial position or results of operations. As of the adoption date, October 1, 2007, we had \$14.5 million of unrecognized tax benefits, of which \$12.3 million, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate and the remaining \$2.2 million, if recognized, would decrease goodwill. Of the unrecognized tax benefits at June 30, 2008, we currently anticipate that approximately \$2.0 million will be realized in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2008 as a result of the expiration of certain U.S. and non-U.S. statute of limitations. Of this amount, \$1.0 million will be recorded as a reduction to goodwill and \$1.0 million will impact our fiscal year 2008 effective tax rate.

Discontinued Operations

We recognized an additional gain of \$0.4 million, net of tax of \$0, in the three months ended March 31, 2008 related to the resolution of certain contingencies arising from the sale of our software division to Applied Materials which was completed on March 30, 2007. We recorded income from the operation of our discontinued software business of \$13.3 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2007. There was no operating activity associated with this discontinued business in the three and nine months ended June 30, 2008.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We operate in a highly cyclical market and a current economic environment that makes estimation of future revenues, results of operations and net cash flows highly uncertain.

At June 30, 2008, we had cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities aggregating \$178.4 million. This amount was comprised of \$110.0 million of cash and cash equivalents, \$34.2 million of investments in short-term marketable securities and \$34.2 million of investments in long-term marketable securities. At September 30, 2007, we had cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities aggregating \$274.6 million. This amount was comprised of \$168.2 million of cash and cash equivalents, \$80.1 million of investments in short-term marketable securities and \$26.3 million of investments in long-term marketable securities.

Cash provided by operations was \$6.6 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 as compared to \$52.8 million in the same prior year period. This decrease was in part attributable to lower profits resulting from the sale of our software division, which generated cash flow from operations of \$13.9 million in the prior year and the receipt of \$8.5 million from a one-time royalty license in the prior year period. The balance of the decline in cash provided

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by operations is primarily attributable to lower profits as a result of the industry wide downturn. The decline in cash provided by operations was partially offset by lower investments in working capital of \$34.9 million which is primarily related to decreased accounts receivable balances of \$36.8 million due to lower revenues. Depreciation expense was \$13.6 million and \$12.8 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively, and amortization expense related to intangible assets was \$12.3 million and \$11.5 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Cash provided by investing activities was \$22.0 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 as compared to \$125.3 million for the same prior year period. The decrease is attributable to the sale of our software division in the prior year period which accounted for \$128.9 million of the decrease, and higher purchases of capital equipment in the current year which accounts for \$2.4 million of the decrease. The increase in capital spending is primarily attributable to our Oracle ERP project. These decreases in cash provided by investing activities were partially offset by an increase of \$28.0 million in net sales of marketable securities.

While we have no significant firm capital commitments, the Oracle ERP system is expected to have a capital cost approximately \$22.0 million when fully implemented, of which \$18.3 million in capital costs have been incurred from inception of the project through June 30, 2008, including \$10.9 million of capital costs incurred during the nine months ended June 30, 2008. We completed the financial module portion of the Oracle ERP implementation during our quarter ended June 30, 2008, and placed in service \$8.0 million of costs associated with the Oracle ERP implementation. The remaining \$10.3 million of costs incurred to date is included in construction in progress within property, plant and equipment. We will continue to make capital expenditures to support our business, and may also use our resources to acquire companies, technologies or products that complement our business.

Cash used in financing activities was \$88.7 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 as compared to cash provided by financing activities of \$8.3 million in the same prior year period. The change in cash used in financing activities is primarily due to the share repurchase program. During the nine months ended June 30, 2008, we purchased 7,401,869 shares of our common stock for a total of \$90.2 million in connection with the share repurchase program. We did not repurchase any of our stock during the quarter ended June 30, 2008.

At June 30, 2008, we had approximately \$0.7 million of an uncommitted demand promissory note facility still in use, all of it for letters of credit.

We believe that we have adequate resources to fund our currently planned working capital and capital expenditure requirements for both the short and long-term as well as our stock repurchase plan announced on November 9, 2007. However, the cyclical nature of the semiconductor industry makes it difficult for us to predict future liquidity requirements with certainty. We may be unable to obtain any required additional financing on terms favorable to us, if at all. If adequate funds are not available on acceptable terms, we may be unable to fund our expansion, successfully develop or enhance products, respond to competitive pressure or take advantage of acquisition opportunities, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business. In addition, we are subject to litigation related to our stock-based compensation restatement which could have an adverse affect on our existing resources.

Related Party

A member of our Board of Directors, Dr. C. S. Park is also a member of the Board of Directors of Computer Services Corporation (CSC). Dr. Park joined our Board of Directors in April 2008. During the calendar year of 2007, we entered into service agreements with CSC, which were negotiated on an arms-length basis, to provide pre-implementation consulting and implementation services in connection with the implementation of the Oracle ERP system. For the three and nine months ended June 30, 2008, we incurred \$2.8 million and \$7.9 million, respectively, for consulting services provided by CSC. For the three and nine months ended June 30, 2007, we incurred \$0.4 million of consulting services provided by CSC. At June 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, we owed CSC \$4.5 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, for unpaid consulting services.

Table of Contents**Recently Enacted Accounting Pronouncements**

In July 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 (FIN No. 48). FIN No. 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. FIN No. 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FIN No. 48 also provides guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. We adopted FIN No. 48 on October 1, 2007. The effect of the adoption did not materially affect our financial position or results of operations.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS 157). SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements, the FASB having previously concluded in those accounting pronouncements that fair value is the relevant measurement attribute. Accordingly, SFAS 157 does not require any new fair value measurements. SFAS 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years, with earlier adoption permitted. The provisions of SFAS 157 will be applied prospectively as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which it is initially applied. We do not believe that the adoption of SFAS 157 will have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 (SFAS 159). SFAS 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value and is effective as of the beginning of the Company's fiscal year beginning after November 15, 2007. We do not believe that the adoption of SFAS 159 will have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (revised 2007), Business Combinations (SFAS 141R). SFAS 141R significantly changes the accounting for business combinations in a number of areas including the treatment of contingent consideration, pre-acquisition contingencies, transaction costs, restructuring costs and income taxes. Statement 141 applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the fiscal year beginning after December 15, 2008. We are currently evaluating the potential impact of SFAS 141R on our financial position and results of operations.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements An amendment of ARB No. 51 (SFAS 160). SFAS 160 amends ARB 51 to establish accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. It clarifies that a noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary is an ownership interest in the consolidated entity that should be reported as equity in the consolidated financial statements. The amount of net income attributable to the noncontrolling interest will be included in consolidated net income on the face of the income statement. Statement 160 clarifies that changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in deconsolidation are equity transactions if the parent retains its controlling financial interest. In addition, this Statement requires that a parent recognize a gain or loss in net income when a subsidiary is deconsolidated. SFAS 160 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. At this point in time, we believe that there will not be a material impact in connection with SFAS 160 on our financial position or results of operations.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities An amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 (SFAS 161). SFAS 161 amends and expands the disclosure requirements of SFAS 133 with the intent to provide users of financial statements with an enhanced understanding of (a) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, (b) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS 133 and its related interpretations, and (c) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. SFAS 161 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. We do not believe that the adoption of SFAS 161 will have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FSP 142-3, Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets (FSP SFAS 142-3). FSP SFAS 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 SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and

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Other Intangible Assets (SFAS 142). FSP SFAS 142-3 improves the consistency between the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS 142 and the period of expected cash flows used to measure the fair value of the asset under SFAS 141R and other applicable accounting literature. FSP SFAS 142-3 will be effective for us on October 1, 2009. We do not believe that the adoption of FSP SFAS 142-3 will have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

We are exposed to a variety of market risks, including changes in interest rates affecting the return on our cash and cash equivalents, short-term and long-term investments and fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates.

Interest Rate Exposure

As our cash and cash equivalents consist principally of money market securities, which are short-term in nature, our exposure to market risk related to interest rate fluctuations for these investments is not significant. Our short-term and long-term investments consist mostly of highly rated corporate debt securities, and as such, market risk to these investments is not significant. At June 30, 2008, the unrealized loss on marketable securities, excluding our investment in a Swiss public company, was \$258,000 and the change in this amount for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 was an unrealized loss of \$888,000. A hypothetical 100 basis point change in interest rates would result in an annual change of approximately \$2.2 million in interest income earned.

Currency Rate Exposure

We have transactions and balances denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Most of these transactions or balances are denominated in Euros and a variety of Asian currencies. Sales in currencies other than the U.S. dollar were 16.2% of our total sales for the three months ended June 30, 2008. We also purchase materials from some suppliers outside of the United States that is transacted in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. In the nine months ended June 30, 2008, we recorded foreign exchange losses related to receivables of \$0.2 million, and foreign exchange losses of \$1.9 million related to payables due to the general weakening of the U.S. dollar in this period. The changes in currency exchange rates relative to the U.S. dollar during the nine months ended June 30, 2008 compared to the currency exchange rates at September 30, 2007 resulted in an increase in net assets of \$6.8 million that we reported as a separate component of comprehensive income. The impact of a hypothetical 10% change in foreign exchange rates at June 30, 2008 is not considered material. If currency exchange rates had been 10% different throughout the three months ended June 30, 2008 compared to the currency exchange rates actually experienced, the impact on our net earnings would have been approximately \$0.8 million.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. As of the end of the period covered by this report, and pursuant to Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported in accordance with the time specified by the SEC's rules and forms.

Change in Internal Controls. There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during our last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

Brooks has been involved in various regulatory proceedings and private litigation matters involving equity incentive practices. A description of this litigation is included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007, and in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended December 31, 2007 and March 31, 2008.

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On May 19, 2008, we entered into a settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) relating to our historical stock option granting practices. We have agreed to settle with the SEC, without admitting or denying the allegations in the Commission s complaint, by consenting to the entry of a judgment enjoining future violations of the reporting, books and records, and internal controls provisions of the federal securities laws. We were not charged by the SEC with fraud nor were we required to pay any civil penalty or other money damages as part of the settlement. The option grants to which the SEC refers in its complaint were made between 1999 and 2001. The settlement completely resolves the previously disclosed SEC investigation into our historical stock option granting practices.

On June 24, 2008 a Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement Between All Parties was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts in the In Re Brooks Automation, Inc. Securities Litigation, pursuant to which the parties proposed a final settlement of that class action litigation. The terms of the settlement, which includes no admission of liability or wrong doing by Brooks, provide for a full and complete release of all claims in the litigation and a payment of \$7.75 million to be paid into a settlement fund, pending final documentation and approval by the Court of a plan of distribution. As of June 30, 2008, the liability for this settlement is included within current liabilities of our unaudited consolidated balance sheets. The \$7.75 million will be paid by our liability insurers and will not have a material effect on our financial results. As of June 30, 2008, we recorded a receivable from our liability insurers of \$8.2 million within current assets on our unaudited consolidated balance sheets which includes the settlement fund obligation of \$7.75 million and a reimbursement of professional fees of \$0.4 million. In addition, we recorded insurance proceeds of \$1.4 million as a reduction of SG&A expenses, for the reimbursement of professional fees incurred in connection with this matter. At such time as it is approved, the settlement will provide a full release of Brooks and the other named defendants in connection with the allegations raised in the class action, and it will resolve all class action litigation pending against us and against present and former officers and directors of the Company.

With respect to the federal derivative action captioned as *In re Brooks Automation, Inc. Derivative Litigation* pending in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, the court held a hearing on defendants motions to dismiss on August 6, 2008. A decision on that motion is pending.

With respect to the consolidated state derivative action filed nominally on the Company s behalf in the Massachusetts Superior Court originally captioned *Darr v. Grady et al.* and *Milton v. Grady et al.* (which is now captioned *In re Brooks Automation, Inc. (Second) Derivative Litigation*), on June 5, 2008 the Court granted plaintiffs motion for appointment as lead counsel. On July 3, 2008, plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended complaint. We anticipate filing a motion to dismiss, which is due on August 18, 2008.

With respect to the consolidated state derivative action filed nominally on our behalf in the Massachusetts Superior Court captioned *In re Brooks Automation, Inc. Derivative Litigation*, on August 1, 2008, the Court granted our motion to dismiss the case, and entered an order dismissing the amended consolidated shareholder derivative complaint in its entirety.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

On November 9, 2007, we announced that our Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase plan to buy up to \$200,000,000 of our outstanding common stock. We did not repurchase any of our stock during the three months ended June 30, 2008.

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The following table provides information concerning shares of the Company's Common Stock \$0.01 par value purchased in connection with the forfeiture of shares to satisfy the employees' obligations with respect to withholding taxes in connection with the vesting of shares of restricted stock during the three months ended June 30, 2008.

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| April 1 30, 2008 | 2,396 | \$ 9.93 | 2,396 | \$ |
| May 1 31, 2008 | 5,668 | 10.19 | 5,668 | |
| June 1 30, 2008 | 762 | 8.92 | 762 | |
| Total | 8,826 | \$ 10.01 | 8,826 | \$ |

Item 6. Exhibits

The following exhibits are included herein:

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| 10.01 | Amendment No. 2008-1 to Brooks Automation, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan, effective as of July 1, 2008 |
| 10.02 | Amended and Restated 2000 Equity Incentive Plan, Restated as of May 6, 2008 |
| 10.03 | Restricted Stock Agreement, dated as of April 25, 2008, by and between the Company and Robert J. Lepofsky |
| 10.04 | Restricted Stock Agreement, dated as of April 25, 2008, by and between the Company and Robert J. Lepofsky |
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| 31.01 | Rule 13a-14(a), 15d-14(a) Certification |
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| 32 | Section 1350 Certifications |

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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.

BROOKS AUTOMATION, INC.

DATE: August 7, 2008

/s/ Martin S. Headley
Martin S. Headley
Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer (Principal Financial
Officer)

DATE: August 7, 2008

/s/ Timothy S. Mathews
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Vice President and Corporate Controller
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