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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
Form 10-Q

x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.
For the quarterly period ended September 28, 2014.
¨ 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: 000-50350
NETGEAR, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	77-0419172 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
350 East Plumeria Drive, San Jose, California (Address of principal executive offices)	95134 (Zip Code)

(408) 907-8000
(Registrant's telephone number including area code)
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No ¨
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No ¨
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer or a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "accelerated filer," "large accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated filer	x	Accelerated filer	¨
Non-Accelerated filer	¨	Smaller reporting company	¨

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2). Yes o No x
The number of outstanding shares of the registrant's Common Stock, $0.001 par value, was 34,587,014 as of October 28, 2014.

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PART I: FINANCIAL INFORMATION
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NETGEAR, INC.
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands)

	September 28, 2014	December 31, 2013
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$141,820	$143,009
Short-term investments	100,828	105,145
Accounts receivable, net	278,568	266,484
Inventories	206,494	224,456
Deferred income taxes	27,895	27,239
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	40,064	33,778
Total current assets	795,669	800,111
Property and equipment, net	27,629	27,194
Intangibles, net	70,705	84,118
Goodwill	155,916	155,916
Other non-current assets	31,399	26,591
Total assets	$1,081,318	$1,093,930
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$92,091	$114,531
Accrued employee compensation	20,571	16,551
Other accrued liabilities	133,659	143,218
Deferred revenue	33,937	24,496
Income taxes payable	1,893	1,287
Total current liabilities	282,151	300,083
Non-current income taxes payable	15,173	13,804
Other non-current liabilities	7,441	6,260
Total liabilities	304,765	320,147
Commitments and contingencies (Note 9)		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock	35	37
Additional paid-in capital	445,649	421,901
Cumulative other comprehensive income	150	69
Retained earnings	330,719	351,776
Total stockholders' equity	776,553	773,783
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$1,081,318	$1,093,930

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

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NETGEAR, INC.
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013
Net revenue	$353,338	$361,895	$1,040,333	$1,013,013
Cost of revenue	251,005	260,236	742,889	720,187
Gross profit	102,333	101,659	297,444	292,826
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	23,337	23,320	67,994	62,639
Sales and marketing	39,283	39,465	117,373	116,260
General and administrative	11,726	11,930	34,995	36,576
Restructuring and other charges	1,360	400	2,190	1,957
Litigation reserves, net	69	305	254	3,908
Impairment charges	—	2,000	—	2,000
Total operating expenses	75,775	77,420	222,806	223,340
Income from operations	26,558	24,239	74,638	69,486
Interest income	68	71	174	315
Other income, net	2,246	511	1,911	37
Income before income taxes	28,872	24,821	76,723	69,838
Provision for income taxes	8,847	10,364	27,582	26,053
Net income	$20,025	$14,457	$49,141	$43,785
Net income per share:				
Basic	$0.56	$0.37	$1.36	$1.14
Diluted	$0.55	$0.37	$1.34	$1.12
Weighted average shares used to compute net income per share:				
Basic	35,643	38,700	36,133	38,562
Diluted	36,250	39,198	36,806	39,127

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NETGEAR, INC.
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013
Net income	$20,025	$14,457	$49,141	$43,785
Other comprehensive income (loss), before tax:				
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivative instruments	139	(215)	66	(146)
Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities	2	26	25	(15)
Other comprehensive income (loss), before tax	141	(189)	91	(161)
Tax (expense) benefit related to items of other comprehensive income	(1)	(10)	(10)	6
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	140	(199)	81	(155)
Comprehensive income	$20,165	$14,258	$49,222	$43,630

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NETGEAR, INC.
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In thousands)

	Nine Months Ended	
	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	$49,141	$43,785
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	26,398	23,745
Purchase premium amortization/discount accretion on investments, net	42	878
Non-cash stock-based compensation	15,226	12,492
Income tax impact associated with stock option exercises	(394)	483
Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation	(340)	(665)
Impairment charges	—	2,000
Deferred income taxes	(2,133)	(4,381)
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable	(12,084)	(13,951)
Inventories	17,963	(33,499)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(9,846)	(8,795)
Accounts payable	(22,439)	40,993
Accrued employee compensation	4,021	(1,153)
Other accrued liabilities	(9,196)	8,721
Deferred revenue	9,221	404
Income taxes payable	1,974	1,737
Net cash provided by operating activities	67,554	72,794
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of short-term investments	(105,076)	(128,322)
Proceeds from sales and maturities of short-term investments	109,669	214,341
Purchase of property and equipment	(13,421)	(11,709)
Payments for patents	—	(275)
Proceeds from sale of cost method investment	—	3,890
Payments made in connection with business acquisitions	(1,050)	(147,215)
Net cash used in investing activities	(9,878)	(69,290)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Purchase and retirement of common stock	(68,006)	(486)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	6,039	5,630
Proceeds from issuance of common stock under employee stock purchase plan	2,762	2,139
Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation	340	665
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(58,865)	7,948
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(1,189)	11,452
Cash and cash equivalents, at beginning of period	143,009	149,032
Cash and cash equivalents, at end of period	$141,820	$160,484

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. The Company and Basis of Presentation

NETGEAR, Inc. (“NETGEAR” or the “Company”) was incorporated in Delaware in January 1996. The Company is a global networking company that delivers innovative products to consumers, businesses and service providers. The Company's products are built on a variety of proven technologies such as wireless, Ethernet and powerline, with a focus on reliability and ease-of-use. The product line consists of wired and wireless devices that enable networking, broadband access and network connectivity. These products are available in multiple configurations to address the needs of the end-users in each geographic region in which the Company's products are sold.
The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of NETGEAR, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries. They have been prepared in accordance with established guidelines for interim financial reporting and with the instructions of Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The balance sheet dated December 31, 2013 has been derived from audited financial statements at such date. Accordingly, these condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all of the information and footnotes typically found in the audited consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K. In the opinion of management, the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments considered necessary (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) to fairly state the Company’s financial position, results of operations, comprehensive income and cash flows for the periods indicated. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to the consolidated financial statements included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.
The Company’s fiscal year begins on January 1 of the year stated and ends on December 31 of the same year. The Company reports its interim results on a fiscal quarter basis rather than on a calendar quarter basis. Under the fiscal quarter basis, each of the first three fiscal quarters ends on the Sunday closest to the calendar quarter end, with the fourth quarter ending on December 31.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect (i) the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, (ii) the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and (iii) the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates and operating results for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2014 or any future period.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies
The Company’s significant accounting policies are disclosed in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013. The Company’s significant accounting policies have not materially changed during the nine months ended September 28, 2014.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customer" (Topic 606). The guidance in this update supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Topic 605, Revenue Recognition. Under the new guidance, an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The guidance also specifies the accounting for some costs to obtain or fulfill a contract with a customer. An entity should apply the amendments in the update either retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented or

retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initially applying this update recognized at the date of initial application. ASU 2014-09 is effective for the Company beginning in the first quarter fiscal 2017. Early adoption is not permitted. The Company is in the process of evaluating the available transition methods and the impact of this standard on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

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3. Business Acquisitions

Arada Systems, Inc.

On June 21, 2013, the Company acquired certain assets and operations of Arada Systems, Inc. (“Arada”), a privately-held company that develops, licenses, and provides solutions for the next generation of uses of Wi-Fi, for a total purchase consideration of $5.3 million in cash. The Company believes the acquisition will bolster its wireless product offerings in its commercial business unit and strengthen its position in the small to medium-sized campus wireless LAN market. The Company paid $4.2 million of the aggregate purchase price in the second quarter of 2013, and paid the remaining $1.1 million in the second quarter of 2014.

The acquisition qualified as a business combination and was accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting. The results of Arada have been included in the consolidated financial statements since the date of acquisition. Pro forma results of operations for the acquisition are not presented as the financial impact to the Company's consolidated results of operations is not material.

The allocation of the purchase price was as follows (in thousands):

Property and equipment, net	$15
Intangibles, net	4,040
Goodwill	1,195
Total purchase price	$5,250

Of the $1.2 million of goodwill recorded on the acquisition of Arada, approximately $0.7 million and $1.2 million are deductible for U.S. federal and state income tax purposes, respectively. The goodwill recognized, which was assigned to the Company's commercial business unit, is primarily attributable to expected synergies resulting from the acquisition.

The Company designated $4.0 million of the acquired intangible assets as technology. The value was calculated based on the present value of the future estimated cash flows derived from estimated savings attributable to the existing technology and discounted at 21.5%. The acquired existing technology is being amortized over its estimated useful life of five years.

AirCard Division of Sierra Wireless, Inc.

On April 2, 2013, the Company completed the acquisition of select assets and operations of the Sierra Wireless, Inc. AirCard business ("AirCard"), including customer relationships, a world-class LTE engineering team, certain intellectual property, inventory and property and equipment. The Company believes this acquisition will accelerate the mobile initiative of the service provider business unit to become a global leader in providing the latest in LTE data networking access devices.

The Company paid $140.0 million of the aggregate purchase price in the second quarter of 2013. The acquisition qualified as a business combination and was accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting. The results of AirCard have been included in the consolidated financial statements since the date of acquisition. Revenue and earnings for AirCard as of the acquisition date are not presented as the business was fully integrated into the service provider business unit subsequent to the acquisition and therefore impracticable for the Company to quantify.

The allocation of the purchase price was as follows (in thousands):

Inventories	$2,874
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	12,256
Property and equipment, net	7,455
Intangibles, net	69,700
Goodwill	53,841
Liabilities assumed	(6,096)
Total purchase price	$140,030

In the third quarter of 2013, the Company made an adjustment of $0.5 million to goodwill related to revised inventory estimates.

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Of the $53.8 million of goodwill recorded on the acquisition of AirCard, approximately $35.8 million, $53.8 million and $2.3 million is deductible for U.S. federal, U.S. state and Canada income tax purposes, respectively. The goodwill recognized, which was assigned to the Company's service provider business unit, is primarily attributable to expected synergies resulting from the acquisition.

The Company designated $16.3 million of the acquired intangible assets as technology. The value was calculated based on the present value of the future estimated cash flows derived from estimated savings attributable to the existing technology and discounted at 10.0%. The acquired technology is being amortized over its estimated useful life of four years.

The Company designated $40.5 million of the acquired intangible assets as customer relationships. The value was calculated based on the present value of the future estimated cash flows derived from projections of future operations attributable to existing customer relationships and discounted at 12.0%. The acquired customer relationships are being amortized over an estimated useful life of eight years.

The Company designated $2.3 million of the acquired intangible assets as non-compete agreements. The value was calculated based on the present value of the future estimated cash flows derived from projections of future operations attributable to the non-compete agreements and discounted at 12.0%. The acquired agreements are being amortized over an estimated useful life of five years.

The Company designated $1.1 million of the acquired intangible assets as backlog. The value was calculated based on the present value of the future contractual revenue and discounted at 10.0%. The acquired backlog was fully amortized in the second quarter of 2013.

The Company acquired $9.5 million in in-process research and development (“IPR&D”) projects. The value was calculated based on the present value of future estimated cash flows discounted at 13.0%, derived from projections of future revenues attributable to the assets, expected economic life of the assets, and royalty rates. IPR&D acquired is considered indefinite lived intangible assets until research and development efforts associated with the projects are completed or abandoned. The most significant of the acquired IPR&D projects relate to multimode LTE technologies, Mobile Hot Spot, USB dongle, and Module form factors. During the third quarter of 2013, the Company recorded an impairment charge of $2.0 million related to the abandonment of certain IPR&D projects previously acquired. As of June 29, 2014, $7.5 million of the acquired IPR&D had reached technical feasibility and was reclassified to definite-lived intangibles and with an estimated useful life of four years.

Pro forma financial information

The unaudited pro forma financial information in the table below summarizes the combined results of our operations and those of AirCard for the periods shown as though the acquisition of AirCard occurred as of the beginning of the fiscal year 2012. The pro forma financial information for the periods presented includes the accounting effects of the business combination, including adjustments to the amortization of intangible assets, fair value of acquired inventory, acquisition-related costs, integration expenses and related tax effects of these adjustments, where applicable. This information is for informational purposes only, is subject to a number of estimates, assumptions and other uncertainties, and may not be indicative of the results of operations that would have been achieved if the acquisition had taken place at January 1, 2012.

The unaudited pro forma financial information is as follows (in millions):

	Three Months Ended September 29, 2013	Nine Months Ended September 29, 2013
Revenue	$362	$1,058
Net income	$15	$45

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4. Balance Sheet Components (in thousands)

Available-for-sale short-term investments

	As of September 28, 2014				December 31, 2013			
	Cost	Unrealized Gain	Unrealized Loss	Estimated Fair Value	Cost	Unrealized Gain	Unrealized Loss	Estimated Fair Value
U.S. treasuries	$99,954	$31	$—	$99,985	$104,595	$7	$(1)	$104,601
Certificates of deposits	166	—	—	166	159	—	—	159
Total	$100,120	$31	$—	$100,151	$104,754	$7	$(1)	$104,760

The Company’s short-term investments are primarily comprised of marketable securities that are classified as available-for-sale and consist of government securities with an original maturity or remaining maturity at the time of purchase of greater than three months and no more than 12 months. Accordingly, none of the available-for-sale securities have unrealized losses greater than 12 months.

Cost method investments

As of September 28, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the carrying value of the Company's cost method investments was $1.3 million. These investments are included in other non-current assets in the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets and are carried at cost, adjusted for any impairment, because the Company does not have a controlling interest and does not have the ability to exercise significant influence over these companies. The Company monitors these investments for impairment on a quarterly basis, and adjusts carrying value for any impairment charges recognized. There were no impairments recognized in the three and nine months ended September 28, 2014 and September 29, 2013. Realized gains and losses on these investments are reported in other income, net in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations.

Accounts receivable, net

	As of September 28, 2014	December 31, 2013
Gross accounts receivable	$299,216	$289,479
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,255)	(1,255)
Allowance for sales returns	(16,867)	(17,467)
Allowance for price protection	(2,526)	(4,273)
Total allowances	(20,648)	(22,995)
Total accounts receivable, net	$278,568	$266,484

Inventories

	As of September 28, 2014	December 31, 2013
Raw materials	$3,833	$8,676
Work in process	—	6,233
Finished goods	202,661	209,547

Total inventories	$206,494	$224,456

The Company records provisions for excess and obsolete inventory based on forecasts of future demand. While management believes the estimates and assumptions underlying its current forecasts are reasonable, there is risk that additional charges may be necessary if current forecasts are greater than actual demand.

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Property and equipment, net

	As of September 28, 2014	December 31, 2013
Computer equipment	$9,334	$8,527
Furniture, fixtures and leasehold improvements	17,670	14,019
Software	28,318	25,722
Machinery and equipment	57,038	50,656
Construction in progress	5	21
Total property and equipment, gross	112,365	98,945
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(84,736)	(71,751)
Total property and equipment, net	$27,629	$27,194

Depreciation and amortization expense pertaining to property and equipment was $4.6 million and $13.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 28, 2014, respectively, and $4.9 million and $12.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2013, respectively.

Intangibles, net

	Gross	Accumulated Amortization	Net
September 28, 2014			
Technology	$61,099	$(36,901)	$24,198
Customer contracts and relationships	56,500	(14,434)	42,066
Other	10,545	(6,104)	4,441
Total intangibles, net	$128,144	$(57,439)	$70,705

	Gross	Accumulated Amortization	Net
December 31, 2013			
Technology	$60,999	$(29,593)	$31,406
Customer contracts and relationships	56,500	(9,120)	47,380
Other	10,545	(5,313)	5,232
Finite-lived intangibles, net	128,044	(44,026)	84,018
Indefinite-lived intangible assets	100	—	100
Total intangibles, net	$128,144	$(44,026)	$84,118

Amortization of purchased intangible assets was $4.5 million and $13.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 28, 2014, respectively, and $4.5 million and $11.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2013, respectively.

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Estimated amortization expense related to intangibles for each of the next five years and thereafter is as follows:

Year Ending December 31	Amount
2014 (remaining three months)	$4,475
2015	17,283
2016	16,921
2017	11,386
2018	7,871
Thereafter	12,769
Total expected amortization expense	$70,705

Goodwill

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill during the nine months ended September 28, 2014 are as follows:

	Retail	Commercial	Service Provider	Total
Goodwill at December 31, 2013	$45,441	$36,279	$74,196	$155,916
Goodwill acquired during the period	—	—	—	—
Goodwill at September 28, 2014	$45,441	$36,279	$74,196	$155,916

There were no impairments to goodwill during the three and nine months ended September 28, 2014 and September 29, 2013.

Other non-current assets

	As of September 28, 2014	December 31, 2013
Non-current deferred income taxes	$21,713	$20,235
Cost method investment	1,322	1,322
Other	8,364	5,034
Total other non-current assets	$31,399	$26,591

Other accrued liabilities

	As of September 28, 2014	December 31, 2013
Sales and marketing programs	$46,420	$47,941
Warranty obligation	42,752	48,754
Freight	6,873	5,790
Other	37,614	40,733
Total other accrued liabilities	$133,659	$143,218

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5. Product Warranties

The Company provides for estimated future warranty obligations at the time revenue is recognized. The Company's standard warranty obligation to its direct customers generally provides for a right of return of any product for a full refund in the event that such product is not merchantable or is found to be damaged or defective. At the time revenue is recognized, an estimate of future warranty returns is recorded to reduce revenue in the amount of the expected credit or refund to be provided to its direct customers. At the time the Company records the reduction to revenue related to warranty returns, the Company includes within cost of revenue a write-down to reduce the carrying value of such products to net realizable value.

The Company's standard warranty obligation to its end-users provides for replacement of a defective product for one or more years. Factors that affect the warranty obligation include product failure rates, material usage and service delivery costs incurred in correcting product failures. The estimated cost associated with fulfilling the Company's warranty obligation to end-users is recorded in cost of revenue. Because the Company's products are manufactured by third party manufacturers, in certain cases the Company has recourse to the third party manufacturer for replacement or credit for the defective products. The Company gives consideration to amounts recoverable from its third party manufacturers in determining its warranty liability.

Changes in the Company's warranty liability, which is included in other accrued liabilities in the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets, are as follows (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended	
	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013
Balance as of beginning of the period	$48,754	$46,659
Provision for warranty liability made during the period	44,630	49,570
Settlements made during the period	(50,632)	(50,539)
Balance at end of period	$42,752	$45,690

6. Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company's subsidiaries have had, and will continue to have material future cash flows, including revenue and expenses, which are denominated in currencies other than the Company's functional currency. The Company and all its subsidiaries designate the U.S. dollar as the functional currency. Changes in exchange rates between the Company's functional currency and other currencies in which the Company transacts business will cause fluctuations in cash flow expectations and cash flow realized or settled. Accordingly, the Company uses derivatives to mitigate its business exposure to foreign exchange risk. The Company enters into foreign currency forward contracts in Australian dollars, British pounds, Euros, and Japanese yen to manage the exposures to foreign exchange risk related to expected future cash flows on certain forecasted revenue, costs of revenue, operating expenses and existing assets and liabilities. The Company does not enter into derivatives transactions for trading or speculative purposes.

The Company's foreign currency forward contracts do not contain any credit-risk-related contingent features. The Company is exposed to credit losses in the event of nonperformance by the counter-parties of its forward contracts. The Company enters into derivative contracts with high-quality financial institutions and limits the amount of credit exposure to any one counter-party. In addition, the derivative contracts typically mature in less than six months and the Company continuously evaluates the credit standing of its counter-party financial institutions. The counter-parties to these arrangements are large, highly rated financial institutions and the Company does not consider non-performance a material risk.

The Company may choose not to hedge certain foreign exchange exposures for a variety of reasons, including, but not limited to, materiality, accounting considerations and the prohibitive economic cost of hedging particular exposures. There can be no assurance the hedges will offset more than a portion of the financial impact resulting from movements in foreign exchange rates. The Company's accounting policies for these instruments are based on whether the instruments are designated as hedge or non-hedge instruments in accordance with the authoritative guidance for derivatives and hedging. The Company records all derivatives on the balance sheet at fair value. The effective portions of cash flow hedges are recorded in other comprehensive income until the hedged item is recognized in earnings. Derivatives that are not designated as hedging instruments and the ineffective portions of its designated hedges are adjusted to fair value through earnings in other income, net in the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations.

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The fair values of the Company's derivative instruments and the line items on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet to which they were recorded as of September 28, 2014 and December 31, 2013 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

Derivative Assets	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value at September 28, 2014	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value at December 31, 2013
Derivative assets not designated as hedging instruments	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	$2,889	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	$842
Derivative assets designated as hedging instruments	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	105	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	63
Total		$2,994		$905

Derivative Liabilities	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value at September 28, 2014	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value at December 31, 2013
Derivative liabilities not designated as hedging instruments	Other accrued liabilities	$520	Other accrued liabilities	$368
Derivative liabilities designated as hedging instruments	Other accrued liabilities	29	Other accrued liabilities	13
Total		$549		$381

For details of the Company's fair value measurements, see Note 13, Fair Value Measurements.

Offsetting Derivative Assets and Liabilities

The Company has entered into master netting arrangements which allow net settlements under certain conditions. Although netting is permitted, it is currently the Company's policy and practice to record all derivative assets and liabilities on a gross basis in the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The following tables set forth the offsetting of derivative assets as of September 28, 2014 and December 31, 2013 (in thousands):

				Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets		
As of September 28, 2014	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets	Gross Amounts Offset in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets	Net Amounts Of Assets Presented in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets	Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral Pledged	Net Amount
Barclays	$1,484	$—	$1,484	$(156)	$—	$1,328
J.P. Morgan Chase	318	—	318	—	—	318

Wells Fargo	1,192	—	1,192	(393)	—	799
Total	$2,994	$—	$2,994	$(549)	$—	$2,445

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As of December 31, 2013	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets	Gross Amounts Offset in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets	Net Amounts Of Assets Presented in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets		
				Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral Pledged	Net Amount
Barclays	$905	$—	$905	$(287)	$—	$618
Wells Fargo	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	$905	$—	$905	$(287)	$—	$618

The following tables set forth the offsetting of derivative liabilities as of September 28, 2014 and December 31, 2013 (in thousands):

As of September 28, 2014	Gross Amounts of Recognized Liabilities	Gross Amounts Offset in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets	Net Amounts Of Liabilities Presented in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets		
				Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral Pledged	Net Amount
Barclays	$156	$—	$156	$(156)	$—	$—
Wells Fargo	393	—	393	(393)	—	—
Total	$549	$—	$549	$(549)	$—	$—

As of December 31, 2013	Gross Amounts of Recognized Liabilities	Gross Amounts Offset in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets	Net Amounts Of Liabilities Presented in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets	Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets		
				Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral Pledged	Net Amount
Barclays	$287	$—	$287	$(287)	$—	$—
Wells Fargo	94	—	94	—	—	94
Total	$381	$—	$381	$(287)	$—	$94

Cash flow hedges

To help manage the exposure of operating margins to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, the Company hedges a portion of its anticipated foreign currency revenue, costs of revenue and certain operating expenses. These hedges are designated at the inception of the hedge relationship as cash flow hedges under the authoritative guidance

for derivatives and hedging. Effectiveness is tested at least quarterly both prospectively and retrospectively using regression analysis to ensure that the hedge relationship has been effective and is likely to remain effective in the future. The Company typically hedges portions of its anticipated foreign currency exposure for three to five months. The Company enters into about five forward contracts per quarter with an average size of about $7 million USD equivalent related to its cash flow hedging program.

The Company expects to reclassify to earnings all of the amounts recorded in other comprehensive income ("OCI") associated with its cash flow hedges over the next twelve months. OCI associated with cash flow hedges of foreign currency revenue is recognized as a component of net revenue in the same period as the related revenue is recognized. OCI associated with cash flow hedges of foreign currency costs of revenue and operating expenses are recognized as a component of cost of revenue and operating expense in the same period as the related costs of revenue and operating expenses are recognized.

Derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges must be de-designated as hedges when it is probable the forecasted hedged transaction will not occur within the designated hedge period or if not recognized within 60 days following the end of the hedge period. Deferred gains and losses in OCI with such derivative instruments are reclassified immediately into earnings through

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other income and expense. Any subsequent changes in fair value of such derivative instruments also are reflected in current earnings unless they are re-designated as hedges of other transactions. The Company did not recognize any material net gains or losses related to the loss of hedge designation on discontinued cash flow hedges during the three and nine months ended September 28, 2014 and September 29, 2013.

The effects of the Company's derivative instruments on OCI and the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three and nine months ended September 28, 2014 and September 29, 2013 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 28, 2014				
Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments	Gain (Loss) Recognized in OCI - Effective Portion (a)	Location of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income - Effective Portion	Gain (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income - Effective Portion (a)	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing
Cash flow hedges:					
Foreign currency forward contracts	$401	Net revenue	$320	Other income, net	$ (41)
Foreign currency forward contracts	—	Cost of revenue	—	Other income, net	—
Foreign currency forward contracts	—	Operating expenses	(58)	Other income, net	—
Total	$401		$262		$ (41)

	Nine Months Ended September 28, 2014				
Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments	Gain (Loss) Recognized in OCI - Effective Portion (a)	Location of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income - Effective Portion	Gain (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income - Effective Portion (a)	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing
Cash flow hedges:					
Foreign currency forward contracts	$(170)	Net revenue	$(221)	Other income, net	$ (107)
Foreign currency forward contracts	—	Cost of revenue	8	Other income, net	—
Foreign currency forward contracts	—	Operating expenses	(23)	Other income, net	—
Total	$(170)		$(236)		$ (107)

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	Three Months Ended September 29, 2013				
Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments	Gain (Loss) Recognized in OCI - Effective Portion (a)	Location of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income - Effective Portion	Gain (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income - Effective Portion (a)	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing
Cash flow hedges:					
Foreign currency forward contracts	$(173)	Net revenue	$2	Other income, net	$ (35)
Foreign currency forward contracts	—	Cost of revenue	(2)	Other income, net	—
Foreign currency forward contracts	—	Operating expenses	42	Other income, net	—
Total	$(173)		$42		$ (35)

	Nine Months Ended September 29, 2013				
Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments	Gain (Loss) Recognized in OCI - Effective Portion (a)	Location of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income - Effective Portion	Gain (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income - Effective Portion (a)	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing
Cash flow hedges:					
Foreign currency forward contracts	$319	Net revenue	$522	Other income, net	$ (83)
Foreign currency forward contracts	—	Cost of revenue	(5)	Other income, net	—
Foreign currency forward contracts	—	Operating expenses	(52)	Other income, net	—
Total	$319		$465		$ (83)

(a) Refer to Note 10, Stockholders' Equity, which summarizes the cumulative other comprehensive income activity related to derivatives.

The Company did not recognize any material net gains or losses related to the loss of hedge designation as there were no discontinued cash flow hedges during the three and nine months ended September 28, 2014 and September 29, 2013.

Non-designated hedges

The Company enters into non-designated hedges under the authoritative guidance for derivatives and hedging to manage the exposure of non-functional currency monetary assets and liabilities held on its financial statements to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, as well as to reduce volatility in other income and expense. The non-designated hedges are generally expected to offset the changes in value of its net non-functional currency asset and liability position resulting from foreign exchange rate fluctuations. Foreign currency denominated accounts receivable and payable are hedged with non-designated hedges when the related anticipated foreign revenue and expenses are recognized in the Company's financial statements. The Company also hedges certain non-functional currency monetary assets and liabilities that may not be incorporated into the cash flow hedge program. The Company adjusts its non-designated hedges monthly and enters into about 15 non-designated derivatives per quarter. The average size of its non-designated hedges is about $2 million USD equivalent and these hedges range from one to five months in duration.

The effects of the Company's non-designated hedged included in other income, net in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 28, 2014 and September 29, 2013 are as follows (in thousands):

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Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments	Location of Gains (Losses) Recognized in Income on Derivative	Amount of Gains (Losses) Recognized in Income	
		Three Months Ended September 28, 2014	Nine Months Ended September 28, 2014
Foreign currency forward contracts	Other income, net	$3,567	$1,629

Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments	Location of Gains (Losses) Recognized in Income on Derivative	Amount of Gains (Losses) Recognized in Income	
		Three Months Ended September 29,2013	Nine Months Ended September 29, 2013
Foreign currency forward contracts	Other income, net	$(1,421)	$464

7. Net Income Per Share

Basic net income per share is computed by dividing the net income for the period by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per share is computed by dividing the net income for the period by the weighted average number of shares of common stock and potentially dilutive common stock outstanding during the period. Potentially dilutive common shares include outstanding stock options and unvested restricted stock awards, which are reflected in diluted net income per share by application of the treasury stock method. Under the treasury stock method, the amount that the employee must pay for exercising stock options, the amount of stock-based compensation cost for future services that the Company has not yet recognized, and the estimated tax benefit that would be recorded in additional paid-in capital upon exercise are assumed to be used to repurchase shares.

Net income per share for the three and nine months ended September 28, 2014 and September 29, 2013 are as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013
Net income	$20,025	$14,457	$49,141	$43,785
Weighted average shares:				
Basic	35,643	38,700	36,133	38,562
Dilutive potential common shares	607	498	673	565
Total diluted	36,250	39,198	36,806	39,127
Basic net income per share	$0.56	$0.37	$1.36	$1.14
Diluted net income per share	$0.55	$0.37	$1.34	$1.12

Weighted average stock options and unvested restricted stock awards to purchase 2.8 million shares and 3.0 million shares of the Company’s stock for the three months ended September 28, 2014 and September 29, 2013, respectively, and 2.6 million and 2.8 million shares for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 and September 29, 2013, respectively, were excluded from the computation of diluted net income per share because their effect would have

been anti-dilutive.

8. Income Taxes

The income tax provision for the three and nine months ended September 28, 2014 was $8.8 million or an effective tax rate of 30.6% and $27.6 million or an effective tax rate of 36.0%, respectively. The income tax provision for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2013 was $10.4 million or an effective tax rate of 41.8% and $26.1 million or an effective tax rate of 37.3%, respectively. The decrease in the effective tax rate for the three and nine month periods ended September 28, 2014 compared to the same periods in the prior year was primarily caused by an increase in earnings in jurisdictions with tax rates lower than the U.S. statutory rate. The improved earnings in these jurisdictions resulted in a decrease in the forecasted effective tax rate compared to the same period of the prior year. Accordingly, the three months ended September 28, 2014 includes a tax benefit for the reduction in the forecasted rate on cumulative earnings. During the three and nine month periods ended September 29, 2013, the Company

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incurred losses in a jurisdiction where no tax benefit could be recorded. As a result, the forecasted earnings from this jurisdiction were excluded from the determination of the effective tax rate. The exclusion of these losses increased the effective tax rate for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2013.

The decrease in the effective tax rate for the three and nine month periods ended September 28, 2014, compared to the same periods in the prior year was partially offset by changes in U.S. tax law related to the research tax credit. On December 31, 2011, provisions allowing for the research tax credit expired. On January 2, 2013, the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 reinstated the research credit, retroactive to January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013. Accordingly, the entire benefit for the 2012 research credit of approximately $0.7 million was recognized during the nine months ended September 29, 2013. Additionally, the Company recorded credits related to 2013 in its tax provision for the three and nine month periods. As of September 28, 2014, the research credit has not been reinstated. Accordingly, no tax benefit has been recorded during the three and nine month periods ended September 28, 2014.

The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction as well as various state, local, and foreign jurisdictions. Due to the uncertain nature of ongoing tax audits, the Company has recorded its liability for uncertain tax positions as part of its long-term liability as payments cannot be anticipated over the next twelve months. The existing tax positions of the Company continue to generate an increase in the liability for uncertain tax positions. The liability for uncertain tax positions may be reduced for liabilities that are settled with taxing authorities or on which the statute of limitations could expire without assessment from tax authorities. The possible reduction in liabilities for uncertain tax positions resulting from the expiration of statutes of limitation in multiple jurisdictions in the next twelve months is approximately $0.8 million, excluding the interest, penalties and the effect of any related deferred tax assets or liabilities.

9. Commitments and Contingencies

Leases

The Company leases office space, cars and equipment under operating leases, some of which are non-cancelable, with various expiration dates through December 2026. The terms of some of the Company’s office leases provide for rental payments on a graduated scale. The Company recognizes rent expense on a straight-line basis over the lease period, and has accrued for rent expense incurred but not paid.

Purchase Obligations

The Company has entered into various inventory-related purchase agreements with suppliers. Generally, under these agreements, 50% of orders are cancelable by giving notice 46 to 60 days prior to the expected shipment date and 25% of orders are cancelable by giving notice 31 to 45 days prior to the expected shipment date. Orders are non-cancelable within 30 days prior to the expected shipment date. At September 28, 2014, the Company had approximately $193 million in non-cancelable purchase commitments with suppliers. The Company establishes a loss liability for all products it does not expect to sell for which it has committed purchases from suppliers. Such losses have not been material to date. From time to time the Company’s suppliers procure unique complex components on the Company's behalf. If these components do not meet specified technical criteria or are defective, the Company should not be obligated to purchase the materials. However, disputes may arise as a result and significant resources may be spent resolving such disputes.

Guarantees and Indemnifications

The Company, as permitted under Delaware law and in accordance with its Bylaws, indemnifies its officers and directors for certain events or occurrences, subject to certain limits, while the officer or director is or was serving at the Company’s request in such capacity. The term of the indemnification period is for the officer’s or director’s lifetime. The maximum amount of potential future indemnification is unlimited; however, the Company has a Director and Officer Insurance Policy that enables it to recover a portion of any future amounts paid. As a result of its insurance policy coverage, the Company believes the fair value of these indemnification agreements is minimal. Accordingly, the Company has no liabilities recorded for these agreements as of September 28, 2014.

In its sales agreements, the Company typically agrees to indemnify its direct customers, distributors and resellers for any expenses or liability resulting from claimed infringements by the Company's products of patents, trademarks or copyrights of third parties, subject to customary carve outs. The terms of these indemnification agreements are generally perpetual any time after execution date of the respective agreement. The maximum amount of potential future infringement indemnification is generally

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unlimited. The Company believes the estimated fair value of these agreements is minimal. Accordingly, the Company has no liabilities recorded for these agreements as of September 28, 2014.

Employment Agreements

The Company has signed various employment agreements with key executives pursuant to which, if their employment is terminated without cause, such employees are entitled to receive their base salary (and commission or bonus, as applicable) for 52 weeks (for the Chief Executive Officer), 39 weeks (for the Senior Vice President of Worldwide Operations and Support) and up to 26 weeks (for other key executives). Such employees will also continue to have stock options vest for up to a one-year period following such termination without cause. If a termination without cause or resignation for good reason occurs within one year of a change in control, such employees are entitled to full acceleration (for the Chief Executive Officer) and up to two years acceleration (for other key executives) of any unvested portion of his or her equity awards. The Company has no liabilities recorded for these agreements as of September 28, 2014.

Litigation and Other Legal Matters

The Company is involved in disputes, litigation, and other legal actions, including, but not limited to, the matters described below. In all cases, at each reporting period, the Company evaluates whether or not a potential loss amount or a potential range of loss is probable and reasonably estimable under the provisions of the authoritative guidance that addresses accounting for contingencies. In such cases, the Company accrues for the amount, or if a range, the Company accrues the low end of the range as a component of legal expense within litigation reserves, net. The Company monitors developments in these legal matters that could affect the estimate the Company had previously accrued. In relation to such matters, the Company currently believes that there are no existing claims or proceedings that are likely to have a material adverse effect on its financial position within the next twelve months, or the outcome of these matters is currently not determinable. There are many uncertainties associated with any litigation, and these actions or other third-party claims against the Company may cause the Company to incur costly litigation and/or substantial settlement charges. In addition, the resolution of any intellectual property litigation may require the Company to make royalty payments, which could have an adverse effect in future periods. If any of those events were to occur, the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows could be adversely affected. The actual liability in any such matters may be materially different from the Company's estimates, which could result in the need to adjust the liability and record additional expenses.

Northpeak Wireless, LLC v. NETGEAR, Inc.

In October 2008, a lawsuit was filed against the Company and 30 other companies by Northpeak Wireless, LLC (“Northpeak”) in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama. Northpeak alleges that the Company's 802.11b compatible products infringe certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 4,977,577 (the “‘577 Patent”) and 5,987,058 (the “‘058 Patent”). The Company filed its answer to the lawsuit in the fourth quarter of 2008. On January 21, 2009, the District Court granted a motion to transfer the case to the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California. In August 2009, the parties stipulated to a litigation stay pending a reexamination request to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) on the asserted patents. The reexaminations of the patents are proceeding. In March 2011, the USPTO confirmed the validity of the asserted claims of the ‘577 Patent over certain prior art references. In April 2011, the USPTO issued a final office action rejecting both asserted claims of the ‘058 Patent as being obvious in light of the prior art. In March 2013, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences of the USPTO affirmed the rejection of both asserted claims of the '058 Patent. One of the defendants in the case, Intel Corporation (“Intel”), recently filed a second petition for reexamination against the ‘577 Patent. The USPTO initially rejected all claims of the ‘577 Patent under

Intel's petition, and Northpeak responded. Ultimately, the USPTO allowed certain modified claims of the '577 Patent and issued a reexamination certificate for it. The parties and Court have agreed that the parties will submit a Case Management Conference statement to the Court by November 24, 2014. The District Court case remains stayed by stipulation, and no trial date has been set. The Company does not expect there to be a material financial impact to the Company resulting from this litigation matter.

Ericsson v. NETGEAR, Inc.

On September 14, 2010, Ericsson Inc. and Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (collectively "Ericsson") filed a patent infringement lawsuit against the Company and defendants D-Link Corporation, D-Link Systems, Inc., Acer, Inc., Acer America Corporation, and Gateway, Inc. in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas alleging that the defendants infringe certain Ericsson patents. The Company has been accused of infringing eight U.S. patents: 5,790,516 (the "'516 Patent"); 6,330,435 (the "'435 Patent"); 6,424,625 (the "'625 Patent"); 6,519,223 (the "'223 Patent"); 6,772,215 (the "'215 Patent"); 5,987,019 (the "'019 Patent"); 6,466,568 (the "'568 Patent"); and 5,771,468 (the "'468 Patent"). Ericsson generally alleges that the Company and the

other defendants have infringed and continue to infringe the Ericsson patents through the defendants' IEEE 802.11-compliant products. In addition, Ericsson alleged that the Company infringed the claimed methods and apparatuses of the '468 Patent through the Company's PCMCIA routers. The Company filed its answer to the Ericsson complaint on December 17, 2010 where it asserted the affirmative defenses of noninfringement and invalidity of the asserted patents. On March 1, 2011, the defendants filed a motion to transfer venue to the District Court for the Northern District of California and their memorandum of law in support thereof. On March 21, 2011, Ericsson filed its opposition to the motion, and on April 1, 2011, defendants filed their reply to Ericsson's opposition to the motion to transfer. On June 8, 2011, Ericsson filed an amended complaint that added Dell, Toshiba and Belkin as defendants. At the status conference held on Jun 9, 2011, the Court set a Markman (claim construction) hearing for June 28, 2012 and trial for June 3, 2013. On June 14, 2011, Ericsson submitted its infringement contentions against the Company. On September 29, 2011, the Court denied the defendants' motion to transfer venue to the Northern District of California. In advance of the Markman hearing, the parties on March 9, 2012 exchanged proposed constructions of claim terms and on April 9, 2012 filed the Joint Claim Construction Statement with the District Court. On May 8, 2012, Ericsson submitted its opening Markman brief and on June 1, 2012 the defendants submitted their responsive Markman brief. Ericsson's Reply Markman brief was submitted June 15, 2012, and on June 28, 2012 the Markman hearing was held in the Eastern District of Texas. On June 21, 2012, Ericsson dismissed the '468 Patent (“Multi-purpose base station”) with prejudice and gave the Company a covenant not to sue as to products in the marketplace now or in the past. On June 22, 2012, Intel filed its Complaint in Intervention, meaning that Intel became an official defendant in the Ericsson case. The parties thereafter completed fact discovery and exchanged expert reports. During the exchange of the expert reports, Ericsson dropped the '516 Patent (the OFDM “pulse shaping” patent). In addition, Ericsson dropped the '223 Patent (packet discard patent) against all the defendants' products, except for those products that use Intel chips. Thus, Ericsson has now dropped the '468 Patent (wireless base station), the '516 Patent (OFDM pulse shaping), and the '223 Patent (packet discard patent) for all non-Intel products. The five remaining patents are all only asserted against 802.11-compliant products.

At a Court ordered mediation in Dallas on January 15, 2013, the parties did not come to an agreement to settle the litigation. On March 8, 2013, the parties received the Markman Order in response to the claim construction briefing and claim construction hearing.

A jury trial in the Ericsson case occurred in the Eastern District of Texas from June 3 through June 13, 2013. After hearing the evidence, the jury found no infringement of the '435 and '223 Patents, and the jury found infringement of claim 1 of the '625 Patent, claims 1 and 5 of the '568 Patent, and claims 1 and 2 of the '215 Patent. The jury also found that there was no willful infringement by any defendant. Additionally, the jury found no invalidity of the asserted claims of the '435 and '625 Patents. The jury assessed the following damages against the defendants: D-Link: $435,000; NETGEAR: $3,555,000; Acer/Gateway: $1,170,000; Dell: $1,920,000; Toshiba: $2,445,000; Belkin: $600,000. The damages awards equate to 15 cents per unit for each accused 802.11 device sold by each defendant. Thus, unless the defendants' various appeals are successful, the Company will likely have a 15 cent per unit obligation on its 802.11 devices until 2016 (when one infringed patent in suit expires), 10 cent per unit obligation from 2016 through 2018 (when a second infringed patent in suit expires), and a 5 cent per unit obligation from 2018 through 2020 (when the third and last infringed patent in suit expires).

The Company and other defendants submitted various post-trial motions and briefs to the Court for its consideration, including motions and briefs for judgment as a matter of law in favor of defendants on non-infringement and invalidity of the patents in suit and for a reduction in damages, and the defendants have also moved for a new trial. These motions were argued before the Court on July 16, 2013. On August 6, 2013, the Court issued its orders on the various JMOL's (“Judgment as a Matter of Law”) and other post-trial motions. The Court denied all the defendants’ motions and set the reasonable and nondiscriminatory (RAND) royalty rate for the infringed patents equivalent to the

jury verdict of 15 cents per unit.

After negotiations, Ericsson and the Company agreed to the following as collateral while the appeal of the verdict, Court's rulings, and the RAND royalty rate are pending. Ericsson will forego collecting the $3,555,000 verdict plus various fees (Prejudgment interest of $224,141; Post-judgment interest of $336 per day; Costs of $41,667) assigned to the Company pending appeal, so long as a Company representative declares and provides Ericsson with adequate quarterly assurances that the judgment can still be paid. For the ongoing royalties of 15 cents per 802.11n or 802.11ac device sold by the company that the jury and Court awarded, the Company will place the ongoing royalty amount into the Court's registry (escrow account) and will give Ericsson a corresponding royalty report until the Company's appeals of the jury verdict, the Court's orders, and the RAND royalty rate are exhausted.

On December 16, 2013, the defendants submitted their appeal brief to the Federal Circuit. Ericsson filed its response brief on February 20, 2014, and the defendants filed their reply brief before on March 24, 2014. The oral arguments before the Federal Circuit took place on June 5, 2014.

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The Company accrued and expensed the approximately $3.6 million in damages during the second quarter of 2013 to satisfy the verdict, and as of the end of the third quarter of 2014, had accrued and expensed a total of approximately $4.0 million to cover the aforementioned verdict, prejudgment interest, post-judgment interest and costs.

ReefEdge Networks, LLC v. NETGEAR, Inc.

On September 17, 2012, the Company was sued by ReefEdge Networks, LLC (“ReefEdge”), a non-practicing entity. The Company received an extension from the plaintiff until November 8, 2012 to answer the complaint and answered the complaint on that date.

The complaint alleges that the Company infringes three related patents: 6,633,761 B1; 6,975,864 B2; 7,197,308 B2. In general terms, these asserted patents involve seamlessly handing-off portable wireless devices from one access point to another so as to provide roaming within a wireless network.

The complaint specifically accuses the Company's ProSafe wireless controller of infringing these three patents. On August 15, 2012, ReefEdge filed complaints in Delaware against Aruba Networks Inc., Cisco Systems Inc., Meru Networks Inc. and Ruckus Wireless Inc. alleging infringement of the same three patents. In the second tranche of lawsuits, ReefEdge sued--in addition to the Company--Brocade Communications Systems, Inc., Extreme Networks Inc., ADTRAN, Inc., Alcatel-Lucent Inc., D-Link Systems, Inc., Enterasys Networks, Inc., Motorola Solutions Inc., CDW Corporation, Avaya Inc. and ZyXEL Communications Corporation. During the third quarter of 2013, the Company submitted its initial disclosures to ReefEdge and also produced its core technical documents to ReefEdge. Without admitting any wrongdoing or violation of law and to avoid the distraction and expense of continued litigation and the uncertainty of a jury verdict on the merits, on April 2, 2014, the Company and ReefEdge settled the lawsuit for a one-time payment from the Company to ReefEdge in return for a fully-paid-up license from ReefEdge to the Company to all of ReefEdge’s currently-held patents. The Court dismissed the case with prejudice on April 14, 2014. The settlement did not have a material financial impact to the Company.

Agenzia Entrate Provincial Revenue Office 1 of Milan v. NETGEAR International, Inc.

In November 2012, the Italian Tax Police began a comprehensive tax audit of NETGEAR International, Inc.’s Italian Branch. The scope of the audit was from 2004 through 2011 and was subsequently expanded to include 2012. The tax audit encompasses Corporate Income Tax (IRES), Regional Business Tax (IRAP) and Value-Added Tax (VAT). In December 2013, an assessment was issued by Inland Revenue Agency, Provincial Head Office No. 1 of Milan-Auditing Department (Milan Tax Office) for the 2004 tax year. All other years remain under audit at this time. In February 2014, we filed a request for settlement proceedings with the Milan Tax Office but the parties were unable to settle the matter. Accordingly in May 2014 we filed with the Provincial Tax Court of Milan (Tax Court) a Request for Hearing in Open Court and Request for Suspension of the Tax Assessment for the 2004 year. In September 2014 the first hearing was held with the Tax Court regarding our Request for Suspension of the Tax Assessment and such suspension of payment of tax was granted. Additionally, a subsequent hearing date of November 7, 2014 was established. It is too early to reasonably estimate any financial impact to the Company resulting from this litigation matter.

Pragmatus Telecom, LLC v. NETGEAR, Inc.

On December 6, 2012, Pragmatus Telecom, LLC (“Pragmatus”), filed a lawsuit against the Company asserting that the Company's use of a system “to provide live chat service over the Internet” infringes U.S. Patent Nos. 6,311,231, 6,668,286 and 7,159,043 ("'231 Patent", "'286 Patent" and "'043 Patent", respectively).

The '231 Patent is entitled "Method and System for Coordinating Data and Voice Communications via Customer Contact," the '286 Patent is entitled "Method and System for Coordinating Data and Voice Communications via Customer Contact Channel Changing System Over IP" and the '043 Patent is entitled "Method and System for Coordinating Data and Voice Communications via Contact Channel Changing System." The patents very generally allegedly relate to "live chat" services of companies, which can give customers the ability to exchange text messages with a virtual or real customer support person. It appears that most companies named in the various lawsuits by Pragmatus license the "live chat" technology and software from a third-party supplier. A few of these third-party suppliers have been named in some of the over 100 lawsuits filed by Pragmatus in California, Delaware, and the Eastern District of Texas, and two third-party suppliers of text-chat (LivePerson and LogMeIn) have filed declaratory judgment actions on the patents in suit in Delaware.

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Pragmatus and the Company agreed to extend the deadline for the Company to answer or otherwise respond to Pragmatus's complaint until February 11, 2013. The Company answered the complaint on that day by denying Pragmatus's infringement allegations and requesting a declaratory judgment by the Court that the patents in suit are not infringed and invalid. On February 20, 2013, the Company filed a motion to stay the case, and, on March 6, 2013, Pragmatus filed its opposition to the Company's motion to stay the case. The Company filed its reply on March 13, 2013. On May 14, 2013, the Court granted the Company's motion to stay “pending final exhaustion of all pending reexamination proceedings.” On June 22, 2013, both the '231 and '286 Patents, which were the two asserted patents against the Company that were put into reexam by the defendants in a parallel Delaware action and the basis of the stay in the Pragmatus' case against the Company, emerged from reexam. In addition, the Delaware Court lifted the stay in the Pragmatus cases pending in Delaware. The parties submitted a status report to the Court in January of 2014 indicating that: (1) the ‘231 Patent emerged from reexamination with all claims confirmed, and all rights of appeal have been exhausted; (2) the request for reexamination of the ‘043 Patent was denied; and (3) all claims of the ’286 Patent were confirmed during reexamination, but the reexamination requestor appealed the examiner’s decision and the matter is now on appeal. The parties have asked the Court to lift the stay of the case and set a case management conference and an early neutral evaluation, and the Court has not yet acted on the parties’ request.

It is too early to reasonably estimate any financial impact to the Company resulting from this litigation matter.

Freeny v. NETGEAR, Inc.

On April 29, 2013, the Company and several other companies, including Apple Inc. ("Apple"), Asustek Computer Inc., Belkin, Buffalo, D-Link, IC Intracom, Ruckus Wireles Inc., TP-Link, Vizio and Western Digital Corporation, were sued in separate actions in the Eastern District of Texas by Charles C. Freeny III, Bryan E. Freeny and James P. Freeny. The complaint alleges that dual-band wireless routers infringe U.S. Patent No. 7,110,744 (the “‘744 Patent”). The patent lists Charles Freeny as the inventor. Mr. Freeny's sons, Charles III and Bryan, now own the '744 Patent, as Mr. Freeny is deceased. On June 21, 2013, the Company's answer and counterclaims were timely filed with the Court. The initial status conference was held on August 8, 2013. At the status conference, the Markman hearing was scheduled for August 7, 2014, which has since been scheduled for August 29, 2014, and the trial date was set for April 6, 2015.

On August 2, 2013, the plaintiffs produced its initial infringement contentions to the Company. The Company’s initial disclosures were given to the plaintiffs on September 23, 2013, and, on October 10, 2013, the Company produced initial technical documents, as required by the Court’s local rules. Discovery is ongoing.

The Company, along with Belkin, filed a petition for an inter partes review of the ‘744 Patent on April 28, 2014. Without admitting any wrongdoing or violation of law and to avoid the distraction and expense of continued litigation and the uncertainty of a jury verdict on the merits, on August 19, 2014, the Company and plaintiffs settled the lawsuit. As part of the settlement, in return for dropping of the inter partes review and a one-time payment from the Company to the plaintiffs, the Company received a license and/or covenant not to sue on all of the patents owned by the plaintiffs, including the patent in suit. The Court dismissed the lawsuit with prejudice on August 22, 2014.

The settlement did not have a material financial impact to the Company.

NETGEAR, Inc. v. ASUS

On July 22, 2013, the Company filed a complaint against Asustek Computer, Inc. and ASUS Computer International, Inc collectively “ASUS”) seeking permanent injunctive relief, damages and declaratory relief for false advertising in violation of the Lanham Act, damages for tortious interference with the Company's prospective business relations,

injunctive relief for unfair competition in violation of California Business and Professions Code, injunctive relief for false advertising pursuant to California Business and Professions Code, damages and injunctive relief pursuant the Sherman Antitrust Act, and various forms of declaratory relief.

The Company has asserted that contrary to ASUS's representations to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), ASUS's wireless routers, including without limitation models RT-N65U and RT-AC66U, produce power outputs far in excess of those represented to the FCC, produce power outputs that exceed FCC maximum output levels, unlawfully cause interference with adjacent bandwidths (potentially including critically important navigation, communications, and safety devices), and operate in a manner that has never been accurately reported to the FCC. The Company contends that ASUS's representations that its RT-N65U and RT-AC66U wireless routers are FCC compliant are false, and are made with the intent to deceive potential consumers. The

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Company further contends that ASUS's misrepresentations regarding compliance of its wireless routers with the FCC regulations constitute unfair competition and false advertising, tortuously interfere with the Company's prospective business advantage, and have harmed the Company because the Company has lost expected sales due to such wrongful conduct and misrepresentations by ASUS.

After a series of extensions to answer the complaint granted by the Company to ASUS, on September 3, 2013, ASUS filed a motion to dismiss the complaint. ASUS’s motion was generally based on the following arguments: a) the Company’s claims are preempted by FCC regulations; b) the Company is improperly seeking a private cause of action for violation of FCC regulations that create no such cause of action; c) the Company’s claims should be stayed or dismissed in deference to the primary jurisdiction of the FCC; and d) the Company fails to allege with sufficient specificity the nature of defendants' wrongful conduct nor how that conduct caused injury to the Company.

On October 7, 2013, the Company responded to ASUS’s motion to dismiss by arguing that: a) the defendants violated unambiguous FCC regulations, thus, the Company's claims are in harmony, not conflict, with the FCC's regulatory goals; b) the Company’s damages arise not from defendants' private, regulatory dealings with the FCC, but rather from ASUS’s conduct in the marketplace -- a realm regulated not by the FCC but by the courts; c) the Court should be allowed to adjudicate garden variety claims of false advertising, unfair competition and deceptive trade practices that in no way implicate complex regulatory interpretations or policy judgments; and d) the complaint pleads facts in exacting detail.

On December 12, 2013, the Court refused to dismiss the Company’s antitrust and false advertising suit against ASUS by denying ASUS’s motion, thereby indicating that proceeding with the case would not violate the FCC’s authority. In July 2014, the Company and ASUS entered into a settlement agreement, the terms of which are confidential, but which included an undisclosed amount to be paid by ASUS to the Company, which amount was collected in the Company’s fiscal third quarter of 2014.

Spansion LLC v. NETGEAR, Inc.

On August 1, 2013, Spansion LLC (“Spansion”) filed a section 337 complaint with the U.S. International Trade Commission (“ITC”) naming: the Company; Belkin International, Inc. (“Belkin”); ASUSTek Computer Inc. and Asus Computer International (collectively, “ASUS”); D-Link Corporation and D-Link System, Inc. (collectively, “D-Link”); Nintendo Co., Ltd. and Nintendo of America, Inc. (collectively, “Nintendo”); and Macronix America, Inc., Macronix Asia Limited, and Macronix (Hong Kong) Co., Ltd. (collectively “Macronix”), as proposed respondents. The complaint is styled Certain Flash Memory Chips and Products Containing the Same. Spansion is seeking a general exclusion order, or in the alternative a limited exclusion order, as well as a cease and desist order.

Spansion has asserted six patents related to the manufacture, structure, and operation of flash memory cells, as well as security protection systems for flash memory devices:

• US Patent No. 6,369,416 “Semiconductor Device with Contacts Having a Sloped Profile” (the “‘416 Patent”)
• US Patent No. 6,459,625 “Three Metal Process for Optimizing Layout Density” (the “‘625 Patent”)
• US Patent No. 6,731,536 “Password and Dynamic Protection of Flash Memory Data” (the “‘536 Patent”)
• US Patent No. 6,900,124 “Patterning for Elliptical Vss Contact on Flash Memory” (the “‘124 Patent”)
• US Patent No. 7,018,922 “Patterning for Elongated Vss Contact on Flash Memory” (the “‘922 Patent”)
• US Patent No. 7,151,027 “Method and Device for Reducing Interface Area of a Memory Device” (the “‘027 Patent”)

Four of the asserted patents, the '416, '625, '124, and '922 Patents, were previously asserted by Spansion in the 337-TA-735 Investigation against Samsung, Apple, Nokia, PNY, RIM, and Transcend. ITC records indicate the 735 Investigation terminated based on settlement agreements prior to the hearing on the merits.

The accused products are identified as flash memory chips manufactured and sold by Macronix, as well as downstream products which contain the accused Macronix flash memory chips. The complaint specifically identifies the Company WNR1000 wireless router, as an exemplary accused product, but makes clear that Spansion intends to expand the scope of accused products to include additional products, if any, which contain the accused Macronix flash memory chips.

In addition, on August 1, 2013, Spansion filed a parallel similar complaint against the same parties in the Northern District of California. Discovery in the ITC case has commenced and is ongoing, and the Northern District of California case has been stayed pending the outcome of the ITC case.

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It is too early to reasonably estimate any financial impact to the Company resulting from this litigation matter.

Garnet Digital v. NETGEAR, Inc.

On September 9, 2013, the Company was sued in the Eastern District of Texas by a non-practicing entity named Garnet Digital ("Garnet") that is based in Texas. There is one asserted patent, U.S. Patent No. 5,379,421 (the '421 Patent), which is directed to an interactive terminal for the access of remote database information. Garnet is alleging infringement by the Company by its products or systems, such as the NTV200, that are responsive to output signals from a telephone.

The patent has previously been litigated against Apple, Samsung, RIM, and a number of other wireless companies in Eastern Texas and the ITC. Garnet's lawsuit against the Company is one of multiple cases filed by Garnet in the Eastern District of Texas Other defendants sued by Garnet in the Eastern District of Texas include: Boxee, D-Link Systems, Logitech, Roku, TiVo, DirecTV, DISH Network, Verizon, AT&T, Comcast, Panasonic, Western Digital, Pioneer, Yamaha, Denon, D&M Holdings, Marantz and Onkyo. The Company answered the complaint on December 9, 2013 by asserting various affirmative defenses. In February of 2014, the Court consolidated the Company's case with the other pending Garnet cases in the Eastern District of Texas.

In May 2014, the remaining defendants (NETGEAR, Inc., Seagate Technology LLC, DISH Network Corporation, and DISH Network L.L.C.) agreed with the plaintiff and the Court via stipulation that the defendants will either pay Garnet $50,000 each or $0 each depending on the results of a limited, but case dispositive, summary judgment motion by the defendants regarding a claim construction issue. The defendants and plaintiff submitted briefs on this issue to the Court in June of 2014, and the Court held a hearing on the issue on July 17, 2014. On July 23, 2014, the Court ruled in the defendants' favor on the summary judgment motion and ordered the parties to file a joint motion to dismiss the case within 21 days of this Order. On July 30, 2014, the Court issued its Order Dismissing Case, whereby all claims and counterclaims between Garnet Digital and the Company were dismissed with prejudice.

This litigation matter will not have a material financial impact to the Company.

Penovia LLC v. NETGEAR, Inc.

On September 27, 2013, a non-practicing entity named Penovia LLC ("Penovia") filed suit against the Company in the Eastern District of Texas. Penovia asserts the Company's wireless routers infringe U.S. Patent No. 5,822,221 (the "'221 Patent"), entitled "Office Machine Monitoring Device." Penovia's complaint specifically names the DGN2000 Wireless-N product as an example of an infringing product. Penovia admits in the complaint that the '221 Patent expired on October 13, 2010, due to a lapse in maintenance fee payments. Consequently, Penovia seeks damages for an approximately three year period of time starting six years before the filing date of the complaint, September 27, 2007, and ending on October 13, 2010. Penovia has asserted the '221 Patent in 22 cases, all in the Eastern District of Texas. Penovia filed nine cases on May 21, 2013, and filed the remainder on September 27, 2013. The Company filed its answer on November 26, 2013 - asserting various affirmative defenses. On December 23, 2013, the Company received Penovia's infringement contentions. Without admitting any wrongdoing or violation of law and to avoid the distraction and expense of continued litigation and the uncertainty of a jury verdict on the merits, on March 28, 2014, the Company and Penovia settled the lawsuit for a one-time payment from the Company to Penovia in return for a fully-paid-up license from Penovia to the Company to the patent in suit. The Court dismissed the case with prejudice on April 8, 2014. The settlement did not have a material financial impact to the Company.

Innovative Wireless Solutions LLC v. NETGEAR, Inc.

In November of 2013, Innovative Wireless Solutions (“Innovative Wireless Solutions”) filed a new wave of suits targeting 14 wireless router and networking companies including Adtran, Arris, Aruba Networks, Belkin, Buffalo, Engenius Technologies, Fortinet, IC Intracom, Motorola Solutions, SMC Networks, Ubiquiti Networks, Western Digital and Zoom Telephonics. Previously, in April of 2013, Innovative Wireless had filed 41 suits targeting hotels and restaurant chains over wireless Internet services. The Company was sued on November 6, 2013 in the District of Delaware.

The three patents-in-suit (5,912,895 entitled “Information network access apparatus and methods for communicating information packets via telephone lines” (the “‘895 Patent”); 6,327,264 entitled “Information network access apparatus and methods for communicating information packets via telephone lines” (the “’264 Patent”); and 6,587,473 entitled “Information network access apparatus and methods for communicating information packets via telephone lines” (the “‘473 Patent”) originally were part of a portfolio of Nortel Networks’ patents before they were eventually transferred to Innovative Wireless in March 2013.

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The Company filed its answer on January 13, 2014, asserting various affirmative defenses. The initial scheduling conference occurred on May 22, 2014. At the conference, the Court requested that the parties agree on a dispositive motion and trial schedule, including determining the chronological order for the trials of the numerous separate cases filed by the plaintiff. In June 2014, the Company submitted its Rule 26(a) initial disclosures Default Disclosures, as required by the Local Rules. On July 14, 2014, the plaintiff submitted its Initial Identification of Asserted Claims and Accused Products. In total, IWS identified 39 categories of products (spanning 110 separate product models) as allegedly infringing products. On August 7, 2014, the Company filed its First Amended Answer in the lawsuit that added the Affirmative Defenses of License, Estoppel and Laches, and a reasonable and non-discriminatory licensing (RAND) defense. Discovery has commenced. It is too early to reasonably estimate any financial impact to the Company resulting from this litigation matter.

IOdapt LLP v. NETGEAR, Inc.

On March 7, 2014, the Company was sued by a non-practicing entity named IOdapt LLP (“Iodapt”) in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas, Marshall Division. The alleged infringed patent, 8,402,109 “ entitled “Wireless Router Remote Firmware Upgrade” (the “‘109 Patent”) purportedly covers the remote firmware upgrading of wireless routers. The ‘109 Patent stems from a provisional patent application submitted in Feb. 2005. More particularly, it is a continuation in part of another issued patent, U.S. Patent No. 8,326,936, which in turn, is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 7,904,518. The Company’s products identified in the complaint as accused products are: AC1900-R7000, N450-WNR2500 and WNDR4720.

In late April and early May of 2014, the Company submitted its answer and counterclaims to the complaint, moved to transfer the case to the Northern District of California, and moved to dismiss IOdapt’s willful infringement allegations against the Company. In response to the Company’s motion to dismiss, IOdapt amended its complaint to remove the willful infringement allegations. The Company then submitted a revised answer and counterclaims with slight adjustments made to account for IOdapt’s amendments to remove references to willful infringement. Cisco, Belkin, and Buffalo were also recently sued by IOdapt. On June 9, 2014, IOdapt submitted its Opposition to the Company’s Motion to Transfer. In July of 2014, IOdapt submitted its preliminary infringement contentions and supplemented them on August 14, 2014. The list of accused products includes the Company’s R8000, R7000, R6700, R6300, R6250, AC1450, R6200, R6100, WNDR4700, WNDR4720, WNDR4500, WNDR4300, WNDR3700, WNDR3400, WPR2000, WNR3500L, WNR2500, WNR2000, WNR2200, WNR2020, JNR3210, WNR1000, and R6050 products.

Without admitting any wrongdoing or violation of law and to avoid the distraction and expense of continued litigation and the uncertainty of a jury verdict on the merits, on October 24, 2014, the Company and IOdapt settled the lawsuit for a one-time payment from the Company to IOdapt in return for a fully-paid-up license from IOdapt to the Company to all of IOdapt’s currently-held patents and applications. The settlement did not have a material financial impact to the Company.

SMARTDATA, S.A., v. NETGEAR, Inc.

On April 18, 2014, a non-practicing entity named SMARTDATA, S.A. (“SmartData”) sued the Company in the United States District Court, Northern District of California alleging infringement of U.S. Patent No. 7,158,757, entitled “Modular Computer” (the “‘757 Patent”). SmartData alleges that the Company's various Push2TV products - PTV3000, PTVU1000, PTV2000, and PTV1000 - infringe the '757 Patent. The claims of the '757 Patent generally require three components, and it appears that SmartData is arguing that infringement occurs when the Company’s Push2TV products are combined with a television and computer.

Without payment or other consideration from the Company, on September 3, 2014, SmartData filed the dismissal of the suit against the Company with prejudice, meaning that it can not file the complaint again. This litigation matter will not have a material financial impact to the Company.

TQP Development, LLC v. NETGEAR, Inc.

On April 23, 2014, a non-practicing entity named TQP Development, LLC (“TQP”) sued the Company and a host of other defendants the United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas, Marshall Division alleging infringement of U.S. Patent No. 5,412,730 (the“‘730 Patent”) entitled “Encrypted Data Transmission System Employing Means for Randomly Altering the Encryption Keys.” There are two claims, one independent and one dependent, and TQP alleges that the Company infringes by using the methods in conjunction with its website(s). The patent expired on May 2, 2012, and about 138 cases have been filed by TQP against defendants on the ‘730 Patent, the majority of which were filed after its expiration.

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Shortly after filing the complaint against the Company, TQP dismissed the complaint against the Company without prejudice, meaning that it could file a similar complaint again. This litigation matter did not have a material financial impact to the Company.

Olivistar, LLC v. NETGEAR, Inc.

On April 25, 2013, a non-practicing entity named Olivistar, LLC (“Olivistar”) sued the Company and a host of other defendants in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas, Marshall Division alleging infringement of U.S. Patents Nos. 6,839,731 entitled “System and Method for Providing Data Communication in a Device Network” (the “’731 Patent”) and 8,239,481 entitled “System and Method for Implementing Open-Control Remote Device Control” (the “’481 Patent”). Olivistar alleges that the Company's various VueZone Home Video Monitoring Systems infringe the two patents.

On June 30, 2014, the Company submitted its answer and counterclaims to Olivistar’s complaint. It is too early to reasonably estimate any financial impact to the Company resulting from this litigation matter.

Via Vadis v. NETGEAR, Inc.

On August 22, 2014, the Company was sued by Via Vadis, LLC and AC Technologies, S.A. (“Via Vadis”), in the Western District of Texas. The complaint alleges that the Company’s ReadyNAS and Stora products “with built-in BitTorrent software" allegedly infringe three related patents of Via Vadis (U.S. Patent Nos. 7,904,680, RE40,521, and 8,656,125). Via Vadis filed similar complaints against Belkin, Buffalo, Blizzard, D-Link, and Amazon.

By referring to “built-in BitTorrent software,” the Company believes that the complaint is referring to the BitTorrent Sync application, which was released by BitTorrent Inc. in spring of 2014. At a high-level, the application allows file synchronization across multiple devices by storing the underlying files on multiple local devices, rather than on a centralized server. The Company’s ReadyNAS products do not include BitTorrent software when sold. The BitTorrent application is provided as one of a multitude of potential download options, but the software itself is not included on the Company’s devices when shipped. Therefore, the only viable allegation at this point is an indirect infringement allegation. The Company has received an extension until November 10, 2014 to answer the complaint.

It is too early to reasonably estimate any financial impact to the Company resulting from this litigation matter.

SOTA Semiconductor LLC v. NETGEAR, Inc.

On October 20, 2014, the Company was sued by a non-practicing entity named SOTA Semiconductor LLC. The complaint includes a number of defendants, and alleges that joinder is appropriate because the allegations against all of the defendants are based on each defendant’s incorporation of Marvell Semiconductor, Inc.’s (“Marvell”) chips in their products. Marvell is also a named defendant. Although there are two patents asserted against some of the defendants in the complaint, the Company is only accused on one of the two (U.S. Patent No. 5,991,545, entitled “Microcomputer Having Variable Bit Width Area For Displacement And Circuit For Handling Immediate Data Larger Than Instruction Word”). The allegations are based on the Company’s use of what the complaint describes as “Marvell Thumb Processors”. The complaint alleges that the “infringing devices include without limitation Netgear’s ReadyNAS network attached storage devices model numbers RN10200, RN10211D, RN10222D, RN10223D, RN10400, RN10421D, RN10441D and RN10442D and ReadyNAS Business Rackmount Series network attached storage devices model numbers RN2120, RN21241D, RN21242D, RN21241E, RN21242E, RN21243E and RN21244E.”

It is too early to reasonably estimate any financial impact to the Company resulting from this litigation matter.

IP Indemnification Claims

In its sales agreements, the Company typically agrees to indemnify its direct customers, distributors and resellers (the "Indemnified Parties") for any expenses or liability resulting from claimed infringements by the Company's products of patents, trademarks or copyrights of third parties that are asserted against the Indemnified Parties, subject to customary carve outs. The terms of these indemnification agreements are generally perpetual after execution of the agreement. The maximum amount of potential future indemnification is generally unlimited. From time to time, the Company receives requests for indemnity and may choose to assume the defense of such litigation asserted against the Indemnified Parties.

Environmental Regulation

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The European Union (“EU”) enacted the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive, which makes producers of electrical goods, including home and commercial business networking products, financially responsible for specified collection, recycling, treatment and disposal of past and future covered products. The deadline for the individual member states of the EU to transpose the directive into law in their respective countries was August 13, 2004 (such legislation, together with the directive, the “WEEE Legislation”). Producers participating in the market were financially responsible for implementing these responsibilities under the WEEE Legislation beginning in August 13, 2005. The Company adopted the authoritative guidance for asset retirement and environmental obligations in the third quarter of fiscal 2005 and has determined that its effect did not have a material impact on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated results of operations and financial position for the three and nine months ended September 28, 2014 and September 29, 2013. The WEEE Directive was recast on July 24, 2012, published on August 13, 2012, and will be implemented by all member states on February 14, 2014. The Company expects no material impact on its unaudited condensed consolidated results of operations and financial positions due to this recasting. Similar WEEE Legislation has been or may be enacted in other jurisdictions, including in the United States, Canada, Mexico, China, India, Australia and Japan. The Company continues to monitor WEEE Legislation and similar legislation in other jurisdictions as individual countries issue their implementation guidance. The Company believes it has met the applicable requirements of current WEEE Legislation and similar legislation in other jurisdictions, to the extent implementation requirements has been published.

Additionally, the EU enacted the Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive (“RoHS Legislation”), the REACH Regulation, Packaging Directive and the Battery Directive. EU RoHS Legislation, along with similar legislation in China, requires manufacturers to ensure certain substances, including polybrominated biphenyls (“PBD”), polybrominated diphenyl ethers (“PBDE”), mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium and lead (except for allowed exempted materials and applications), are below specified maximum concentration values in certain products put on the market after July 1, 2006. The RoHS Directive was recast on July 21, 2011 and went into force on January 3, 2013. The Company expects no material impact on its unaudited condensed consolidated results of operations and financial positions due to this recasting. The REACH Regulation requires manufacturers to ensure the published lists of substances of very high concern in certain products are below specified maximum concentration values. The Battery Directive controls use of certain types of battery technology in certain products and requires mandatory marking. The Company believes it has met the requirements of the RoHS Directive Legislation, the REACH Regulation and the Battery Directive Legislation.

Additionally, the EU enacted the Energy Using Product (“EuP”) Directive, which came into force in August 2007. The EuP Directive required manufacturers of certain products to meet minimum energy efficiency performance requirements. These requirements were documented in EuP implementing measures issued for specific product categories. The implementing measures affecting the Company's products are minimum power supply efficiencies and may include required equipment standby modes, which also reduce energy consumption. The EuP Directive was repealed in November 2009 and replaced by the Energy Related Products ("ErP") Directive, which includes the same implementing measures of the former EuP Directive and new implementing measures applicable to the Company's products. The Company is in compliance with applicable implementing measures of the ErP Directives since it came into force.

Additionally, in 2010, the U. S. Congress passed the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Pursuant to Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act, in August 2012, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission adopted Rule 13p-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Rule 13p-1 is commonly known as the “Conflict Minerals Rule.” This rule is intended to address human rights violations arising from the forced labor, child labor, rape, murder and other hostilities related to mining operations in Africa, namely in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (“DRC”) and nearby regions. This rule requires public companies to make disclosures regarding

whether specified minerals in company products are sourced from the DRC or its surrounding countries (covered countries) in an effort to encourage companies to obtain these minerals from sources that do not directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups operating in these countries. The specified minerals, referred to as conflict minerals, are Tin, Tungsten, Tantalum and Gold, which are necessary in the manufacture of electronics components and equipment. Publicly traded companies, such as the Company, will be required to disclose certain information concerning the origin of conflict minerals contained in their products. In addition, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (“OECD”) has published Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas. The Company intends to utilize this internationally recognized OECD framework to conduct any required due diligence under the Conflict Minerals Rule.

10. Stockholders' Equity

Common Stock Repurchase Program

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On October 21, 2008, the Company's Board of Directors authorized management to repurchase up to 6.0 million shares of the Company's outstanding common stock. Under this authorization, the timing and actual number of shares subject to repurchase are at the discretion of management and are contingent on a number of factors, such as levels of cash generation from operations, cash requirements for acquisitions and the price of the Company's common stock. The Company repurchased, reported based on trade date, 2.1 million shares of common stock at a cost of $68.6 million under this authorization during the nine months ended September 28, 2014, which leaves approximately 0.7 million shares remaining in the buyback program. As of September 28, 2014, common stock repurchases at a cost of $2.2 million were pending settlement. The Company did not repurchase any shares under this authorization during the nine months ended September 29, 2013. On October 17, 2014, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a program to repurchase up to 3.0 million shares of the Company's outstanding common stock. This is incremental to the approximate 0.7 million remaining on the Company's previous share repurchase program.

The Company repurchased, as reported based on trade date, approximately 50,000 shares of common stock at a cost of $1.6 million under a repurchase program to help administratively facilitate the withholding and subsequent remittance of personal income and payroll taxes for individuals receiving restricted stock units ("RSUs") during the nine months ended September 28, 2014. Similarly, during the nine months ended September 29, 2013, the Company repurchased approximately 14,000 shares of common stock at a cost of $0.5 million under the same program to help facilitate tax withholding for RSUs.

These shares were retired upon repurchase. The purchase price for the shares of the Company's stock repurchased is reflected as a reduction to stockholders' equity. The Company's policy related to repurchases of its common stock is to charge the excess of cost over par value to retained earnings. All repurchases were made in compliance with Rule 10b-18 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Cumulative Other Comprehensive Income, Net

The following table sets forth the changes in accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI") by component, net of tax, for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 (in thousands):

	Gains and losses on available for sale securities	Gains and losses on derivatives	Total
Beginning balance as of December 31, 2013	$4	$65	$69
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	15	(170)	(155)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	—	236	236
Net current period other comprehensive income (loss)	15	66	81
Ending balance as of September 28, 2014	$19	$131	$150

The following tables provide details about significant amounts reclassified out of each component of AOCI for the three and nine months ended September 28, 2014 and September 29, 2013 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 28, 2014		Nine Months Ended September 28, 2014	
Details about Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Components	Amount Reclassified from AOCI	Affected Line Item in the Statement of Operations	Amount Reclassified from AOCI	Affected Line Item in the Statement of Operations
Gains and losses on cash flow hedge:				
Foreign currency forward contracts	$320	Net revenue	$(221)	Net revenue

Foreign currency forward contracts	—	Cost of revenue	8		Cost of revenue
Foreign currency forward contracts	(58)	Operating expenses	(23)		Operating expenses
	262	Total before tax	(236)		Total before tax
	—	Tax expense (1)	—		Tax expense (1)
	$262	Total, net of tax	$(236)		Total, net of tax

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Details about Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Components	Three Months Ended September 29, 2013		Nine Months Ended September 29, 2013	
	Amount Reclassified from AOCI	Affected Line Item in the Statement of Operations	Amount Reclassified from AOCI	Affected Line Item in the Statement of Operations
Gains and losses on cash flow hedge:				
Foreign currency forward contracts	$2	Net revenue	$522	Net revenue
Foreign currency forward contracts	(2)	Cost of revenue	(5)	Cost of revenue
Foreign currency forward contracts	42	Operating expenses	(52)	Operating expenses
	42	Total before tax	465	Total before tax
	—	Tax expense (1)	—	Tax expense (1)
	$42	Total, net of tax	$465	Total, net of tax

(1) Under our tax structure all hedging gains and losses from derivative contracts are ultimately borne by a legal entity in a jurisdiction with no income tax.

11. Employee Benefit Plans

The Company grants options and RSUs from the Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan, under which awards may be granted to all employees. Award vesting periods for this plan is generally four years. As of September 28, 2014, a total of approximately 2.0 million shares from this plan were reserved for future grants. Additionally, the Company sponsors an Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “ESPP”), pursuant to which eligible employees may contribute up to 10% of base compensation, subject to certain income limits, to purchase shares of the Company’s common stock. Employees may purchase stock semi-annually at a price equal to 85% of the fair market value on the purchase date. As of September 28, 2014, a total of approximately 0.2 million shares were reserved for future grants under the ESPP.

Option Activity

Stock option activity during the nine months ended September 28, 2014 was as follows:

	Number of shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share
	(in thousands)	(in dollars)
Outstanding at December 31, 2013	4,165	$30.11
Granted	389	32.79
Exercised	(255)	23.67
Cancelled	(67)	35.43
Expired	(129)	36.58
Outstanding at September 28, 2014	4,103	$30.47

RSU Activity

RSU activity during the nine months ended September 28, 2014 was as follows:

	Number of shares	Weighted Average Grant

	(in thousands)	Date Fair Value Per Share (in dollars)
Outstanding at December 31, 2013	731	$29.40
RSUs granted	445	33.14
RSUs vested	(188)	30.17
RSUs cancelled	(44)	29.34
Outstanding at September 28, 2014	944	$30.92

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Valuation and Expense Information

The fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using a Black-Scholes-Merton option valuation model that uses the assumptions noted in the following table. The estimated expected term of options granted is derived from historical data on employee exercise and post-vesting employment termination behavior. The risk free interest rate is based on the implied yield currently available on U.S. Treasury securities with a remaining term commensurate with the estimated expected term. Expected volatility is based on historical volatility over the most recent period commensurate with the estimated expected term.

The following table sets forth the weighted average assumptions used to estimate the fair value of option grants during the three and nine months ended September 28, 2014 and September 29, 2013:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013
Expected life (in years)	N/A	4.4	4.5	4.4
Risk-free interest rate	N/A	1.14 %	1.44 %	0.71 %
Expected volatility	N/A	46.4 %	42.6 %	48.1 %
Dividend yield	N/A	—	—	—

The following table sets forth the stock-based compensation expense resulting from stock options, RSUs and the ESPP included in the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013
Cost of revenue	$573	$479	$1,533	$1,074
Research and development	1,255	1,047	3,878	2,854
Sales and marketing	1,409	1,331	4,759	3,871
General and administrative	1,925	1,654	5,056	4,693
Total stock-based compensation	$5,162	$4,511	$15,226	$12,492

As of September 28, 2014, $13.2 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to stock options, adjusted for estimated forfeitures, is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.39 years. Additionally, $18.9 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested RSUs, adjusted for estimated forfeitures, is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.82 years.

12. Segment Information, Operations by Geographic Area and Significant Customers

Operating segments are components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available and is regularly evaluated by management, namely the Chief Operating Decision Maker ("CODM") of an organization, in order to determine operating and resource allocation decisions. By this definition, the Company operates in three specific business units: retail, commercial, and service provider. The retail business unit consists of high performance, dependable and easy-to-use home networking, storage and digital media products to connect people with the Internet and their content and devices. The commercial business unit consists of business networking, storage and security solutions without the cost and complexity of Big IT. The service provider business unit consists of made-to-order and retail proven, whole home networking solutions sold to service providers for sale to their customers. Each business unit is managed by a Senior Vice President/General Manager. The Company believes this structure enables it to better focus its efforts on the Company's core customer segments and allows it to be more nimble and opportunistic as a

company overall.

In the first quarter of 2014, the CEO began temporarily serving as interim General Manager of the retail business unit due to the previous general manager's departure from the Company. As of September 28, 2014, the CEO continues to serve as interim general manager and will do so until a replacement is established.

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The results of the reportable segments are derived directly from the Company's management reporting system. The results are based on the Company's method of internal reporting and are not necessarily in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Management measures the performance of each segment based on several metrics, including contribution income. Segment contribution income includes all product line segment revenues less the related cost of sales, research and development and sales and marketing costs. Contribution income is used, in part, to evaluate the performance of, and allocate resources to, each of the segments. Certain operating expenses are not allocated to segments because they are separately managed at the corporate level. These unallocated indirect costs include corporate costs, such as corporate research and development, corporate marketing expense and general and administrative costs, amortization of intangibles, stock-based compensation expense, restructuring and other charges, acquisition-related expense, impact to cost of sales from acquisition accounting adjustments to inventory, litigation reserves, net, impairment charges, and interest and other income, net. The Company does not evaluate operating segments using discrete asset information.

Financial information for each reportable segment and a reconciliation of segment contribution income to income before income taxes is as follows (in thousands, except percentage data):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013
Net revenue:				
Retail	$131,341	$130,301	$360,236	$374,018
Commercial	71,974	76,957	226,284	236,254
Service provider	150,023	154,637	453,813	402,741
Total net revenue	353,338	361,895	1,040,333	1,013,013
Contribution income:				
Retail	$21,813	$19,317	$51,222	$53,696
Retail contribution margin	16.6 %	14.8 %	14.2 %	14.4 %
Commercial	15,112	16,903	51,781	51,190
Commercial contribution margin	21.0 %	22.0 %	22.9 %	21.7 %
Service Provider	14,164	12,474	42,918	36,055
Service Provider contribution margin	9.4 %	8.1 %	9.5 %	9.0 %
Total segment contribution income	51,089	48,694	145,921	140,941
Corporate and unallocated costs	(13,544)	(12,800)	(40,428)	(38,824)
Amortization of intangibles (1)	(4,396)	(4,439)	(13,177)	(10,782)
Stock-based compensation expense	(5,162)	(4,511)	(15,226)	(12,492)
Restructuring and other charges	(1,360)	(400)	(2,190)	(1,957)
Acquisition-related expense	—	—	(8)	(924)
Impact to cost of sales from acquisition accounting adjustments to inventory	—	—	—	(568)
Litigation reserves, net	(69)	(305)	(254)	(3,908)
Impairment charges	—	(2,000)	—	(2,000)
Interest income	68	71	174	315
Other income, net	2,246	511	1,911	37
Income before income taxes	$28,872	$24,821	$76,723	$69,838

(1) Amount excludes amortization expense related to patents within purchased intangible assets in costs of revenues.

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The Company conducts business across three geographic regions: Americas, Europe, Middle-East and Africa (“EMEA”) and Asia Pacific ("APAC"). Net revenue by geography comprises gross revenue less such items as end-user customer rebates and other sales incentives deemed to be a reduction of net revenue per the authoritative guidance for revenue recognition, sales returns and price protection. For reporting purposes revenue is attributed to each geographic region based on the location of the customer. The following table shows net revenue by geography for the periods indicated (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013
United States (U.S.)	$188,569	$214,755	$561,067	$564,604
Americas (excluding U.S.)	5,335	5,732	15,150	13,407
United Kingdom (U.K.)	38,933	34,094	122,707	116,924
EMEA (excluding U.K.)	69,488	63,126	192,943	195,788
APAC	51,013	44,188	148,466	122,290
Total net revenue	$353,338	$361,895	$1,040,333	$1,013,013

Property and equipment by geographic location are as follows (in thousands):

	As of	
	September 28, 2014	December 31, 2013
United States	$10,810	$10,273
Canada	4,456	2,132
Americas (excluding U.S. and Canada)	22	28
EMEA	783	914
China	9,964	11,905
APAC (excluding China)	1,594	1,942
	$27,629	$27,194

13. Fair Value Measurements (in thousands)
The following tables summarize assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 28, 2014:

	As of September 28, 2014			
	Total	Quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Cash equivalents—money-market funds	$19,359	$19,359	$—	$—
Available-for-sale securities—U.S. treasuries (1)	99,985	99,985	—	—
Available-for-sale securities—certificates of deposit (1)	166	166	—	—
Trading securities—mutual funds (1)	677	677	—	—
Foreign currency forward contracts (2)	2,994	—	2,994	—
Total assets measured at fair value	$123,181	$120,187	$2,994	$—

(1) Included in short-term investments on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet.

(2) Included in prepaid expenses and other current assets on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet.

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	As of September 28, 2014			
	Total	Quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Foreign currency forward contracts (3)	$549	$—	$549	$—
Total liabilities measured at fair value	$549	$—	$549	$—

(3) Included in other accrued liabilities on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet.

The following tables summarize assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2013:

	As of December 31, 2013			
	Total	Quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Cash equivalents—money-market funds	$31,295	$31,295	$—	$—
Available-for-sale securities—U.S. treasuries (1)	104,601	104,601	—	—
Available-for-sale securities—certificates of deposit (1)	159	159	—	—
Trading securities—mutual funds (1)	385	385	—	—
Foreign currency forward contracts (2)	905	—	905	—
Total assets measured at fair value	$137,345	$136,440	$905	$—

(1) Included in short-term investments on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet.

(2) Included in prepaid expenses and other current assets on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet.

	As of December 31, 2013			
	Total	Quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Foreign currency forward contracts (3)	$381	$—	$381	$—
Total liabilities measured at fair value	$381	$—	$381	$—

(3) Included in other accrued liabilities on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet.

The Company's investments in cash equivalents and available-for-sale securities are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy because they are valued based on quoted market prices in active markets. The Company enters into foreign currency forward contracts with only those counterparties that have long-term credit ratings of A-/A3 or higher. The Company's foreign currency forward contracts are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy as they are valued using pricing models that take into account the contract terms as well as currency rates and counterparty credit rates. The Company verifies the reasonableness of these pricing models using observable market

data for related inputs into such models. Additionally, the Company includes an adjustment for non-performance risk in the recognized measure of fair value of derivative instruments. At September 28, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the adjustment for non-performance risk did not have a material impact on the fair value of the Company's foreign currency forward contracts. The carrying value of non-financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis, including accounts receivable and accounts payable, approximate fair value due to their short maturities.

14. Shipping and Handling Fees and Costs

The Company includes shipping and handling fees billed to customers in net revenue. Shipping and handling costs associated with inbound freight are included in cost of revenue and ending inventory. Shipping and handling costs associated with outbound

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freight are included in sales and marketing expenses and totaled $2.7 million and $7.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 28, 2014, respectively, and $3.2 million and $8.9 million for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2013, respectively.

15. Restructuring and Other Charges

The Company accounts for its restructuring plans under the authoritative guidance for exit or disposal activities. The Company presents expenses related to restructuring and other charges as a separate line item in its unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations.

The Company incurred restructuring and other charges of $1.4 million and $2.2 million during the three and nine months ended September 28, 2014, respectively. The restructuring and other charges are primarily attributable to charges of $1.3 million recognized associated with the early termination of a lease agreement in Canada and $0.8 million recognized relating to one-time separation costs, primarily relating to the departure of the general manager of the retail business unit in the first quarter of 2014. The Company incurred restructuring and other charges of $0.4 million and $2.0 million during the three and nine months ended September 29, 2013, respectively, $0.2 million of which are restructuring charges associated with an office lease exit liability relating to the AVAAK acquisition completed in the second quarter of 2013 and $1.8 million are transition costs related to the AirCard acquisition. Refer to Note 3, Business Acquisitions for additional information regarding the AirCard acquisition.

The following tables provide a summary of accrued restructuring and other charges activity for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 (in thousands):

	Accrued Restructuring and Other Charges at December 31, 2013	Additions	Cash Payments	Adjustments	Accrued Restructuring and Other Charges at September 28, 2014
Restructuring	$1,013	$2,204	$(2,678)	$(20)	$519
Acquisition transition costs	10	6	(16)	—	—
Restructuring and other charges	$1,023	$2,210	$(2,694)	$(20)	$519

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

Forward-looking Statements

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such statements are based upon current expectations that involve risks and uncertainties. Any statements contained herein that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. For example, the words “believes,” “anticipates,” “plans,” “expects,” “intends,” “could,” “may,” “will,” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Our actual results and the timing of certain events may differ significantly from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause such a discrepancy include, but are not limited to, those discussed in “Part II—Item 1A—Risk Factors” and “Liquidity and Capital Resources” below. All forward-looking statements in this document are based on information available to us as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes contained in this quarterly report. Unless expressly stated or the context otherwise requires, the terms “we,” “our,” “us” and “NETGEAR” refer to NETGEAR, Inc. and

our subsidiaries.

Business and Executive Overview

We are a global networking company that delivers innovative products to consumers, businesses and service providers. Our products are built on a variety of proven technologies such as wireless, Ethernet and powerline, with a focus on reliability and ease-of-use. Our product line consists of wired and wireless devices that enable networking, broadband access and network connectivity. These products are available in multiple configurations to address the needs of our end-users in each geographic region in which our products are sold.

We operate in three specific business segments: retail, commercial, and service provider. Each business unit is managed by a Senior Vice President/General Manager. We believe this structure enables us to better focus our efforts on our core customer

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segments and allows us to be more nimble and opportunistic as a company overall. In March 2014, the CEO began temporarily serving as interim General Manager of the retail business unit due to the previous general manager's departure from the Company. The CEO will continue to serve as interim general manager until a replacement is established. The retail business unit is focused on individual consumers and consists of high performance, dependable and easy-to-use home networking, home video monitoring, storage and digital media products. The commercial business unit is focused on small and medium size businesses and consists of business networking, storage and security solutions that bring enterprise class functionality at an affordable price. The service provider business unit is focused on the service provider market and consists of made-to-order and retail proven, whole home networking hardware and software solutions, as well as 4G LTE hotspots sold to service providers for sale to their subscribers. We conduct business across three geographic regions: Americas, Europe, Middle-East and Africa ("EMEA") and Asia Pacific ("APAC").

Our service provider business has grown substantially over the years, particularly as a result of acquisitions, and it is difficult to ascertain a seasonal pattern given that the business is less predictable than our other core businesses. The commercial business, consumer, and broadband service provider markets are intensely competitive and subject to rapid technological change. We believe that the principal competitive factors in the retail, commercial, and service provider markets for networking products include product breadth, size and scope of the sales channel, brand name, timeliness of new product introductions, product availability, performance, features, functionality and reliability, ease-of-installation, maintenance and use, and customer service and support. To remain competitive, we believe we must continue to aggressively invest resources in developing new products and enhancing our current products while continuing to expand our channels and maintaining customer satisfaction worldwide.

We sell our networking products through multiple sales channels worldwide, including traditional retailers, online retailers, wholesale distributors, direct market resellers ("DMRs"), value-added resellers ("VARs"), and broadband service providers. Our retail channel includes traditional retail locations domestically and internationally, such as Best Buy, Costco, Fry's Electronics, K-mart, Radio Shack, Sears, Staples, Target, Wal-Mart, Argos (U.K.), Dixons (U.K.), PC World (U.K.), MediaMarkt (Germany, Austria), Dick Smith (Australia), JB HiFi (Australia) and Elkjop (Norway). Online retailers include Amazon.com, Dell, Newegg.com and Buy.com. Our DMRs include CDW Corporation, Insight Corporation and PC Connection in domestic markets and Misco throughout Europe. In addition, we also sell our products through broadband service providers, such as multiple system operators ("MSOs"), DSL, and other broadband technology operators domestically and internationally. Some of these retailers and broadband service providers purchase directly from us, while others are fulfilled through wholesale distributors around the world. A substantial portion of our net revenue to date has been derived from a limited number of wholesale distributors and retailers, including Ingram Micro and Best Buy. We expect that these wholesale distributors and retailers will continue to contribute a significant percentage of our net revenue for the foreseeable future.

During the third quarter of 2014, we experienced a 2.4% decrease in net revenue compared to the third quarter of 2013, driven primarily by a reduction in sales of our mobile, multimedia, home wireless products and switches, partially offset by an increase in sales of our broadband gateways. On a geographic basis, net revenue increased in the APAC region, driven primarily by an increase in sales of our home wireless, broadband gateways and mobile products, partially offset by a reduction in sales of wireless products and switches. Net revenue increased in the EMEA region, driven primarily by an increase in sales of our broadband gateways, home wireless products and switches, partially offset by a reduction in sales of our mobile and multimedia products. Net revenue decreased in the Americas region, driven primarily by a reduction in sales of our home wireless, mobile and multimedia products and switches, partially offset by an increase in sales of our broadband gateways. On a segment basis, retail net revenue increased slightly, due primarily to higher gross shipments of broadband gateways, partially offset by the impact of a reduction in weeks of inventory on-hand with our U.S retail partners. Commercial net revenue decreased from prior year, due primarily to a reduction in gross shipments as a result of a reduction in weeks of inventory on-hand in the U.S. distribution channel to be more aligned with historical levels. Service provider net revenue decreased, primarily

due to a reduction in gross shipments and weakness in North American carrier spending.

Looking forward, we expect to see continued growth in our commercial business unit driven by sales of our 10Gig switches, PoE switches, storage and wireless products among small and medium-sized businesses, end users and resellers. Although service provider results remained strong for the third quarter of 2014, we expect revenues to decline during the fourth quarter due to weakness in capital expense spending by certain service providers in both North America and in Europe. Our focus remains on improving profitability, while investing in key strategic growth areas. The areas that we are targeting continue to be mobile LTE, 802.11ac, home monitoring and automation and the under-served small and medium-sized business market. In addition, we believe the moves to 11ac routers, WiFi extenders and cable modem routers in the US and DSL modem routers in international markets, as well as moves to high end products in home networking, will help us expand the market our retail business unit serves.

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Results of Operations

The following table sets forth the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations and the percentage change for the three and nine months ended September 28, 2014, with the comparable reporting periods in the preceding year.

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	September 28, 2014	% Change	September 29, 2013	September 28, 2014	% Change	September 29, 2013
	(In thousands, except percentage data)					
Net revenue	$353,338	(2.4)%	$ 361,895	$1,040,333	2.7 %	$1,013,013
Cost of revenue	251,005	(3.5)%	260,236	742,889	3.2 %	720,187
Gross profit	102,333	0.7 %	101,659	297,444	1.6 %	292,826
Operating expenses:						
Research and development	23,337	0.1 %	23,320	67,994	8.5 %	62,639
Sales and marketing	39,283	(0.5)%	39,465	117,373	1.0 %	116,260
General and administrative	11,726	(1.7)%	11,930	34,995	(4.3)%	36,576
Restructuring and other charges	1,360	**	400	2,190	11.9 %	1,957
Litigation reserves, net	69	(77.4)%	305	254	**	3,908
Impairment charges	—	**	2,000	—	**	2,000
Total operating expenses	75,775	(2.1)%	77,420	222,806	(0.2)%	223,340
Income from operations	26,558	9.6 %	24,239	74,638	7.4 %	69,486
Interest income	68	(4.2)%	71	174	(44.8)%	315
Other income, net	2,246	**	511	1,911	**	37
Income before income taxes	28,872	16.3 %	24,821	76,723	9.9 %	69,838
Provision for income taxes	8,847	(14.6)%	10,364	27,582	5.9 %	26,053
Net income	$20,025	38.5 %	$ 14,457	$49,141	12.2 %	$43,785

** Percentage change not meaningful.

The following table sets forth the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations, expressed as a percentage of net revenue, for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013
Net revenue	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Cost of revenue	71.0 %	71.9 %	71.4 %	71.1 %
Gross margin	29.0 %	28.1 %	28.6 %	28.9 %
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	6.6 %	6.4 %	6.5 %	6.2 %
Sales and marketing	11.2 %	10.9 %	11.3 %	11.4 %
General and administrative	3.3 %	3.3 %	3.4 %	3.6 %
Restructuring and other charges	0.4 %	0.1 %	0.2 %	0.2 %
Litigation reserves, net	0.0 %	0.1 %	0.0 %	0.4 %
Impairment charges	— %	0.6 %	— %	0.2 %
Total operating expenses	21.5 %	21.4 %	21.4 %	22.0 %
Income from operations	7.5 %	6.7 %	7.2 %	6.9 %
Interest income	0.1 %	0.1 %	0.0 %	0.0 %
Other income, net	0.6 %	0.1 %	0.2 %	0.0 %

Income before income taxes	8.2	% 6.9	% 7.4	% 6.9	%
Provision for income taxes	2.5	% 2.9	% 2.7	% 2.6	%
Net income	5.7	% 4.0	% 4.7	% 4.3	%

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Three Months Ended September 28, 2014 Compared to Three Months Ended September 29, 2013

Net Revenue by Geographic Segment

Our net revenue consists of gross product shipments, less allowances for estimated returns for stock rotation and warranty, price protection, end-user customer rebates and other sales incentives deemed to be a reduction of net revenue per the authoritative guidance for revenue recognition, and net changes in deferred revenue.

We conduct business across three geographic regions: Americas, EMEA and APAC. For reporting purposes revenue is attributed to each geographic region based upon the location of the customer.

	Three Months Ended		
	September 28, 2014	% Change	September 29, 2013
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
Americas	$193,904	(12.1)%	$220,487
Percentage of net revenue	54.9%		60.9%
EMEA	$108,421	11.5%	$97,220
Percentage of net revenue	30.7%		26.9%
APAC	$51,013	15.4%	$44,188
Percentage of net revenue	14.4%		12.2%
Total net revenue	$353,338	(2.4)%	$361,895

Americas net revenue decreased $26.6 million, or 12.1%, to $193.9 million for the three months ended September 28, 2014 from $220.5 million for the three months ended September 29. 2013. The decrease was driven primarily by a reduction in sales of our home wireless, mobile, multimedia products and switches, partially offset by an increase in sales of our broadband gateways. The decrease was due primarily to a reduction in service provider demand driven, in part, by weakness in North American carrier spending. In our retail and distribution channels, we continue to see strong demand for our products. However, we are managing our inventory levels at our U.S. distribution partners to be more aligned with historic levels, which has contributed to the decline in the Americas net revenue for the three months ended September 28, 2014 compared to the year ago period.

EMEA net revenue increased $11.2 million, or 11.5%, to $108.4 million for the three months ended September 28, 2014 from $97.2 million for the three months ended September 29. 2013. The increase was driven primarily by an increase in sales of broadband gateways, home wireless products and switches, partially offset by a reduction in sales of our mobile and multimedia products. In comparison to prior year, whereby the Company was impacted negatively by consolidation among service providers in Europe, consolidation did not have a significant impact in the current quarter, resulting in an increase in net revenue year over year.

APAC net revenue increased $6.8 million, or 15.4%, to $51.0 million for the three months ended September 28, 2014 from $44.2 million for the three months ended September 29, 2013. The increase was driven primarily by an increase in sales of home wireless, broadband gateways and mobile products, partially offset by a reduction in sales of wireless products and switches. Increased marketing and promotional efforts focused on new product releases in the region further contributed to the increase in net revenue for the three months ended September 28, 2014 compared to the year ago period.

Cost of Revenue and Gross Margin

Cost of revenue consists primarily of the following: the cost of finished products from our third party contract manufacturers; overhead costs, including purchasing, product planning, inventory control, warehousing and distribution logistics; third-party software licensing fees; inbound freight; warranty costs associated with returned goods; write-downs for excess and obsolete inventory, amortization expense of certain acquired intangibles and

acquisition accounting adjustments to inventory.

We outsource our manufacturing, warehousing and distribution logistics. We believe this outsourcing strategy allows us to better manage our product costs and gross margin. Our gross margin can be affected by a number of factors, including fluctuation in foreign exchange rates, sales returns, changes in average selling prices, end-user customer rebates and other sales incentives, changes in our cost of goods sold due to fluctuations in prices paid for components, net of vendor rebates, warranty and overhead costs, inbound freight, conversion costs, charges for excess or obsolete inventory and amortization of acquired intangible assets. The following table presents costs of revenue and gross margin, for the periods indicated:

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	Three Months Ended		
	September 28, 2014	% Change	September 29, 2013
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
Cost of revenue	$251,005	(3.5)%	$260,236
Gross margin percentage	29.0%		28.1%

Cost of revenue decreased $9.2 million, or 3.5%, to $251.0 million for the three months ended September 28, 2014 from $260.2 million for the three months ended September 29, 2013. The decrease was due primarily to the decrease in net revenue and related product costs driven by lower total shipments, combined with a reduction in excess and obsolete inventory charges of $1.5 million relative to the prior year period.

Our gross margin increased to 29.0% for the three months ended September 28, 2014 from 28.1% for the three months ended September 29, 2013. The increase in gross margin percentage was primarily attributable to the positive effects of lower excess and obsolete inventory charges. Our segment product mix remained relatively consistent with the year ago period.

Operating Expenses

Research and Development

Research and development expenses consist primarily of personnel expenses, payments to suppliers for design services, safety and regulatory testing, product certification expenditures to qualify our products for sale into specific markets, prototypes and other consulting fees. Research and development expenses are recognized as they are incurred. We have invested in building our research and development organization to enhance our ability to introduce innovative and easy-to-use products. In the future, we expect research and development expenses will increase in absolute dollars and as a percentage of revenue as we broaden our core competencies and expand into new software and networking product technologies. The following table presents research and development expense, for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended		
	September 28, 2014	% Change	September 29, 2013
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
Research and development expense	$23,337	0.1%	$23,320
Percentage of net revenue	6.6%		6.4%

Research and development expense was relatively flat, recognizing $23.3 million for both three months ended September 29, 2014 and September 28, 2013, respectively. An increase of $1.3 million in variable compensation was largely offset by a reduction in personnel and facility-related expenses of $1.1 million, driven by a reduction in headcount in comparison to the prior year period.

Headcount decreased by 42 employees to 357 employees at September 28, 2014 compared to 399 employees at September 29, 2013, due primarily to our restructuring efforts implemented in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Sales and Marketing

Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of advertising, trade shows, corporate communications and other marketing expenses, product marketing expenses, outbound freight costs, amortization expenses, personnel expenses for sales and marketing staff and technical support expenses. The following table presents sales and marketing expense, for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended		
	September 28, 2014	% Change	September 29, 2013
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
Sales and marketing expense	$39,283	(0.5)%	$39,465
Percentage of net revenue	11.2%		10.9%

Sales and marketing expense was relatively flat, decreasing $0.2 million, or 0.5%, to $39.3 million for the three months ended September 28, 2014 from $39.5 million for the three months ended September 29, 2013. The decrease was due primarily

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to a decrease of $1.7 million in project and outside professional services, driven by a reduction in technical support spending, partially offset by an increase of $0.7 million in variable compensation expense and $0.6 million in marketing expenses.

General and Administrative

General and administrative expenses consist of salaries and related expenses for executives, finance and accounting, human resources, information technology, professional fees, allowance for doubtful accounts and other general corporate expenses. The following table presents general and administrative expense, for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended				
	September 28, 2014		% Change		September 29, 2013
	(In thousands, except percentage data)				
General and administrative expense	$11,726		(1.7	)%	$11,930
Percentage of net revenue	3.3	%			3.3 %

General and administrative expense was relatively flat, decreasing $0.2 million, or 1.7% to $11.7 million for the three months ended September 28, 2014 from $11.9 million for the three months ended September 29, 2013. A decrease of $1.1 million in outside professional services was largely offset by an increase of $0.5 million in variable compensation expense and $0.4 million in personnel and facility-related expenses, driven by an increase in headcount in comparison to the prior year period.

Headcount increased by 12 employees to 157 employees at September 28, 2014 compared to 145 employees at September 29, 2013.

Restructuring and Other Charges

We incurred restructuring and other charges of $1.4 million during the three months ended September 28, 2014, as compared to a charge of $0.4 million recognized in the three months ended September 29, 2013. The charges recognized during the three months ended September 28, 2014 are primarily attributable to expenses associated with the early termination of a lease agreement in Canada. During the three months ended September 29, 2013, we recognized transition charges of $0.4 million relating to the AirCard acquisition. For further discussion of restructuring and other charges, refer to Note 15, Restructuring and Other Charges, of the notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Litigation Reserves, Net

We recorded a litigation reserve charge of $69,000 during the three months ended September 28, 2014, as compared to a charge of $0.3 million recognized in the three months ended September 29, 2013. The decrease was primarily due to a charge of $0.3 million for various incremental fees we were obligated to pay related to the Ericsson judgment in the three months ended September 29, 2013. In comparison, $69,000 was recognized during the third quarter of 2014 for estimated costs related to the settlement of lawsuits. For a detailed discussion of our litigation matters, refer to Note 9, Commitments and Contingencies, in the notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

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Impairment Charges

The Company did not recognize any impairment charges during the three months ended September 28, 2014. A charge of $2.0 million was recognized in the three months ended September 29, 2013. Impairment charges decreased for the three months ended September 28, 2014 due to the timing that certain IPR&D projects obtained in the AirCard acquisition were abandoned and deemed to be fully impaired in 2013. All of the remaining IPR&D projects obtained as part of the acquisition reached technical feasibility and were reclassified to definite-lived intangible assets as of June 29, 2014.

Interest Income and Other Income, Net

Interest income represents amounts earned on our cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments. Other income, net, primarily represents gains and losses on transactions denominated in foreign currencies and other miscellaneous income and expenses. The following table presents interest income and other income, net, for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended		
	September 28, 2014	% Change	September 29, 2013
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
Interest income	$68	(4.2)%	$71
Other income, net	2,246	**	511
Total interest income and other income, net	$2,314	**	$582

Interest income decreased slightly to $68,000 for the three months ended September 28, 2013 from $71,000 for the three months ended September 29, 2013. The decrease was due primarily to the reduction in our cash, cash equivalents and short term investment balance resulting from repurchase of shares in the fourth quarter of 2013 and the nine months ended September 28, 2014.

Other income, net, increased $1.7 million, to $2.2 million for the three months ended September 28, 2014 from $0.5 million for the three months ended September 29, 2013. The increase was due primarily to $2.8 million received relating to the execution of a litigation settlement agreement during the quarter, partially offset by foreign currency losses incurred. For a detailed discussion of our litigation matters, hedging program and related foreign currency contracts, refer to Note 9, Commitments and Contingencies, and Note 6, Derivative Financial Instruments, in the notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Provision for Income Taxes

The income tax provision for the three months ended September 28, 2014 was $8.8 million or an effective tax rate of 30.6%, compared to $10.4 million, or an effective tax rate of 41.8%, for the same period a year ago. The decrease in the effective tax rate for the three month period ended September 28, 2014, compared to the same period in the prior year was primarily caused by an increase in earnings in jurisdictions with tax rates lower than the U.S. statutory rate. The improved earnings in these jurisdictions resulted in a decrease in the forecasted effective tax rate compared to the same period of the prior year. Accordingly, the three months ended September 28, 2014 includes a tax benefit for the reduction in the forecasted rate on cumulative earnings. During the three month period ended September 29, 2013, we incurred losses in a jurisdiction where no tax benefit could be recorded. As a result, the forecasted earnings from this jurisdiction were excluded from the determination of the effective tax rate. The exclusion of these losses increased the effective tax rate for the three months ended September 29, 2013. The decrease in the effective tax rate for the three months ended September 28, 2014 was partially offset by changes in US tax law related to the research tax credit. On December 31, 2013 provisions allowing for the research tax credit expired. As of September 28, 2014, the research credit has not been reinstated. Accordingly, no tax benefit has been recorded during the three months ended

September 28, 2014.

We are subject to income taxes in the U.S. and numerous foreign jurisdictions. Our future foreign tax rate could be affected by changes in the composition in earnings in countries with tax rates differing from the U.S. federal rate. We are under examination in various US and foreign jurisdictions.

Net Income

Net income increased $5.6 million, or 38.5%, to $20.0 million for the three months ended September 28, 2014 from $14.5 million for the three months ended September 29, 2013. This increase was primarily due to an increase of $1.7 million in other income, net, primarily attributable to gain on litigation settlement, and reduction in operating expenses of $1.6 million, primarily

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attributable to a reduction in projects and outside professional services of $3.3 million, partially offset by increases in restructuring expense of $1.0 million and personnel and facility-related expenses of $0.6 million, and decrease of $1.5 million in the provision for income taxes.

Segment Information

A description of our products and services, as well as segment financial data, for each segment and a reconciliation of segment contribution income to income before income taxes can be found in Note 12, Segment Information, Operations by Geographic Area and Significant Customers, in the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Future changes to our organizational structure or business may result in changes to the reportable segments disclosed. The discussions below include the results of each of our segments for the three months ended September 28, 2014 with the comparable reporting periods in the preceding year.

Retail

	Three Months Ended					
	September 28, 2014		% Change		September 29, 2013	
	(in thousands, except percentage data)					
Net revenue	$131,341		0.8	%	$130,301	
Percentage of net revenue	37.1	%			36.0	%
Contribution income	$21,813		12.9	%	$19,317	
Contribution margin	16.6	%			14.8	%

Net revenue increased $1.0 million, or 0.8%, to $131.3 million for the three months ended September 28, 2014 from $130.3 million for the three months ended September 29, 2013. The increase was due primarily to slightly higher gross shipments of broadband gateways, partially offset by a reduction in shipments of multimedia, powerline and home security monitoring and automation products. Geographically, we experienced an increase in APAC and a decrease in EMEA and the Americas. We continue to see strong end-user demand for our retail products, however our net revenue was partially constrained by a reduction in weeks of inventory on-hand with our U.S. retail channel partners.

Contribution income increased $2.5 million, or 12.9%, to $21.8 million for the three months ended September 28, 2014 from $19.3 million for the three months ended September 29, 2013. The increase was due primarily to the slight increase in net revenue, and incremental operating expense reductions experienced in the current quarter. We continue to focus on our core networking business, demonstrated by the strong product introductions during the three months ended September 28, 2014 including the Nighthawk X4, in effort to grow net revenue as well as contribution income for the segment.

Commercial

	Three Months Ended					
	September 28, 2014		% Change		September 29, 2013	
	(in thousands, except percentage data)					
Net revenue	$71,974		(6.5	)%	$76,957	
Percentage of net revenue	20.4	%			21.3	%
Contribution income	$15,112		(10.6	)%	$16,903	
Contribution margin	21.0	%			22.0	%

Net revenue decreased $5.0 million, or 6.5%, to $72.0 million for the three months ended September 28, 2014 from $77.0 million for the three months ended September 29, 2013. The decrease was due primarily to a reduction in gross shipments of network storage, wireless products and switches. Geographically, we experienced an increase in EMEA and a decrease in the Americas and APAC. Commercial net revenue was impacted by our proactive efforts to reduce weeks of channel inventory on-hand with our U.S. distribution partners in the three months ended September 28, 2014.

Contribution income decreased $1.8 million, or 10.6%, to $15.1 million for the three months ended September 28, 2014 from $16.9 million for the three months ended September 29, 2013. The decrease was due primarily to the reduction in net revenue and a slight increase in sales and marketing expenses. We are working to strengthen our position through increased sales and

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marketing efforts and more focused coordination with our channel partners around the world to drive growth for net revenue as well as contribution income for the segment.

Service Provider

	Three Months Ended					
	September 28, 2014		% Change		September 29, 2013	
	(in thousands, except percentage data)					
Net revenue	$150,023		(3.0	)%	$154,637	
Percentage of net revenue	42.5	%			42.7	%
Contribution income	$14,164		13.5	%	$12,474	
Contribution margin	9.4	%			8.1	%

Net revenue decreased $4.6 million, or 3.0%, to $150.0 million for the three months ended September 28, 2014 from $154.6 million for the three months ended September 29, 2013. The decrease was due primarily to a slight reduction in gross shipments of our home wireless products, partially offset by an increase in shipments of our broadband gateways. Geographically, we experienced growth in APAC and EMEA and a slowdown in the Americas driven, in part, by weakness in North American carrier spending.

Contribution income increased $1.7 million, or 13.5%, to $14.2 million for the three months ended September 28, 2014 from $12.5 million for the three months ended September 29, 2013. The increase was due primarily to the reduction in excess and obsolete inventory charges of $1.0 million and operating expenses of $0.7 million, partially offset by the decrease in net revenue compared to the prior year period.

Nine Months Ended September 28, 2014 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 29, 2013

Net Revenue by Geographic Segment

	Nine Months Ended					
	September 28, 2014		% Change		September 29, 2013	
	(In thousands, except percentage data)					
Americas	$576,217		(0.3	)%	$578,011	
Percentage of net revenue	55.4	%			57.0	%
EMEA	$315,650		0.9	%	$312,712	
Percentage of net revenue	30.3	%			30.9	%
APAC	$148,466		21.4	%	$122,290	
Percentage of net revenue	14.3	%			12.1	%
Total net revenue	$1,040,333		2.7	%	$1,013,013	

Americas net revenue decreased $1.8 million, or 0.3%, to $576.2 million for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 from $578.0 million for the nine months ended September 29. 2013. The decrease was driven primarily by a reduction in sales of our home wireless, multimedia, network storage, security monitoring automation products and switches, partially offset by an increase in sales of our mobile products. Net revenue for mobile products increased for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 as a result of the AirCard acquisition which was completed on April 2, 2013. In contrast to 2013, the positive effect of the acquisition is included in our results for the entire nine months ended September 28, 2014. In our retail and distribution channels, we continue to see strong demand for our products. However, we are managing our inventory levels at our U.S. distribution partners to be more aligned with historic levels, which has contributed to the decline in the Americas net revenue for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 compared to the year ago period.

EMEA net revenue increased $2.9 million, or 0.9%, to $315.7 million for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 from $312.7 million for the nine months ended September 29. 2013. The increase was driven primarily by an increase in sales of our home wireless products, partially offset by a reduction in sales of our mobile products. In Central Europe, average weeks of channel inventory on-hand increased over the nine month period ended September 28, 2014 compared to prior year, contributing to the increase in net revenue for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 compared to the year ago period. These positive effects to

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net revenue were partially offset by challenges resulting from the macro-economic environment, increased competition and pricing pressures in Europe experienced over the past nine months.

APAC net revenue increased $26.2 million, or 21.4%, to $148.5 million for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 from $122.3 million for the nine months ended September 29. 2013. The increase was driven primarily by an increase in sales of our home wireless and mobile products. Net revenue for mobile products specifically increased for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 as a result of the AirCard acquisition which was completed on April 2, 2013. In contrast to 2013, the positive effect of the acquisition is included in our results for the entire nine months ended September 28, 2014.

Cost of Revenue and Gross Margin

	Nine Months Ended September 28, 2014	% Change	September 29, 2013
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
Cost of revenue	$742,889	3.2 %	$720,187
Gross margin percentage	28.6 %		28.9 %

Cost of revenue increased $22.7 million, or 3.2%, to $742.9 million for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 from $720.2 million for the nine months ended September 29, 2013. The increase was due primarily to the increase in net revenue and related product costs driven by higher shipments, combined with an increase in excess and obsolete inventory charges of $2.2 million and amortization expense of $1.2 million relative to the prior year period.
Our gross margin decreased slightly to 28.6% for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 from 28.9% for the nine months ended September 29, 2013. The decrease in gross margin percentage was primarily attributable to the increase in segment product mix toward service provider, which generally maintains lower margins. Net revenue from service providers increased as a percentage of net revenue to 43.6% in the nine months ended September 28, 2014, compared to 39.8% in the nine months ended September 29, 2013.
Operating Expenses

Research and Development

	Nine Months Ended September 28, 2014	% Change	September 29, 2013
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
Research and development expense	$67,994	8.5 %	$62,639
Percentage of net revenue	6.5 %		6.2 %

Research and development expense increased $5.4 million, or 8.5%, to $68.0 million for the nine months ended September 29, 2014 from $62.6 million for the nine months ended September 28, 2013. The increase was due primarily to an increase of $3.6 million in personnel and facility-related expenses driven by the overall growth in research and development headcount in comparison to prior year, and an increase of $2.0 million in variable compensation. In 2013, headcount increased due to the AirCard and Arada acquisitions which were completed in the second quarter. The increase, partially offset by our restructuring efforts initiated in the fourth quarter of 2013, resulted in an overall higher headcount during the nine months of 2014 in comparison to the same period a year ago. Average headcount for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 was approximately 352 compared to 344 in the prior year.
Sales and Marketing

	Nine Months Ended		
	September 28, 2014	% Change	September 29, 2013
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
Sales and marketing expense	$117,373	1.0 %	$116,260
Percentage of net revenue	11.3 %		11.4 %

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Sales and marketing expense increased $1.1 million, or 1.0%, to $117.4 million for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 from $116.3 million for the nine months ended September 29, 2013. The increase was due primarily to an increase of $1.5 million in personnel-related expense, driven primarily by additional stock-based compensation expense recognized relating to the modification of equity awards in connection with the departure of the retail business unit general manager, $1.3 million in variable compensation expense, and $0.7 million in intangible amortization, partially offset by a decrease of $2.4 million in projects and professional services, due primarily to a reduction in technical support spending.

General and Administrative

	Nine Months Ended		
	September 28, 2014	% Change	September 29, 2013
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
General and administrative expense	$34,995	(4.3)%	$36,576
Percentage of net revenue	3.4%		3.6%

General and administrative expense decreased $1.6 million, or 4.3%, to $35.0 million for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 from $36.6 million for the nine months ended September 29, 2013. The decrease was due primarily to a $2.9 million decrease in outside professional services, primarily resulting from the Arada and AirCard acquisitions and the Ericsson litigation incurred in 2013, partially offset by a $1.0 million increase in variable compensation expense.

Restructuring and Other Charges

We incurred charges of $2.2 million in restructuring and other charges during the nine months ended September 28, 2014, as compared to charges of $2.0 million recognized for the nine months ended September 29, 2013. During the first quarter of 2014, we recognized restructuring charges of $0.8 million in one-time separation charges associated with the departure of the retail business unit general manager. During the third quarter of 2014, we recognized a charge of $1.4 million relating primarily to expenses associated with the early termination of a lease agreement in Canada. During the nine months ended September 29, 2013, the Company recognized transition charges of $1.8 million related to the AirCard acquisition completed in the second quarter of 2013 and $0.2 million in restructuring charges related to an office lease exit liability associated with the AVAAK acquisition completed in the second quarter of 2012. For further discussion of restructuring and other charges, refer to Note 15, Restructuring and Other Charges, of the notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Litigation Reserves, Net

We recorded a litigation reserve charge of $0.3 million during the nine months ended September 28, 2014, as compared to a charge of $3.9 million recognized in the nine months ended September 29, 2013. The decrease was due primarily to the timing of the Ericsson judgment in 2013. During the second quarter of 2013, judgment in the Ericsson matter was received, resulting in the recognition of litigation charges of $3.6 million. During the three months ended September 29, 2013, we recorded 0.3 million for various incremental fees we were obligated to pay relating to the judgment. In comparison, $0.3 million was recognized during the nine months ended September 28, 2014 for estimated costs related to the settlement of lawsuits. For a detailed discussion of our litigation matters, refer to Note 9, Commitments and Contingencies, in the notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Impairment Charges

The Company did not recognize any impairment charges during the nine months ended September 28, 2014. A charge of $2.0 million was recognized in the nine months ended September 29, 2013. Impairment charges decreased for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 due to the timing that certain IPR&D projects obtained in the AirCard acquisition were abandoned and deemed to be fully impaired in 2013. All of the remaining IPR&D projects obtained as part of the acquisition reached technical feasibility and were reclassified to definite-lived intangible assets as of June 29, 2014.

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Interest Income and Other Income, Net

	Nine Months Ended September 28, 2014	% Change	September 29, 2013
	(In thousands, except percentage data)		
Interest income	$174	(44.8)%	$315
Other income, net	1,911	**	37
Total interest income and other income, net	$2,085	**	$352

Interest income decreased $0.1 million, or 44.8%, to $0.2 million for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 from $0.3 million for the nine months ended September 29, 2013. The decrease was due primarily to the reduction in our cash, cash equivalents and short term investment balance attributable to the AirCard and Arada acquisitions completed in the second quarter of 2013 and repurchase of shares in the fourth quarter of 2013 and the nine months ended September 28, 2014.

Other income, net increased to $1.9 million for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 from $37,000 for the nine months ended September 29, 2013. The increase was due primarily to $2.8 million received relating to the execution of a litigation settlement agreement during the quarter, partially offset by foreign currency losses incurred. For a detailed discussion of our litigation matters, hedging program and related foreign currency contracts, refer to Note 9, Commitments and Contingencies, and Note 6, Derivative Financial Instruments, in the notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Provision for Income Taxes

The income tax provision for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 was $27.6 million or an effective tax rate of 36.0%, compared to $26.1 million, or an effective tax rate of 37.3%, for the same period a year ago. The decrease in the effective tax rate for the nine month period ended September 28, 2014, compared to the same period in the prior year was primarily caused by an increase in earnings in jurisdictions with tax rates lower than the U.S. statutory rate. The improved earnings in these jurisdictions resulted in a decrease in the forecasted effective tax rate compared to the same period of the prior year. Accordingly, the three months ended September 28, 2014 includes a tax benefit for the reduction in the forecasted rate on cumulative earnings. During the nine month period ended September 29, 2013, we incurred losses in a jurisdiction where no tax benefit could be recorded. As a result, the forecasted earnings from this jurisdiction were excluded from the determination of the effective tax rate. The exclusion of these losses increased the effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 29, 2013. The decrease was offset by changes in US tax law related to the research tax credit. On December 31, 2011 provisions in the tax law allowing for the research tax credit expired. On January 2, 2013 the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 reinstated the research credit, retroactive to January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013. Accordingly, the entire benefit for the 2012 research credit of approximately $0.7 million was recognized during the nine months ended September 29, 2013. Additionally, we recorded credits related to 2013 in its tax provision for the nine months ended September 29, 2013. As of September 28, 2014, the research credit has not been reinstated. Accordingly, no tax benefit has been recorded during the nine months ended September 28, 2014.

We are subject to income taxes in the U.S. and numerous foreign jurisdictions. Our future foreign tax rate could be affected by changes in the composition in earnings in countries with tax rates differing from the U.S. federal rate. We are under examination in various US and foreign jurisdictions.

Net Income

Net income increased $5.4 million, or 12.2%, to $49.1 million for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 from $43.8 million for the nine months ended September 29, 2013. This increase was primarily due to increases of $4.6 million in gross profit, and $1.9 million in other income, net, primarily attributable to gain on litigation settlement. The changes were partially offset by an increase of $1.5 million in the provision for income taxes.

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Segment Information

Retail

	Nine Months Ended September 28, 2014	% Change	September 29, 2013
	(in thousands, except percentage data)		
Net revenue	$360,236	(3.7)%	$374,018
Percentage of net revenue	34.6%		36.9%
Contribution income	$51,222	(4.6)%	$53,696
Contribution margin	14.2%		14.4%

Net revenue decreased $13.8 million, or 3.7%, to $360.2 million for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 from $374.0 million for the nine months ended September 29, 2013. The decrease was due primarily to a reduction in gross shipments of our multimedia, home wireless, powerline and home security and monitoring products, partially offset by an increase in gross shipments of broadband gateways. Geographically, we experienced an increase in APAC and a decrease in EMEA and the Americas. We continue to see strong end-user demand for our retail products, however our net revenue was partially constrained by a reduction in weeks of inventory on-hand with our U.S retail channel partners.

Contribution income decreased $2.5 million, or 4.6%, to $51.2 million for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 from $53.7 million for the nine months ended September 29, 2013. The decrease was due primarily to the reduction in net revenue and increase in excess and obsolete inventory charges, which increased $1.2 million during the nine months ended September 28, 2014.

Commercial

	Nine Months Ended September 28, 2014	% Change	September 29, 2013
	(in thousands, except percentage data)		
Net revenue	$226,284	(4.2)%	$236,254
Percentage of net revenue	21.8%		23.3%
Contribution income	$51,781	1.2%	$51,190
Contribution margin	22.9%		21.7%

Net revenue decreased $10.0 million or 4.2%, to $226.3 million for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 from $236.3 million for the nine months ended September 29, 2013. The decrease was due primarily to a reduction in gross shipments of our network storage and wireless products, partially offset by an increase in shipments of switches. Geographically, we experienced an increase in EMEA and a decrease in the Americas and APAC. Commercial net revenue was also impacted by our proactive efforts to reduce weeks of channel inventory on-hand with our U.S distribution partners in the nine months ended September 28, 2014.

Contribution income increased $0.6 million, or 1.2%, to $51.8 million for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 from $51.2 million for the nine months ended September 29, 2013. The increase was due primarily to reduction in freight costs of $2.6 million, partially offset by the reduction in net revenue for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 compared to the prior year period.

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Service Provider

	Nine Months Ended					
	September 28, 2014		% Change		September 29, 2013	
	(in thousands, except percentage data)					
Net revenue	$453,813		12.7	%	$402,741	
Percentage of net revenue	43.6	%			39.8	%
Contribution income	$42,918		19.0	%	$36,055	
Contribution margin	9.5	%			9.0	%

Net revenue increased $51.1 million or 12.7%, to $453.8 million for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 from $402.7 million for the nine months ended September 29, 2013. The increase was due primarily to an increase in gross shipments of our mobile products. Net revenue for mobile products increased for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 as a result of the AirCard acquisition which was completed on April 2, 2013. In contrast to 2013, the positive effect of the acquisition is included in our results for the entire nine months ended September 28, 2014.

Contribution income increased $6.9 million, or 19.0%, to $42.9 million for the nine months ended September 28, 2014 from $36.1 million for the nine months ended September 29, 2013. The increase was due primarily to the increase in gross profit, partially offset by an increase in operating expenses of $6.6 million, primarily related to research and development and sales and marketing, compared to the prior year period.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our cash and cash equivalents balance decreased from $143.0 million as of December 31, 2013 to $141.8 million as of September 28, 2014. Our short-term investments, which represent the investment of funds available for current operations, decreased from $105.1 million as of December 31, 2013 to $100.8 million as of September 28, 2014, due primarily to the proceeds generated from the maturity of treasuries being used to fund the repurchase of common stock during the period. Operating activities during the nine months ended September 28, 2014 provided cash of $67.6 million, compared to $72.8 million provided in the nine months ended September 29, 2013, resulting primarily from net income. Investing activities during the nine months ended September 28, 2014 used cash of $9.9 million, resulting primarily from final payment of $1.1 million relating to the Arada acquisition and purchases of property and equipment of $13.4 million, partially offset by net proceeds from the sale and maturity of short-term investments of $4.6 million. During the nine months ended September 28, 2014, financing activities used cash of $58.9 million, primarily due to the repurchase of common stock, partially offset by proceeds from the issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options and our employee stock purchase program.

Our days sales outstanding ("DSO") increased from 69 days as of December 31, 2013 to 72 days as of September 28, 2014. DSO of 72 days is in the normal range for the third quarter of the year.

Our accounts payable decreased from $114.5 million at December 31, 2013 to $92.1 million at September 28, 2014. The decrease was primarily attributable to timing of payments.

Inventory decreased by $18.0 million from $224.5 million at December 31, 2013 to $206.5 million at September 28, 2014. In the three months ended September 29, 2014 we experienced annualized ending inventory turns of approximately 4.9, slightly up from 4.6 turns in the three months ended December 31, 2013.

We enter into foreign currency forward-exchange contracts, which typically mature in three to five months, to hedge a portion of our exposure to foreign currency fluctuations of foreign currency-denominated revenue, costs of revenue, certain operating expenses, receivables, payables, and cash balances. We record in the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet at each reporting period the fair value of our forward-exchange contracts and record any fair value adjustments in our unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations and in our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet. Gains and losses associated with currency rate changes on hedge contracts that

are non-designated under the authoritative guidance for derivatives and hedging are recorded within other income, net, offsetting foreign exchange gains and losses on our monetary assets and liabilities. Gains and losses associated with currency rate changes on hedge contracts that are cash flow hedges under the authoritative guidance for derivatives and hedging are recorded within cumulative other comprehensive income until the related revenue, costs of revenue, or expenses are recognized.

In October 2008, the Board of Directors authorized management to repurchase up to 6.0 million shares of our common stock in the open market. The stock repurchase authorization does not have an expiration date and the pace of repurchase activity is at

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the discretion of management and contingent on a number of factors, including levels of cash generation from operations, cash requirements for acquisitions and the price of our common stock. During the nine months ended September 28, 2014, we repurchased and retired, reported based on trade date, approximately 2.1 million shares of common stock at a cost of $68.6 million under this authorization. This leaves approximately 0.7 million shares remaining in our buyback program and we expect to continue to repurchase opportunistically. As of September 28, 2014, common stock repurchases at a cost of $2.2 million were pending settlement. We did not repurchase any shares during the nine months ended September 29, 2013. On October 17, 2014, the Board of Directors authorized the management to repurchase up to 3.0 million shares of our outstanding common stock. This is incremental to the approximate 0.7 million remaining on our previous share repurchase program.

In the nine months ended September 28, 2014, we repurchased, as reported based on trade date, approximately 50,000 shares of common stock at a cost of $1.6 million under a repurchase program to help administratively facilitate the withholding and subsequent remittance of personal income and payroll taxes for individuals receiving restricted stock units ("RSUs"). Similarly, during the nine months ended September 29, 2013, we repurchased approximately 14,000 shares, or $0.5 million of our common stock under the same program to help facilitate tax withholding for RSUs. These shares were retired upon repurchase.

Based on our current plans and market conditions, we believe that our existing cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments will be sufficient to satisfy our anticipated cash requirements for at least the next twelve months. However, we may require or desire additional funds to support our operating expenses and capital requirements or for other purposes, such as acquisitions, and may seek to raise such additional funds through public or private equity financing or from other sources. We cannot assure you that additional financing will be available at all or that, if available, such financing would be obtainable on terms favorable to us and would not be dilutive. Our future liquidity and cash requirements will depend on numerous factors, including the introduction of new products and potential acquisitions of related businesses or technology.

Contractual Obligations

There have been no material changes during the nine months ended September 28, 2014 to the contractual obligations disclosed in Part II, Item 7, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.

We lease office space, cars and equipment under non-cancelable operating leases with various expiration dates through December 2026. The terms of certain of our facility leases provide for rental payments on a graduated scale. We recognize rent expense on a straight-line basis over the lease period and have accrued for rent expense incurred but not paid.

We enter into various inventory-related purchase agreements with suppliers. Generally, under these agreements, 50% of the orders are cancelable by giving notice 46 to 60 days prior to the expected shipment date and 25% of orders are cancelable by giving notice 31 to 45 days prior to the expected shipment date. Orders are non-cancelable within 30 days prior to the expected shipment date. At September 28, 2014, we had approximately $193 million in non-cancelable purchase commitments with suppliers. We establish a loss liability for all products we do not expect to sell for which we have committed purchases from suppliers. Such losses have not been material to date. From time to time our suppliers procure unique complex components on our behalf. If these components do not meet specified technical criteria or are defective, we should not be obligated to purchase the materials. However, disputes may arise as a result and significant resources may be spent resolving such disputes.

As of September 28, 2014, we had $15.2 million of total gross unrecognized tax benefits and related interest. The timing of any payments that could result from these unrecognized tax benefits will depend upon a number of factors. The possible reduction in liabilities for uncertain tax positions in multiple jurisdictions that may impact the statement of operations in the next 12 months is approximately $0.8 million, excluding the interest, penalties and the effect of any related deferred tax assets or liabilities.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of September 28, 2014, we did not have any off-balance-sheet arrangements, as defined in Item 303(a)(4)(ii) of SEC Regulation S-K.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

For a complete description of what we believe to be the critical accounting policies and estimates used in the preparation of our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, refer to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013. There have been no changes to our critical accounting policies and estimates during the nine months ended September 28, 2014.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

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See Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, in Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 1 of Part I of this Report on Form 10-Q, for a full description of recent accounting pronouncements, including the expected dates of adoption and estimated effects on financial condition and results of operations, which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

During the nine months ended September 28, 2014, there were no material changes to our market risk disclosures as set forth in Part II Item 7A "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Based on an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of our management (including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer), our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), were effective as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, and (ii) accumulated and communicated to management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially effect, our internal control over financial reporting. It should be noted that any system of controls, however well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance, and not absolute assurance, that the objectives of the system are met. In addition, the design of any control system is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events. Because of these and other inherent limitations of control systems, there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals in all future circumstances.

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PART II: OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The information set forth under Note 9, Commitments and Contingencies, in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, is incorporated herein by reference. For an additional discussion of certain risks associated with legal proceedings, see the section entitled “Risk Factors” in Part II, Item 1A of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. The risks described below are not exhaustive of the risks that might affect our business. Other risks, including those we currently deem immaterial, may also impact our business. Any of the following risks could materially adversely affect our business operations, results of operations and financial condition and could result in a significant decline in our stock price. Before deciding to purchase, hold or sell our common stock, you should carefully consider the risks described in this section. This section should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes thereto, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

We have marked with an asterisk (*) those risks described below that reflect substantive changes from the risks described under Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors" included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2014.

We expect our operating results to fluctuate on a quarterly and annual basis, which could cause our stock price to fluctuate or decline.

Our operating results are difficult to predict and may fluctuate substantially from quarter-to-quarter or year-to-year for a variety of reasons, many of which are beyond our control. If our actual results were to fall below our estimates or the expectations of public market analysts or investors, our quarterly and annual results would be negatively impacted and the price of our stock could decline. Other factors that could affect our quarterly and annual operating results include those listed in the risk factors section of this report and others such as:

- changes in the pricing policies of or the introduction of new products by us or our competitors;
- unanticipated shift or decline in profit by geographical region that would adversely impact our tax rate;
- slow or negative growth in the networking product, personal computer, Internet infrastructure, home electronics and related technology markets, as well as decreased demand for Internet access;
- operational disruptions, such as transportation delays or failure of our order processing system, particularly if they occur at the end of a fiscal quarter;
- geopolitical disruption leading to delay or even stoppage of our operations in manufacturing, transportation, technical support and research and development;
- delay or failure of our service provider customers to purchase at the volumes that they forecast;
- foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations in the jurisdictions where we transact sales and expenditures in local currency;

- changes in or consolidation of our sales channels and wholesale distributor relationships or failure to manage our sales channel inventory and warehousing requirements;

- delay or failure to fulfill orders for our products on a timely basis;

- allowance for bad debts exposure with our existing customers and new customers, particularly as we expand into new international markets;

- disruptions or delays related to our financial and enterprise resource planning systems;

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- our inability to accurately forecast product demand, particularly from our service provider sales channel, resulting in increased inventory exposure;
- component supply constraints from our vendors;
- unfavorable level of inventory and turns;
- shift in overall product mix sales from higher to lower margin products, or from one business unit to another, that would adversely impact our margins;
- terms of our contracts with customers or suppliers that cause us to incur additional expenses or assume additional liabilities;
- the inability to maintain stable operations by our suppliers and other parties with which we have commercial relationships;
- delays in the introduction of new products by us or market acceptance of these products;
- an increase in price protection claims, redemptions of marketing rebates, product warranty and stock rotation returns or allowance for doubtful accounts;
- litigation involving alleged patent infringement;
- epidemic or widespread product failure, or unanticipated safety issues, in one or more of our products;
- challenges associated with integrating acquisitions that we make, or with realizing value from our strategic investments in other companies;
- failure to effectively manage our third party customer support partners which may result in customer complaints and/or harm to the NETGEAR brand;
- our inability to monitor and ensure compliance with our anti-corruption compliance program and domestic and international anti-corruption laws and regulations, whether in relation to our employees or with our suppliers or customers;
- labor unrest at facilities managed by our third-party manufacturers;
- seasonal shifts in end market demand for our products, particularly in our retail business;
- unanticipated increase in costs, including air freight, associated with shipping and delivery of our products;
- our failure to implement and maintain the appropriate internal controls over financial reporting which may result in restatements of our financial statements; and
- any changes in accounting rules.

As a result, period-to-period comparisons of our operating results may not be meaningful, and you should not rely on them as an indication of our future performance.

Our stock price may be volatile and your investment in our common stock could suffer a decline in value.

With the continuing uncertainty about economic conditions in Europe, Australia, the United States and elsewhere internationally, there has been significant volatility in the market price and trading volume of securities of technology and other companies, which may be unrelated to the financial performance of these companies. These broad market fluctuations may negatively affect the market price of our common stock.

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Some specific factors that may have a significant effect on our common stock market price include:

- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our operating results or our competitors' operating results;
- actual or anticipated changes in the growth rate of the general networking sector, our growth rates or our competitors' growth rates;
- conditions in the financial markets in general or changes in general economic conditions, including government efforts to stabilize currencies;
- interest rate or currency exchange rate fluctuations;
- our ability to report accurate financial results in our periodic reports filed with the SEC;
- our ability or inability to raise additional capital; and
- changes in stock market analyst recommendations regarding our common stock, other comparable companies or our industry generally.

*If we fail to continue to introduce or acquire new products that achieve broad market acceptance on a timely basis, we will not be able to compete effectively and we will be unable to increase or maintain net revenue and gross margins.

We operate in a highly competitive, quickly changing environment, and our future success depends on our ability to develop or acquire, and introduce new products that achieve broad market acceptance. Our future success will depend in large part upon our ability to identify demand trends in the commercial business, retail, and service provider markets and quickly develop or acquire, and manufacture and sell products that satisfy these demands in a cost effective manner. In order to differentiate our products from our competitors' products, we must continue to increase our focus and capital investment in research and development, including software development. Successfully predicting demand trends is difficult, and it is very difficult to predict the effect introducing a new product will have on existing product sales. We will also need to respond effectively to new product announcements by our competitors by quickly introducing competitive products.

In addition, we have acquired companies and technologies in the past and as a result, have introduced new product lines in new markets. We may not be able to successfully manage integration of the new product lines with our existing products. Selling new product lines in new markets will require our management to learn different strategies in order to be successful. We may be unsuccessful in launching a newly acquired product line in new markets which requires management of new suppliers, potential new customers and new business models. Our management may not have the experience of selling in these new markets and we may not be able to grow our business as planned. For example, our acquisition of the VueZone product line continues to require significant management effort to successfully scale and launch the products worldwide. Similarly, in April 2013, we completed the acquisition of the AirCard product line from Sierra Wireless. If we are unable to effectively and successfully further develop these new product lines, we may not be able to increase or maintain our sales and our gross margins may be adversely affected.

We have experienced delays and quality issues in releasing new products in the past, which resulted in lower quarterly net revenue than expected. In addition, we have experienced, and may in the future experience, product introductions that fall short of our projected rates of market adoption. Online Internet reviews of our products are increasingly becoming a significant factor in the success of our new product launches, especially in the retail business unit. If we are unable to quickly respond to negative reviews, including end user reviews posted on various prominent online

retailers, our ability to sell these products will be harmed. Any future delays in product development and introduction, or product introductions that do not meet broad market acceptance, or unsuccessful launches of new product lines could result in:

- loss of or delay in revenue and loss of market share;
- negative publicity and damage to our reputation and brand;
- a decline in the average selling price of our products;
- adverse reactions in our sales channels, such as reduced shelf space, reduced online product visibility, or loss of sales channel; and
- increased levels of product returns.

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Throughout the past couple of years, we have significantly increased the rate of our new product introductions. If we cannot sustain that pace of product introductions, either through rapid innovation or acquisition of new products or product lines, we may not be able to maintain or increase the market share of our products. In addition, if we are unable to successfully introduce or acquire new products with higher gross margins, our net revenue and overall gross margin would likely decline.

*If we fail to overcome the challenges associated with managing and profitably growing our broadband service provider sales channel, our net revenue and gross profit will be negatively impacted.

We sell a substantial portion of our products through broadband service providers worldwide. Our service provider business unit has accounted for a significant portion of our growth over the last several fiscal quarters. Our service provider business is increasingly becoming a larger proportion of our business, especially after our acquisition of the Sierra Wireless AirCard business. The service provider business is challenging and exceptionally competitive. We face a number of challenges associated with penetrating, marketing and selling to the broadband service provider channel that differ from the challenges we have traditionally faced with the other channels. Difficulties and challenges in selling to service providers include a longer sales cycle, more stringent product testing and validation requirements, a higher level of customization demands, requirements that suppliers take on a larger share of the risk with respect to contractual business terms, competition from established suppliers, pricing pressure resulting in lower gross margins, and irregular and unpredictable ordering habits. For example, rigorous service provider certification processes may delay our sale of new products, or our products ultimately may fail these tests. In either event, we may lose some or all of the amounts we expended in trying to obtain business from the service provider, as well as lose the business opportunity altogether. In addition, even if we have a product which a service provider customer may wish to purchase, we may choose not to supply products to the potential service provider customer if the contract requirements, such as service level requirements, penalties, and liability provisions, are too onerous. Accordingly, our business may be harmed and our revenues may be reduced. We have, in exceptional limited circumstances, while still in contract negotiations, shipped products in advance of and subject to agreement on a definitive contract. We do not record revenue from these shipments until a definitive contract exists. There is risk that we do not ultimately close and sign a definitive contract. If this occurs, the timing of revenue recognition is uncertain and our business would be harmed. In addition, we often commence building custom-made products prior to execution of a contract in order to meet the customer's contemplated launch dates and requirements. Service provider products are generally custom-made for a specific customer and may not be salable to other customers or in other channels. If we have pre-built custom-made products but do not come to agreement on a definitive contract, we may be forced to scrap the custom-made products or re-work them at substantial cost and our business would be harmed.

Further, successful engagements with service provider customers requires a constant analysis of technology trends. If we are unable to anticipate technology trends and service provider customer product needs, and to allocate research and development resources to the right projects, we may not be successful in continuing to sell products to service provider customers. In addition, because our service provider customers command significant resources, including for software support, and demand extremely competitive pricing, our ODM's are starting to decline to develop service provider products on an ODM basis. Accordingly, as our ODM's increasingly limit development of our service provider products, our service provider business will be harmed if we cannot replace this with in-house development.

Further, as the deployment of DOCSIS 3.0 technology by broadband service providers continues to mature, we anticipate competing in an extremely price sensitive market and our margins may be affected. Orders from service providers generally tend to be large but sporadic, which causes our revenues from them to fluctuate and challenges our ability to accurately forecast demand from them. In particular, managing inventory and production of our products for our service provider customers is a challenge. Many of our service provider customers have irregular purchasing requirements. These customers may decide to cancel orders for customized products specific to that customer, and we

may not be able to reconfigure and sell those products in other channels. In addition, these customers may issue unforecasted orders for products which we may not be able to produce in a timely manner and as such, we may not be able to accept and deliver on such unforecasted orders. In certain cases, we may commit to fixed-price, long term purchase orders, with such orders priced in foreign currencies which could lose value over time in the event of adverse changes in foreign exchange rates. Even if we are selected as a supplier, typically a service provider will also designate a second source supplier, which over time will reduce the aggregate orders that we receive from that service provider. For example, we have been at the forefront of developing and selling DOCSIS 3.0 products to our service provider customers in the past couple of years. As our competitors develop DOCSIS 3.0 products, our service provider customers may use these competitor products as an alternate source for this technology. Our service provider customers may then require us to lower our prices or they may choose to purchase more DOCSIS 3.0 products from our competitors. Accordingly, our business may be harmed and our revenues may be reduced.

If we were to lose a service provider customer for any reason, we may experience a material and immediate reduction in forecasted revenue that may cause us to be below our net revenue and operating margin expectations for a particular period of

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time and therefore adversely affect our stock price. For example, many of our competitors in the service provider space aggressively price their products in order to gain market share. We may not be able to match the lower prices offered by our competitors. Many of the service provider customers will seek to purchase from the lowest cost provider, notwithstanding that our products may be higher quality or that our products were previously validated for use on their proprietary network. Accordingly, we may lose customers who have lower, more aggressive pricing and our revenues may be reduced. In addition, service providers may choose to prioritize the implementation of other technologies or the roll out of other services than home networking. Weakness in orders from this industry could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, and financial condition. We have seen slowdowns in capital expenditures by certain of our service provider customers in the past, and believe there may be potential for similar slowdowns in the future. Any slowdown in the general economy, over supply, consolidation among service providers, regulatory developments and constraint on capital expenditures could result in reduced demand from service providers and therefore adversely affect our sales to them. If we do not successfully overcome these challenges, we will not be able to profitably grow our service provider sales channel and our growth will be slowed.

We rely on a limited number of retailers, wholesale distributors and service provider customers for a substantial portion of our sales, and our net revenue could decline if they refuse to pay our requested prices or reduce their level of purchases or if there is significant consolidation in our customer base which results in fewer customers for our products.

We sell a substantial portion of our products through retailers, including Best Buy Co., Inc. and its affiliates, wholesale distributors, including Ingram Micro, Inc. and Tech Data Corporation, and service providers, including Virgin Media Limited and AT&T. We expect that a significant portion of our net revenue will continue to come from sales to a small number of customers for the foreseeable future. In addition, because our accounts receivable are often concentrated with a small group of purchasers, the failure of any of them to pay on a timely basis, or at all, would reduce our cash flow. We are also exposed to increased credit risk if any one of these limited numbers of customers fails or becomes insolvent. We generally have no minimum purchase commitments or long-term contracts with any of these customers. These purchasers could decide at any time to discontinue, decrease or delay their purchases of our products. If our customers increase the size of their product orders without sufficient lead-time for us to process the order, our ability to fulfill product demands would be compromised. These customers have a variety of suppliers to choose from and therefore can make substantial demands on us, including demands on product pricing and on contractual terms, which often results in the allocation of risk to us as the supplier. Accordingly, the prices that they pay for our products are subject to negotiation and could change at any time. Our ability to maintain strong relationships with our principal customers is essential to our future performance. If any of our major customers reduce their level of purchases or refuse to pay the prices that we set for our products, our net revenue and operating results could be harmed. Our traditional retail customers have faced increased and significant competition from online retailers, and some of these traditional retail customers have increasingly become a smaller portion of our business. If key retail customers continue to reduce their level of purchases, our business could be harmed.

Additionally, consolidation among our customer base may allow certain customers to command increased leverage in negotiating prices and other terms of sale, which could adversely affect our profitability. In addition, if, as a result of increased leverage, customer pressures require us to reduce our pricing such that our gross margins are diminished, we could decide not to sell our products to a particular customer, which could result in a decrease in our revenue. Consolidation among our customer base may also lead to reduced demand for our products, elimination of sales opportunities, replacement of our products with those of our competitors and cancellations of orders, each of which would harm our operating results. Consolidation among our service provider customers worldwide may also make it more difficult to grow our service provider business, given the fierce competition for the already limited number of service providers worldwide and the long sales cycles to close deals. For example, in June 2013, Liberty Global, a service provider with operations worldwide, completed its acquisition of Virgin Media Limited, one of our significant customers. Because we have not conducted business with Liberty Global in the past, Virgin Media may be directed by

Liberty Global to develop relationships and business with other Liberty Global vendors, many of which are our competitors. Similarly, in July 2013 SoftBank Corp. acquired majority ownership of Sprint Nextel Corp., the parent company of one of our significant customers for AirCard products. In addition, in February 2014, Comcast announced an agreement to acquire Time Warner Cable. If consolidation among our customer base becomes more prevalent, our operating results may be harmed.

We depend on large, recurring purchases from certain significant customers, and a loss, cancellation or delay in purchases by these customers could negatively affect our revenue.

The loss of recurring orders from any of our more significant customers could cause our revenue and profitability to suffer. Our ability to attract new customers will depend on a variety of factors, including the cost-effectiveness, reliability, scalability, breadth and depth of our products. In addition, a change in the mix of our customers, or a change in the mix of direct and indirect sales, could adversely affect our revenue and gross margins.

Although our financial performance may depend on large, recurring orders from certain customers and resellers, we do not generally have binding commitments from them. For example:

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- our reseller agreements generally do not require substantial minimum purchases;
- our customers can stop purchasing and our resellers can stop marketing our products at any time; and
- our reseller agreements generally are not exclusive.

Further, our revenue may be impacted by significant one-time purchases which are not contemplated to be repeatable. While such purchases are reflected in our financial statements, we do not rely on and do not forecast for continued significant one-time purchases. As a result, lack of repeatable one-time purchases will adversely affect our revenue.

Because our expenses are based on our revenue forecasts, a substantial reduction or delay in sales of our products to, or unexpected returns from, customers and resellers, or the loss of any significant customer or reseller, could harm or otherwise have a negative impact to our operating results. Although our largest customers may vary from period to period, we anticipate that our operating results for any given period will continue to depend on large orders from a small number of customers.

Some of our competitors have substantially greater resources than we do, and to be competitive we may be required to lower our prices or increase our sales and marketing expenses, which could result in reduced margins and loss of market share.

We compete in a rapidly evolving and fiercely competitive market, and we expect competition to continue to be intense, including price competition. Our principal competitors in the commercial business market include Allied Telesys, Barracuda, Buffalo, Data Robotics, Dell, D-Link, Fortinet, Hewlett-Packard, Huawei, Cisco Systems, the Linksys line of products under Belkin, QNAP Systems, Seagate Technology, SonicWALL, Synology, TRENDnet, WatchGuard and Western Digital. Our principal competitors in the home market for networking devices and television connectivity products include Amped Wireless, Apple, AsusTEK, Belkin, D-Link, the Linksys line of products under Belkin, Roku, TP-Link and Western Digital. Our principal competitors in the broadband service provider market include Actiontec, ARRIS, Compal Broadband, Comtrend, D-Link, Hitron, Huawei, Motorola, NetComm Wireless, Novatel Wireless, Pace, Sagem, Scientific Atlanta-a Cisco company, SMC Networks, TechniColor, Ubee, ZTE and ZyXEL. Other competitors include numerous local vendors such as Devolo, LEA, AVM and the Hercules brand of Guillemot Corporation in Europe, Corega and Melco in Japan and TP-Link in China. In addition, these local vendors may target markets outside of their local regions and may increasingly compete with us in other regions worldwide. Our potential competitors also include other consumer electronics vendors, including LG Electronics, Microsoft, Panasonic, Samsung, Sony, Toshiba and Vizio, who could integrate networking and streaming capabilities into their line of products, such as televisions, set top boxes and gaming consoles, and our channel customers who may decide to offer self-branded networking products. We also face competition from service providers who may bundle a free networking device with their broadband service offering, which would reduce our sales if we are not the supplier of choice to those service providers. In the service provider space, we are also facing significant and increased competition from original design manufacturers, or ODM's, and contract manufacturers who are selling and attempting to sell their products directly to service providers around the world. In addition, as we expand our product portfolio to include home monitoring cameras and services, we also face competition from incumbents and specialty providers in this space, including Axis Communications, Belkin, D-Link, the Linksys line of products under Belkin, Logitech, Dropcam (owned by Google’s Nest Labs), and Sercomm.

Many of our existing and potential competitors have longer operating histories, greater name recognition and substantially greater financial, technical, sales, marketing and other resources. These competitors may, among other things, undertake more extensive marketing campaigns, adopt more aggressive pricing policies, obtain more favorable pricing from suppliers and manufacturers, and exert more influence on sales channels than we can. We anticipate that

current and potential competitors will also intensify their efforts to penetrate our target markets. For example, price competition is intense in our industry in certain geographical regions and product categories. Many of our competitors in the service provider and retail spaces price their products significantly below our product costs in order to gain market share. Average sales prices have declined in the past and may again decline in the future. These competitors may have more advanced technology, more extensive distribution channels, stronger brand names, greater access to shelf space in retail locations, bigger promotional budgets and larger customer bases than we do. In addition, many of these competitors leverage a broader product portfolio and offer lower pricing as part of a more comprehensive end-to-end solution which we may not have. These companies could devote more capital resources to develop, manufacture and market competing products than we could. Our competitors may also acquire other companies in the market and leverage combined resources to gain market share. For example, in March 2013, Belkin completed its acquisition of the Linksys division from Cisco. Belkin and Linksys are two of our significant competitors. The combined company may have synergies which increase opportunities for Belkin to gain market share, especially in North America. If any of these companies are successful in competing against us, our sales could decline, our margins could be negatively impacted and we could lose market share, any of which could seriously harm our business and results of operations.

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If we do not effectively manage our sales channel inventory and product mix, we may incur costs associated with excess inventory, or lose sales from having too few products.

If we are unable to properly monitor, control and manage our sales channel inventory and maintain an appropriate level and mix of products with our wholesale distributors and within our sales channels, we may incur increased and unexpected costs associated with this inventory. We generally allow wholesale distributors and traditional retailers to return a limited amount of our products in exchange for other products. Under our price protection policy, if we reduce the list price of a product, we are often required to issue a credit in an amount equal to the reduction for each of the products held in inventory by our wholesale distributors and retailers. If our wholesale distributors and retailers are unable to sell their inventory in a timely manner, we might lower the price of the products, or these parties may exchange the products for newer products. Also, during the transition from an existing product to a new replacement product, we must accurately predict the demand for the existing and the new product. For example, in the first quarter of 2013, while transitioning from our existing ReadyNAS product line to our new line of ReadyNAS products, we were not able to execute on the launch of the new product. This led to our inability to have sufficient quantities of the existing line of ReadyNAS products as we had ramped down supply anticipating the transition, which adversely affected our profitability for the quarter.

We determine production levels based on our forecasts of demand for our products. Actual demand for our products depends on many factors, which makes it difficult to forecast. We have experienced differences between our actual and our forecasted demand in the past and expect differences to arise in the future. If we improperly forecast demand for our products we could end up with too many products and be unable to sell the excess inventory in a timely manner, if at all, or, alternatively we could end up with too few products and not be able to satisfy demand. This problem is exacerbated because we attempt to closely match inventory levels with product demand leaving limited margin for error. If these events occur, we could incur increased expenses associated with writing off excessive or obsolete inventory, lose sales, incur penalties for late delivery or have to ship products by air freight to meet immediate demand incurring incremental freight costs above the sea freight costs, a preferred method, and suffering a corresponding decline in gross margins.

Economic conditions are likely to materially adversely affect our revenue and results of operations.

Our business has been and may continue to be affected by a number of factors that are beyond our control such as general geopolitical, economic and business conditions, conditions in the financial markets, and changes in the overall demand for networking products. A severe and/or prolonged economic downturn could adversely affect our customers' financial condition and the levels of business activity of our customers. Continued weakness in, and uncertainty about, global economic conditions continue to cause businesses to postpone spending in response to tighter credit, negative financial news and/or declines in income or asset values, which could have a material negative effect on the demand for networking products.

The recent indications of slow economic growth throughout various regions worldwide, especially in Europe, have presented significant challenges to our business. For example, we believe that decreased demand in Europe adversely impacted our net revenue in all three of our business units during fiscal 2013, relative to prior periods. If conditions in the global economy, including Europe, Australia and the United States, or other key vertical or geographic markets continue to remain weak and uncertain or weaken even further, such conditions could have a material adverse impact on our business, operating results and financial condition. In addition, if we are unable to successfully anticipate changing economic and political conditions, we may be unable to effectively plan for and respond to those changes, which could materially adversely affect our business and results of operations.

In addition, the ongoing economic problems affecting the financial markets and the ongoing uncertainty in global economic conditions have resulted in a number of adverse effects including a low level of liquidity in many financial

markets, extreme volatility in credit, equity, currency and fixed income markets, instability in the stock market and high unemployment. For example, the challenges faced by the European Union to stabilize some of its member economies, such as Greece, Portugal, Spain, Hungary and even Italy, has had international implications affecting the stability of global financial markets and hindering economies worldwide. Many member nations in the European Union have been addressing the issues with controversial austerity measures. Should the European Union monetary policy measures be insufficient to restore confidence and stability to the financial markets, the recovery of the global economy, including the U.S. and European Union economies where we have a significant presence, could be hindered or reversed, which could have a material adverse effect on us. For example, the aggregate number of resellers of our products decreased during the third quarter of 2012; we believe this was caused by the difficult worldwide economic environment, and especially the difficulties experienced in Europe. There could also be a number of other follow-on effects from these economic developments and negative economic trends on our business, including the inability of customers to obtain credit to finance purchases of our products; customer insolvencies; decreased customer confidence to make purchasing decisions; decreased customer demand; and decreased customer ability to pay their trade obligations.

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Our business is subject to the risks of international operations.

We derive a significant portion of our revenue from international operations. As a result, our financial condition and operating results could be significantly affected by risks associated with international activities, including economic and labor conditions, political instability, tax laws, changes in the value of the U.S. dollar versus local currencies, and natural disasters. Margins on sales of our products in foreign countries, and on sales of products that include components obtained from foreign suppliers, could be materially adversely affected by foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations and by international trade regulations. Additionally, certain foreign countries have complex regulatory requirements as conditions of doing business. For example, the United Kingdom Anti-Bribery Act of 2010 is broad legislation that prohibits bribery and applies to our operations worldwide. This foreign legislation follows in the spirit of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and focuses additional governmental efforts on anticorruption efforts worldwide. Meeting these requirements may increase our operating expenses as we continue to expand internationally.

*We obtain several key components from limited or sole sources, and if these sources fail to satisfy our supply requirements or we are unable to properly manage our supply requirements with our third party manufacturers, we may lose sales and experience increased component costs.

Any shortage or delay in the supply of key product components would harm our ability to meet scheduled product deliveries. Many of the semiconductors used in our products are specifically designed for use in our products and are obtained from sole source suppliers on a purchase order basis. In addition, some components that are used in all our products are obtained from limited sources. These components include connector jacks, plastic casings and physical layer transceivers. We also obtain switching fabric semiconductors, which are used in our Ethernet switches and Internet gateway products, and wireless local area network chipsets, which are used in all of our wireless products, from a limited number of suppliers. Semiconductor suppliers have experienced and continue to experience component shortages themselves, such as with substrates used in manufacturing chipsets, which in turn adversely impact our ability to procure semiconductors from them. Our third-party manufacturers generally purchase these components on our behalf on a purchase order basis, and we do not have any contractual commitments or guaranteed supply arrangements with our suppliers. If demand for a specific component increases, we may not be able to obtain an adequate number of that component in a timely manner. In addition, if worldwide demand for the components increases significantly, the availability of these components could be limited. Further, our suppliers may experience financial or other difficulties as a result of uncertain and weak worldwide economic conditions. Other factors which may affect our suppliers' ability to supply components to us include internal management or reorganizational issues, such as roll-out of new equipment which may delay or disrupt supply of previously forecasted components. It could be difficult, costly and time consuming to obtain alternative sources for these components, or to change product designs to make use of alternative components. In addition, difficulties in transitioning from an existing supplier to a new supplier could create delays in component availability that would have a significant impact on our ability to fulfill orders for our products.

We provide our third-party manufacturers with a rolling forecast of demand, which they use to determine our material and component requirements. Lead times for ordering materials and components vary significantly and depend on various factors, such as the specific supplier, contract terms and demand and supply for a component at a given time. Some of our components have long lead times, such as wireless local area network chipsets, switching fabric chips, physical layer transceivers, connector jacks and metal and plastic enclosures. If our forecasts are not timely provided or are less than our actual requirements, our third-party manufacturers may be unable to manufacture products in a timely manner. For example, in the first quarter of 2013, our third party manufacturers were not able to manufacture sufficient quantities of our new line of ReadyNAS products in order to meet demand, adversely affecting our profitability for the quarter. If our forecasts are too high, our third-party manufacturers will be unable to use the components they have purchased on our behalf. The cost of the components used in our products tends to drop rapidly

as volumes increase and the technologies mature. Therefore, if our third-party manufacturers are unable to promptly use components purchased on our behalf, our cost of producing products may be higher than our competitors due to an oversupply of higher-priced components. Moreover, if they are unable to use components ordered at our direction, we will need to reimburse them for any losses they incur.

If we are unable to obtain a sufficient supply of components, or if we experience any interruption in the supply of components, our product shipments could be reduced or delayed or our cost of obtaining these components may increase. Component shortages and delays affect our ability to meet scheduled product deliveries, damage our brand and reputation in the market, and cause us to lose sales and market share. For example, component shortages and disruptions in supply in the past have limited our ability to supply all the worldwide demand for our products, and our revenue was affected. In addition, at times sole suppliers of highly specialized components have provided components that were either defective or did not meet the criteria required by our customers, resulting in delays, lost revenue opportunities and potentially substantial write-offs.

Another example relates to the record flooding in Thailand in the third quarter of 2011. Many major manufacturers of hard disk drives and their component suppliers maintain significant operations in Thailand in areas affected by the flooding. These

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include most, if not all, of our direct and indirect suppliers of hard disk drives for our ReadyNAS product line. All of our major direct and indirect suppliers of hard disk drives informed us that our supply chain would be constrained for an indefinite amount of time, in some cases up to six months. Some therefore declared a force majeure event and have stated that, in addition to and because of the supply constraints, pricing for hard disk drives would increase significantly until they were able to stabilize the situation. As a result, we experienced increased prices in the cost of hard disk drives and ceased accepting any additional orders containing ReadyNAS products with hard disk drives at then current prices and all shipments of ReadyNAS products with hard disk drives were placed on hold. In addition, all sales and marketing promotions involving ReadyNAS products were terminated temporarily. Further, we declared the existence of a force majeure event under our contracts with certain customers. Accordingly, our business was harmed. Certain events or natural disasters that occur in the future may harm our business as well.

If we lose the services of our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Patrick C.S. Lo, or our other key personnel, we may not be able to execute our business strategy effectively.

Our future success depends in large part upon the continued services of our key technical, sales, marketing, finance and senior management personnel. In particular, the services of Patrick C.S. Lo, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, who has led our company since its inception, are very important to our business. We do not maintain any key person life insurance policies. Our business model requires extremely skilled and experienced senior management who are able to withstand the rigorous requirements and expectations of our business. Our success depends on senior management being able to execute at a very high level. The loss of any of our senior management or other key research, development, sales or marketing personnel, particularly if lost to competitors, could harm our ability to implement our business strategy and respond to the rapidly changing needs of our business. While we have adopted an emergency succession plan for the short term, we have not formally adopted a long term succession plan. As a result, if we suffer the loss of services of any key executive, our long term business results may be harmed. While we believe that we have mitigated some of the business execution and business continuity risk with our reorganization into three business units, the loss of any key personnel would still be disruptive and harm our business, especially given that our business is leanly staffed and relies on the expertise and high performance of our key personnel. In addition, because we do not have a formal long term succession plan, we may not be able to have the proper personnel in place to effectively execute our long term business strategy if Mr. Lo or other key personnel retire, resign or are otherwise terminated.

We have been and will be investing increased additional in-house resources on software research and development, which could disrupt our ongoing business and present distinct risks from our historically hardware-centric business.

We plan to continue to evolve our historically hardware-centric business model towards a model that includes more sophisticated software offerings. As such, we will further evolve the focus of our organization towards the delivery of more integrated hardware and software solutions for our customers. While we have invested in software development in the past, we will be expending additional resources in this area in the future. Such endeavors may involve significant risks and uncertainties, including distraction of management from current operations, insufficient revenue to offset liabilities assumed and expenses associated with the strategy, inadequate return on capital, and unidentified issues not discovered in our due diligence. Software development is inherently risky for a company such as ours with a historically hardware-centric business model, and accordingly, our efforts in software development may not be successful. Any increased investment in software research and development may materially adversely affect our financial condition and operating results.

We may spend a proportionately greater amount on software research and development in the future. If we cannot proportionately decrease our cost structure in response to competitive price pressures, our gross margin and, therefore, our profitability could be adversely affected. In addition, if our software solutions, pricing and other factors are not sufficiently competitive, or if there is an adverse reaction to our product decisions, we may lose market share in

certain areas, which could adversely affect our revenue and prospects.

Software research and development is complex. We must make long-term investments, develop or obtain appropriate intellectual property and commit significant resources before knowing whether our predictions will accurately reflect customer demand for our products and services. We must accurately forecast mixes of software solutions and configurations that meet customer requirements, and we may not succeed at doing so within a given product's life cycle or at all. Any delay in the development, production or marketing of a new software solution could result in us not being among the first to market, which could further harm our competitive position. In addition, our regular testing and quality control efforts may not be effective in controlling or detecting all quality issues and defects. We may be unable to determine the cause, find an appropriate solution or offer a temporary fix to address defects. Finding solutions to quality issues or defects can be expensive and may result in additional warranty, replacement and other costs, adversely affecting our profits. If new or existing customers have difficulty with our software solutions or are dissatisfied with our services, our operating margins could be adversely affected, and we could face possible claims if we fail to meet our customers' expectations. In addition, quality issues can impair our relationships with new or existing customers and adversely affect our brand and reputation, which could adversely affect our operating results.

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As part of growing our business, we have made and expect to continue to make acquisitions. If we fail to successfully select, execute or integrate our acquisitions, then our business and operating results could be harmed and our stock price could decline.

From time to time, we will undertake acquisitions to add new product lines and technologies, gain new sales channels or enter into new sales territories. For example, in June 2012 and June 2013 we acquired select assets of two separate engineering operations in India to enhance our wireless product offerings in our commercial business unit. Additionally in July 2012, we closed the acquisition of privately held AVAAK, Inc., creators of the VueZone® home video monitoring system, and in April 2013, we closed the acquisition of the AirCard business of Sierra Wireless, Inc. The AirCard acquisition represents our largest acquisition, both in terms of consideration and headcount. Acquisitions involve numerous risks and challenges, including but not limited to the following:

- integrating the companies, assets, systems, products, sales channels and personnel that we acquire;
- higher than anticipated acquisition and integration costs and expenses;
- reliance on third parties to provide transition services for a period of time after closing to ensure an orderly transition of the business;
- growing or maintaining revenues to justify the purchase price and the increased expenses associated with acquisitions;
- entering into territories or markets with which we have limited or no prior experience;
- establishing or maintaining business relationships with customers, vendors and suppliers who may be new to us;
- overcoming the employee, customer, vendor and supplier turnover that may occur as a result of the acquisition;
- disruption of, and demands on, our ongoing business as a result of integration activities including diversion of management's time and attention from running the day to day operations of our business;
- inability to implement uniform standards, disclosure controls and procedures, internal controls over financial reporting and other procedures and policies in a timely manner;
- inability to realize the anticipated benefits of or successfully integrate with our existing business the businesses, products, technologies or personnel that we acquire; and
- potential post-closing disputes.

As part of undertaking an acquisition, we may also significantly revise our capital structure or operational budget, such as issuing common stock that would dilute the ownership percentage of our stockholders, assuming liabilities or debt, utilizing a substantial portion of our cash resources to pay for the acquisition or significantly increasing operating expenses. Our acquisitions have resulted and may in the future result in charges being taken in an individual quarter as well as future periods, which results in variability in our quarterly earnings. In addition, our effective tax rate in any particular quarter may also be impacted by acquisitions. Following the closing of an acquisition, we may also have disputes with the seller regarding contractual requirements and covenants. Any such disputes may be time consuming and distract management from other aspects of our business. In addition, if we continue to increase the pace or size of acquisitions, as we have done since mid-2012, we will have to expend significant management time and effort into the transactions and the integrations and we may not have the proper human resources bandwidth to

ensure successful integrations and accordingly, our business could be harmed.

As part of the terms of acquisition, we may commit to pay additional contingent consideration if certain revenue or other performance milestones are met. We are required to evaluate the fair value of such commitments at each reporting date and adjust the amount recorded if there are changes to the fair value.

We cannot ensure that we will be successful in selecting, executing and integrating acquisitions. Failure to manage and successfully integrate acquisitions could materially harm our business and operating results. In addition, if stock market analysts or our stockholders do not support or believe in the value of the acquisitions that we choose to undertake, our stock price may decline.

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The average selling prices of our products typically decrease rapidly over the sales cycle of the product, which may negatively affect our net revenue and gross margins.

Our products typically experience price erosion, a fairly rapid reduction in the average unit selling prices over their respective sales cycles. In order to sell products that have a falling average unit selling price and maintain margins at the same time, we need to continually reduce product and manufacturing costs. To manage manufacturing costs, we must collaborate with our third-party manufacturers to engineer the most cost-effective design for our products. In addition, we must carefully manage the price paid for components used in our products. We must also successfully manage our freight and inventory costs to reduce overall product costs. We also need to continually introduce new products with higher sales prices and gross margins in order to maintain our overall gross margins. If we are unable to manage the cost of older products or successfully introduce new products with higher gross margins, our net revenue and overall gross margin would likely decline.

*We depend substantially on our sales channels, and our failure to maintain and expand our sales channels would result in lower sales and reduced net revenue.

To maintain and grow our market share, net revenue and brand, we must maintain and expand our sales channels. Our sales channels consist of traditional retailers, online retailers, DMRs, VARs, and broadband service providers. Some of these entities purchase our products through our wholesale distributor customers. We generally have no minimum purchase commitments or long-term contracts with any of these third parties.

Traditional retailers have limited shelf space and promotional budgets, and competition is intense for these resources. If the networking sector does not experience sufficient growth, retailers may choose to allocate more shelf space to other consumer product sectors. A competitor with more extensive product lines and stronger brand identity may have greater bargaining power with these retailers. Any reduction in available shelf space or increased competition for such shelf space would require us to increase our marketing expenditures simply to maintain current levels of retail shelf space, which would harm our operating margin. Our traditional retail customers have faced increased and significant competition from online retailers. If we cannot effectively manage our business amongst our online customers and traditional retail customers, our business would be harmed. The recent trend in the consolidation of online retailers and DMR channels has resulted in intensified competition for preferred product placement, such as product placement on an online retailer's Internet home page. Expanding our presence in the VAR channel may be difficult and expensive. We compete with established companies that have longer operating histories and longstanding relationships with VARs that we would find highly desirable as sales channel partners. In addition, our efforts to realign or consolidate our sales channels may cause temporary disruptions in our product sales and revenue, and these changes may not result in the expected longer-term benefits.

We also sell products to broadband service providers. Competition for selling to broadband service providers is fierce and intense. Penetrating service provider accounts typically involves a long sales cycle and the challenge of displacing incumbent suppliers with established relationships and field-deployed products. If we are unable to maintain and expand our sales channels, our growth would be limited and our business would be harmed.

We must also continuously monitor and evaluate emerging sales channels. If we fail to establish a presence in an important developing sales channel, our business could be harmed.

*If our goodwill or intangible assets become impaired we may be required to record a significant charge to earnings.

Under generally accepted accounting principles, we review our intangible assets for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. Goodwill is required to be tested for impairment at least annually. Factors that may be considered when determining if the carrying value of our goodwill

or intangible assets may not be recoverable include a significant decline in our expected future cash flows or a sustained, significant decline in our stock price and market capitalization.

As a result of our acquisitions, we have significant goodwill and intangible assets recorded on our balance sheet. In addition, significant negative industry or economic trends, such as those that have occurred as a result of the recent economic downturn, including reduced estimates of future cash flows or disruptions to our business could indicate that goodwill or intangible assets might be impaired. If, in any period our stock price decreases to the point where our market capitalization is less than our book value, this too could indicate a potential impairment and we may be required to record an impairment charge in that period. Our valuation methodology for assessing impairment requires management to make judgments and assumptions based on projections of future operating performance. The estimates used to calculate the fair value of a reporting unit change from year to year based on operating results and market conditions. Changes in these estimates and assumptions could materially affect the determination of fair value and goodwill impairment for each reporting unit. We operate in highly competitive environments and projections of

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future operating results and cash flows may vary significantly from actual results. As a result, we may incur substantial impairment charges to earnings in our financial statements should an impairment of our goodwill or intangible assets be determined resulting in an adverse impact on our results of operations.

In the fourth fiscal quarter of 2013, we completed our annual impairment test of goodwill and determined no impairment existed as of September 30, 2013. We will continue to test goodwill for impairment at least annually at the business unit level, and more frequently if we become aware of changed conditions or situations since the prior impairment testing that might call into question whether the current balances are fairly recorded. As of the date of our most recent goodwill impairment test, October 1, 2013, the service provider business unit's fair value exceeded its carrying value by 15.5%. The carrying value of goodwill allocated to the service provider business unit was $74.2 million as of September 28, 2014.

The allocation of goodwill may have greater impact for certain of the business segments, as compared to the other segments. We believe that our service provider business unit may be particularly susceptible to this risk relative to our other two business units, due to its higher dependence on a limited number of customers and the potential impact of losing one or more significant customers. Accordingly, the performance of a business unit may be adversely affected by the allocation of goodwill.

*Changes in tax rates, adverse changes in tax laws or exposure to additional income tax liabilities could affect our future profitability.

Factors that could materially affect our future effective tax rates include but are not limited to:

- changes in the regulatory environment;

- changes in accounting and tax standards or practices;

- changes in the composition of operating income by tax jurisdiction; and

- our operating results before taxes.

We are subject to income taxes in the United States and numerous foreign jurisdictions. Our effective tax rate has fluctuated in the past and may fluctuate in the future. Future effective tax rates could be affected by changes in the composition of earnings in countries with differing tax rates, changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities, or changes in tax laws. Numerous foreign jurisdictions have been influenced by studies performed by the OECD (Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development) and are increasingly active in evaluating changes to their tax laws. The OECD, which represents a coalition of member countries, has issued various white papers addressing tax base erosion and jurisdictional profit shifting (BEPS). Their recommendations are aimed at combatting what they believe is tax avoidance. Changes in tax laws could affect the distribution of our earnings and adversely affect our results.

We are currently under examination by the Italian Tax Authority (ITA) for the 2004 through 2012 tax years. The ITA examination includes an audit of income, gross receipts and value-added taxes. If we are unsuccessful in defending our tax positions, our profitability will be reduced.

We are also subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, and other tax authorities, including state revenue agencies and other foreign governments. While we regularly assess the likelihood of favorable or unfavorable outcomes resulting from examinations by the IRS and other tax authorities to determine the adequacy of our provision for income taxes, there can be no assurance that the actual outcome resulting from these examinations will not materially adversely affect our financial condition and operating results. Additionally, the IRS and several foreign tax

authorities have increasingly focused attention on intercompany transfer pricing with respect to sales of products and services and the use of intangible assets. Tax authorities could disagree with our intercompany charges, cross-jurisdictional transfer pricing or other matters and assess additional taxes. If we do not prevail in any such disagreements, our profitability may be affected.

We must comply with indirect tax laws in multiple foreign jurisdictions. Audits of our compliance with these rules may result in additional liabilities for tax, interest and penalties related to our international operations which would reduce our profitability.

Our international operations are routinely subject to audit by tax authorities in various countries. Many countries have indirect tax systems where the sale and purchase of goods and services are subject to tax based on the transaction value. These taxes are commonly referred to as value-added tax (VAT) or goods and services tax (GST). Failure to comply with these systems can result in the assessment of additional tax, interest and penalties. While we believe we are in compliance with local laws, there is no

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assurance that foreign tax authorities agree with our reporting positions and upon audit may assess us additional tax, interest and penalties. If this occurs and we cannot successfully defend our position, our profitability will be reduced.

We are subject to, and must remain in compliance with, numerous laws and governmental regulations concerning the manufacturing, use, distribution and sale of our products, as well as any such future laws and regulations. Some of our customers also require that we comply with their own unique requirements relating to these matters. Any failure to comply with such laws, regulations and requirements, and any associated unanticipated costs, may adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We manufacture and sell products which contain electronic components, and such components may contain materials that are subject to government regulation in both the locations that we manufacture and assemble our products, as well as the locations where we sell our products. For example, certain regulations limit the use of lead in electronic components. To our knowledge, we maintain compliance with all applicable current government regulations concerning the materials utilized in our products, for all the locations in which we operate. Since we operate on a global basis, this is a complex process which requires continual monitoring of regulations and an ongoing compliance process to ensure that we and our suppliers are in compliance with all existing regulations. There are areas where new regulations have been enacted which could increase our cost of the components that we utilize or require us to expend additional resources to ensure compliance. For example, the SEC passed final rules in August 2012 regarding investigation and disclosure of the use of certain “conflict minerals” in our products. These rules apply to our business, and we are expending significant resources to ensure compliance. If there is an unanticipated new regulation which significantly impacts our use of various components or requires more expensive components, that regulation would have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

One area which has a large number of regulations is the environmental compliance. Management of environmental pollution and climate change has produced significant legislative and regulatory efforts on a global basis, and we believe this will continue both in scope and the number of countries participating. These changes could directly increase the cost of energy which may have an impact on the way we manufacture products or utilize energy to produce our products. In addition, any new regulations or laws in the environmental area might increase the cost of raw materials we use in our products. Environmental regulations require us to reduce product energy usage, monitor and exclude an expanding list of restricted substances and to participate in required recover and recycling of our products. While future changes in regulations are certain, we are currently unable to predict how any such changes will impact us and if such impacts will be material to our business. If there is a new law or regulation that significantly increases our costs of manufacturing or causes us to significantly alter the way that we manufacture our products, this would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our selling and distribution practices are also regulated in large part by U.S. federal and state as well as foreign antitrust and competition laws and regulations. In general, the objective of these laws is to promote and maintain free competition by prohibiting certain forms of conduct that tend to restrict production, raise prices, or otherwise control the market for goods or services to the detriment of consumers of those goods and services. Potentially prohibited activities under these laws may include unilateral conduct, or conduct undertaken as the result of an agreement with one or more of our suppliers, competitors, or customers. The potential for liability under these laws can be difficult to predict as it often depends on a finding that the challenged conduct resulted in harm to competition, such as higher prices, restricted supply, or a reduction in the quality or variety of products available to consumers. We utilize a number of different distribution channels to deliver our products to the end consumer, and regularly enter agreements with resellers of our products at various levels in the distribution chain that could be subject to scrutiny under these laws in the event of private litigation or an investigation by a governmental competition authority. In addition, many of our products are sold to consumers via the Internet. Many of the competition-related laws that govern these Internet sales were adopted prior to the advent of the Internet, and, as a result, do not contemplate or address the unique issues raised by online sales. New interpretations of existing laws and regulations, whether by courts or by the state, federal,

or foreign governmental authorities charged with the enforcement of those laws and regulations, may also impact our business in ways we are currently unable to predict. Any failure on our part or on the part of our employees, agents, distributors or other business partners to comply with the laws and regulations governing competition can result in negative publicity and diversion of management time and effort and may subject us to significant litigation liabilities and other penalties.

In addition to government regulations, many of our customers require us to comply with their own requirements regarding manufacturing, health and safety matters, corporate social responsibility, employee treatment, anti-corruption, use of materials and environmental concerns. Some customers may require us to periodically report on compliance with their unique requirements, and some customers reserve the right to audit our business for compliance. We are increasingly subject to requests for compliance with these customer requirements. For example, there has been significant focus from our customers as well as the press regarding corporate social responsibility policies. We regularly audit our manufacturers; however, any deficiencies in compliance by our manufacturers may harm our business and our brand. In addition, we may not have the resources to maintain compliance with

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these customer requirements and failure to comply may result in decreased sales to these customers, which may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We depend on a limited number of third-party manufacturers for substantially all of our manufacturing needs. If these third-party manufacturers experience any delay, disruption or quality control problems in their operations, we could lose market share and our brand may suffer.

All of our products are manufactured, assembled, tested and generally packaged by a limited number of third party manufacturers, including original design manufacturers, or ODMs, and original equipment manufacturers, as well as contract manufacturers. In most cases, we rely on these manufacturers to procure components and, in some cases, subcontract engineering work. Some of our products are manufactured by a single manufacturer. We do not have any long-term contracts with any of our third-party manufacturers. Some of these third-party manufacturers produce products for our competitors. Due to weak economic conditions, the viability of some of these third-party manufacturers may be at risk. Our ODM's are increasingly refusing to work with us on certain projects, such as projects for manufacturing products for our service provider customers. Because our service provider customers command significant resources, including for software support, and demand extremely competitive pricing, our ODMs are starting to refuse to engage on service provider terms. The loss of the services of any of our primary third-party manufacturers could cause a significant disruption in operations and delays in product shipments. Qualifying a new manufacturer and commencing volume production is expensive and time consuming. For example, as a result of both our April 2013 acquisition of the AirCard business from Sierra Wireless, Inc. and our July 2012 acquisition of AVAAK, Inc., we have commenced doing business with two new contract manufacturers. Ensuring that a contract manufacturer is qualified to manufacture our products to our standards is time consuming. In addition, there is no assurance that a contract manufacturer can scale its production of our products at the volumes and in the quality that we require. If a contract manufacturer is unable to do these things, we may have to move production for the products to a new or existing third party manufacturer which would take significant effort and our business may be harmed. In addition, as we contemplate moving manufacturing into different jurisdictions, we will be subject to additional significant challenges in ensuring that quality, processes and costs, among other issues, are consistent with our expectations. For example, while we expect our manufacturers to be responsible for penalties assessed on us because of excessive failures of the products, there is no assurance that we will be able to collect such reimbursements from these manufacturers, which causes us to take on additional risk for potential failures of our products.

Our reliance on third-party manufacturers also exposes us to the following risks over which we have limited control:

- unexpected increases in manufacturing and repair costs;
- inability to control the quality and reliability of finished products;
- inability to control delivery schedules;
- potential liability for expenses incurred by third-party manufacturers in reliance on our forecasts that later prove to be inaccurate;
- potential lack of adequate capacity to manufacture all or a part of the products we require; and
- potential labor unrest affecting the ability of the third-party manufacturers to produce our products.

All of our products must satisfy safety and regulatory standards and some of our products must also receive government certifications. Our third party manufacturers are primarily responsible for obtaining most regulatory

approvals for our products. If our third party manufacturers fail to obtain timely domestic or foreign regulatory approvals or certificates, we would be unable to sell our products and our sales and profitability could be reduced, our relationships with our sales channel could be harmed, and our reputation and brand would suffer.

Specifically, substantially all of our manufacturing occurs in the Asia Pacific region and any disruptions from natural disasters, health epidemics and political, social and economic instability would affect the ability of our third party manufacturers to manufacture our products. In addition, our third party manufacturers in China have continued to increase our costs of production, particularly in the past couple of years. If these costs continue to increase, it may affect our margins and ability to lower prices for our products to stay competitive. Recent labor unrest in China may also affect our third party manufacturers as workers may strike and cause production delays. If our third party manufacturers fail to maintain good relations with their employees or contractors, and production and manufacturing of our products is affected, then we may be subject to shortages of products and quality of products delivered may be affected. Further, if our manufacturers or warehousing facilities are disrupted or destroyed,

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we would have no other readily available alternatives for manufacturing our products and our business would be significantly harmed.

As we continue to work with more third party manufacturers on a contract manufacturing basis, we are also exposed to additional risks not inherent in a typical ODM arrangement. Such risks may include our inability to properly source and qualify components for the products, lack of software expertise resulting in increased software defects, and lack of resources to properly monitor the manufacturing process. In our typical ODM arrangement, our ODMs are generally responsible for sourcing the components of the products and warranting that the products will work against a product's specification, including any software specifications. In a contract manufacturing arrangement, we would take on much more, if not all, of the responsibility around these areas. If we are unable to properly manage these risks, our products may be more susceptible to defects and our business would be harmed.

We are currently involved in numerous litigation matters and may in the future become involved in additional litigation, including litigation regarding intellectual property rights, which could be costly and subject us to significant liability.

The networking industry is characterized by the existence of a large number of patents and frequent claims and related litigation regarding infringement of patents, trade secrets and other intellectual property rights. In particular, leading companies in the data communications markets, some of which are our competitors, have extensive patent portfolios with respect to networking technology. From time to time, third parties, including these leading companies, have asserted and may continue to assert exclusive patent, copyright, trademark and other intellectual property rights against us demanding license or royalty payments or seeking payment for damages, injunctive relief and other available legal remedies through litigation. These also include third-party non-practicing entities who claim to own patents or other intellectual property that cover industry standards that our products comply with. If we are unable to resolve these matters or obtain licenses on acceptable or commercially reasonable terms, we could be sued or we may be forced to initiate litigation to protect our rights. The cost of any necessary licenses could significantly harm our business, operating results and financial condition. We may also choose to join defensive patent aggregation services in order to prevent or settle litigation against such non-practicing entities and avoid the associated significant costs and uncertainties of litigation. These patent aggregation services may obtain, or have previously obtained, licenses for the alleged patent infringement claims against us and other patent assets that could be used offensively against us. The costs of such defensive patent aggregation services, while potentially lower than the costs of litigation, may be significant as well. At any time, any of these non-practicing entities, or any other third-party could initiate litigation against us, or we may be forced to initiate litigation against them, which could divert management attention, be costly to defend or prosecute, prevent us from using or selling the challenged technology, require us to design around the challenged technology and cause the price of our stock to decline. In addition, third parties, some of whom are potential competitors, have initiated and may continue to initiate litigation against our manufacturers, suppliers, members of our sales channels or our service provider customers or even end user customers, alleging infringement of their proprietary rights with respect to existing or future products. In the event successful claims of infringement are brought by third parties, and we are unable to obtain licenses or independently develop alternative technology on a timely basis, we may be subject to indemnification obligations, be unable to offer competitive products, or be subject to increased expenses. Finally, consumer class-action lawsuits related to the marketing and performance of our home networking products have been asserted and may in the future be asserted against us. For additional information regarding certain of the lawsuits in which we are involved, see the information set forth under Note 9, Commitments and Contingencies, in notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. If we do not resolve these claims on a favorable basis, our business, operating results and financial condition could be significantly harmed.

We are required to evaluate our internal controls under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and any adverse results from such evaluation, including restatements of our issued financial statements, could impact investor

confidence in the reliability of our internal controls over financial reporting.

Pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we are required to furnish a report by our management on our internal control over financial reporting. Such report must contain among other matters, an assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of the end of our fiscal year, including a statement as to whether or not our internal control over financial reporting is effective. This assessment must include disclosure of any material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting identified by management. From time to time, we conduct internal investigations as a result of whistleblower complaints. In some instances, the whistleblower complaint may implicate potential areas of weakness in our internal controls. Although all known material weaknesses have been remediated, we cannot be certain that the measures we have taken ensure that restatements will not occur in the future. Execution of restatements create a significant strain on our internal resources and could cause delays in our filing of quarterly or annual financial results, increase our costs and cause management distraction. Restatements may also significantly affect our stock price in an adverse manner.

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Continued performance of the system and process documentation and evaluation needed to comply with Section 404 is both costly and challenging. During this process, if our management identifies one or more material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting, we will be unable to assert such internal control is effective. If we are unable to assert that our internal control over financial reporting is effective as of the end of a fiscal year or if our independent registered public accounting firm is unable to express an opinion on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, we could lose investor confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports, which may have an adverse effect on our stock price.

System security risks, data protection breaches and cyber-attacks could disrupt our internal operations or information technology or networking services provided to customers, and any such disruption could reduce our expected revenue, increase our expenses, damage our reputation and adversely affect our stock price.

Maintaining the security of our computer information systems and communication systems is a critical issue for us and our customers. Hackers may develop and deploy viruses, worms and other malicious software programs that are designed to attack our products and systems, including our internal network, or those of our vendors or customers. Additionally, outside parties may attempt to fraudulently induce our employees or users of our products to disclose sensitive information in order to gain access to our data or our customers' data. We have established a crisis management plan and business continuity program. While we regularly test the plan and the program, there can be no assurance that the plan and program can withstand an actual or serious disruption in our business, including a data protection breach or cyber-attack. While we have established infrastructure and geographic redundancy for our critical systems, our ability to utilize these redundant systems requires further testing and we cannot be assured that such systems are fully functional. For example, much of our order fulfillment process is automated and the order information is stored on our servers. A significant business interruption could result in losses or damages and harm our business. If our computer systems and servers go down at the end of a fiscal quarter, our ability to recognize revenue may be delayed until we are able to utilize back-up systems and continue to process and ship our orders. This could cause our stock price to decline significantly. Moreover, potential breaches of our security measures and the accidental loss, inadvertent disclosure or unapproved dissemination of proprietary information or sensitive or confidential data about us or our customers, including the potential loss or disclosure of such information or data as a result of hacking, fraud, trickery or other forms of deception, could expose us, our customers or the individuals affected to a risk of loss or misuse of this information, result in litigation and potential liability for us, damage our brand and reputation or otherwise harm our business.

In connection with our acquisition of AVAAK, Inc. in July 2012, we expanded our business into offering a comprehensive online service offering with the new VueZone cloud monitoring service. If this cloud service is compromised by hackers, or if customer confidential information is accessed without authorization, our business will be harmed. Furthermore, operating an online cloud service is a new business for us and we may not have the expertise to properly manage risks related to data security and systems security. If we are unable to successfully prevent breaches of security relating to our VueZone service or customer private information, including customer videos and customer personal identification information, management would need to spend increasing amounts of time and effort in this area, and our business would be harmed.

The marketability of our AirCard products may suffer if wireless telecommunications operators do not deliver acceptable wireless services.

The success of the AirCard product line depends, in part, on the capacity, affordability, reliability and prevalence of wireless data networks provided by wireless telecommunications operators and on which our AirCard products operate. Currently, various wireless telecommunications operators, either individually or jointly with us, sell our products in connection with the sale of their wireless data services to their customers. Growth in demand for wireless data access may be limited if, for example, wireless telecommunications operators cease or materially curtail operations, fail to offer services that customers consider valuable at acceptable prices, fail to maintain sufficient capacity to meet demand for wireless data access, delay the expansion of their wireless networks and services, fail to

offer and maintain reliable wireless network services or fail to market their services effectively.

In addition, the future growth of our AirCard product line depends on the successful deployment of next generation wireless data networks provided by third parties, including those networks for which we are currently developing products. If these next generation networks are not deployed or widely accepted, or if deployment is delayed, there will be no market for the AirCard products we are developing to operate on these networks. If any of these events occurs, or if for any other reason the demand for wireless data access fails to grow, sales of our products will decline or remain stagnant and our business could be harmed.

If our products contain defects or errors, we could incur significant unexpected expenses, experience product returns and lost sales, experience product recalls, suffer damage to our brand and reputation, and be subject to product liability or other claims.

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Our products are complex and may contain defects, errors or failures, particularly when first introduced or when new versions are released. The industry standards upon which many of our products are based are also complex, experience change over time and may be interpreted in different manners. Some errors and defects may be discovered only after a product has been installed and used by the end-user. For example, in January 2008, we announced a voluntary recall of a Powerline Ethernet Adapter made for Europe and other countries as a result of a component failure under certain operating conditions.

In addition, epidemic failure clauses are found in certain of our customer contracts, especially contracts with service providers. If invoked, these clauses may entitle the customer to return for replacement or obtain credits for products and inventory, as well as assess liquidated damage penalties and terminate an existing contract and cancel future or then current purchase orders. In such instances, we may also be obligated to cover significant costs incurred by the customer associated with the consequences of such epidemic failure, including freight and transportation required for product replacement and out-of-pocket costs for truck rolls to end user sites to collect the defective products. Costs or payments we make in connection with an epidemic failure may materially adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. If our products contain defects or errors, or are found to be noncompliant with industry standards, we could experience decreased sales and increased product returns, loss of customers and market share, and increased service, warranty and insurance costs. In addition, our reputation and brand could be damaged, and we could face legal claims regarding our products. A product liability or other claim could result in negative publicity and harm to our reputation, resulting in unexpected expenses and adversely impacting our operating results. For instance, if a third party were able to successfully overcome the security measures in our products, such a person or entity could misappropriate customer data, third party data stored by our customers and other information, including intellectual property. In addition, the operations of our end-user customers may be interrupted. If that happens, affected end-users or others may file actions against us alleging product liability, tort, or breach of warranty claims.

*If disruptions in our transportation network occur or our shipping costs substantially increase, we may be unable to sell or timely deliver our products and our operating expenses could increase.

We are highly dependent upon the transportation systems we use to ship our products, including surface and air freight. Our attempts to closely match our inventory levels to our product demand intensify the need for our transportation systems to function effectively and without delay. On a quarterly basis, our shipping volume also tends to steadily increase as the quarter progresses, which means that any disruption in our transportation network in the latter half of a quarter will likely have a more material effect on our business than at the beginning of a quarter.

The transportation network is subject to disruption or congestion from a variety of causes, including labor disputes or port strikes, acts of war or terrorism, natural disasters and congestion resulting from higher shipping volumes. For example, in June 2013, a ship carrying containers of our products among its cargo sank, and the shipment was lost. Although covered by insurance, this loss led to delays in delivery and our receipt of payment. Labor disputes among freight carriers and at ports of entry are common, particularly in Europe, and we expect labor unrest and its effects on shipping our products to be a continuing challenge for us. For example, a port worker strike or other transportation disruption in Long Beach, California, where we have a significant distribution center and where there was a short-term strike in July 2014, could significantly disrupt our business. Our international freight is regularly subjected to inspection by governmental entities. If our delivery times increase unexpectedly for these or any other reasons, our ability to deliver products on time would be materially adversely affected and result in delayed or lost revenue as well as customer imposed penalties. In addition, if increases in fuel prices occur, our transportation costs would likely increase. Moreover, the cost of shipping our products by air freight is greater than other methods. From time to time in the past, we have shipped products using extensive air freight to meet unexpected spikes in demand, shifts in demand between product categories, to bring new product introductions to market quickly and to timely ship products previously ordered. If we rely more heavily upon air freight to deliver our products, our overall shipping costs will increase. A prolonged transportation disruption or a significant increase in the cost of freight could severely disrupt

our business and harm our operating results.

*We are exposed to the credit risk of some of our customers and to credit exposures in weakened markets, which could result in material losses.

A substantial portion of our sales are on an open credit basis, with typical payment terms of 30 to 60 days in the United States and, because of local customs or conditions, longer in some markets outside the United States. We monitor individual customer financial viability in granting such open credit arrangements, seek to limit such open credit to amounts we believe the customers can pay, and maintain reserves we believe are adequate to cover exposure for doubtful accounts.

In the past, there have been bankruptcies amongst our customer base, and certain of our customers’ businesses face financial challenges that put them at risk of future bankruptcies. Although any resulting loss has not been material to date, future losses, if incurred, could harm our business and have a material adverse effect on our operating results and financial condition. To the degree that turmoil in the credit markets makes it more difficult for some customers to obtain financing, our customers' ability to pay

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could be adversely impacted, which in turn could have a material adverse impact on our business, operating results, and financial condition.

We are expanding our operations and infrastructure, which may strain our operations and increase our operating expenses.

We are expanding our operations and pursuing market opportunities both domestically and internationally in order to grow our sales. As a result of the acquisition of the AirCard business of Sierra Wireless, we have added two new locations with over 80 personnel housed at each site, one in Carlsbad, California, and one in Richmond, British Columbia. We expect that this expansion will require enhancements to our existing management information systems, and operational and financial controls. In addition, if we continue to grow, our expenditures will likely be significantly higher than our historical costs. We may not be able to install adequate controls in an efficient and timely manner as our business grows, and our current systems may not be adequate to support our future operations. The difficulties associated with installing and implementing new systems, procedures and controls may place a significant burden on our management, operational and financial resources. In addition, if we grow internationally, we will have to expand and enhance our communications infrastructure. In the second fiscal quarter of 2011, we reorganized our business into three business units: retail, commercial, and service provider. Our reorganization into three business units may cause significant distraction to our management and employees. For example, channel and pricing conflicts may arise in certain territories as each of our business units may engage in selling activities which may benefit that business unit at the expense of another business unit. In addition, disclosures of previously non-public information in connection with our reorganization may also provide our competitors with strategic data which may put us at a competitive disadvantage and harm our business. These new disclosures about our performance may also cause our stock price to decline. As part of this expansion and reorganization, we have also commenced utilizing an alternative customer support model for certain of our end user technical support services. This alternative model permits a customer support agent to attempt to sell additional services and/or products to an end user who calls for technical support. If we are unable to successfully manage this alternative model, our end user customers may become frustrated with the customer experience and cease purchasing our products, and our business would be harmed. If we fail to continue to improve our management information systems, procedures and financial controls or encounter unexpected difficulties during expansion and reorganization, our business could be harmed.

For example, we have invested, and will continue to invest, significant capital and human resources in the design and enhancement of our financial and enterprise resource planning systems, which may be disruptive to our underlying business. We depend on these systems in order to timely and accurately process and report key components of our results of operations, financial position and cash flows. If the systems fail to operate appropriately or we experience any disruptions or delays in enhancing their functionality to meet current business requirements, our ability to fulfill customer orders, bill and track our customers, fulfill contractual obligations, accurately report our financials and otherwise run our business could be adversely affected. Even if we do not encounter these adverse effects, the enhancement of systems may be much more costly than we anticipated. If we are unable to continue to enhance our information technology systems as planned, our financial position, results of operations and cash flows could be negatively impacted.

We invest in companies for both strategic and financial reasons, but may not realize a return on our investments.

We have made, and continue to seek to make, investments in companies around the world to further our strategic objectives and support our key business initiatives. These investments may include equity or debt instruments of public or private companies, and may be non-marketable at the time of our initial investment. We do not restrict the types of companies in which we seek to invest. These companies may range from early-stage companies that are often still defining their strategic direction to more mature companies with established revenue streams and business models. If any company in which we invest fails, we could lose all or part of our investment in that company. If we

determine that an other-than-temporary decline in the fair value exists for an equity or debt investment in a public or private company in which we have invested, we will have to write down the investment to its fair value and recognize the related write-down as an investment loss. The performance of any of these investments could result in significant impairment charges and gains (losses) on other equity investments. We must also analyze accounting and legal issues when making these investments. If we do not structure these investments properly, we may be subject to certain adverse accounting issues, such as potential consolidation of financial results.

Furthermore, if the strategic objectives of an investment have been achieved, or if the investment or business diverges from our strategic objectives, we may seek to dispose of the investment. Our non-marketable equity investments in private companies are not liquid, and we may not be able to dispose of these investments on favorable terms or at all. The occurrence of any of these events could harm our results. Gains or losses from equity securities could vary from expectations depending on gains or losses realized on the sale or exchange of securities and impairment charges related to debt instruments as well as equity and other investments.

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We are exposed to adverse currency exchange rate fluctuations in jurisdictions where we transact in local currency, which could harm our financial results and cash flows.

Because a significant portion of our business is conducted outside the United States, we face exposure to adverse movements in foreign currency exchange rates. These exposures may change over time as business practices evolve, and they could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations, financial position and cash flows. Although a portion of our international sales are currently invoiced in United States dollars, we have implemented and continue to implement for certain countries and customers both invoicing and payment in foreign currencies. Our primary exposure to movements in foreign currency exchange rates relates to non-U.S. dollar denominated sales in Europe, Japan and Australia as well as our global operations, and non-U.S. dollar denominated operating expenses and certain assets and liabilities. In addition, weaknesses in foreign currencies for U.S. dollar denominated sales could adversely affect demand for our products. Conversely, a strengthening in foreign currencies against the U.S. dollar could increase foreign currency denominated costs. As a result we may attempt to renegotiate pricing of existing contracts or request payment to be made in U.S. dollars. We cannot be sure that our customers would agree to renegotiate along these lines. This could result in customers eventually terminating contracts with us or in our decision to terminate certain contracts, which would adversely affect our sales.

We implemented a hedging program in November 2008 to hedge exposures to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates as a response to the risks of changes in the value of foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities. We may enter into foreign currency forward contracts or other instruments, the majority of which mature within approximately five months. Our foreign currency forward contracts reduce, but do not eliminate, the impact of currency exchange rate movements. For example, we do not execute forward contracts in all currencies in which we conduct business. In addition, in the second fiscal quarter of 2009, we commenced implementation of a hedging program to reduce the impact of volatile exchange rates on net revenues, gross profit and operating profit for limited periods of time. However, the use of such hedging activities may only offset a portion of the adverse financial effect resulting from unfavorable movements in foreign exchange rates.

We rely upon third parties for technology that is critical to our products, and if we are unable to continue to use this technology and future technology, our ability to develop, sell, maintain and support technologically innovative products would be limited.

We rely on third parties to obtain non-exclusive patented hardware and software license rights in technologies that are incorporated into and necessary for the operation and functionality of most of our products. In these cases, because the intellectual property we license is available from third parties, barriers to entry into certain markets may be lower for potential or existing competitors than if we owned exclusive rights to the technology that we license and use. Moreover, if a competitor or potential competitor enters into an exclusive arrangement with any of our key third-party technology providers, or if any of these providers unilaterally decide not to do business with us for any reason, our ability to develop and sell products containing that technology would be severely limited. If we are shipping products that contain third-party technology that we subsequently lose the right to license, then we will not be able to continue to offer or support those products. In addition, these licenses often require royalty payments or other consideration to the third party licensor. Our success will depend, in part, on our continued ability to access these technologies, and we do not know whether these third-party technologies will continue to be licensed to us on commercially acceptable terms, if at all. If we are unable to license the necessary technology, we may be forced to acquire or develop alternative technology of lower quality or performance standards, which would limit and delay our ability to offer new or competitive products and increase our costs of production. As a result, our margins, market share, and operating results could be significantly harmed.

We also utilize third-party software development companies to develop, customize, maintain and support software that is incorporated into our products. If these companies fail to timely deliver or continuously maintain and support

the software, as we require of them, we may experience delays in releasing new products or difficulties with supporting existing products and customers. In addition, if these third-party licensors fail or experience instability, then we may be unable to continue to sell products that incorporate the licensed technologies in addition to being unable to continue to maintain and support these products. We do require escrow arrangements with respect to certain third-party software which entitle us to certain limited rights to the source code, in the event of certain failures by the third party, in order to maintain and support such software. However, there is no guarantee that we would be able to understand and use the source code, as we may not have the expertise to do so. We are increasingly exposed to these risks as we continue to develop and market more products containing third-party software, such as our TV connectivity, security and network attached storage products.

If we are unable to secure and protect our intellectual property rights, our ability to compete could be harmed.

We rely upon third parties for a substantial portion of the intellectual property that we use in our products. At the same time, we rely on a combination of copyright, trademark, patent and trade secret laws, nondisclosure agreements with employees, consultants and suppliers and other contractual provisions to establish, maintain and protect our intellectual property rights. Despite

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efforts to protect our intellectual property, unauthorized third parties may attempt to design around, copy aspects of our product design or obtain and use technology or other intellectual property associated with our products. For example, one of our primary intellectual property assets is the NETGEAR name, trademark and logo. We may be unable to stop third parties from adopting similar names, trademarks and logos, particularly in those international markets where our intellectual property rights may be less protected. Furthermore, our competitors may independently develop similar technology or design around our intellectual property. Our inability to secure and protect our intellectual property rights could significantly harm our brand and business, operating results and financial condition.

Our sales and operations in international markets expose us to operational, financial and regulatory risks.

International sales comprise a significant amount of our overall net revenue. International sales were 47% of overall net revenue in the third fiscal quarter of 2014 and 44% in fiscal year 2013. We continue to be committed to growing our international sales and while we have committed resources to expanding our international operations and sales channels, these efforts may not be successful. International operations are subject to a number of other risks, including:

- political and economic instability, international terrorism and anti-American sentiment, particularly in emerging markets;
- potential for violations of anti-corruption laws and regulations, such as those related to bribery and fraud;
- preference for locally branded products, and laws and business practices favoring local competition;
- exchange rate fluctuations;
- increased difficulty in managing inventory;
- delayed revenue recognition;
- less effective protection of intellectual property;
- stringent consumer protection and product compliance regulations, including but not limited to the Restriction of Hazardous Substances directive, the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment directive and the recently enacted European Ecodesign directive, or EuP, that are costly to comply with and may vary from country to country;
- difficulties and costs of staffing and managing foreign operations;
- business difficulties, including potential bankruptcy or liquidation, of any of our worldwide third party logistics providers; and
- changes in local tax laws or changes in the enforcement, application or interpretation of such laws.

While we believe we generally have good relations with our employees, employees in certain jurisdictions have rights which give them certain collective rights. If management must expend significant resources and effort to address and comply with these rights, our business may be harmed. We are also required to comply with local environmental legislation and our customers rely on this compliance in order to sell our products. If our customers do not agree with our interpretations and requirements of new legislation, such as the EuP, they may cease to order our products and our revenue would be harmed.

Governmental regulations of imports or exports affecting Internet security could affect our net revenue.

Any additional governmental regulation of imports or exports or failure to obtain required export approval of our encryption technologies could adversely affect our international and domestic sales. The United States and various foreign governments have imposed controls, export license requirements, and restrictions on the import or export of some technologies, particularly encryption technology. In addition, from time to time, governmental agencies have proposed additional regulation of encryption technology, such as requiring the escrow and governmental recovery of private encryption keys. In response to terrorist activity, governments could enact additional regulation or restriction on the use, import, or export of encryption technology. This additional regulation of encryption technology could delay or prevent the acceptance and use of encryption products and public networks for secure communications, resulting in decreased demand for our products and services. In addition, some foreign competitors are subject to less stringent controls on exporting their encryption technologies. As a result, they may be able to compete more effectively than we can in the United States and the international Internet security market.

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We are exposed to credit risk and fluctuations in the market values of our investment portfolio.

Although we have not recognized any material losses on our cash equivalents and short-term investments, future declines in their market values could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and operating results. Given the global nature of our business, we have investments with both domestic and international financial institutions. Accordingly, we face exposure to fluctuations in interest rates, which may limit our investment income. If these financial institutions default on their obligations or their credit ratings are negatively impacted by liquidity issues, credit deterioration or losses, financial results, or other factors, the value of our cash equivalents and short-term investments could decline and result in a material impairment, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and operating results.

Economic conditions, political events, war, terrorism, public health issues, natural disasters and other circumstances could materially adversely affect us.

Our corporate headquarters are located in Northern California and one of our warehouses is located in Southern California, both of which are regions known for seismic activity. Substantially all of our critical enterprise-wide information technology systems, including our main servers, are currently housed in colocation facilities in Mesa, Arizona. While our critical information technology systems are located at colocation facilities in a different geographic region in the United States, our headquarters and warehouses remain susceptible to seismic activity so long as they are located in California. In addition, substantially all of our manufacturing occurs in two geographically concentrated areas in mainland China, where disruptions from natural disasters, health epidemics and political, social and economic instability may affect the region. If our manufacturers or warehousing facilities are disrupted or destroyed, we would be unable to distribute our products on a timely basis, which could harm our business.

We depend significantly on worldwide economic conditions and their impact on consumer spending levels, which have recently deteriorated significantly in many countries and regions, including without limitation the United States, and may remain depressed for the foreseeable future. Factors that could influence the levels of consumer spending include increases in fuel and other energy costs, conditions in the residential real estate and mortgage markets, labor and healthcare costs, access to credit, consumer confidence and other macroeconomic factors affecting consumer spending behavior.

In addition, war, terrorism, geopolitical uncertainties, public health issues, and other business interruptions have caused and could cause damage or disruption to international commerce and the global economy, and thus could have a strong negative effect on us, our suppliers, logistics providers, manufacturing vendors and customers. Our business operations are subject to interruption by natural disasters, fire, power shortages, terrorist attacks, and other hostile acts, labor disputes, public health issues, and other events beyond our control. For example, labor disputes at manufacturing facilities in China occurred in 2010 and have led to workers going on strike. The recent trend of labor unrest could materially affect our third-party manufacturers' abilities to manufacture our products. In addition, all of our major direct and indirect suppliers of hard disk drives have been affected by record flooding in Thailand in the third fiscal quarter of 2011, and they informed us that our supply chain would be constrained for an indefinite amount of time, up to six months in some cases. Some therefore declared a force majeure event and have stated that, in addition to and because of the supply constraints, pricing for hard disk drives would increase significantly until they were able to stabilize the situation. As a result, we experienced increased prices in the cost of hard disk drives and ceased accepting any orders containing ReadyNAS products with hard disk drives. In addition, all sales and marketing promotions involving ReadyNAS products were terminated temporarily. Further, we declared the existence of a force majeure event under our contracts with certain customers. Accordingly, our business was harmed. Furthermore, earthquakes and resultant nuclear threats and tsunamis in Japan in March 2011 caused some disruption to our supply of raw materials and components for our products and impacted our operating results in Japan.

Such events could decrease demand for our products, make it difficult or impossible for us to make and deliver products to our customers or to receive components from our suppliers, and create delays and inefficiencies in our supply chain. Should major public health issues, including pandemics, arise, we could be negatively affected by more stringent employee travel restrictions, additional limitations in freight services, governmental actions limiting the movement of products between regions, delays in production ramps of new products, and disruptions in the operations of our manufacturing vendors and component suppliers.

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Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds
(a) None.
(b) None.
(c) Repurchase of Equity Securities by the Company

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased (2)	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (1)	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
June 30, 2014 - July 27, 2014	312	$34.77	—	1,490,795
July 28, 2014 - August 24, 2014	420,691	$32.38	419,102	1,071,693
August 25, 2014 - September 28, 2014	366,428	$32.56	365,531	706,162
Total	787,431	$32.46	784,633	

1. On October 21, 2008, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 6.0 million shares of our outstanding common stock. Under this authorization, the timing and actual number of shares subject to repurchase are at the discretion of management and are contingent on a number of factors, such as levels of cash generation from operations, cash requirements for acquisitions and the price of our common stock. During the three months ended September 28, 2014, we repurchased and retired, reported based on trade date, approximately 0.8 million shares of common stock at a cost of $25.5 million under this authorization. On October 17, 2014, the Board of Directors authorized the management to repurchase up to 3.0 million shares of our outstanding common stock. This is incremental to the approximate 0.7 million remaining on our previous share repurchase program.
2. We repurchased, as reported based on trade date, approximately 3,000 shares of common stock at a cost of approximately $90,000 to help administratively facilitate the withholding and subsequent remittance of personal income and payroll taxes for individuals receiving RSUs during the three months ended September 28, 2014.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

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Item 6. Exhibits

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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.

NETGEAR, INC.
Registrant
/s/ CHRISTINE M. GORJANC
Christine M. Gorjanc
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Date: November 4, 2014

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