

CONEXANT SYSTEMS INC

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

**FORM 10-Q**

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

**For the Quarterly Period Ended April 1, 2011**

**OR**

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

**Commission file number: 000-24923  
CONEXANT SYSTEMS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State of incorporation)

**25-1799439**

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

**4000 MacArthur Boulevard**

**Newport Beach, California 92660-3095**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

**(949) 483-4600**

(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  No

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

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

Smaller reporting company

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

As of April 8, 2011, there were 82,223,116 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

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**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This document contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Any statements that do not relate to historical or current facts or matters are forward-looking statements. You can identify some of the forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking words, such as may, will, could, project, believe, anticipate, expect, estimate, continue, potential, plan, forecasts, and the like, the negatives of such expressions, or the use of future tense. Statements concerning current conditions may also be forward-looking if they imply a continuation of current conditions. Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning:

our expectations regarding our proposed merger transaction with Gold Holdings, Inc.;

our expectations regarding the market share of our products, growth in the markets we serve and our market opportunities;

our expectations regarding price and product competition;

our expectations regarding continued demand and future growth in demand for our products in the communications, PC and consumer markets we serve;

our expectations regarding the declines in our legacy products;

our plans and expectations regarding the transition of our semiconductor products to smaller line width geometries;

our expectation that we will be able to sustain the recoverability of our goodwill, intangible and tangible long-term assets;

our product development plans;

our expectation that our largest customers will continue to account for a substantial portion of our revenue;

our expectations regarding our contractual obligations and commitments;

our expectation that we will be able to protect our products and services with proprietary technology and intellectual property protection;

our expectation that we will be able to meet our lease obligations (and other financial commitments);

our expectations, subject to the qualifications expressed, regarding the sufficiency of our existing sources of liquidity, together with cash expected to be generated from operations, to fund our operations, research and development, anticipated capital expenditures, and working capital for at least the next twelve months;

our expectation that we will be able to continue to rely on third party manufacturers to manufacture, assemble and test our products to meet our customers' demands; and

our expectations that we will be able to use our net operating losses and other tax attributes to offset future taxable income.

Forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. You are urged to carefully review the disclosures we make concerning risks and other factors that may affect our business and operating results, including, but not limited to,

those made in Part II, Item 1A of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and any of those made in our other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Please consider our forward-looking statements in light of those risks as you read this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this document. We do not intend, and undertake no obligation, to publish revised forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this document or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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**CONEXANT SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(in thousands, except for par value amount)

	<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>October 1, 2010</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 65,172	\$ 54,466
Marketable securities		20,059
Receivables, net of allowance of \$368 at April 1, 2011 and October 1, 2010	26,412	31,463
Inventories	8,400	8,747
Other current assets	10,591	14,690
Assets held for sale		13,059
Total current assets	110,575	142,484
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$26,561 and \$30,050 at April 1, 2011 and October 1, 2010, respectively	5,145	6,080
Goodwill	109,908	109,908
Other assets	41,423	47,372
Total assets	\$ 267,051	\$ 305,844
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS (DEFICIT) EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Short-term debt		10,978
Accounts payable	12,097	12,516
Accrued compensation and benefits	6,987	7,682
Other current liabilities	28,651	31,836
Total current liabilities	47,735	63,012
Long-term debt	173,706	173,543
Other liabilities	58,497	57,197
Total liabilities	279,938	293,752
Commitments and contingencies (Note 5)		
Shareholders (deficit) equity:		
Preferred and junior preferred stock: 20,000 and 5,000 shares authorized, respectively		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value: 200,000 shares authorized; 82,223 and 81,273 shares issued and outstanding at April 1, 2011 and October 1, 2010, respectively	823	813
Additional paid-in capital	4,922,697	4,919,582
Accumulated deficit	(4,938,006)	(4,909,509)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	1,599	1,206
Total shareholders (deficit) equity	(12,887)	12,092

Total liabilities and shareholders' (deficit) equity	\$ 267,051	\$ 305,844
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**CONEXANT SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(in thousands, except per share data)

	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended</b>		<b>Six Fiscal Months Ended</b>	
	<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>April 2, 2010</b>	<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>April 2, 2010</b>
Net revenues	\$ 43,129	\$ 61,868	\$ 89,239	\$ 123,681
Cost of goods sold	18,907	24,087	37,616	48,291
Gross margin	24,222	37,781	51,623	75,390
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	14,562	14,100	28,110	27,345
Selling, general and administrative	11,101	12,681	22,288	25,083
Amortization of intangible assets	284	284	568	680
Gain on sale of intellectual property			(1,249)	
Special charges (credits)	12,948	(210)	15,230	136
Total operating expenses	38,895	26,855	64,947	53,244
Operating (loss) income	(14,673)	10,926	(13,324)	22,146
Interest expense	5,510	7,775	11,224	17,278
Other (income) expense, net	(1,206)	(7,755)	4,645	(14,959)
(Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes and income (loss) on equity method investments	(18,977)	10,906	(29,193)	19,827
Income tax provision	316	331	410	101
(Loss) income from continuing operations before income (loss) on equity method investments	(19,293)	10,575	(29,603)	19,726
Income (loss) on equity method investments	832	209	1,495	(245)
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(18,461)	10,784	(28,108)	19,481
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of tax	(358)	95	(389)	(268)
Net (loss) income	\$ (18,819)	\$ 10,879	\$ (28,497)	\$ 19,213
(Loss) income per share from continuing operations basic	\$ (0.22)	\$ 0.16	\$ (0.34)	\$ 0.30
(Loss) income per share from continuing operations diluted	\$ (0.22)	\$ 0.15	\$ (0.34)	\$ 0.30
(Loss) income per share from discontinued operations basic	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.00



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(Loss) income per share from discontinued operations diluted	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)
(Loss) income per share basic	\$ (0.23)	\$ 0.16	\$ (0.35)	\$ 0.30
(Loss) income per share diluted	\$ (0.23)	\$ 0.15	\$ (0.35)	\$ 0.29
Shares used in basic per-share computations	82,159	69,136	81,973	64,579
Shares used in diluted per-share computations	82,159	70,513	81,973	65,273

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**CONEXANT SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(in thousands)

	<b>Six Fiscal Months Ended</b>	
	<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>April 2, 2010</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net (loss) income	\$ (28,497)	\$ 19,213
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	1,306	1,906
Amortization of intangible assets	568	680
Reversal of provision for bad debts, net		(120)
Charges for inventory provisions, net	458	32
Amortization of debt discount	402	6,979
Deferred income taxes	(20)	118
Stock-based compensation	3,712	3,321
Decrease (increase) in fair value of derivative instruments	5,779	(18,201)
(Gains) losses on equity method investments	(1,495)	1,099
Loss on termination of swap		1,728
Loss on extinguishment of debt		10,605
Net gain on sale of equity securities	(1,393)	(7,734)
Gain on sale of intellectual property	(1,249)	
Other items, net	(301)	234
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	5,051	2,432
Inventories	(111)	(386)
Accounts payable	(461)	(9,935)
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	(4,700)	1,065
Other, net	1,013	(1,817)
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(19,938)	11,219
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(751)	(525)
Proceeds from sale of real estate, net of closing costs of \$439	21,087	
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	52	397
Payments for acquisitions		(625)
Proceeds from maturity of marketable securities	20,000	
Proceeds from sales of equity securities	802	8,030
Release of restricted cash	70	8,500
Proceeds from sale of intellectual property	1,249	
Net cash provided by investing activities	42,509	15,777
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Net repayments of short-term debt, including debt costs of \$60 and \$483	(11,278)	(29,136)
Extinguishment of long-term debt		(166,676)
Proceeds from common stock offerings, net of expenses of \$4,872		62,519
Proceeds from issuance of long-term bonds, net of expenses of \$4,911		168,449

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Proceeds from issuance of common stock under employee stock plans	94	18
Repurchase of shares upon exercise of employee stock awards	(681)	(29)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(11,865)	35,145
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	10,706	62,141
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	54,466	125,385
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 65,172	\$ 187,526

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**CONEXANT SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements**

**1. Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies**

Conexant Systems, Inc. (Conexant or the Company) designs, develops and sells semiconductor system solutions, comprised of semiconductor devices, software and reference designs, for imaging, audio, embedded-modem, and video applications. These solutions include a comprehensive portfolio of imaging solutions for multifunction printers (MFPs), fax platforms, and interactive display frame market segments. The Company's audio solutions include high-definition (HD) audio integrated circuits, HD audio codecs, and speakers-on-a-chip solutions for personal computers, PC peripheral sound systems, audio subsystems, speakers, notebook docking stations, voice-over-IP speakerphones, USB headsets supporting Microsoft Office Communicator and Skype, and audio-enabled surveillance applications. The Company also offers a full suite of embedded-modem solutions for set-top boxes, point-of-sale systems, home automation and security systems, and desktop and notebook PCs. Additional products include decoders and media bridges for video surveillance security and monitoring applications, and system solutions for analog video-based multimedia applications.

***Termination of Merger Agreement with Standard Microsystems Corporation***

On February 23, 2011, the Company terminated its previously announced Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated January 9, 2011 (the SMSC Agreement), with Standard Microsystems Corporation, a Delaware corporation (SMSC), and Comet Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of SMSC. Pursuant to the terms of the SMSC Agreement, the Company paid a termination fee of \$7.7 million to SMSC.

***Pending Merger with Gold Holdings, Inc.***

On February 23, 2011, substantially concurrently with the termination of the SMSC Agreement, the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Gold Merger Agreement), dated as of February 20, 2011, with Gold Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Parent), and Gold Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Parent (Merger Sub). Pursuant to the Gold Merger Agreement and subject to the conditions set forth therein, Merger Sub will merge with and into the Company (the Gold Merger), with the Company surviving as a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Gold Merger Agreement, each outstanding share of the Company's common stock (other than dissenting shares, if any, treasury shares and shares held by Parent or any of its subsidiaries) at the effective time of the Gold Merger (the Effective Time) will be converted into the right to receive \$2.40 (the Gold Merger Consideration) in cash, without interest and subject to any applicable withholding tax. The transaction is expected to close in the second quarter of calendar 2011 subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions, including, among other things, (1) the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Company's common stock in favor of the adoption of the Gold Merger Agreement, (2) the absence of any law or order prohibiting the consummation of the Gold Merger, and (3) the absence of any material adverse effect with respect to the Company during the interim period between the execution of the Gold Merger Agreement and consummation of the Gold Merger.

***Interim Reporting*** The unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

These unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 1, 2010. The financial information presented in the accompanying statements reflects all adjustments that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair statement of the periods indicated. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. The year-end balance sheet data was derived from the audited consolidated financial statements.

***Fiscal Periods*** The Company's fiscal year is the 52- or 53-week period ending on the Friday closest to September 30. In a 52-week year, each fiscal quarter consists of 13 weeks. The additional week in a 53-week year is added to the fourth quarter, making such quarter consist of 14 weeks. Fiscal 2011 consists of, and fiscal 2010 consisted of, 52 weeks.

***Use of Estimates*** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (US GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts

reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Among the significant estimates affecting the consolidated financial statements are those related to revenue recognition, allowance for doubtful accounts, reserves related to inventories and sales returns, long-lived assets (including goodwill and intangible assets), deferred income taxes, valuation of warrants, stock-based compensation and restructuring charges. On an ongoing basis, management reviews its estimates based upon currently available information. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

**Revenue Recognition** The Company recognizes revenue when (i) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, (ii) delivery has occurred, (iii) the sales price and terms are fixed and determinable, and (iv) the collection of the receivable is reasonably assured. These terms are typically met upon shipment of product to the customer. The majority of the Company's distributors have limited stock rotation rights, which allow them to rotate up to 10% of product in their inventory two times per year. The Company recognizes revenue to these distributors upon shipment of product

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to the distributor, as the stock rotation rights are limited and the Company believes that it has the ability to reasonably estimate and establish allowances for expected product returns in accordance with the accounting guidance for revenue recognition when right of return exists. Development revenue is recognized when services are performed and was not significant for any periods presented.

**Marketable Securities** The Company defines marketable securities as income-yielding debt securities that can be readily converted into cash and equity securities acquired through strategic non-marketable investments that subsequently became listed on public markets. All of the Company's marketable debt securities are U.S. Treasury obligations rated Aaa or AAA by the major credit rating agencies.

The Company accounts for its investments in marketable securities as available-for-sale and determines the appropriate classification of such securities at the time of purchase and re-evaluates such classification as of each balance sheet date. Marketable securities are reported at fair value with the related unrealized gains and losses included in accumulated other comprehensive income, a component of shareholders' equity, on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. Realized gains and losses are included in other (income) expense, net in the accompanying unaudited consolidated statements of operations. Gains and losses on the sale of available-for-sale securities are determined using the specific-identification method. The Company did not hold any securities for speculative or trading purposes.

**Restricted Cash** The Company has outstanding letters of credit collateralized by restricted cash aggregating \$5.5 million to secure various long-term operating leases and the Company's self-insured worker's compensation plan. The restricted cash associated with these letters of credit is classified as other long-term assets on the consolidated balance sheets.

**Inventories** On a quarterly basis, the Company assesses the net realizable value of its inventories. When the estimated average selling prices, less cost to sell its inventory, falls below its inventory cost, the Company adjusts its inventory to its current estimated market value. Lower of cost or market adjustments may be required based upon actual average selling prices and changes to the Company's current estimates, which could impact the Company's gross margin percentage. There were no lower of cost or market adjustments in the fiscal quarter and six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 and April 2, 2010.

**Investments** The Company accounts for non-marketable investments using the equity method of accounting if the investment gives the Company the ability to exercise significant influence over, but not control of, an investee. Significant influence generally exists if the Company has an ownership interest representing between 20% and 50% of the voting stock of the investee. Under the equity method of accounting, investments are stated at initial cost and are adjusted for subsequent additional investments and the Company's proportionate share of earnings or losses and distributions. Additional investments by other parties in the investee will result in a reduction in the Company's ownership interest, and the resulting gain or loss will be recorded in the consolidated statements of operations. Where the Company is unable to exercise significant influence over the investee, investments are accounted for under the cost method, except for investments in limited partnerships, for which the Company uses the equity method. Under the cost method, investments are carried at cost and adjusted only for other-than-temporary declines in fair value, return of capital or additional investments.

**Accounting for Convertible Debt** The Company has adopted the accounting guidance for convertible debt instruments that may be settled in cash upon conversion (including partial cash settlement). This guidance requires the issuer to separately account for the liability and equity components of convertible debt instruments in a manner that reflects the issuer's hypothetical nonconvertible debt borrowing rate. The guidance resulted in the Company recognizing higher interest expense in the statement of operations due to amortization of the discount that results from separating the liability and equity components. The accounting guidance applies to our 4.00% convertible subordinated notes (convertible notes) issued in 2006. The Company redeemed its remaining \$11.2 million of convertible notes on March 1, 2011.

**Derivative Financial Instruments** The Company's derivative financial instruments as of April 1, 2011 consisted of the Company's warrant to purchase 6.1 million shares of Mindspeed Technologies, Inc. (Mindspeed) common stock.

**Supplemental Cash Flow Information** Cash paid for interest was \$10.2 million and \$6.2 million for the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 and April 2, 2010, respectively. Cash paid for income taxes for the six fiscal months

ended April 1, 2011 and April 2, 2010 was \$0.3 million and \$2.5 million, respectively. Non-cash financing activity associated with equity and debt transaction costs in the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010 was \$0.6 million.

**Net (Loss) Income Per Share** Net (loss) income per share is computed in accordance with the accounting guidance for earnings per share. Basic net (loss) income per share is computed by dividing net (loss) income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net (loss) income per share is computed by dividing net (loss) income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding and potentially dilutive securities outstanding during the period. Potentially dilutive securities include stock options, restricted stock units and shares of stock issuable upon conversion of the Company's convertible notes. The dilutive effect of stock options and restricted stock units is computed under the treasury stock method, and the dilutive effect of convertible notes is computed using the if-converted method. Potentially dilutive securities are excluded from the computations of diluted net (loss) income per share if their effect would be antidilutive.

The following potentially dilutive securities have been excluded from the diluted net (loss) income per share calculations because their effect would have been antidilutive (in thousands):

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	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended</b>		<b>Six Fiscal Months Ended</b>	
	<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>April 2, 2010</b>	<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>April 2, 2010</b>
Employee stock options and restricted stock units	1,960	3,386	3,164	3,649
4.00% convertible subordinated notes due March 2026	150	4,676	189	4,802
	2,110	8,062	3,353	8,451

The following potentially dilutive securities have been included in the diluted net (loss) income per share calculations (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended</b>		<b>Six Fiscal Months Ended</b>	
	<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>April 2, 2010</b>	<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>April 2, 2010</b>
Weighted average shares for basic net (loss) income per share	82,159	69,136	81,973	64,579
Employee stock options and restricted stock units		1,377		694
Weighted average shares for diluted (loss) income per share	82,159	70,513	81,973	65,273

**Goodwill** Goodwill is tested annually during the fourth fiscal quarter and, if necessary, whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. During the second fiscal quarter of 2011, based on current business forecasts, the Company determined there were no indicators of impairment and therefore no interim goodwill impairment analysis was considered necessary for this period.

**Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

In December 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued an update to modify Step 1 of the goodwill impairment test for reporting units with zero or negative carrying amounts. For those reporting units, an entity is required to perform Step 2 of the goodwill impairment test if it is more likely than not that a goodwill impairment exists. In determining whether it is more likely than not that a goodwill impairment exists, an entity should consider whether there are any adverse qualitative factors indicating that an impairment may exist. The qualitative factors are consistent with the existing guidance, which requires that goodwill of a reporting unit be tested for impairment between annual tests if an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying amount. This accounting guidance will be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is not permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this guidance on our financial position and results of operations.

**2. Sale of Real property**

On December 22, 2010, the Company sold certain real property adjacent to its Newport Beach, California headquarters to Uptown Newport L.P. for \$23.5 million, which consisted of \$21.5 million in cash and a limited partnership interest in the property, which the Company has valued at \$2.0 million. The property primarily consists of approximately 25 acres of land, and included two leased buildings, improvements and site development costs. The net book value of the property sold was as follows (in thousands):

Land	\$ 1,662
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Land and leasehold improvements, net	356
Buildings, net	5,610
Machinery and equipment, net	262
Site development costs	7,691
	\$ 15,581

The Company has continuing involvement with the property related to groundwater and soil remediation, and has therefore deferred the gain of \$6.8 million on the monetary portion of the proceeds of the transaction, net of transaction costs of \$0.4 million. The gain is classified under other long-term liabilities on the balance sheet. The gain will be recognized at the time that the Company receives a No Further Action letter ( NFA Letter ), or its equivalent, from the appropriate government regulator relating to such remediation, indicating that the remediation is substantially complete. Responsibility for soil remediation was transferred to Uptown Newport L.P. with the Company retaining certain obligations to assist in the soil remediation process for up to five years (or earlier under certain circumstances set forth in the agreement between the parties). Responsibility for groundwater remediation remains with the Company in perpetuity, however, receipt of a NFA Letter from the appropriate government regulator is an indication that the risk of discovery of additional groundwater contamination is remote. The Company has accrued \$2.1 million of reserves based on management's best estimate of remaining remediation costs, of which \$1.5 million is classified in long-term other liabilities.

The Company did not recognize any gain on the limited partnership interest portion of the proceeds. The Company retains an approximately 7.5% limited partnership

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interest in the property, recognized at a cost basis of \$1.3 million. The cost basis of the Company's 7.5% limited partnership interest was determined by allocating the proportionate share of the net book value of the property sold, based on the fair value of the limited partnership interest as a percentage of the total proceeds of \$23.5 million.

**3. Fair Value of Certain Financial Assets and Liabilities**

Level 1 financial assets and liabilities consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities. The Company's cash equivalents consist primarily of funds in money market accounts, which are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. Cash equivalents at April 1, 2011 and October 1, 2010 were \$51.0 million and \$41.9 million, respectively.

Level 2 financial assets and liabilities consist of inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. The Company had no financial assets or liabilities classified as Level 2 as of April 1, 2011. The Company had marketable securities of \$20.1 million as of October 1, 2010.

Level 3 financial assets and liabilities consist of inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable, and consist of the Company's warrant to purchase approximately 6.1 million shares of Mindspeed common stock at an exercise price of \$16.74 per share through June 2013. The fair value of the Mindspeed warrant was \$14.9 million and \$20.7 million as of April 1, 2011 and October 1, 2010, respectively.

The fair value of other financial instruments, which consist of the Company's 11.25% senior secured notes due 2015, was \$194.3 million as of April 1, 2011. The fair value of the 11.25% senior secured notes is based on an indicative bid price provided by the underwriter of the senior secured notes, and was 111% of par as of April 1, 2011.

**4. Supplemental Financial Information****Inventories**

Inventories consist of the following (in thousands):

	<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>October 1, 2010</b>
Work-in-process	\$ 4,959	\$ 4,840
Finished goods	3,441	3,907
Total inventories	\$ 8,400	\$ 8,747

**Intangible Assets**

Intangible assets consist of the following (in thousands):

	<b>April 1, 2011</b>			<b>October 1, 2010</b>		
	<b>Gross Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Book Value</b>	<b>Gross Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Book Value</b>
Product licenses	\$ 2,400	\$ (1,187)	\$ 1,213	\$ 2,400	\$ (1,004)	\$ 1,396
Other intangible assets	6,830	(4,303)	2,527	6,830	(3,918)	2,912
	\$ 9,230	\$ (5,490)	\$ 3,740	\$ 9,230	\$ (4,922)	\$ 4,308

Intangible assets are amortized over a weighted-average remaining period of approximately 4.1 years. Annual amortization expense is expected to be as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Year Ending</b>					
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Thereafter</b>
Amortization expense	\$ 569	\$ 1,137	\$ 1,027	\$ 439	\$ 150	\$ 418

**Mindspeed Warrant**

The Company has a warrant to purchase approximately 6.1 million shares of Mindspeed common stock at an exercise price of \$16.74 per share through June 2013. At April 1, 2011 and October 1, 2010, the market value of Mindspeed common stock was \$8.27 and \$7.73 per share, respectively. The Company accounts for the Mindspeed warrant as a derivative instrument, and changes in the fair value of the warrant are included in other (income) expense, net for each period. At April 1, 2011 and October 1, 2010, the aggregate fair value of the Mindspeed warrant included on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets was \$14.9 million and \$20.7 million, respectively. At April 1, 2011, the warrant was valued using the Black-Scholes-Merton model with an expected term of 2.3 years, expected volatility of 84%, a risk-free interest rate of approximately 0.93% and no dividend yield. The aggregate fair value of the warrant is reflected as a long-term asset on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets because the Company does not intend to liquidate any portion of the warrant in the next twelve months.

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The valuation of this derivative instrument is subjective, and option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected stock price volatility. Changes in these assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate. The Company could, at any point in time, ultimately realize amounts significantly different than the carrying value.

**Debt**

Debt consists of the following (in thousands):

	April 1, 2011	October 1, 2010
<b>Short-term debt:</b>		
4.00% convertible subordinated notes due March 2026, net of debt discount of \$240	\$	\$ 10,978
<b>Long-term debt:</b>		
11.25% senior secured notes due March 2015, net of discount of \$1,294 and \$1,457	\$ 173,706	\$ 173,543

**11.25% senior secured notes due 2015** In March 2010, the Company issued \$175.0 million aggregate principal amount of senior secured notes due 2015 ( senior notes ) that mature on March 15, 2015. The senior notes were sold at 99.06% of the principal amount, resulting in gross proceeds of approximately \$173.4 million. Deferred debt offering expenses were approximately \$4.9 million and are being amortized over the term of the debt. The senior notes have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements. The senior notes accrue interest at a rate of 11.25% per annum payable semiannually on March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing on September 15, 2010. The obligations under the senior notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior secured basis, by all of the Company's domestic subsidiaries (except for Conexant CF, LLC, the Company's receivables financing subsidiary). In addition, the senior notes and the note guarantees are secured by liens on substantially all of the Company's and the guarantors' tangible and intangible property, subject to certain exceptions and permitted liens. On or after March 15, 2013, the Company may redeem all or a part of the senior notes at a price of 105.625% of the principal amount of the senior notes during the remainder of 2013 and 100.00% of the principal amount of the senior notes thereafter, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the applicable redemption date. In addition, at any time prior to March 15, 2013, the Company may, on one or more occasions, redeem all or a part of the senior notes at any time at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the senior notes redeemed, plus a make-whole premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the applicable redemption date. On or after January 1, 2011 until March 15, 2013, the Company may also redeem up to 35% of the original aggregate principal amount of the senior notes, using the proceeds of certain qualified equity offerings, at a redemption price of 111.25% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the applicable redemption date. If a change of control occurs (which would include the consummation of the proposed merger transaction with Parent), the Company must offer to repurchase the senior notes at a repurchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the senior notes repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the applicable repurchase date. In addition, certain asset dispositions will be triggering events that may require the Company to use the proceeds from those sales to make an offer to repurchase the senior notes at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the senior notes repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the applicable repurchase date if such proceeds are not otherwise invested in the Company's business within a specific period of time. The senior notes and the note guarantees rank senior to all of the Company's and the guarantors' existing and future subordinated indebtedness, including the convertible notes, but they are structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities (including non-trade payables) of the Company's non-guarantor subsidiaries.

**4.00% convertible subordinated notes due March 2026** In March 2006, the Company issued \$200.0 million principal amount of convertible notes and, in May 2006, the initial purchaser of the convertible notes exercised its option to purchase an additional \$50.0 million principal amount of the convertible notes. Total proceeds to the Company from these issuances, net of issuance costs, were \$243.6 million. The convertible notes were general unsecured obligations of the Company. Interest on the convertible notes was payable in arrears semiannually on each March 1 and September 1, beginning on September 1, 2006. The convertible notes were convertible, at the option of the holder upon satisfaction of certain conditions, into shares of the Company's common stock at a conversion price of \$49.20 per share, subject to adjustment for certain events. Upon conversion, the Company had the right to deliver, in lieu of common stock, cash or a combination of cash and common stock. Beginning on March 1, 2011, the convertible notes could be redeemed at the Company's option at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest. Holders could require the Company to repurchase, for cash, all or part of their convertible notes on March 1, 2011, March 1, 2016 and March 1, 2021 at a price of 100% of the principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest. The Company redeemed its remaining \$11.2 million of convertible notes on March 1, 2011.

**Accounts Receivable Financing Facility** On December 13, 2010, the Company established an amendment to the existing accounts receivable financing facility whereby it sells, from time to time, certain accounts receivable to Conexant CF, LLC (Conexant CF), a special purpose entity that is a consolidated subsidiary of the Company. Concurrently with entering into the amended accounts receivable financing facility, Conexant CF entered into a new credit facility with a bank to finance the cash portion of the purchase price of eligible receivables. The amended credit facility is secured by the assets of Conexant CF. Conexant CF is required to maintain certain minimum amounts on deposit (restricted cash) of approximately \$1.6 million with the bank, if any amounts are drawn and outstanding against this facility during the term of the credit agreement. Borrowings under the credit facility cannot exceed the lesser of \$20.0 million or 80% of the uncollected value of purchased accounts receivable that are eligible for coverage under an insurance policy for the receivables and bear interest equal to the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus applicable margins (between 0.5% to 2.00%) payable weekly on each settlement date. As of April 1, 2011, eligible borrowings under this facility were \$20.0 million. In addition, if the

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aggregate amount of interest earned by the bank in any month is less than \$4,000, Conexant CF pays an amount equal to the minimum monthly interest of \$4,000 minus the aggregate amount of all interest earned by the bank. The credit agreement matures on December 31, 2013.

The credit facility is subject to financial covenants including a minimum level of shareholders' equity covenant and an adjusted quick ratio covenant. Further, any failure by the Company or Conexant CF to pay their respective debts as they become due would allow the bank to terminate the credit agreement and cause all borrowings under the credit facility to immediately become due and payable. At April 1, 2011, Conexant CF had not borrowed any amounts under this credit facility, and was in compliance with all covenants under the facility.

**5. Commitments and Contingencies****Legal Matters*****Litigation Relating to the Previously Contemplated Merger with SMSC***

Between January 10, 2011 and February 11, 2011, the Company, the members of the Company's board of directors and, in certain of the lawsuits, the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer, its Chief Financial Officer, SMSC and/or Comet Acquisition Corp. were named as defendants in 12 purported class action lawsuits in connection with the transactions previously contemplated by the SMSC Agreement filed by stockholders in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Orange, an additional 5 such lawsuits filed in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware and one such lawsuit filed in the United States District Court, Central District of California. On February 9, 2011, the first four Delaware actions were consolidated under the caption *In re Conexant Systems, Inc. Shareholders Litigation*, Consolidated C.A. No. 6136-VCP. On March 3, 2011, a number of the California state plaintiffs filed a stipulation and proposed order to consolidate the California actions and appoint interim co-lead class counsel. To date, this stipulation has not yet been entered as an order of the court. Additionally, two of the California state actions have been voluntarily dismissed, without prejudice, on or about February 22, 2011, and February 28, 2011, respectively, and five of the California state actions were voluntarily dismissed, with prejudice, on or about March 22, 2011.

The suits allege, among other things, that the Company's directors and, in one case, certain of its executive officers, breached their fiduciary duties to stockholders in negotiating and entering into the SMSC Agreement and by agreeing to sell the Company at an unfair price, pursuant to an unfair process and/or pursuant to unreasonable terms, and that the Company and, in certain of the lawsuits, SMSC and Comet Acquisition Corp. aided and abetted the alleged breaches of fiduciary duties. The suits seek, among other things, to enjoin consummation of the previously contemplated merger with SMSC. The lawsuit filed on February 11, 2011, after announcement of the acquisition proposal by Golden Gate Private Equity, Inc., also sought to direct the individual defendants to designate the proposal by Golden Gate Private Equity, Inc. as a superior proposal, as such term was defined in the SMSC Agreement. On or about April 14, 2011, three of the original California state court plaintiffs filed amended complaints in Orange County Superior Court naming as defendants Conexant and the members of Conexant's board of directors. These purported class actions allege, among other things, that the directors breached their fiduciary duties to the plaintiffs and the other class members by approving the SMSC Agreement and that Conexant aided and abetted these alleged breaches. These suits seek recovery of the termination fee paid to SMSC and other unspecified damages, declaratory and equitable relief.

***Gold Merger Termination Fee***

The Gold Merger Agreement contains customary representations and warranties and pre-closing covenants. It contains termination provisions for each of Parent and the Company, and provides that in certain specified circumstances, the Company must pay Parent a termination fee of \$7.7 million. In addition, the Company is required to reimburse Parent for its out-of-pocket expenses, up to \$1 million, in situations where the termination fee would be payable or certain other specified situations.

***Other Legal Matters***

Certain claims have been asserted against the Company, including claims alleging the use of the intellectual property rights of others in certain of the Company's products. The resolution of these matters may entail the negotiation of a license agreement, a settlement, or the adjudication of such claims through arbitration or litigation. At this time, it is not possible to assess the outcome of the lawsuits and any losses are not reasonably estimable, therefore the Company cannot assess the impact, if any, on the consolidated financial statements. Some of the lawsuits, claims or proceedings

may be disposed of unfavorably for the Company. Many intellectual property disputes have a risk of injunctive relief and there can be no assurance that a license will be granted. Injunctive relief could have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company. Based on its evaluation of matters that are pending or asserted and taking into account the Company's reserves for such matters, management believes that the disposition of such matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

**Guarantees and Indemnifications**

The Company has made guarantees and indemnities, under which it may be required to make payments to a guaranteed or indemnified party, in relation to certain transactions. In connection with the Company's spin-off from Rockwell International Corporation (Rockwell), the Company

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assumed responsibility for all contingent liabilities and then-current and future litigation (including environmental and intellectual property proceedings) against Rockwell or its subsidiaries in respect of the operations of the semiconductor systems business of Rockwell. In connection with the Company's contribution of certain of its manufacturing operations to Jazz Semiconductor, Inc. (now TowerJazz), the Company agreed to indemnify TowerJazz for certain environmental matters and other customary divestiture-related matters. In connection with the Company's sale of the Broadband Media Processing (BMP) business to NXP, B.V., the Company agreed to indemnify NXP for certain claims related to the transaction. In connection with the Company's sale of the Broadband Access (BBA) business to Ikanos, the Company agreed to indemnify Ikanos for certain claims related to the transaction. In connection with the sales of its products, the Company provides intellectual property indemnities to its customers. In connection with certain facility leases, the Company has indemnified its lessors for certain claims arising from the facility or the lease. The Company indemnifies its directors and officers to the maximum extent permitted under the laws of the State of Delaware.

The durations of the Company's guarantees and indemnities vary, and in many cases are indefinite. The guarantees and indemnities to customers in connection with product sales generally are subject to limits based upon the amount of the related product sales. The majority of other guarantees and indemnities do not provide for any limitation of the maximum potential future payments the Company could be obligated to make. The Company has not recorded any liability for these guarantees and indemnities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as they are not estimated to be material. Product warranty costs are not significant.

**6. Stock-Based Award Plans**

The Company maintains the 2010 Equity Incentive Plan, which was approved by stockholders in February 2010, and under which the Company has reserved 12 million shares for issuance, and the 2004 New Hire Equity Incentive Plan, under which it reserved 1.6 million shares for issuance. All awards granted under these plans are service-based awards. Awards issued under the 2010 Equity Incentive Plan and the 2004 New Hire Equity Incentive Plan are settled in shares of common stock. As of April 1, 2011, approximately 9.9 million shares of the Company's common stock are available for grant under the stock option and long-term incentive plans.

**Stock Options**

Stock options are granted with exercise prices of not less than the fair market value at the grant date, generally vest over four years and expire eight or ten years after the grant date. The Company settles stock option exercises with newly issued shares of common stock. The expected stock price volatility rates are based on the historical volatility of the Company's common stock. The risk free interest rates are based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant for periods corresponding with the expected life of the option or award. The average expected life represents the weighted average period of time that options or awards granted are expected to be outstanding. No stock options were granted in the fiscal quarter ended April 1, 2011 or April 2, 2010, respectively.

A summary of stock option activity is as follows (shares in thousands):

	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>
Outstanding, October 1, 2010	2,296	\$ 21.45
Granted		
Exercised	(1)	0.70
Forfeited	(703)	21.86
Outstanding, April 1, 2011	1,592	21.27
Shares vested and expected to vest, April 1, 2011	1,591	21.28
Exercisable, April 1, 2011	1,560	\$ 21.59



At April 1, 2011, of the 1.6 million stock options outstanding, approximately 1.5 million options were held by current employees and directors of the Company, and approximately 0.1 million options were held by employees of former businesses of the Company who remain employed by one of these businesses. At April 1, 2011, stock options outstanding and exercisable had an immaterial aggregate intrinsic value and a weighted-average remaining contractual term of 2.5 years and 2.4 years, respectively.

During the fiscal quarter and six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011, the Company recognized stock-based compensation expense for stock options of \$43,000 and \$98,000, respectively, in its consolidated statements of operations. During the fiscal quarter and six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010, the Company recognized stock-based compensation expense for stock options of \$0.6 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, in its consolidated statements of operations. At April 1, 2011, the total unrecognized fair value compensation cost related to non-vested stock option awards was \$0.1 million, which is expected to be recognized over a remaining weighted average period of approximately one year.

#### **Restricted Stock Units**

The Company's long-term incentive plans provide for the issuance of share-based restricted stock unit ( RSU ) awards to officers and other employees and certain non-employees of the Company. These awards are subject to forfeiture if employment terminates during the prescribed vesting period (generally within one to three years of the date of award). A summary of RSU award activity under the Company's long-term incentive plans is as follows (shares in thousands):

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	Shares		Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding, October 1, 2010	4,773	\$	2.69
Granted	230		1.68
Vested	(1,337)		2.81
Forfeited	(63)		2.12
Outstanding, April 1, 2011	3,603	\$	2.59

During the fiscal quarter and six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011, the Company recognized stock-based compensation expense of \$1.7 million and \$3.6 million, respectively, related to RSU awards. During the fiscal quarter and six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010, the Company recognized stock-based compensation expense of \$1.3 million and \$2.1 million, respectively, related to RSU awards. At April 1, 2011, the total unrecognized fair value stock-based compensation cost related to RSU awards was \$4.5 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.1 years. The total fair value of RSU awards vested in the fiscal quarter and six months ended April 1, 2011 was \$0.4 million and \$2.1 million, respectively.

**Employee Stock Purchase Plan**

The Company's employee stock purchase plan ( ESPP ) allowed eligible employees to purchase shares of the Company's common stock at six-month intervals during an offering period at 85% of the lower of the fair market value on the first day of the offering period or the purchase date. Under the ESPP, employees could authorize the Company to withhold up to 15% of their compensation for each pay period, up to a maximum annual amount of \$25,000, to purchase shares under the plan, subject to certain limitations, and employees were limited to the purchase of 600 shares per offering period. Offering periods generally commenced on the first trading day of February and August of each year and were generally six months in duration, but could be terminated earlier under certain circumstances. The ESPP was suspended effective January 1, 2011. The final purchase under the ESPP was for the offering period ending on January 31, 2011, under which 53,000 shares were purchased by employees. During the fiscal quarter and six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011, the Company recognized stock-based compensation expense for the ESPP of \$9,000 and \$33,000, respectively, in its consolidated statements of operations. During the fiscal quarter and six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010, the Company recognized stock-based compensation expense for the ESPP of \$40,000 in its consolidated statements of operations.

**7. Comprehensive (Loss) Income**

Comprehensive (loss) income consists of the following (in thousands):

	Fiscal Quarter Ended		Six Fiscal Months Ended	
	April 1, 2011	April 2, 2010	April 1, 2011	April 2, 2010
Net (loss) income	\$ (18,819)	\$ 10,879	\$ (28,497)	\$ 19,213
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	428	427	406	820
Unrealized gains on marketable securities	(8)	10,469	(13)	10,469
Realized loss on interest rate swap contracts				1,728
Other comprehensive income	420	10,896	393	13,017

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Comprehensive (loss) income	\$ (18,399)	\$ 21,775	\$ (28,104)	\$ 32,230
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Accumulated other comprehensive income consists of the following (in thousands):

	<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>October 1, 2010</b>
Foreign currency translation adjustments	1,599	1,193
Unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities		13
Accumulated other comprehensive income	\$ 1,599	\$ 1,206

**8. Income Taxes**

The Company recorded a tax provision of \$0.3 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, for the fiscal quarter and six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011, primarily reflecting income taxes imposed on the Company's foreign subsidiaries. The Company recorded a tax provision of \$0.3 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, for the fiscal quarter and six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010, primarily reflecting income taxes imposed on the

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Company's foreign subsidiaries. All of the Company's U.S. federal income taxes and the majority of the Company's state income taxes are offset by fully reserved deferred tax assets.

**9. Gain on Sale of Intellectual Property**

On October 22, 2010, the Company sold certain internally developed Conexant RF Patents and MPEG Patents to Skyworks Solutions, Inc. ( Skyworks ) and terminated our exclusive rights in Skyworks RF Patents obtained pursuant to an agreement entered into between the Company and Skyworks in 2003, in exchange for non-exclusive licenses to each of the Conexant RF Patents, MPEG Patents and Skyworks RF Patents and \$1.25 million in cash. The Company received \$0.6 million of the sale price in November 2010 and the remainder in March 2011. The entire amount of \$1.25 million was recognized as a gain as the patents had a net book value of zero.

**10. Special Charges (Credits)**

Special charges (credits) consist of the following (in thousands):

	Fiscal Quarter Ended		Six Fiscal Months Ended	
	April 1, 2011	April 2, 2010	April 1, 2011	April 2, 2010
Merger transaction charges	\$ 11,570	\$	\$ 11,570	\$
Other special charges	1,062		3,008	
Restructuring charges (credits)	316	(210)	652	136
	\$ 12,948	\$ (210)	\$ 15,230	\$ 136

For the fiscal quarter and six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011, special charges consisted primarily of \$11.6 million for merger transaction charges, including payment of a \$7.7 million fee for termination of the SMSC Agreement and \$3.9 million of financial advisory, legal and other fees related to the terminated merger with SMSC and the pending merger with Parent. For the fiscal quarter and six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011, other special charges resulted primarily from exit activity associated with lease charges and one-time severance benefits associated with certain reductions in headcount. Restructuring charges for the fiscal quarter and six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 consisted of accretion of lease liability related to restructured facilities.

For the fiscal quarter ended April 2, 2010, special credits consisted of \$0.2 million for restructuring expense credits primarily related to an adjustment as a result of re-utilization of a portion of a facility. For the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010, special charges consisted of \$0.1 million for restructuring charges primarily related to accretion of lease liability offset by the utilization adjustment in the second fiscal quarter.

**Restructuring Charges**

The Company has implemented a number of cost reduction initiatives to improve its operating cost structure. The cost reduction initiatives included workforce reductions and the closure or consolidation of certain facilities, among other actions.

*Restructuring Accruals* As of April 1, 2011, the Company has remaining restructuring accruals of \$30.1 million, which primarily relate to facilities. Of the \$30.1 million of restructuring accruals at April 1, 2011, \$3.8 million is included in other current liabilities and \$26.3 million is included in other non-current liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. The Company expects to pay the obligations for the non-cancelable lease and other commitments over their respective terms, which expire at various dates through fiscal 2021. The Company's accrued liabilities include the net present value of the future lease obligations of \$48.4 million, net of contracted sublease income of \$10.7 million, and projected sublease income of \$7.6 million, and the Company will accrete the remaining amounts into expense over the remaining terms of the non-cancellable leases. The facility charges were determined in accordance with the accounting guidance for costs associated with exit or disposal activities. As a result, the Company recorded the net present value of the future lease obligations and will accrete the remaining amounts into expense over the remaining terms of the non-cancellable leases.

*Fiscal 2009 Restructuring Actions* As part of a workforce reduction implemented during the fiscal year ended October 2, 2009, the Company completed actions that resulted in the elimination of 183 positions worldwide. Activity and liability balances recorded as part of the fiscal 2009 restructuring actions through April 1, 2011 were as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Workforce Reductions</b>
Restructuring balance, October 1, 2010	\$ 53
Charged to costs and expenses	(8)
Cash payments	(45)
Restructuring balance, April 1, 2011	\$

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*Fiscal 2008 Restructuring Actions* During fiscal 2008, the Company announced its decision to discontinue investments in standalone wireless networking solutions and other product areas. Charges to expense in the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 relate to accretion of lease liability on restructured facilities under non-cancelable leases. Activity and liability balances recorded as part of the Fiscal 2008 restructuring actions through April 1, 2011 were as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Facility and Other</b>
Restructuring balance, October 1, 2010	74
Charged to costs and expenses	4
Cash payments	(29)
Restructuring balance, April 1, 2011	\$ 49

*Fiscal 2007 Restructuring Actions* During fiscal 2007, the Company announced several facility closures and workforce reductions. In total, the Company notified approximately 670 employees of their involuntary termination. Charges to expense in the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 relate to accretion of lease liability on restructured facilities under non-cancelable leases, of which \$0.7 million were included in discontinued operations related to the Company's discontinued BMP business. Activity and liability balances recorded as part of the Fiscal 2007 restructuring actions through April 1, 2011 were as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Facility and Other</b>
Restructuring balance, October 1, 2010	\$ 22,845
Charged to costs and expenses	979
Cash payments	(4,027)
Restructuring balance, April 1, 2011	\$ 19,797

*Fiscal 2006 and 2005 Restructuring Actions* During fiscal years 2006 and 2005, the Company announced operating site closures and workforce reductions. In total, the Company notified approximately 385 employees of their involuntary termination. Charges to expense in the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 relate primarily to accretion of lease liability on restructured facilities under non-cancelable leases. Activity and liability balances recorded as part of the Fiscal 2006 and 2005 restructuring actions through April 1, 2011 were as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Facility and Other</b>
Restructuring balance, October 1, 2010	\$ 10,849
Charged to costs and expenses	450
Cash payments	(1,012)
Restructuring balance, April 1, 2011	\$ 10,287

**11. Other (Income) Expense, net**

Other (income) expense, net consists of the following (in thousands):

**Fiscal Quarter Ended**

	<b>Six Fiscal Months Ended</b>			
	<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>April 2, 2010</b>	<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>April 2, 2010</b>
Investment and interest income	\$ (80)	\$ (64)	\$ (146)	\$ (120)
Gain on sale of investments		(3,621)	(1,393)	(7,734)
Loss on extinguishment of debt		9,481		10,605
(Increase) decrease in the fair value of derivative instruments	(1,497)	(13,916)	5,779	(18,201)
Other	371	365	405	491
Other (income) expense, net	\$ (1,206)	\$ (7,755)	\$ 4,645	\$ (14,959)

Other (income) of \$1.2 million, net during the fiscal quarter ended April 1, 2011 primarily consisted of a \$1.5 million increase in the fair value of the Company's warrant to purchase 6.1 million shares of Mindspeed common stock. Other expense of \$4.6 million, net during the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 primarily consisted of a \$5.8 million decrease in the Mindspeed warrant partially offset by a \$1.4 million gain on sale of equity investments. Of the \$1.4 million gain on sale of equity investments, the Company has received proceeds in the amount of \$0.8 million. The difference between the gain and proceeds has been recorded as a receivable.

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Other (income), net during the fiscal quarter ended April 2, 2010 was primarily comprised of a \$3.6 million gain on sale of equity investments and a \$13.9 million increase in the fair value of the Mindspeed warrant, offset by a loss of \$9.5 million on extinguishment of convertible debt, which consists of \$6.2 million of unamortized debt discount and \$3.3 million of transaction costs. Other (income), net during the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010 was primarily comprised of a \$7.7 million gain on sale of equity investments and a \$18.2 million increase in the fair value of the Mindspeed warrant, offset by a loss of \$10.0 million on extinguishment of convertible debt, which consists of \$7.6 million of unamortized debt discount, \$3.4 million of transaction costs offset by \$1.0 million of gain on exchange below par value, and a loss of \$0.6 million on extinguishment of secured debt.

**12. Related Party Transactions****Mindspeed Technologies, Inc.**

As of April 1, 2011, the Company holds a warrant to purchase 6.1 million shares of Mindspeed common stock at an exercise price of \$16.74 per share exercisable through June 2013. In addition, one member of the Company's Board of Directors also serves on the Board of Mindspeed. No amounts were due to or receivable from Mindspeed at April 1, 2011 or at October 1, 2010.

**13. Geographic Information**

Net revenues by geographic area, based upon country of destination, were as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended</b>		<b>Six Fiscal Months Ended</b>	
	<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>April 2, 2010</b>	<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>April 2, 2010</b>
United States	\$ 2,284	\$ 3,103	\$ 5,201	\$ 5,841
Other Americas	224	1,129	698	2,385
Total Americas	2,508	4,232	5,899	8,226
China	25,118	35,461	51,180	71,211
Taiwan	5,253	7,003	9,517	12,593
Asia-Pacific	9,834	14,483	21,873	29,948
Total Asia-Pacific	40,205	56,947	82,570	113,752
Europe, Middle East and Africa	416	689	770	1,703
	\$ 43,129	\$ 61,868	\$ 89,239	\$ 123,681

The Company believes that a portion of the products sold to original equipment manufacturers ( OEMs ) and third-party manufacturing service providers in the Asia-Pacific region is ultimately shipped to end-markets in the Americas and Europe. One distributor accounted for 16% and 14% of net revenues for the fiscal quarter ended April 1, 2011 and April 2, 2010, respectively, and 14% and 14% for the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 and April 2, 2010, respectively. Sales to the Company's twenty largest customers represented approximately 90% and 85% of net revenues for the fiscal quarter ended April 1, 2011 and April 2, 2010, respectively, and 89% and 81% for the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 and April 2, 2010, respectively.

Long-lived assets consist of property, plant and equipment and certain other long-term assets. Long-lived assets by geographic area were as follows (in thousands):

	<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>October 1, 2010</b>
United States	\$ 24,523	\$ 24,389
India	915	1,022



China	418	546
Asia-Pacific	640	1,092
Europe, Middle East and Africa		1
	\$ 26,496	\$ 27,050

The following have been excluded from the geographic presentation of long-lived assets above as of April 1, 2011 and October 1, 2010, respectively: Goodwill totaling \$109.9 million and \$109.9 million, respectively; Intangible assets totaling \$3.7 million and \$4.3 million, respectively; the Mindspeed warrant totaling \$14.9 million and \$20.7 million, respectively; and net deferred tax assets totaling \$1.4 million and \$0.5 million, respectively. Goodwill and intangible assets are located in the United States and are separately disclosed. Deferred tax assets are located in the United States, China and Asia-Pacific.

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**14. Subsequent Events**

The Company has evaluated subsequent events to assess the need for potential recognition or disclosure in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Such events were evaluated until the date these financial statements were issued. Based upon this evaluation, it was determined that no subsequent events occurred that require disclosure in the financial statements.

**Table of Contents****ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our unaudited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as other cautionary statements and risks described elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and our audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 1, 2010.

**Overview**

We design, develop and sell semiconductor system solutions, comprised of semiconductor devices, software and reference designs, for imaging, audio, embedded-modem, and video applications. These solutions include a comprehensive portfolio of imaging solutions for multifunction printers (MFPs), fax platforms, and interactive display frame market segments. Our audio solutions include high-definition (HD) audio integrated circuits, HD audio codecs, and speakers-on-a-chip solutions for personal computers, PC peripheral sound systems, audio subsystems, speakers, notebook docking stations, voice-over-IP speakerphones, USB headsets supporting Microsoft Office Communicator and Skype, and audio-enabled surveillance applications. We also offer a full suite of embedded-modem solutions for set-top boxes, point-of-sale systems, home automation and security systems, and desktop and notebook PCs. Additional products include decoders and media bridges for video surveillance security and monitoring applications, and system solutions for analog video-based multimedia applications.

***Termination of Merger Agreement with Standard Microsystems Corporation***

On February 23, 2011, we terminated the SMSC Agreement. Pursuant to the terms of the SMSC Agreement, we paid a termination fee of \$7.7 million to SMSC.

***Pending Merger with Gold Holdings, Inc.***

On February 23, 2011, substantially concurrently with the termination of the SMSC Agreement, we entered into the Gold Merger Agreement with Parent and Merger Sub Pursuant to the Gold Merger Agreement and subject to the conditions set forth therein, Merger Sub will merge with and into us, with us surviving as a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Gold Merger Agreement, each outstanding share of our common stock (other than dissenting shares, if any, treasury shares and shares held by Parent or any of its subsidiaries) at the Effective Time will be converted into the right to receive \$2.40 in cash, without interest and subject to any applicable withholding tax. The transaction is expected to close in the second quarter of calendar 2011 subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions, including, among other things, (1) the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock in favor of the adoption of the Gold Merger Agreement, (2) the absence of any law or order prohibiting the consummation of the Gold Merger, and (3) the absence of any material adverse effect with respect to us during the interim period between the execution of the Gold Merger Agreement and consummation of the Gold Merger.

**Sale of Real Property**

On December 22, 2010, we sold certain real property adjacent to our Newport Beach, California headquarters to Uptown Newport L.P. for \$23.5 million, which consisted of \$21.5 million in cash and a limited partnership interest in the property, which we valued at \$2.0 million. The property primarily consists of approximately 25 acres of land, and included two leased buildings, improvements and site development costs. The net book value of the property sold was as follows (in thousands):

Land	\$ 1,662
Land and leasehold improvements, net	356
Buildings, net	5,610
Machinery and equipment, net	262
Site development costs	7,691
	\$ 15,581

We have continuing involvement with the property related to groundwater and soil remediation, and have therefore deferred the gain of \$6.8 million on the monetary portion of the proceeds of the transaction, net of transaction costs of \$0.4 million. The gain is classified under other long-term liabilities on the balance sheet. The gain will be recognized at the time that we receive a No Further Action letter ( NFA Letter ), or its equivalent, from the appropriate government regulator relating to such remediation, indicating that the remediation is substantially complete. Responsibility for soil remediation was transferred to Uptown Newport L.P., but we retain certain obligations to assist in the soil remediation process for up to five years (or earlier under certain circumstances set forth in the agreement between the parties). Responsibility for groundwater remediation remains with us in perpetuity, however, receipt of a NFA Letter from the appropriate government regulator is an indication that the risk of discovery of additional groundwater contamination is remote. We have accrued \$2.1 million of reserves based on management's best estimate of remaining remediation costs, of which \$1.5 million is classified in long-term other liabilities.

We did not recognize any gain on the limited partnership interest portion of the proceeds. We retain an approximately 7.5% limited partnership interest in the property, recognized at a cost basis of \$1.3 million. The cost basis of our 7.5% limited partnership interest was determined by

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allocating the proportionate share of the net book value of the property sold, based on the fair value of the limited partnership interest as a percentage of the total proceeds of \$23.5 million.

**Critical Accounting Policies**

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with US GAAP, which require us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Information with respect to our critical accounting policies that we believe have the most significant effect on our reported results and require subjective or complex judgments of management is contained on pages 27 – 31 of the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 1, 2010. Management believes that at April 1, 2011, there has been no material change to this information.

**Results of Operations*****Net Revenues***

Net revenues consist of product sales, which we generally recognize upon shipment, less an estimate for returns and allowances. We sell our products to distributors, contract manufacturers (ODMs) and end-customers (OEMs), whose products include our products. End customers may purchase directly from us or from distributors or contract manufacturers.

Our net revenues decreased 30% to \$43.1 million in the fiscal quarter ended April 1, 2011 from \$61.9 million in the fiscal quarter ended April 2, 2010. The decrease in net revenues was driven by a 19% decrease in unit volume shipments and a 14% decrease in average selling prices ( ASPs ). The volume decrease between the fiscal quarter ended April 1, 2011 and the fiscal quarter ended April 2, 2010 was driven by a 75% decrease in legacy product unit shipments, including our computer modems, modems for digital television platforms in Japan, and wireless solutions. The pricing decrease between the fiscal quarter ended April 1, 2011 and the fiscal quarter ended April 2, 2010 was attributable to a change in product mix, along with a pricing decrease in our audio solutions.

Our net revenues decreased 28% to \$89.2 million in the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 from \$123.7 million in the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010. The decrease in net revenues was driven by a 28% decrease in unit volume shipments and a 1% decrease in ASPs. The volume decrease between the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 and the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010 was driven by a 74% decrease in legacy product unit shipments, including our computer modems, modems for digital television platforms in Japan, and wireless solutions, along with declines in our audio and imaging solutions. The pricing decrease between the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 and the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010 was attributable to a change in product mix, along with a pricing decrease in our audio solutions.

We remain focused on capturing higher market share for our existing products and delivering new and innovative solutions for imaging, audio, and video applications.

***Gross Margin***

Gross margin represents net revenues less cost of goods sold. As a fabless semiconductor company, we use third parties for wafer production and assembly and test services. Our cost of goods sold consists predominantly of purchased finished wafers, assembly and test services, royalties, other intellectual property costs, labor and overhead associated with product procurement and non-cash stock-based compensation charges for procurement personnel.

Our gross margin percentage for the fiscal quarter ended April 1, 2011 was 56% compared with 61% for the fiscal quarter ended April 2, 2010. The five point gross margin percentage decrease is primarily attributable to higher scalable manufacturing costs and audio product margin decreases, due to price erosion and audio product mix.

Our gross margin percentage for the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 was 58% compared with 61% for the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010. The three point gross margin percentage decrease is primarily attributable to higher scalable manufacturing costs and audio product margin decreases, due to price erosion and audio product mix.

***Research and Development***

Our research and development (R&D) expenses consist principally of direct personnel costs to develop new semiconductor solutions, allocated indirect costs of the R&D function, photo mask and other costs for pre-production evaluation and testing of new devices, and design and test tool costs. Our R&D expenses also include the costs for design automation advanced package development and non-cash stock-based compensation charges for R&D

personnel.

R&D expense increased \$0.5 million, or 3%, in the fiscal quarter ended April 1, 2011 compared to the fiscal quarter ended April 2, 2010. The increase is primarily due to higher allocated facility costs.

R&D expense increased \$0.8 million, or 3%, in the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 compared to the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010. The increase is due to higher employee headcount, higher project expenses, and higher allocated facility costs, offset by lower employee incentive accruals.

**Table of Contents*****Selling, General and Administrative***

Our selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses include personnel costs, sales representative commissions, advertising and other marketing costs. Our SG&A expenses also include costs of corporate functions including legal, accounting, treasury, human resources, customer service, sales, marketing, field application engineering, allocated indirect costs of the SG&A function, and non-cash stock-based compensation charges for SG&A personnel.

SG&A expense decreased \$1.6 million, or 12%, in the fiscal quarter ended April 1, 2011 compared to the fiscal quarter ended April 2, 2010. The decrease is primarily due to lower employee headcount and incentive accruals and lower legal and professional fees.

SG&A expense decreased \$2.8 million, or 11%, in the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 compared to the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010. The decrease is primarily due to lower employee incentive accruals and lower legal and professional fees.

***Amortization of Intangible Assets***

Amortization of intangible assets consists of amortization expense for intangible assets acquired in various business combinations. Our remaining intangible assets are being amortized over a weighted-average period of approximately 4.1 years.

Amortization expense was \$0.3 million in the fiscal quarters ended April 1, 2011 and April 2, 2010, respectively. Amortization expense decreased by \$0.1 million in the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 compared to the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010.

***Sale of Intellectual Property***

On October 22, 2010, we sold certain internally developed Conexant RF Patents and MPEG Patents to Skyworks and terminated our exclusive rights in Skyworks RF Patents obtained pursuant to an agreement we entered into with Skyworks in 2003, in exchange for non-exclusive licenses to each of the Conexant RF Patents, MPEG Patents and Skyworks RF Patents and \$1.25 million in cash. We received \$0.6 million of the sale price in November 2010 and the remainder in March 2011. The entire \$1.25 million was recognized as gain as the patents had no book value.

***Special Charges (Credits)***

Special charges (credits) consist of the following (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Quarter Ended</b>		<b>Six Fiscal Months Ended</b>	
	<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>April 2, 2010</b>	<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>April 2, 2010</b>
Merger transaction charges	\$ 11,570	\$	\$ 11,570	\$
Other special charges	1,062		3,008	
Restructuring charges (credits)	316	(210)	652	136
	\$ 12,948	\$ (210)	\$ 15,230	\$ 136

For the fiscal quarter and six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011, special charges consisted primarily of \$11.6 million for merger transaction charges including payment of a \$7.7 million fee for termination of the SMSC Agreement and \$3.9 million of financial advisory, legal and other fees related to the terminated merger with SMSC and the pending merger with Parent. For the fiscal quarter and six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011, other special charges resulted primarily from exit activity associated with lease charges and one-time severance benefits associated with certain reductions in headcount. Restructuring charges for the fiscal quarter and six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 consisted of accretion of lease liability related to restructured facilities.

For the fiscal quarter ended April 2, 2010, special credits consisted of \$0.2 million for restructuring expense credits, primarily related to an adjustment as a result of re-utilization of a portion of a facility. For the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010, special charges consisted of \$0.1 million for restructuring charges primarily related to accretion of lease liability offset by the utilization adjustment in the second fiscal quarter.

***Interest Expense***

Interest expense decreased \$2.3 million to \$5.5 million in the fiscal quarter ended April 1, 2011 from \$7.8 million in the fiscal quarter ended April 2, 2010. The decrease is primarily attributable to the reduction in debt discount expense due to extinguishment of debt in the fiscal year ended October 1, 2010. Interest expense in the fiscal quarters ended April 1, 2011 and April 2, 2010 includes debt discount amortization of \$0.1 million and \$3.4 million, respectively. Interest expense decreased \$6.1 million to \$11.2 million in the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 from \$17.3 million in the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010. The decrease is primarily attributable to the reduction in debt discount expense due to extinguishment of debt in the fiscal year ended October 1, 2010. Interest expense in the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 and April 2, 2010 includes debt discount amortization of \$0.2 million and \$7.0 million, respectively.

***Other (Income) Expense, net***

Other (income) expense, net consists of the following (in thousands):

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	Fiscal Quarter Ended		Six Fiscal Months Ended	
	April 1, 2011	April 2, 2010	April 1, 2011	April 2, 2010
Investment and interest income	\$ (80)	\$ (64)	\$ (146)	\$ (120)
Gain on sale of investments		(3,621)	(1,393)	(7,734)
Loss on extinguishment of debt		9,481		10,605
(Increase) decrease in the fair value of derivative instruments	(1,497)	(13,916)	5,779	(18,201)
Other	371	365	405	491
Other (income) expense, net	\$ (1,206)	\$ (7,755)	\$ 4,645	\$ (14,959)

Other (income) of \$1.2 million, net during the fiscal quarter ended April 1, 2011 primarily consisted of a \$1.5 million increase in the fair value of our warrant to purchase 6.1 million shares of Mindspeed common stock. Other expense of \$4.6 million, net during the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 primarily consisted of a \$5.8 million decrease in the fair value of the Mindspeed warrant partially offset by a \$1.4 million gain on sale of equity investments. Of the \$1.4 million gain on sale of equity investments, we received proceeds in the amount of \$0.8 million. The difference between the gain and proceeds has been recorded as a receivable.

Other (income), net during the fiscal quarter ended April 2, 2010 was primarily comprised of a \$3.6 million gain on sale of equity investments and a \$13.9 million increase in the fair value of the Mindspeed warrant, offset by a loss of \$9.5 million on extinguishment of convertible debt, which consists of \$6.2 million of unamortized debt discount and \$3.3 million of transaction costs. Other (income), net during the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010 was primarily comprised of a \$7.7 million gain on sale of equity investments and an \$18.2 million increase in the fair value of the Mindspeed warrant, offset by a loss of \$10.0 million on extinguishment of convertible debt, which consists of \$7.6 million of unamortized debt discount, \$3.4 million of transaction costs offset by \$1.0 million of gain on exchange below par value, and a loss of \$0.6 million on extinguishment of secured debt.

**Provision for Income Taxes**

We recorded a tax provision of \$0.3 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, for the fiscal quarter and six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011, primarily reflecting income taxes imposed on our foreign subsidiaries. We recorded a tax provision of \$0.3 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, for the fiscal quarter and six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010, primarily reflecting income taxes imposed on our foreign subsidiaries. All of our U.S. federal income taxes and the majority of our state income taxes are offset by fully reserved deferred tax assets.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our principal sources of liquidity are our cash and cash equivalents, sales of non-core assets, borrowings and operating cash flow. In addition, we have generated additional liquidity in the past through the sale of equity and debt securities.

Our cash and cash equivalents increased \$10.7 million between October 1, 2010 and April 1, 2011. The increase was primarily due to the sale of real property for net proceeds of \$21.1 million, proceeds from the maturity of marketable securities of \$20.0 million, proceeds from the sale of intellectual property of \$1.3 million and proceeds from sale of equity investments of \$0.8 million, offset by cash used in operations of \$19.9 million, including \$9.5 million of expenses related to our terminated and pending merger transactions, the redemption of our remaining \$11.2 million of outstanding 4.00% convertible subordinated notes due 2026, purchases of property, plant and equipment of \$0.8 million, and employee tax paid by us in lieu of issuing restricted stock units of \$0.7 million.

Cash flows are as follows (in thousands):

**Six Fiscal Months Ended**

	<b>April 1, 2011</b>	<b>April 2, 2010</b>
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	\$ (19,938)	\$ 11,219
Net cash provided by investing activities	42,509	15,777
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(11,865)	35,145
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,706	\$ 62,141

***Operating Activities***

Cash used in operating activities was \$19.9 million for the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 compared to \$11.2 million provided by operating activities for the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010. Cash used in operating activities for the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 was primarily driven by a net loss of \$28.5 million, offset by \$7.8 million of net non-cash operating expenses and a \$0.8 million increase from changes in working capital. Cash provided by operating activities for the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010 was primarily driven by \$19.2 million in net income and net non-cash operating expenses of \$0.6 million, offset by a \$8.6 million decrease from changes in working capital.

***Investing Activities***

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Cash provided by investing activities was \$42.5 million for the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 compared to cash provided by investing activities of \$15.8 million for the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010. Cash provided by investing activities for the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 was primarily driven by proceeds from the sale of real property of \$21.1 million, proceeds from the maturity of marketable securities of \$20.0 million, proceeds from the sale of intellectual property of \$1.3 million and proceeds from the sale of equity investments of \$0.8 million, offset by capital expenditures of \$0.8 million. Cash provided by investing activities for the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010 was primarily driven by the release of \$8.5 million of restricted cash associated with our repayment of short-term debt and \$8.0 million proceeds from the sale of marketable securities, offset by payment for an acquisition of \$0.6 million.

***Financing Activities***

Cash used in financing activities was \$11.9 million for the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 compared to \$35.1 million provided by financing activities for the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010. Cash used in financing activities for the six fiscal months ended April 1, 2011 was primarily driven by the redemption of our remaining \$11.2 million of outstanding 4.00% convertible subordinated notes due 2026 and employee tax paid by us in lieu of issuing restricted stock units of \$0.7 million. Cash provided by financing activities for the six fiscal months ended April 2, 2010 was primarily driven by proceeds from issuance of common stock and long-term bonds, net of expenses, of \$62.5 million and \$168.4 million, respectively, partially offset by the repurchase of our remaining \$61.4 million of senior secured notes for a price of 101% of par, the repurchase of our convertible debt for \$104.7 million and the repayment of \$28.7 million of our short-term debt.

***Recent Financing Transactions***

On March 1, 2011, the Company redeemed its remaining \$11.2 million of 4.00% convertible subordinated notes due 2026.

On December 22, 2010, we sold certain real property adjacent to our Newport Beach, California headquarters to Uptown Newport L.P. for \$23.5 million, which consisted of \$21.5 million in cash and a limited partnership interest in the property, which we have valued at \$2.0 million.

On December 13, 2010, Conexant CF entered into an amended credit facility with Silicon Valley Bank for up to \$20 million. The renewed credit facility is effective through December 31, 2013, and replaces an expiring one-year, \$15 million accounts receivable credit facility. At April 1, 2011, we had not borrowed any amounts under this credit facility.

We believe that our existing sources of liquidity, together with cash expected to be generated from operations, will be sufficient to fund our operations, research and development, anticipated capital expenditures and working capital for at least the next twelve months.

**Contractual Obligations and Commitments**

In accordance with the terms of our senior notes, if a change of control occurs, we must offer to repurchase the senior notes at a repurchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the senior notes repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the applicable repurchase date. The consummation of the proposed merger transaction with Parent would be considered a change of control for this purpose. Except for this and for our recent property sale transaction discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements in Item 1, there have been no material changes to our contractual obligations from those previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ended October 1, 2010. For a summary of the contractual commitments at October 1, 2010, see Part II, Item 7, page 37 in our 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We have made guarantees and indemnities, under which we may be required to make payments to a guaranteed or indemnified party, in relation to certain transactions. In connection with our spin-off from Rockwell International Corporation ( Rockwell ), we assumed responsibility for all contingent liabilities and then-current and future litigation (including environmental and intellectual property proceedings) against Rockwell or its subsidiaries in respect of the operations of the semiconductor systems business of Rockwell. In connection with our contribution of certain of our manufacturing operations to Jazz Semiconductor, Inc. (now TowerJazz ), we agreed to indemnify TowerJazz for certain environmental matters and other customary divestiture-related matters. In connection with our sale of the BMP

business to NXP, we agreed to indemnify NXP for certain claims related to the transaction. In connection with our sale of the BBA business to Ikanos, we agreed to indemnify Ikanos for certain claims related to the transaction. In connection with the sales of our products, we provide intellectual property indemnities to our customers. In connection with certain facility leases, we have indemnified our lessors for certain claims arising from the facility or the lease. We indemnify our directors and officers to the maximum extent permitted under the laws of the State of Delaware.

The durations of our guarantees and indemnities vary, and in many cases are indefinite. The guarantees and indemnities to customers in connection with product sales generally are subject to limits based upon the amount of the related product sales. The majority of other guarantees and indemnities do not provide for any limitation of the maximum potential future payments we could be obligated to make. We have not recorded any liability for these guarantees and indemnities in our consolidated balance sheets. Product warranty costs are not significant.

We have other outstanding letters of credit collateralized by restricted cash aggregating \$5.5 million to secure various long-term operating leases and our self-insured worker's compensation plan. The restricted cash associated with these letters of credit is classified as other long-term assets on the consolidated balance sheets.

#### **Special Purpose Entities**

We have one special purpose entity, Conexant CF, which is not permitted, nor may its assets be used, to guarantee or satisfy any of our obligations or those of our subsidiaries.

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On December 13, 2010, we established an amendment to the existing accounts receivable financing facility whereby we sell, from time to time, certain accounts receivable to Conexant CF. Under the terms of our agreements with Conexant CF, we retain the responsibility to service and collect accounts receivable sold to Conexant CF and receive a weekly fee from Conexant CF for handling administrative matters that is equal to 1.0%, on a per annum basis, of the uncollected value of the purchased accounts receivable.

Concurrently with entering into the amended accounts receivable financing facility, Conexant CF entered into an amended credit facility to finance the cash portion of the purchase price of eligible receivables. The amended credit facility is secured by the assets of Conexant CF. Conexant CF is required to maintain certain minimum amounts on deposit (restricted cash) of approximately \$1.6 million with the bank, if any amounts are drawn and outstanding against this facility during the term of the credit agreement. Borrowings under the credit facility, which cannot exceed the lesser of \$20.0 million or 80% of the uncollected value of purchased accounts receivable that are eligible for coverage under an insurance policy for the receivables, bear interest equal to the Wall Street Journal prime rate plus applicable margins (between 0.5% to 2.00%), payable weekly on each settlement date. As of April 1, 2011, eligible borrowings under this facility were \$20.0 million. In addition, if the aggregate amount of interest earned by the bank in any month is less than \$4,000, Conexant CF pays an amount equal to the minimum monthly interest of \$4,000 minus the aggregate amount of all interest earned by the bank. The credit agreement matures on December 31, 2013. The credit facility is subject to financial covenants, including a minimum level of shareholders' equity covenant and an adjusted quick ratio covenant. Further, any failure by us or Conexant CF to pay our respective debts as they become due would allow the bank to terminate the credit agreement and cause all borrowings under the credit facility to immediately become due and payable.

At April 1, 2011, Conexant CF had not borrowed any amounts under this credit facility and was in compliance with all covenants under the credit facility.

**Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

In December 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued an update to modify Step 1 of the goodwill impairment test for reporting units with zero or negative carrying amounts. For those reporting units, an entity is required to perform Step 2 of the goodwill impairment test if it is more likely than not that a goodwill impairment exists. In determining whether it is more likely than not that a goodwill impairment exists, an entity should consider whether there are any adverse qualitative factors indicating that an impairment may exist. The qualitative factors are consistent with the existing guidance, which requires that goodwill of a reporting unit be tested for impairment between annual tests if an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying amount. This accounting guidance will be effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is not permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact of this guidance on our financial position and results of operations.

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

Our financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, a warrant to purchase Mindspeed common stock, long-term restricted cash and long-term debt. Our main investment objectives are the preservation of investment capital and the maximization of after-tax returns on our investment portfolio. Consequently, we invest with only high credit quality issuers, and we limit the amount of our credit exposure to any one issuer.

Our cash and cash equivalents are not subject to significant interest rate risk due to the short maturities of these instruments. As of April 1, 2011, the carrying value of our cash and cash equivalents approximated fair value. We hold a warrant to purchase approximately 6.1 million shares of Mindspeed common stock at an exercise price of \$16.74 per share through June 2013. For financial accounting purposes, this is a derivative instrument and the fair value of the warrant is subject to significant risk related to changes in the market price of Mindspeed's common stock. As of April 1, 2011, a 10% decrease in the market price of Mindspeed's common stock would result in a \$2.6 million decrease in the fair value of this warrant. At April 1, 2011, the market price of Mindspeed's common stock was \$8.27 per share. During the second fiscal quarter of 2011, the market price of Mindspeed's common stock ranged from a low of \$6.05 per share to a high of \$8.80 per share.

Our long-term debt consists of our 11.25% senior secured notes with interest at fixed rates. The fair value of the 11.25% senior secured notes is based on an indicative bid price provided by the underwriter of the senior secured notes.

The following table shows the fair values of our financial instruments as of April 1, 2011 (in thousands):

	<b>Carrying Value</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 65,172	\$ 65,172
Mindspeed warrant	14,906	14,906
Long-term restricted cash	5,530	5,530
Long-term debt: senior secured notes	175,000	194,250

**Exchange Rate Risk**

We consider our direct exposure to foreign exchange rate fluctuations to be minimal. Currently, sales to customers and arrangements with third-party manufacturers provide for pricing and payment in U.S. dollars, and, therefore, are not subject to exchange rate fluctuations. Increases

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in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies could make our products more expensive, which could negatively impact our ability to compete. Conversely, decreases in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies could result in our suppliers raising their prices to continue doing business with us. Fluctuations in currency exchange rates could affect our business in the future. At April 1, 2011, we did not have any foreign currency exchange contracts outstanding.

**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter ended April 1, 2011 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION****ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS****Litigation Relating to the Previously Contemplated Merger with SMSC**

Between January 10, 2011 and February 11, 2011, Conexant, the members of our board of directors and, in certain of the lawsuits, our President and Chief Operating Officer, our Chief Financial Officer, SMSC and/or Comet Acquisition Corp. were named as defendants in 12 purported class action lawsuits in connection with the transactions previously contemplated by the SMSC Agreement filed by stockholders in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Orange, an additional 5 such lawsuits filed in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware and one such lawsuit filed in the United States District Court, Central District of California. On February 9, 2011, the first four Delaware actions were consolidated under the caption *In re Conexant Systems, Inc. Shareholders Litigation, Consolidated C.A. No. 6136-VCP*. On March 3, 2011, a number of the California state plaintiffs filed a stipulation and proposed order to consolidate the California actions and appoint interim co-lead class counsel. To date, this stipulation has not yet been entered as an order of the court. Additionally, two of the California state actions have been voluntarily dismissed, without prejudice, on or about February 22, 2011, and February 28, 2011, respectively, and five of the California state actions were voluntarily dismissed, with prejudice, on or about March 22, 2011.

The suits allege, among other things, that our directors and, in one case, certain of our executive officers breached their fiduciary duties to stockholders in negotiating and entering into the SMSC Agreement and by agreeing to sell our company at an unfair price, pursuant to an unfair process and/or pursuant to unreasonable terms, and that we and, in certain of the lawsuits, SMSC and Comet Acquisition Corp. aided and abetted the alleged breaches of fiduciary duties. The suits seek, among other things, to enjoin consummation of the previously contemplated merger with SMSC. The lawsuit filed on February 11, 2011, after announcement of the acquisition proposal by Golden Gate Private Equity, Inc., also sought to direct the individual defendants to designate the proposal by Golden Gate Private Equity, Inc. as a superior proposal, as such term was defined in the SMSC Agreement.

On or about April 14, 2011, three of the original California state court plaintiffs filed amended complaints in Orange County Superior Court naming as defendants Conexant and the members of our board of directors. These purported class actions allege, among other things, that the directors breached their fiduciary duties to the plaintiffs and the other class members by approving the SMSC Agreement and that we aided and abetted these alleged breaches. These suits seek recovery of the termination fee paid to SMSC and other unspecified damages, declaratory and equitable relief.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

Other than the risk factors enumerated below, as of the date of this filing, there have been no material changes to the Risk Factors included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 1, 2010, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 9, 2010.

*Risks Factors Related to the Merger with Gold Holdings, Inc.*

***Failure to consummate or delay in consummating the merger with Gold Holdings, Inc. announced on February 23, 2011 for any reason could materially and adversely affect our operations and our stock price.***

If the merger with Gold Holdings, Inc. is not consummated for any reason, including the failure of our stockholders to adopt the merger agreement with Gold Holdings, Inc. or if there is a delay in the consummation of the merger, we will be subject to a number of material risks, including:

we could be required to pay to Gold Holdings, Inc. a termination fee of \$7.7 million under certain circumstances as set forth in the merger agreement;

the market price of our common stock may decline to the extent that the current market price of our common stock reflects a market assumption that the merger will be consummated;



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the possibility exists that certain key employees may terminate their employment with us as a result of the proposed merger with Gold Holdings, Inc. even if the proposed merger is not ultimately consummated; and

the diversion of management's attention away from our day-to-day business, limitations on the conduct of our business prior to completing the merger, and other restrictive covenants contained in the merger agreement that may impact the manner in which our management is able to conduct the business of the company during the period prior to the consummation of the merger and the unavoidable disruption to our employees and our relationships with customers and suppliers during the period prior to the consummation of the merger, may make it difficult for us to regain our financial and market position if the merger does not occur.

In addition, if the merger agreement is terminated and our board of directors determines to seek another business combination, there can be no assurance that we will be able to find a partner willing to provide equivalent or more attractive consideration than the consideration to be provided in the merger.

***Legal proceedings in connection with the terminated merger agreement with Standard Microsystems Corporation ( SMSC ) could adversely affect our business and divert management's attention and resources from other matters.***

Purported class action lawsuits have been filed by third parties challenging the previously contemplated merger with SMSC. If not ultimately dismissed, these lawsuits could adversely affect our business, financial position and results of operations and divert management's attention and resources from other matters.

***Risks Factors Related to Our Business***

***Natural disasters in certain regions could adversely affect our supply chain or our customer base which, in turn, could have a negative impact on our business, the cost of and demand for our products and our results of operations.***

The occurrence of natural disasters in certain regions, such as the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan, could have a negative impact on our supply chain, our ability to deliver products, the cost of our products, and the demand for our products. These events could cause consumer confidence and spending to decrease or result in increased volatility to the U.S. and worldwide economies. Any such occurrences could have a material adverse effect on our business, our results of operations and our financial condition.

## **ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

## **ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

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- 32 Certification by Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Periodic Report Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.
- \* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

Exhibits and schedules omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. The Company agrees to furnish a supplemental copy of an omitted exhibit or schedule to the SEC upon request.



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**SIGNATURE**

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.

CONEXANT SYSTEMS, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: April 15, 2011

By /s/ JEAN HU  
Jean Hu  
Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and  
Senior Vice President, Business  
Development  
(principal financial officer)

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