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## **UNITED STATES**

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended October 31, 2014

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 001-35319

ModusLink Global Solutions, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

04-2921333 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

**Identification No.)** 

1601 Trapelo Road, Suite 170

Waltham, Massachusetts (Address of principal executive offices)

02451 (Zip Code)

(781) 663-5000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No "

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

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

Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer x 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 x

As of November 30, 2014, there were 52,115,711 shares issued and outstanding of the registrant s Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share.

# MODUSLINK GLOBAL SOLUTIONS, INC.

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# MODUSLINK GLOBAL SOLUTIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except share amounts)

(unaudited)

	October 31, 2014		•	July 31, 2014
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	104,308	\$	183,515
Trading securities		72,097		22,793
Accounts receivable, trade, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$61 and				
\$63 at October 31, 2014 and July 31, 2014, respectively		157,436		123,948
Inventories		54,196		65,269
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		19,759		10,243
Total current assets		407,796		405,768
Property and equipment, net		23,539		25,126
Investments in affiliates		7,199		7,172
Goodwill		3,058		3,058
Other intangible assets, net		399		667
Other assets		8,809		9,855
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Total assets	\$	450,800	\$	451,646
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	103,289	\$	105,045
Accrued restructuring		2,025		2,246
Accrued expenses		38,940		39,544
Other current liabilities		54,680		51,759
Total current liabilities		198,934		198,594
Long-term portion of accrued restructuring				39
Notes payable		74,443		73,391
Other long-term liabilities		8,167		8,004
Long-term liabilities		82,610		81,434
Total liabilities		281,544		280,028

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Stockholders equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share. Authorized 5,000,000 shares; zero		
issued or outstanding shares at October 31, 2014 and July 31, 2014		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share. Authorized 1,400,000,000 shares;		
52,105,338 issued and outstanding shares at October 31, 2014; 52,100,763 issued		
and outstanding shares at July 31, 2014	521	521
Additional paid-in capital	7,450,964	7,450,541
Accumulated deficit	(7,293,190)	(7,293,412)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	10,961	13,968
Total stockholders equity	169,256	171,618
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 450,800	\$ 451,646

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements

## MODUSLINK GLOBAL SOLUTIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

(unaudited)

	Three Months End October 31, 2014 201		,	
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Net revenue Cost of revenue		87,444		01,415
Cost of revenue	10	68,606	10	59,420
Gross profit		18,838	2	21,995
Operating expenses				
Selling, general and administrative		15,522	1	8,115
Amortization of intangible assets		268		280
Restructuring, net		1,901		979
Total operating expenses		17,691	1	9,374
Operating income		1,147		2,621
Other income (expense):				
Interest income		64		102
Interest expense		(2,667)		(213)
Other gains (losses), net		2,827		(701)
Total other income (expense)		224		(812)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes		1,371		1,809
Income tax expense		1,157		1,137
Equity in (gains) losses of affiliates, net of tax		(8)		134
Income from continuing operations		222		538
Discontinued operations, net of income taxes:				
Income from discontinued operations				79
Net Income	\$	222	\$	617
Basic net income per share:				
Income from continuing operations	\$	0.00	\$	0.01
Income from discontinued operations		0.00		0.00

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Net Income	\$	0.00	\$	0.01
Diluted net income per share:				
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Income from continuing operations	\$	0.00	\$	0.01
Income from discontinued operations		0.00		0.00
Net Income	\$	0.00	\$	0.01
Weighted average common shares used in:				
Basic earnings per share		51,875		51,438
Diluted earnings per share		52,004		51,493

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements

# MODUSLINK GLOBAL SOLUTIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Three Mon Octobe	
	2014	2013
Net Income	\$ 222	\$ 617
Other comprehensive income:		
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(2,639)	2,079
Pension liability adjustments, net of tax	(361)	
Net unrealized holding loss on securities, net of tax	(7)	(6)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(3,007)	2,073
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (2,785)	\$ 2,690

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements

# MODUSLINK GLOBAL SOLUTIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

# (in thousands)

# (unaudited)

Cash flows from operating activities of continuing operations:  Net income Income from discontinued operations  79
Net income \$ 222 \$ 617
Income from continuing operations 222 538
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Adjustments to reconcile income from continuing operations to net cash used in operating
activities of continuing operations:
Depreciation 2,810 3,474 Amortization of intangible assets 268 280
Amortization of deferred financing costs 122 118
Accretion of debt discount 1,027 Share-based compensation 409 512
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Non-operating (gains) losses, net (2,827) 701
Equity in (gains) losses of affiliates and impairments (8) 134
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:
Trade accounts receivable, net (36,287) (17,979)
Inventories 9,392 (18,680)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets (12,198) (364)
Accounts payable, accrued restructuring and accrued expenses (1,167) 20,063
Refundable and accrued income taxes, net 1,525 1,221
Other assets and liabilities 13,097 453
Net cash used in operating activities of continuing operations (23,615) (9,529)
Cash flows from investing activities of continuing operations:
Additions to property and equipment (1,865) (974)
Purchase of trading securities (69,221)
Investments in affiliates (27)
Proceeds from investments in affiliates 8
Net cash used in investing activities of continuing operations (71,105) (974)
Cash flows from financing activities of continuing operations:
Repayments on capital lease obligations (34) (22)
Proceeds from revolving line of credit 21,265

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Repayments of revolving line of credit	(4,453)	
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	14	
Repurchase of common stock		(131)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities of continuing operations	16,792	(153)
Cash flows from discontinued operations:		
Operating cash flows		(579)
Net cash used in discontinued operations		(579)
Net effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(1,279)	872
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents  Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	(79,207) 183,515	(10,363) 77,916
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 104,308	\$ 67,553

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements

## MODUSLINK GLOBAL SOLUTIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(unaudited)

### (1) NATURE OF OPERATIONS

ModusLink Global Solutions, Inc. (together with its consolidated subsidiaries, ModusLink Global Solutions or the Company ), through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, ModusLink Corporation (ModusLink) and ModusLink PTS, Inc. (ModusLink PTS), executes comprehensive supply chain and logistics services (the Supply Chain Business) that are designed to improve clients revenue, cost, sustainability and customer experience objectives. ModusLink Global Solutions provides services to leading companies in consumer electronics, communications, computing, medical devices, software, and retail. The Company s operations are supported by a global footprint that includes more than 25 sites across North America, Europe and the Asia Pacific region.

The Company previously operated under the names CMGI, Inc. and CMG Information Services, Inc. and was incorporated in Delaware in 1986.

### (2) BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the Company in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of a normal recurring nature) considered necessary for fair presentation have been included. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and related notes for the year ended July 31, 2014, which are contained in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on October 14, 2014. The results for the three months ended October 31, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full fiscal year. The year-end condensed balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

The Company considers events or transactions that occur after the balance sheet date but before the issuance of financial statements to provide additional evidence relative to certain estimates or to identify matters that require additional disclosure. For the period ended October 31, 2014, the Company evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition and disclosure through the date these financial statements were filed.

### (3) RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In April 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-08, Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity, which amends ASC 205, Presentation of Financial Statements, and ASC 360, Property, Plant and Equipment. This ASU defines a discontinued operation as a component or group of components that is disposed of or meets the

criteria as held for sale and represents a strategic shift that has or will have a major effect on an entity s operations and financial results. This ASU requires additional disclosures about discontinued operations and new disclosures for components of an entity that are held for sale or disposed of and are individually significant but do not qualify for presentation as a discontinued operation. The requirements are effective prospectively starting with our first quarter of fiscal year 2016, and is related to presentation only. The adoption will not have a material effect on the Company s consolidated financial statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), which supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in ASC 605, Revenue Recognition. This ASU is based on the principle that revenue is recognized to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The ASU also requires additional disclosure about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from customer contracts, including significant judgments and changes in judgments and assets recognized from costs incurred to obtain or fulfill a contract. The effective date will be the first quarter of fiscal year 2018 using one of two retrospective application methods or a cumulative effect approach. The Company is evaluating the potential effects on the consolidated financial statements.

In August 2014, the FASB issued an amendment to the accounting guidance related to the evaluation of an entity s ability to continue as a going concern. The amendment establishes management s responsibility to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an entity ability to continue as a going concern in connection with preparing financial statements for each annual and interim reporting period. The update also gives guidance to determine whether to disclose information about relevant conditions and event when there is substantial doubt about an entity s ability to continue as a going concern. This guidance will be effective for the Company as of December 15, 2016. The new guidance will not have an effect on the Company s consolidated financial statements.

# (4) INVENTORIES

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined by both the moving average and the first-in, first-out methods. Materials that the Company procures on behalf of its clients that are included in inventory typically include materials such as compact discs, printed materials, manuals, labels, hardware accessories, flash memory, consumer packaging, shipping boxes and labels, power cords and cables for client-owned electronic devices.

Inventories consisted of the following:

	October 31, 2014	July 31, 2014
	(In thou	sands)
Raw materials	\$ 45,655	\$51,179
Work-in-process	373	910
Finished goods	8,168	13,180
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	\$ 54,196	\$65,269

The Company continuously monitors inventory balances and records inventory write-downs for any excess of the cost of the inventory over its estimated market value. The Company also monitors inventory balances for obsolescence and excess quantities as compared to projected demand. The Company s inventory methodology is based on assumptions

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about average shelf life of inventory, forecasted volumes, forecasted selling prices, write-down history of inventory, market conditions and contractual arrangements with clients. While such assumptions may change from period to period, in determining the net realizable value of its inventories, the Company uses the best information available as of the balance sheet date. If actual market conditions are less favorable than those projected, or the Company experiences a higher incidence of inventory obsolescence because of rapidly changing technology and customer requirements, additional inventory write-downs may be required. Once established, write-downs of inventory are considered permanent adjustments to the cost basis of inventory and cannot be reversed due to subsequent increases in demand forecasts.

### (5) INVESTMENTS

### Trading securities

Near the end of the quarter ended July 31, 2014, the Company acquired \$12.9 million in convertible debentures of a publicly traded entity. At this time the Company is uncertain with respect to the holding period of these securities, therefore these securities are classified as trading securities. These trading securities offer higher yields than are currently available from money market securities or other equivalent investments. As of July 31, 2014, the trades associated with these securities had not settled and, as such, the payment associated with

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the acquisition of these securities had not been made. The liability associated with this payment is classified under other current liabilities on our balance sheet. Additionally, near the end of the quarter ended July 31, 2014 the Company acquired \$9.9 million in common stock of a publicly traded entity. As of July 31, 2014, most of the trades associated with these securities had not settled and, as such, \$9.4 million of the payment associated with the acquisition of these securities had not been made. The liability associated with these payments is classified under other current liabilities on our balance sheet as of July 31, 2014. Unrealized gains and losses associated with these securities were immaterial for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2014.

During the quarter ended October 31, 2014, the Company continued its investing activities and acquired additional convertible debentures of a publicly traded entity and acquired additional common stock of a publicly traded entity. As of October 31, 2014 the Company had \$72.1 million in investments in trading securities, \$31.9 million of which were the publicly traded convertible debentures. The Company s purchases of the publicly traded convertible debentures have been done on the open market. The chairman of the board of the company issuing the publicly traded convertible debentures is also the chairman of the board of ModusLink Global Solutions, Inc. The trading securities were classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

#### @Ventures

The Company maintains interests in several early-stage privately held technology companies primarily through its interests in two venture capital funds which invest as @Ventures. These investments are generally made in connection with a round of financing with other third-party investors.

During the three months ended October 31, 2014, approximately \$27 thousand was invested by the Company in privately held companies. During the three months ended October 31, 2013 no investments were made by the Company in privately held companies. At October 31, 2014 and July 31, 2014, the Company s carrying value of investments in privately held companies was approximately \$7.2 million for both periods. No impairment charges were recorded during the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013. During the three months ended October 31, 2014, the Company received an immaterial distribution from its investments. During the three months ended October 31, 2013, the Company did not receive any distributions from its investments.

Investments in which the Company s interest is less than 20% and which are not classified as available-for-sale securities are carried at the lower of cost or net realizable value unless it is determined that the Company exercises significant influence over the investee company, in which case the equity method of accounting is used. For those investments in which the Company s voting interest is between 20% and 50%, the equity method of accounting is generally used. Under this method, the investment balance, originally recorded at cost, is adjusted to recognize the Company s share of net earnings or losses of the investee company as they occur, limited to the extent of the Company s investment in, advances to and commitments for the investee. These adjustments are reflected in Equity in (gains) losses of affiliates, net of tax in the Company s Consolidated Statements of Operations.

The Company assesses the need to record impairment losses on its investments and records such losses when the impairment of an investment is determined to be other than temporary in nature. The process of assessing whether a particular investment s net realizable value is less than its carrying cost requires a significant amount of judgment. In making this judgment, the Company carefully considers the investee s cash position, projected cash flows (both short and long-term), financing needs, recent financing rounds, most recent valuation data, the current investing environment, management/ownership changes and competition. The valuation process is based primarily on information that the Company requests from these privately held companies which are not subject to the same disclosure and audit requirements as those of U.S. public companies. As such, the reliability and the accuracy of the data may vary.

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## (6) GOODWILL

The Company conducts its goodwill impairment test on July 31 of each fiscal year. In addition, if and when events or circumstances change that could reduce the fair value of any of its reporting units below its carrying value, an interim test is performed. In making this assessment, the Company relies on a number of factors including operating results, business plans, economic projections, anticipated future cash flows, and transactions and marketplace data. The Company s reporting units are: Americas, Asia, Europe and it s All Other category, which primarily represents the e-Business operating segment.

The Company s remaining goodwill of \$3.1 million as of October 31, 2014 and July 31, 2014 relates to the Company s e-Business reporting unit. There were no indicators of impairment identified related to the Company s e-Business reporting unit during the three months ended October 31, 2014.

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## (7) OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

The following table reflects the components of Other Current Liabilities:

	October 31, 2014 (In thou	2014		
Accrued pricing liabilities	\$ 18,882	\$ 19,301		
Unsettled trading securities liabilities		22,430		
Line of credit facility	21,265	4,453		
Other	14,533	5,575		
	\$ 54,680	\$51,759		

As of October 31, 2014 and July 31, 2014, the Company had accrued pricing liabilities of approximately \$18.9 million and \$19.3 million, respectively. As previously reported by the Company, several adjustments were made to its historic financial statements for periods ending on or before January 31, 2012, the most significant of which related to the treatment of vendor rebates in its pricing policies. Where the retention of a rebate or a mark-up was determined to have been inconsistent with a client contract (collectively referred to as pricing adjustments), the Company concluded that these amounts were not properly recorded as revenue. Accordingly, revenue was reduced by an equivalent amount for the period that the rebate was estimated to have affected. A corresponding liability for the same amount was recorded in that period (referred to as accrued pricing liabilities). The Company believes that it may not ultimately be required to pay all of the accrued pricing liabilities, due in part to the nature of the interactions with its clients. The remaining accrued pricing liabilities at October 31, 2014 will be derecognized when there is sufficient information for the Company to conclude that such liabilities have been extinguished, which may occur through payment, legal release, or other legal or factual determination.

## (8) RESTRUCTURING, NET

Restructuring and other costs for the three months ended October 31, 2014 primarily included continuing charges for personnel reductions and facility consolidations in an effort to streamline operations across our global supply chain operations. It is expected that the payments of employee-related charges will be substantially completed during the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015. The remaining contractual obligations primarily relate to facility lease obligations for vacant space resulting from the previous restructuring activities of the Company. The Company anticipates that these contractual obligations will be substantially fulfilled by August 2015.

The \$1.9 million restructuring charge recorded during the three months ended October 31, 2014 primarily consisted of \$0.4 million, \$0.5 million and \$1.0 million of employee-related costs in the Americas, Asia and Europe, respectively, related to the workforce reduction of 93 employees in our global supply chain. The \$0.9 million restructuring charge recorded during the three months ended October 31, 2013 primarily consisted of approximately \$0.2 million, \$0.1 million, and \$0.6 million of employee-related costs in the Americas, Asia, and Europe, respectively, related to the workforce reduction of 49 employees in our global supply chain operations.

The following tables summarize the activities related to the restructuring accrual by expense category and by reportable segment for the three months ended October 31, 2014:

	R	Employee Related Expenses		tractual gations	Total
Accrued restructuring balance at July 31, 2014	\$	1,687	\$	598	\$ 2,285
Restructuring charges		1,822		137	1,959
Restructuring adjustments		(3)		(55)	(58)
Cash paid		(1,816)		(227)	(2,043)
Non-cash adjustments		(79)		(39)	(118)
Accrued restructuring balance at October 31, 2014	\$	1,611	\$	414	\$ 2,025

	Americas	Asia	Europe (In thousa	All Other nds)	Consolidated Total	
Accrued restructuring balance at July 31, 2014	\$ 195	\$ 274	\$ 1,750	\$ 66	\$	2,285
Restructuring charges	408	559	992			1,959
Restructuring adjustments	6	(54)	(10)			(58)
Cash paid	(217)	(528)	(1,288)	(10)		(2,043)
Non-cash adjustments		(7)	(111)			(118)
Accrued restructuring balance at October 31, 2014	\$ 392	\$ 244	\$ 1,333	\$ 56	\$	2,025

The net restructuring charges for the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013 would have been allocated as follows had the Company recorded the expense and adjustments within the functional department of the restructured activities:

	Th	Three Months Ended October 31,		
		2014 2013 (In thousands)		
Cost of revenue Selling, general and administrative	\$	1,882 19	\$	680 299
	\$	1,901	\$	979

## (9) **DEBT**

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## Notes Payable

On March 18, 2014, the Company entered into an indenture (the Indenture ) with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the Trustee ), relating to the Company s issuance of \$100 million of 5.25% Convertible Senior Notes (the Notes ). The Notes bear interest at the rate of 5.25% per year, payable semi-annually in arrears on March 1 and September 1 of each year, beginning on September 1, 2014. The Notes will mature on March 1, 2019 unless earlier repurchased by the Company or converted by the holder in accordance with their terms prior to such maturity date.

Holders of the Notes may convert all or any portion of their notes, in multiples of \$1,000 principal amount, at their option at any-time prior to the close of business or the business day immediately preceding the maturity date. Each \$1,000 of principal of the Notes will initially be convertible into 166.2593 shares of our common stock, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of

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approximately \$6.01 per share, subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain events, or, if the Company obtains the required consent from its stockholders, into shares of the Company's common stock, cash or a combination of cash and shares of its common stock, at the Company's election. If the Company has received stockholder approval, and it elects to settle conversions through the payment of cash or payment or delivery of a combination of cash and shares, the Company's conversion obligation will be based on the volume weighted average prices (VWAP) of its common stock for each VWAP trading day in a 40 VWAP trading day observation period. The Notes and any of the shares of common stock issuable upon conversion have not been registered.

Holders will have the right to require the Company to repurchase their Notes, at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest, upon the occurrence of certain fundamental changes, subject to certain conditions. No fundamental changes occurred during the three months ended October 31, 2014.

The Company may not redeem the Notes prior to the mandatory date, and no sinking fund is provided for the Notes. The Company will have the right to elect to cause the mandatory conversion of the Notes in whole, and not in part, at any time on or after March 6, 2017, if the last reported sale price of its common stock has been at least 130% of the conversion price then in effect for at least 20 trading days (whether or not consecutive), including the trading day immediately preceding the date on which the Company notifies holders of its election to mandatorily convert the Notes, during any 30 consecutive trading day period ending on, and including, the trading day immediately preceding the date on which the Company notifies holders of its election to mandatorily convert the notes.

The Company has valued the debt using similar nonconvertible debt as of the original issuance date of the Notes and bifurcated the conversion option associated with the Notes from the host debt instrument and recorded the conversion option of \$28.1 million in stockholders equity prior to the allocation of debt issuance costs. The initial value of the equity component, which reflects the equity conversion feature, is equal to the initial debt discount. The resulting debt discount on the Notes is being accreted to interest expense at the effective interest rate over the estimated life of the Notes. The equity component is included in the additional paid-in-capital portion of stockholders equity on the Company s consolidated balance sheet. In addition, the debt issuance costs of \$3.4 million are allocated between the liability and equity components in proportion to the allocation of the proceeds. The issuance costs allocated to the liability component (\$2.5 million) are capitalized as a long-term asset on the Company s balance sheet and amortized as additional interest expense over the term of the Notes. This amount has been classified as long-term as the underlying debt instrument has been classified as a long-term liability in the Company s balance sheet. The issuance costs allocated to the equity component is recorded as a reduction to additional paid-in capital. The fair value of our Notes payable, calculated as of the closing price of the traded securities, was \$89.2 million and \$93.8 million as of October 31, 2014 and July 31, 2014, respectively. This value does not represent the settlement value of these long-term debt liabilities to us. The fair value of the Notes payable could vary each period based on fluctuations in market interest rates, as well as changes to our credit ratings. The Notes payable are traded and their fair values are based upon traded prices as of the reporting dates. As of October 31, 2014, the net carrying value of the Notes was \$74.4 million.

> October 31, 2014 (In thousands)

Carrying amount of equity component (net of allocated debt issuance costs)

\$ 27,177

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Principal amount of Notes	\$ 100,000
Unamortized debt discount	(25,557)
Net carrying amount	\$ 74,443

As of October 31, 2014, the remaining period over which the unamortized discount will be amortized 52 months.

	Three months ended October 31, 2014 (In thousands)	
Interest expense related to contractual interest		
coupon	\$	1,313
Interest expense related to accretion of the		
discount		1,027
Interest expense related to debt issuance costs		91
	\$	2,431

During the three months ended October 31, 2014, we recognized interest expense of \$2.4 million. The effective interest rate on the Notes, including amortization of debt issuance costs and accretion of the discount, is 14.04%. The notes bear interest of 5.25%.

## Wells Fargo Bank Credit Facility

On October 31, 2012, the Company and certain of its domestic subsidiaries entered into a Credit Agreement (the Credit Facility ) with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as lender and agent for the lenders party thereto. The Credit Facility provided a senior secured revolving credit facility up to an initial aggregate principal amount of \$50.0 million or the calculated borrowing base and was secured by substantially all of the domestic assets of the Company. As of July 31, 2013, the calculated borrowing base was \$29.9 million. The Credit Facility was scheduled to terminate on October 31, 2015. Interest on the Credit Facility was based on the Company s options of LIBOR plus 2.5% or the base rate plus 1.5%. The Credit Facility included one restrictive financial covenant, which is minimum EBITDA, and restrictions that limited the ability of the Company, to among other things, create liens, incur additional indebtedness, make investments, or dispose of assets or property without prior approval from the lenders.

On March 13, 2014, the Company entered into a Second Amendment to Credit Facility, which amended the Company's Credit Agreement, dated as of October 31, 2012, as amended by the First Amendment to Credit Agreement dated December 18, 2013. The Amendment modified certain provisions of the Credit Agreement that would have restricted or otherwise affected the issuance of the Notes and the use of proceeds therefrom, the conversion of the Notes into common stock of the Company, and the payment of interest on the Notes. Effective as of April 16, 2014, the Company voluntarily terminated the Credit Facility. The Company did not have any outstanding indebtedness related to the Credit Facility as of October 31, 2014.

# PNC Bank Credit Facility

On June 30, 2014, two direct and wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company (the Borrowers ) entered into a revolving credit and security agreement (the Credit Agreement ), as borrowers and guarantors, with PNC Bank and National Association, as lender and as agent, respectively.

The Credit Agreement has a five (5) year term which expires on June 30, 2019. It includes a maximum credit commitment of \$50.0 million, is available for letters of credit (with a sublimit of \$5.0 million) and has a \$20.0 million

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uncommitted accordion feature. The actual maximum credit available under the Credit Agreement varies from time to time and is determined by calculating the applicable borrowing base, which is based upon applicable percentages of the values of eligible accounts receivable and eligible inventory minus reserves determined by the Agent (including other reserves that the Agent may establish from time to time in its permitted discretion), all as specified in the Credit Agreement.

Generally, borrowings under the Credit Agreement bear interest at a rate per annum equal to, at the Borrowers option, either (a) LIBOR (adjusted to reflect any required bank reserves) for an interest period equal to one, two or three months (as selected by the Borrowers) plus a margin of 2.25% per annum or (b) a base rate determined by reference to the highest of (1) the base commercial lending rate publicly announced from time to time by PNC Bank, National Association, (2) the sum of the Federal Funds Open Rate in effect on such day plus one half of one percent (0.5%) per annum, or (3) the LIBOR rate (adjusted to reflect any required bank reserves) in effect on such day plus 1.00% per annum. In addition to paying interest on outstanding principal under the Credit Agreement, the Borrowers are required to pay a commitment fee, in respect of the unutilized commitments thereunder, of 0.25% per annum, paid quarterly in arrears. The Borrowers are also required to pay a customary letter of credit fee equal to the applicable margin on revolving credit LIBOR loans and fronting fees.

Obligations under the Credit Agreement are guaranteed by the Borrowers existing and future direct and indirect wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries, subject to certain limited exceptions; and the Credit Agreement is secured by security interests in substantially all the Borrowers assets and the assets of each subsidiary guarantor, whether owned as of the closing or thereafter acquired, including

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a pledge of 100.0% of the equity interests of each subsidiary guarantor that is a domestic entity (subject to certain limited exceptions) and 65.0% of the voting equity interests of any direct first tier foreign entity owned by either Borrower or by a subsidiary guarantor. The Company is not a borrower or a guarantor under the Credit Agreement.

The Credit Agreement contains certain customary negative covenants, which include limitations on mergers and acquisitions, the sale of assets, liens, guarantees, investments, loans, capital expenditures, dividends, indebtedness, changes in the nature of business, transactions with affiliates, the creation of subsidiaries, changes in fiscal year and accounting practices, changes to governing documents, compliance with certain statutes, and prepayments of certain indebtedness. The Credit Agreement also contains certain customary affirmative covenants (including periodic reporting obligations) and events of default, including upon a change of control. The Credit Agreement requires compliance with certain financial covenants providing for maintenance of specified liquidity, maintenance of a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio and/or maintenance of a maximum leverage ratio following the occurrence of certain events and/or prior to taking certain actions, all as more fully described in the Credit Agreement. The Company believes that the Credit Agreement provides greater financial flexibility to the Company and the Borrowers and may enhance their ability to consummate one or several larger and/or more attractive acquisitions and should provide our clients and/or potential clients with greater confidence in the Company s and the Borrowers liquidity. During the three months ended October 31, 2014, the Company did not meet the criteria that would cause its financial covenants to be effective. As of October 31, 2014 and July 31, 2014, the Company had \$21.3 million and \$4.5 million outstanding on the PNC Bank credit facility, respectively, which is included in other current liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet.

### (10) CONTINGENCIES

On February 15, 2012, the staff of the Division of Enforcement of the SEC initiated with the Company an informal inquiry, and later a formal action, regarding the Company s treatment of rebates associated with volume discounts provided by vendors. To date, the SEC has not asserted any formal claims.

On June 11, 2012, we announced the pending restatement of the Company's financial statements for the periods ending on or before April 30, 2012 (the June 11, 2012 Announcement), related to the Company's accounting treatment of rebates associated with volume discounts provided by vendors. The restated financial statements were filed on January 11, 2013. After the June 11, 2012 Announcement, stockholders of the Company commenced three purported class actions in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts arising from the circumstances described in the June 11, 2012 Announcement (the Securities Actions), entitled, respectively:

Irene Collier, Individually And On Behalf Of All Others Similarly Situated, vs. ModusLink Global Solutions, Inc., Joseph C. Lawler and Steven G. Crane, Case 1:12-CV-11044-DJC, filed June 12, 2012 (the Collier Action );

Alexander Shnerer Individually And On Behalf Of All Others Similarly Situated, vs. ModusLink Global Solutions, Inc., Joseph C. Lawler and Steven G. Crane, Case 1:12-CV-11078-DJC, filed June 18, 2012 (the Shnerer Action); and

Harold Heszkel, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated v. ModusLink Global Solutions, Inc., Joseph C. Lawler, and Steven G. Crane, Case 1:12-CV-11279-DJC, filed July 11, 2012

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(the Heszkel Action ).

Each of the Securities Actions purports to be brought on behalf of those persons who purchased shares of the Company between September 26, 2007 through and including June 8, 2012 (the Class Period ) and alleges that failure to timely disclose the issues raised in the June 11, 2012 Announcement during the Class Period rendered defendants public statements concerning the Company s financial condition materially false and misleading in violation of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act, and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder. On February 11, 2013, plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended complaint in the Securities Actions. The Company moved to dismiss the amended complaint on March 11, 2013. On March 26, 2014, following a November 8, 2013 hearing, the Court denied the Company s motion to dismiss, and, on May 26, 2014, the Company answered the Amended Complaint. In October 2014, the parties agreed to a stipulation for a proposed \$4 million class settlement to be covered by insurance proceeds, subject to Court approval. On November 24, 2014, the Court entered an order preliminarily approving the proposed settlement, certification of the settlement class, and provision of notice of the settlement to the settling class. A final settlement approval hearing before the court is now scheduled for March 11, 2015. Although there can be no assurance to the ultimate outcome, the Company believes it has meritorious defense, will deny liability, and intends to defend this litigation vigorously.

On October 15, 2014, a Company shareholder commenced a purported derivative action in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware against the Company, entitled *Mohammad Ladjevardian v. Anthony Bergamo, Jeffrey J. Fenton, Glen M. Kassan, Warren G. Lichtenstein, Jeffrey S. Wald, and Philip E. Lengyel, Steel Partners Holdings L.P., Handy & Harman Ltd.; Defendants, And ModusLink Global Solutions, Inc., Nominal Defendant, C.A. No. 10237-VCL, and Steel Partners Holdings L.P. (Steel) Handy &* 

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Harman Ltd. The Plaintiff alleges that the individual Defendants breached their fiduciary duties to the Company, unjust enrichment, duty of disclosure, waste of corporate assets and aiding and abetting such breaches. On November 6, 2014, Defendants moved to dismiss the Complaint for (i) failure to make a pre-suit demand upon the Board or sufficiently plead demand futility, and (ii) failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. The parties stipulated that all discovery concerning claims asserted in the Complaint shall be stayed pending resolution of the Motion to Dismiss. Although there can be no assurance to the ultimate outcome, the Company believes it has meritorious defense, will deny liability, and intends to defend this litigation vigorously.

On July 18, 2014, Scott R. Crawley ( Crawley ), a former executive officer of the Company, filed a Complaint against the Company in Massachusetts Superior Court in Middlesex County (the Court ) alleging breach of contract and wrongful termination in violation of public policy and is seeking damages pursuant to a breach of his Executive Severance Agreement. The case is currently in the discovery phase. In furtherance of the case, Crawley has demanded that ModusLink indemnify him and advance expenses for all of his costs and expenses incurred as a result of this case and has filed a Preliminary Injunction with the Court to require ModusLink to immediately pay his attorney s fees and expenses. On December 4, 2014, ModusLink opposed Crawley s Motion for Preliminary Injunction and the matter has been taken under advisement by the Court.

## (11) OTHER GAINS (LOSSES), NET

The following table reflects the components of Other gains (losses), net:

		Three Months Ended October 31,		
	2014	2013		
	(In the	ousands)		
Foreign currency exchange gain (losses)	\$ 704	\$ (1,172)		
Gain on disposal of assets		306		
Other, net	2,123	165		
	\$ 2,827	\$ (701)		

The Company recorded foreign exchange gains of approximately \$0.7 million during the three months ended October 31, 2014. For the three months ended October 31, 2014, the net gains primarily related to realized and unrealized gains (losses) from foreign currency exposures and settled transactions of approximately \$0.1 million, (\$0.1 million) and \$1.0 million in the Americas, Asia and Europe, respectively. The Company recorded foreign exchange losses of approximately \$1.2 million during the three months ended October 31, 2013. These net losses primarily related to realized and unrealized losses from foreign currency exposures and settled transactions of approximately \$0.7 million and \$0.5 million in Europe and Asia, respectively.

During the three months ended October 31, 2014, the Company recognized \$2.5 million in net non-cash gains associated with its Trading Securities. In addition to this, during the three months ended October 31, 2014, the Company recognized \$0.3 million in net losses associated with short-term foreign currency contracts.

## (12) INCOME TAXES

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The Company operates in multiple taxing jurisdictions, both within and outside of the United States. For the three months ended October 31, 2014, the Company was profitable in certain jurisdictions, resulting in an income tax expense using enacted rates in those jurisdictions. As of October 31, 2014 and July 31, 2014, the total amount of the liability for unrecognized tax benefits related to federal, state and foreign taxes was approximately \$1.1 million and \$1.0 million, respectively.

### Uncertain Tax Positions

In accordance with the Company s accounting policy, interest related to unrecognized tax benefits is included in the provision of income taxes line of the Consolidated Statements of Operations. As of October 31, 2014 and July 31, 2014, the liabilities for interest expense related to uncertain tax positions were immaterial. The Company did not accrue for penalties related to income tax positions as there were no income tax positions that required the Company to accrue penalties. The Company does not expect any unrecognized tax benefits to reverse in the next twelve months. The Company is subject to U.S. federal income tax and various state, local and international income taxes in numerous jurisdictions. The federal and state tax returns are generally subject to tax examinations for the tax years ended July 31, 2010 through July 31, 2014. To the extent the Company has tax attribute carryforwards, the tax year in which the attribute was generated may still be adjusted upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service or state tax authorities to the extent utilized in a future period. In addition, a number of tax years remain subject to examination by the appropriate government agencies for certain countries in the Europe and Asia regions. In Europe, the Company s 2006 through 2013 tax years remain subject to examination in most locations, while the Company s 2002 through 2013 tax years remain subject to examination in most Asia locations.

### Net Operating Loss

The Company has certain deferred tax benefits, including those generated by net operating losses and certain other tax attributes (collectively, the Tax Benefits). The Company s ability to use these Tax Benefits could be substantially limited if it were to experience an ownership change, as defined under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). In general, an ownership change would occur if there is a greater than 50-percentage point change in ownership of securities by stockholders owning (or deemed to own under Section 382 of the Code) five percent or more of a corporation s securities over a rolling three-year period.

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Tax Benefit Preservation Plan

On October 17, 2011, the Company s Board of Directors adopted a Tax Benefit Preservation Plan between the Company and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, as rights agent (as amended from time to time, the Tax Plan ). The Tax Plan reduces the likelihood that changes in the Company s investor base would have the unintended effect of limiting the Company s use of its Tax Benefits. The Tax Plan is intended to require any person acquiring shares of the Company s securities equal to or exceeding 4.99% of the Company s outstanding shares to obtain the approval of the Board of Directors. This would protect the Tax Benefits because changes in ownership by a person owning less than 4.99% of the Company s stock are considered and included in one or more public groups in the calculation of ownership change for purposes of Section 382 of the Code. On October 9, 2014, the Tax Plan was amended by our Board of Directors to extend the expiration of the Tax Plan until October 17, 2017, subject to stockholder approval at the Company s 2015 annual meeting of stockholders. There is no assurance the stockholders will approve the amendment to the Tax Plan.

## (13) EARNINGS PER SHARE

The Company calculates earnings per share in accordance with ASC Topic 260, Earnings per Share. The following table reconciles earnings per share for the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013:

	Three Months Ended October 31, 2014 2013 (In thousands, except per share amounts)			
Income from continuing operations	\$	222	\$	538
Income from discontinued operations	,		*	79
Net Income	\$	222	\$	617
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Weighted average common shares outstanding	4	51,875	5	1,438
Weighted average common equivalent shares arising	-	71,075	J	71,730
from dilutive stock options and restricted stock		129		55
Weighted average number of common and potential common shares	5	52,004	5	51,493
Basic net income per common share from:				
Continuing operations	\$	0.00	\$	0.01
Discontinued operations		0.00		0.00
	\$	0.00	\$	0.01
Diluted net income per common share from:				
Continuing operations	\$	0.00	\$	0.01
Discontinued operations		0.00		0.00
	\$	0.00	\$	0.01

Basic earnings per common share is calculated using the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per common share, if any, gives effect to diluted stock options (calculated based on the treasury stock method), non-vested restricted stock shares purchased under the employee stock purchase plan and share issuable upon debt conversion (calculated using an as-if converted method).

For the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, approximately 21.1 million and 5.4 million, respectively, common stock equivalent shares were excluded from the denominator in the calculation of diluted earnings per share as their inclusion would have been antidilutive.

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## (14) SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

The following table summarizes share-based compensation expense related to employee stock options, employee stock purchases and non-vested shares for the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, which was allocated as follows:

		onths Ended ober 31,		
	2014	2013		
	(In th	(In thousands)		
Cost of revenue	\$ 94	\$ 116		
Selling, general and administrative	315	396		
	\$ 409	\$ 512		

At October 31, 2014, there was approximately \$1.7 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested share-based compensation awards under the Company s plans.

## (15) COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

Comprehensive income (loss) combines net income (loss) and other comprehensive items. Other comprehensive items represent certain amounts that are reported as components of stockholder s equity in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Accumulated other comprehensive items consist of the following:

	Foreign currency items	Pension items (In tho	ga (los secu	ealized nins sses) on urities s)	Total
Accumulated other comprehensive income at July 31,					
2014	\$ 15,833	\$ (1,900)	\$	35	\$13,968
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(2,639)				(2,639)
Pension liability adjustments		(361)			(361)
Net unrealized holding loss on securities				(7)	(7)
Net current-period other comprehensive income	(2,639)	(361)		(7)	(3,007)
Accumulated other comprehensive income at October 31, 2014	\$ 13,194	\$ (2,261)	\$	28	\$ 10,961

## (16) FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS

During the quarter ended October 31, 2014, the Company entered into foreign currency forward contracts to manage the foreign currency risk associated with anticipated foreign currency denominated transactions. As of October 31, 2014, the aggregate notional amount of the Company s outstanding foreign currency forward contracts was \$29.7 million as summarized below:

	Octobe	October 31, 2014		
<b>Currency Contracts</b>	Foreign Currency Amount	C	lotional contract ue in USD	
	(In th	(In thousands)		
Buy CNH	134,619	\$	21,747	
Buy CZK	79,091		3,730	
Buy EUR	3,219		4,176	
		\$	29 653	

As of October 31, 2014, the fair value of the Company s short-term foreign currency contracts was \$0.3 million and is included in other current liabilities. These contracts are designed to hedge the Company s exposure to transactions denominated in a

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non-functional currency and are not accounted for as hedges under the accounting standards. Accordingly, changes in the fair value of these instruments are recognized in earnings during the period of change as a component of Other gains (losses), net. The contracts were classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. During the three months ended October 31, 2014, the Company recognized \$0.3 million in net losses associated with these contracts.

## (17) DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS AND DIVESTITURES

On January 11, 2013, the Company s wholly-owned subsidiary, Tech for Less LLC ( TFL ) sold substantially all of its assets to Encore Holdings, LLC ( Encore ). The consideration paid by Encore for the assets was \$1.6 million, which consisted of a gross purchase price of \$1.9 million less certain adjustments. At the time of sale, the Company received \$1.4 million of the purchase price, with the remaining \$0.2 million held in escrow for the satisfaction of any post-closing claims. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2013, the Company reached a settlement agreement with Encore whereby the Company received \$0.1 million of the escrow amount, with the remainder reverting to Encore. As a result of the settlement of the escrow amount, the Company s gain on the sale of TFL was reduced by \$0.1 million from \$0.7 million to \$0.6 million. In conjunction with the asset sale agreement, the Company entered into a transition support agreement with Encore to provide certain administrative services for a period of 90 days from the closing date of the transaction. The Company s obligations under the transition support agreement were completed during the third quarter of fiscal year 2013. The Company did not generate significant continuing cash flows from the transition support agreement.

The Company s other discontinued operations relate to a lease obligation associated with a previously vacated facility. During the year ended July 31, 2006, the Company sold a marketing distribution business run by a wholly-owned subsidiary to an unrelated third party. In July 2013, the Company reached an agreement with its landlord for the early termination of a lease agreement associated with that business. As part of the lease termination agreement, the Company paid \$0.4 million to the landlord on August 1, 2013 and was released from any future obligations associated with the leased facility. The Company also assigned its interest in its sublease rental income to the landlord.

## (18) SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company has four operating segments: Americas; Asia; Europe; and e-Business. Based on the information provided to the Company s chief operating decision-maker (CODM) for purposes of making decisions about allocating resources and assessing performance and quantitative thresholds, the Company has determined that it has three reportable segments: Americas, Asia and Europe. In addition to its three reportable segments, the Company reports an All Other category. The All Other category primarily represents the e-Business operating segment. The Company also has Corporate-level activity, which consists primarily of costs associated with certain corporate administrative functions such as legal and finance, which are not allocated to the Company s reportable segments. The Corporate-level balance sheet information includes cash and cash equivalents, trading securities, investments in affiliates, notes payables and other assets and liabilities which are not identifiable to the operations of the Company s operating segments. All significant intra-segment amounts have been eliminated.

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Summarized financial information of the Company s continuing operations by operating segment is as follows:

	Three Months Ended October 31,		
	2014	2013	
Net revenue:			
Americas	\$ 81,798	\$ 76,575	
Asia	42,955	45,390	
Europe	54,415	60,616	
All Other	8,276	8,834	
	\$ 187,444	\$ 191,415	
Operating income (loss):			
Americas	\$ 1,618	\$ 3,488	
Asia	3,353	5,851	
Europe	(1,378)	(2,346)	
All Other	161	585	
T . 10	2.754	7.570	
Total Segment operating income (loss)	3,754	7,578	
Corporate-level activity	(2,607)	(4,957)	
Total operating income	1,147	2,621	
Total other income (expense)	224	(812)	
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ 1,371	\$ 1,809	
	October 31,	<b>July 31</b> ,	
	2014	2014	
	(In tho	usands)	
Total assets:			
Americas	\$ 79,453	\$ 73,254	
Asia	88,456	78,749	
Europe	79,983	81,327	
All Other	27,967	14,221	
	25.050	0.47.77.	
Sub-total - segment assets	275,859	247,551	
Corporate	174,941	204,095	
	\$450,800	\$ 451,646	

Summarized financial information of the Company s net revenue from external customers by group of services is as follows:

		Three Months Ended October 31,		
	2014	2013		
Supply chain services	\$ 165,406	\$170,150		
Aftermarket services	13,762	12,431		
e-Business services	8,276	8,834		
	\$ 187,444	\$ 191,415		

As of October 31, 2014, approximately \$14.5 million, \$4.0 million and \$4.3 million of the Company s long-lived assets were located in the U.S.A., Singapore and Ireland, respectively. As of July 31, 2014, approximately \$19.3 million, \$4.4 million and \$4.7 million of the Company s long-lived assets were located in the U.S.A., Singapore and Ireland, respectively.

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For the three months ended October 31, 2014, the Company s net revenues within U.S.A., China, Netherlands and Czech Republic were \$82.0 million, \$34.8 million, \$25.1 million and \$25.7 million, respectively. For the three months ended October 31, 2013, the Company s net revenues within U.S.A., China, Netherlands and Czech Republic were \$77.4 million, \$32.8 million, \$24.2 million and \$30.6 million, respectively.

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### MODUSLINK GLOBAL SOLUTIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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

The matters discussed in this report contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended that involve risks and uncertainties. All statements other than statements of historical information provided herein may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. Without limiting the foregoing, the words believes, anticipates, plans, expects similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those reflected in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those discussed in Part II Item 1A below and elsewhere in this report and the risks discussed in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on October 14, 2014. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect management s analysis, judgment, belief or expectation only as of the date hereof. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly revise these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that arise after the date hereof, except as required by applicable securities laws and regulations.

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read together with our consolidated financial statements and related notes included in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

#### Overview

ModusLink Global Solutions executes comprehensive supply chain and logistics services (the Supply Chain Business) that are designed to improve clients—revenue, cost, sustainability and customer experience objectives. ModusLink Global Solutions provides services to leading companies in consumer electronics, communications, computing, medical devices, software, and retail. The Company—s operations are supported by a global footprint that includes more than 25 sites across North America, Europe, and the Asia Pacific region.

We operate an integrated supply chain system infrastructure that extends from front-end order management through distribution and returns management. This end-to-end solution enables clients to link supply and demand in real time, improve visibility and performance throughout the supply chain, and provide real-time access to information for greater collaboration and making informed business decisions. We believe that our clients can benefit from our global integrated business solution.

Historically, a significant portion of our revenue from our Supply Chain Business has been generated from clients in the computer and software markets. These markets are mature and, as a result, gross margins in these markets tend to be low. To address this, in addition to the computer and software markets, we have expanded our sales focus to include additional markets such as communications and consumer electronics. We believe these markets may experience faster growth than our historical markets, and represent opportunities to realize higher gross margins on our services. Companies in these markets often have significant need for a supply chain partner who will be an extension to their business models. We believe the scope of our service offerings, including e-Business and repair services will increase the overall value of the supply chain solutions we deliver to our existing clients and to new clients. We also strive to reduce our operating costs while implementing operational efficiencies throughout the Company.

Our clients products are subject to seasonal consumer buying patterns. As a result, the services we provide to our clients are also subject to seasonality, with higher revenue and operating income typically being realized from

handling our clients products during the first half of our fiscal year, which includes the holiday selling season.

Management evaluates operating performance based on net revenue, operating income (loss) and net income (loss) and a measure that we refer to as adjusted EBITDA, defined as net income (loss) excluding net charges related to interest income, interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation, amortization of intangible assets, SEC inquiry and restatement costs, strategic alternatives and other professional fees, executive severance and employee retention, restructuring, share-based compensation, impairment of goodwill and long-lived assets, other non-operating gains and losses, equity in losses of affiliates and discontinued operations. Among the key factors that will influence our performance are successful execution and implementation of our strategic initiatives, global economic conditions, especially in the technology sector, which comprises a predominant proportion of our business, demand for our clients products, the effect of product form factor changes, technology changes, revenue mix and demand for outsourcing services.

As a large portion of our revenue comes from outsourcing services provided to clients such as computer hardware manufacturers and consumer electronics companies, our operating performance has been and may continue to be adversely affected by declines in the overall performance of the technology sector and uncertainty affecting the world economy. In addition, the drop in consumer demand for products of certain clients has had and may continue to have the effect of reducing our volumes and adversely affecting our revenue performance. The markets for our services are generally very competitive. We also face pressure from our clients to continually realize efficiency gains in order to help our clients maintain their profitability objectives. Increased competition and client demands for efficiency improvements may result in price reductions, reduced gross margins and, in some cases, loss of market share. In addition, our profitability varies based on the types of services we provide and the regions in which we perform them. Therefore, the mix of revenue derived from our various services and locations can impact our gross margin results. Also, form factor changes, which we describe as the reduction in the amount of materials and product components used in our clients completed packaged

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product, can also have the effect of reducing our revenue and gross margin opportunities. As a result of these competitive and client pressures the gross margins in our business are low. For the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, our gross margin percentage was 10.0% and 11.5% respectively. Increased competition as well as industry consolidation and/or low demand for our clients—products and services may hinder our ability to maintain or improve our gross margins, profitability and cash flows. We must continue to focus on margin improvement, through implementation of our strategic initiatives, cost reductions and asset and employee productivity gains in order to improve the profitability of our business and maintain our competitive position. We generally manage margin and pricing pressures in several ways, including efforts to target new markets, expand our service offerings, improve the efficiency of our processes and to lower our infrastructure costs. We seek to lower our cost to service clients by moving work to lower-cost venues, consolidating facilities, and other actions designed to improve the productivity of our operations.

Historically, a limited number of key clients have accounted for a significant percentage of our revenue. For the three months ended October 31, 2014, sales to Hewlett-Packard accounted for approximately 29% of our net revenue while our top ten clients collectively accounted for approximately 82% of our net revenue. We expect to continue to derive the vast majority of our revenue from sales to a small number of key clients. In general, we do not have any agreements which obligate any client to buy a minimum amount of services from us or designate us as an exclusive service provider. Consequently, our net revenue is subject to demand variability by our clients. The level and timing of orders placed by our clients vary for a variety of reasons, including seasonal buying by end-users, the introduction of new technologies and general economic conditions.

For the three months ended October 31, 2014, the Company reported net revenue of \$187.4 million, operating income of \$1.2 million, income from continuing operations before income taxes of \$1.4 million and net income of \$0.2 million. For the three months ended October 31, 2013, the Company reported net revenue of \$191.4 million, operating income of \$2.6 million, income from continuing operations before income taxes of \$1.8 million and net income of \$0.6 million. At October 31, 2014, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$104.3 million, and working capital of \$208.9 million.

### **Basis of Presentation**

The Company has four operating segments: Americas; Asia; Europe and e-Business. The Company has three reportable segments: Americas; Asia; and Europe. In addition to its three reportable segments, the Company reports an All Other category. The All Other category represents primarily the e-Business operating segment. The Company also has Corporate-level activity, which consists primarily of costs associated with certain corporate administrative functions such as legal and finance which are not allocated to the Company s reportable segments and administration costs related to the Company s venture capital activities. The Corporate-level balance sheet information includes cash and cash equivalents, trading securities, investments in affiliates, notes payables and other assets and liabilities which are not identifiable to the operations of the Company s operating segments.

All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

#### Results of Operations

Three months ended October 31, 2014 compared to the three months ended October 31, 2013

Net Revenue:

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	2014	As a % of Total Net Revenue	2013 (In thou	As a % of Total Net Revenue usands)	\$ Change	% Change
Americas	\$ 81,798	43.6%	\$ 76,575	40.0%	\$ 5,223	6.8%
Asia	42,955	22.9%	45,390	23.7%	(2,435)	(5.4%)
Europe	54,415	29.0%	60,616	31.7%	(6,201)	(10.2%)
All Other	8,276	4.5%	8,834	4.6%	(558)	(6.3%)
Total	\$ 187,444	100.0%	\$ 191,415	100.0%	\$ (3,971)	(2.1%)

Net revenue decreased by approximately \$4.0 million during the three months ended October 31, 2014, as compared to the same period in the prior year. This change in net revenue was primarily driven by decreased revenues from clients in the computing and consumer electronics markets and decreased revenues from an aftermarket services program related to the repair and refurbishment of mobile devices, offset by a significant increase in revenue from a consumer electronics client. Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates had an insignificant impact on net revenues for the quarter ended October 31, 2014 as compared to the same period in the prior year. Revenue from new programs, which the Company defines as client programs that have been executed for fewer than 12 months, was \$10.3 million for the quarter ended October 31, 2014 as compared to \$13.9 million for the same period in the prior year.

The decline in revenue from new programs was primarily due to a large consumer products program that has been generating revenue for more than 12 months and is now being categorized as base business, defined as client programs that have been executed for 12 months or more.

During the second quarter of fiscal year 2014, a major client in the computing market notified us of an intended change in their sourcing strategy effective during our third fiscal quarter for one of their supply chain programs in Asia for which we were the primary service provider. We believe that the client added an additional service provider to this program, but we expect to continue to be the primary service provider. This change in sourcing strategy resulted in reduced annualized net revenue in fiscal year 2014 of approximately \$10 million, and had a greater proportionate impact on operating income consistent with the historical margins realized from this type of service program. Although there can be no assurances, we are and will continue to seek to offset this loss of net revenue and associated operating income through increased revenues from other clients, new business opportunities, increases in productivity and ongoing cost reduction initiatives.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2014, the Company was informed by a major client in the computing market that due to a change in a client s supply chain strategy, a number of programs currently sourced with the Company primarily in the Americas would conclude by the first quarter of fiscal year 2015. The Company worked with this client to establish a comprehensive plan to transition the programs, which yielded additional working capital in the range of \$20 million to \$25 million. Combined, these programs accounted for approximately \$150 million to \$160 million of annual net revenue and approximately \$2.5 million to \$3.5 million of operating income due to the historically low margins we have realized from these programs. We are seeking and will continue to seek to offset the loss of net revenue and the associated operating income through increased revenues from new client program wins along with increased business with existing clients, ongoing productivity increases and cost reduction initiatives.

During the three months ended October 31, 2014, net revenue in the Americas region increased by approximately \$5.2 million. This increase resulted primarily from higher revenues from a program for a consumer electronics client, offset by decline in revenue from an aftermarket services program related to the repair and refurbishment of mobile devices. Within the Asia region, the net revenue decrease of approximately \$2.4 million primarily resulted from lower revenue from certain clients related to the personal computer market, offset by higher revenues from a program for a consumer electronics client. Within the Europe region, net revenue decreased by approximately \$6.2 million primarily due to lower revenues from certain clients related to the consumer electronics and personal computer markets, offset by higher revenues from a program for a consumer electronics client. Net revenue for All Other decreased by approximately \$0.6 million primarily due to lower revenue from consumer electronics clients.

#### Cost of Revenue:

		As a		As a		
		<b>%</b>		<b>%</b>		
		of		of		
		Segment		Segment		
		Net		Net		
	2014	Revenue	2013	Revenue	\$ Change	% Change
			(In thou	ısands)		
Americas	\$ 76,033	93.0%	\$ 69,696	91.0%	\$ 6,337	9.1%
Asia	34,292	79.8%	34,435	75.9%	(143)	(0.4%)
Europe	50,968	93.7%	57,840	95.4%	(6,872)	(11.9%)

All Other	7,313	88.4%	7,449	84.3%	(136)	(1.8%)
Total	\$ 168,606	90.0%	\$ 169,420	88.5% \$	(814)	(0.5%)

Cost of revenue consists primarily of expenses related to the cost of materials purchased in connection with the provision of supply chain management services as well as costs for salaries and benefits, contract labor, consulting, fulfillment and shipping, and applicable facilities costs. Cost of revenue for the three months ended October 31, 2014 included materials procured on behalf of our clients of \$115.0 million, as compared to \$113.6 million for the same period in the prior year, an increase of \$1.4 million. Total cost of revenue decreased by \$0.8 million for the three months ended October 31, 2014, as compared to the three months ended October 31, 2013, due to a mix of client programs with lower relative material costs. Gross margin percentage for the first quarter of fiscal 2015 decreased to 10.0% from 11.5% in the prior year quarter, primarily as a result of an unfavorable revenue mix, primarily associated with lower volumes for a client in the computing industry. For the three months ended October 31, 2014, the Company s gross margin percentages within the Americas, Asia and Europe regions were 7.0%, 20.2% and 6.3%, as compared to 9.0%, 24.1% and 4.6%, respectively, for the same period of the prior year. Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates had an insignificant impact on gross margin for the quarter ended October 31, 2014.

In the Americas, the 2.0 percentage point decrease in gross margin, from 9.0% to 7.0%, resulted from an increase in labor costs as well as an unfavorable shift in revenue mix. In Asia, the 3.9 percentage point decrease in gross margin, from 24.1% to 20.2%, was primarily the result of decline in volume from a computing industry client, with a lower decline in labor costs. In Europe, the 1.7 percentage point improvement in gross margin, from 4.6% to 6.3%, was attributable to lower labor costs at certain facilities, offset by an unfavorable revenue mix. The gross margin for All Other, which is comprised primarily of e-Business, was 11.6% for the three months ended October 31, 2014 as compared to 15.7% for the same period of the prior year. This decrease of 4.1 percentage points was due to loss of volume associated with a high margin consumer electronics client.

### Selling, General and Administrative Expenses:

	2014	As a % of Segment Net Revenue	2013 (In the	As a % of Segment Net Revenue ousands)	\$ Change	% Change
Americas	\$ 3,707	4.5%	\$ 3,186	4.2%	\$ 521	16.4%
Asia	4,805	11.2%	4,982	11.0%	(177)	(3.6%)
Europe	3,843	7.1%	4,435	7.3%	(592)	(13.3%)
All Other	560	6.8%	555	6.3%	5	0.9%
Sub-total	12,915	6.9%	13,158	6.9%	(243)	(1.8%)
Corporate-level activity	2,607		4,957		(2,350)	(47.4%)
Total	\$ 15,522	8.3%	\$ 18,115	9.5%	\$ (2,593)	(14.3%)

Selling, general and administrative expenses consist primarily of compensation and employee-related costs, sales commissions and incentive plans, information technology expenses, travel expenses, facilities costs, consulting fees, fees for professional services, depreciation expense and marketing expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses during the three months ended October 31, 2014 decreased by approximately \$2.6 million compared to the three-month period ended October 31, 2013, primarily as a result of the Company s ongoing restructuring efforts (\$1.0 million) and lower professional fees related to the financial restatement (\$2.0 million), including audit fees and various costs related to the financial restatement, offset by increased other administrative costs during the current quarter. Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates had an insignificant impact on selling, general and administrative expenses for the quarter ended October 31, 2014.

# Amortization of Intangible Assets:

2014	As a	2013	As a	\$ Change	% Change
	%		%		
	of		of		
	Segment		Segment		

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		Net Revenue		Net Revenue		
			(In th	ousands)		
Americas	\$ 26	0.0%	\$ 38	0.0%	\$ (12)	(31.6%)
All Other	242	2.9%	242	2.7%		0.0%
Total	\$ 268	0.1%	\$ 280	0.1%	\$ (12)	(4.3%)

The intangible asset amortization relates to certain amortizable intangible assets acquired by the Company in connection with its acquisition of ModusLink OCS and ModusLink PTS. The remaining intangible assets are being amortized over lives ranging from 4 to 7 years.

# Impairment of Long-lived Assets:

During the three month period ended October 31, 2014 and 2013 no impairment charges were recorded by the Company to adjust the carrying value of its assets.

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#### Restructuring, net:

	20	014	As a % of Segment Net Revenue	2013 (In t	As a % of Segment Net Revenue housands)	\$ C	hange	% Change
Americas	\$	414	0.5%	\$ 167	0.2%	\$	247	147.9%
Asia		505	1.2%	122	0.3%		383	313.9%
Europe		982	1.8%	687	1.1%		295	42.9%
All Other			0.0%	3	0.0%		(3)	(100.0%)
Total	\$ 1	,901	1.0%	\$ 979	0.5%	\$	922	94.2%

The \$1.9 million restructuring charge recorded during the three months ended October 31, 2014 primarily consisted of approximately \$0.4 million, \$0.5 million and \$1.0 million of employee-related costs in the Americas, Asia and Europe, respectively, related to the workforce reduction of 93 employees in our global supply chain operations. The estimated savings on an annualized basis expected to result from these actions is approximately \$6.2 million.

The \$1.0 million restructuring charge recorded during the three months ended October 31, 2013 primarily consisted of approximately \$0.2 million, \$0.1 million, and \$0.7 million of employee-related costs in the Americas, Asia, and Europe, respectively, related to the workforce reduction of 49 employees in our global supply chain operations.

### Interest Income/Expense:

During the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, interest income was \$0.1 million for both periods.

During the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, interest expense totaled approximately \$2.7 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. In the current quarter, the interest expense primarily relates to the Company s issuance of \$100 million of 5.25% Convertible Senior Notes during the third quarter of fiscal 2014. In the prior year, interest expense related primarily to the Company s stadium obligation.

## Other Gains (Losses), net:

During the three months ended October 31, 2014, the Company recognized \$2.5 million in net non-cash gains associated with its Trading Securities. In addition to this, during the three months ended October 31, 2014, the Company recognized \$0.3 million in net losses associated with short-term foreign currency contracts.

The Company recorded foreign exchange gains (losses) of approximately \$0.7 million and \$(1.2) million during the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. For the three months ended October 31, 2014, the net gains primarily related to realized and unrealized gains (losses) from foreign currency exposures and settled transactions of approximately \$0.1 million, (\$0.1 million) and \$1.0 million in the Americas, Asia and Europe, respectively. For the three months ended October 31, 2013, the net losses primarily related to realized and unrealized losses from foreign currency exposures and settled transactions of approximately \$0.7 million and \$0.5 million in

Europe and Asia, respectively.

#### Impairment of Investments in Affiliates:

During the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, no impairment charges were recorded in the Company s investments in the @Ventures portfolio of companies. The Company assesses the need to record impairment losses on its investments and records such losses when the impairment of an investment is determined to be other than temporary in nature. The process of assessing whether a particular investment s net realizable value is less than its carrying cost requires a significant amount of judgment. In making this judgment, the Company carefully considers the investee s cash position, projected cash flows (both short and long-term), financing needs, recent financing rounds, most recent valuation data, the current investing environment, management/ownership changes and competition. The valuation process is based primarily on information that the Company requests from these privately held companies which are not subject to the same disclosure and audit requirements as those of U.S. public companies. As such, the reliability and the accuracy of the data may vary.

Estimating the net realizable value of investments in privately held early-stage technology companies is inherently subjective and has contributed to volatility in our reported results of operations in the past and may negatively impact our results of operations in the future. We may incur impairment charges to our investments in privately held companies, which could have an adverse impact on our future results of operations. A decline in the carrying value of our \$7.2 million of investments in affiliates at October 31, 2014 ranging from 10% to 20%, respectively, would decrease our income from continuing operations by \$0.7 million to \$1.4 million.

### Income Tax Expense:

During the three months ended October 31, 2014, the Company recorded income tax expense of approximately \$1.2 million, as compared to income tax expense of \$1.1 million for the same period in the prior fiscal year. For the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, the Company was profitable in certain jurisdictions where the Company operates, resulting in an income tax expense using the enacted tax rates in those jurisdictions.

The Company provides for income tax expense related to federal, state, and foreign income taxes. The Company continues to maintain a full valuation allowance against its deferred tax assets in the U.S. and certain of its foreign subsidiaries due to the uncertainty of realizing such benefits.

### Equity in Losses of Affiliates:

Equity in losses of affiliates results from the Company s minority ownership in certain investments through its @Ventures portfolio that are accounted for under the equity method. Under the equity method of accounting, the Company s proportionate share of each affiliate s operating income or losses is included in equity in losses of affiliates.

During the three months ended October 31, 2014 there were no material equity gains or losses in affiliates recorded as all investments were being accounted for under the cost method. Equity in losses of affiliates was \$0.1 million for the three months ended October 31, 2013. No material distributions were received during the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

Historically, the Company has financed its operations and met its capital requirements primarily through funds generated from operations, the sale of our securities and borrowings from lending institutions. As of October 31, 2014, the Company s primary sources of liquidity consisted of cash and cash equivalents of \$104.3 million. As of October 31, 2014, the Company had approximately \$24.7 million of cash and cash equivalents held outside of the U.S. Of this amount, approximately \$13.0 million is considered permanently invested due to certain restrictions under local laws, and \$11.7 million is not subject to permanent reinvestment. Due to the Company s U.S. net operating loss carryforward there is no U.S. tax payable upon repatriating the undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries considered not subject to permanent investment. Foreign withholding taxes would range from 0% to 10% on any repatriated funds.

On June 30, 2014, two direct and wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company (the Borrowers) entered into a revolving credit and security agreement (the Credit Agreement), as borrowers and guarantors, with PNC Bank and National Association, as lender and as agent, respectively. The Credit Agreement has a five (5) year term which expires on June 30, 2019. It includes a maximum credit commitment of \$50.0 million, is available for letters of credit (with a sublimit of \$5.0 million) and has a \$20.0 million uncommitted accordion feature. The actual maximum credit available under the Credit Agreement varies from time to time and is determined by calculating the applicable borrowing base, which is based upon applicable percentages of the values of eligible accounts receivable and eligible inventory minus

reserves determined by the Agent (including other reserves that the Agent may establish from time to time in its permitted discretion), all as specified in the Credit Agreement. As of October 31, 2014 and July 31, 2014, the Company had \$21.3 million and \$4.5 million outstanding on the PNC Bank credit facility, respectively.

Consolidated working capital was \$208.9 million at October 31, 2014, compared with \$207.2 million at July 31, 2014. Included in working capital were cash and cash equivalents of \$104.3 million at October 31, 2014 and \$183.5 million at July 31, 2014.

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Net cash used in operating activities of continuing operations was \$23.6 million for the three months ended October 31, 2014, as compared to \$9.5 million in the prior year period. The \$14.1 million increase in net cash used in operating activities of continuing operations as compared with the same period in the prior year was due to increased working capital requirements as a result of seasonal increases in receivables in the current period offset by the decrease in inventory due to the exit of a program by a client in the computing market. During the three months ended October 31, 2014, non-cash items within net cash provided by operating activities included depreciation expense of \$2.8 million, share-based compensation of \$0.4 million, amortization of intangible assets of \$0.3 million, amortization of deferred financing costs of \$0.1 million, accretion of debt discount of \$1.0 million and non-operating gains, net, of \$2.8 million. During the three months ended October 31, 2013, non-cash items within net cash provided by operating activities included depreciation expense of \$3.5 million, share-based compensation of \$0.5 million, amortization of intangible assets of \$0.3 million, non-operating losses, net, of \$0.7 million and equity in losses of affiliates and impairments of \$0.1 million.

The Company believes that its cash flows related to operating activities of continuing operations are dependent on several factors, including profitability, accounts receivable collections, effective inventory management practices, and optimization of the credit terms of certain vendors of the Company. Our cash flows from operations are also dependent on several factors including the overall performance of the technology sector and the market for outsourcing services, as discussed above in the Overview section.

Investing activities of continuing operations used cash of \$71.1 million and \$1.0 million during the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The \$71.1 million of cash used in investing activities during the three months ended October 31, 2014 was comprised of \$69.2 million in purchase of trading securities and \$1.9 million in capital expenditures. The \$1.0 million of cash used in investing activities during the three months ended October 31, 2013 represents primarily capital expenditures.

Financing activities of continuing operations provided cash of \$16.8 million during the three months ended October 31, 2014 and used cash of \$0.2 million during the three months ended October 31, 2013. Cash flows from financing activities of continuing operations during the three months ended October 31, 2014 primarily related to proceeds and payments associated with the Company s line of credit.

The Company believes it has access to adequate resources to meet its needs for normal operating costs, capital expenditures, mandatory debt redemptions and working capital for its existing business for at least the next twelve months. These resources include cash and cash equivalents including cash proceeds from the issuance of convertible notes discussed above and cash provided by operating activities. The Company s ability to fund planned capital expenditures and to make acquisitions will depend upon its future operating performance, which will be affected by prevailing economic conditions in the markets in which it operates, as well as financial, business and other factors, some of which are beyond its control.

Management is utilizing the following strategies to continue to enhance liquidity: (1) continuing to implement improvements throughout all of the Company s operations to increase sales and operating efficiencies, (2) supporting profitable revenue growth both internally and potentially through acquisitions and (3) evaluating from time to time and as appropriate, strategic alternatives with respect to its businesses and/or assets and capital raising opportunities. The Company continues to examine all of its options and strategies, including acquisitions, divestitures and other corporate transactions, to increase cash flow and stockholder value.

### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company does not have any significant off-balance sheet arrangements.

### **Contractual Obligations**

A summary of the Company s contractual obligations is included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2014. The Company s contractual obligations and other commercial commitments did not change materially between July 31, 2014 and October 31, 2014. The Company s gross liability for unrecognized tax benefits and related accrued interest was approximately \$1.2 million as of October 31, 2014. The Company is unable to reasonably estimate the amount or timing of payments for the liability.

From time to time, the Company agrees to indemnify its clients in the ordinary course of business. Typically, the Company agrees to indemnify its clients for losses caused by the Company. As of October 31, 2014, the Company had no recorded liabilities with respect to these arrangements.

## **Critical Accounting Policies**

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based on our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. The preparation of

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these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to revenue recognition, inventory, restructuring, share-based compensation expense, goodwill and long-lived assets, investments, and income taxes. Of the accounting estimates we routinely make relating to our critical accounting policies, those estimates made in the process of: determining the valuation of inventory and related reserves; determining future lease assumptions related to restructured facility lease obligations; measuring share-based compensation expense; determining projected and discounted cash flows for purposes of evaluating goodwill and intangible assets for impairment; preparing investment valuations; and establishing income tax valuation allowances and liabilities are the estimates most likely to have a material impact on our financial position and results of operations. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. However, because these estimates inherently involve judgments and uncertainties, there can be no assurance that actual results will not differ materially from those estimates.

During the three months ended October 31, 2014, we believe that there have been no significant changes to the items that we disclosed as our critical accounting policies and estimates in the Critical Accounting Policies section of 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 July 31, 2014.

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

The Company is exposed to the impact of interest rate changes, foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations and changes in the market values of its investments. The carrying values of financial instruments including cash and cash equivalents, trading securities, accounts receivable, accounts payable and the revolving line of credit, approximate fair value because of the short-term nature of these instruments. The carrying value of capital lease obligations approximates fair value, as estimated by using discounted future cash flows based on the Company s current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

### Interest Rate Risk

Effective as of April 16, 2014, the Company voluntarily terminated its Wells Fargo Credit Facility. The Company did not have any outstanding indebtedness related to the Credit Facility as of October 31, 2014. As of October 31, 2014 and July 31, 2014, the Company had \$21.3 million and \$4.5 million outstanding on the PNC Bank credit facility, respectively, which is included in other current liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet.

We maintain a portfolio of highly liquid cash equivalents typically maturing in three months or less as of the date of purchase. We place our investments in instruments that meet high credit quality standards, as specified in our investment policy and include corporate and state municipal obligations such as commercial paper, certificates of deposit and institutional money market funds.

Our exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates primarily to our investment in short-term investments. Our short-term investments are intended to establish a high-quality portfolio that preserves principal, meets liquidity needs, avoids inappropriate concentrations and delivers an appropriate yield in relationship to our investment guidelines and market conditions.

#### Investment Risk

We are exposed to changes in stock prices primarily as a result of our significant holdings in publicly traded securities. We continually monitor changes in stock markets, in general, and changes in the stock prices of our holdings, specifically. We believe that changes in stock prices can be expected to vary as a result of general market conditions, technological changes, specific industry changes and other factors. As of October 31, 2014 the Company had \$72.1 million in investments in trading securities. Had the market price of such securities been 10% lower at October 31, 2014, the aggregate value of such securities would have been \$7.2 million lower.

### Foreign Currency Risk

The Company has operations in various countries and currencies throughout the world and its operating results and financial position are subject to exposure from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. From time to time, the Company has used derivative financial instruments on a limited basis, principally foreign currency exchange rate contracts, to minimize the transaction exposure that results from such fluctuations.

During the quarter ended October 31, 2014, the Company entered into foreign currency forward contracts to manage the foreign currency risk associated with anticipated foreign currency denominated transactions. As of October 31, 2014, the aggregate notional amount of the Company's outstanding foreign currency forward contracts was \$29.7 million. As of October 31, 2014, the fair value of the Company's short-term foreign currency contracts was \$0.3 million and is included in other current liabilities. These contracts are designed to hedge the Company's exposure to transactions denominated in a non-functional currency and are not accounted for as hedges under the accounting standards. Accordingly, changes in the fair value of these instruments are recognized in earnings during the period of change as a component of Other gains (losses), net. The contracts were classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. During the three months ended October 31, 2014, the Company recognized \$0.3 million in net losses associated with these contracts.

Revenues from our foreign operating segments accounted for approximately 51.9% and 55.4% of total revenues during the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. A portion of our international sales made by our foreign business units in their respective countries is denominated in the local currency of each country. These business units also incur a portion of their expenses in the local currency.

The primary foreign currencies in which the Company operates include Chinese Renminbi, Euros, Czech Koruna and Singapore Dollars. The income statements of our international operations that are denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the average exchange rates in each applicable period. To the extent the U.S. dollar weakens against foreign currencies, the translation of these foreign currency-denominated transactions results in increased revenues and operating expenses for our international operations. Similarly, our revenues and operating expenses will decrease for our international operations when the U.S. dollar strengthens against foreign currencies. While we attempt to balance local currency revenue to local currency expenses to provide in effect a natural hedge, it is not always possible to completely reduce the foreign currency exchange rate risk due to competitive and other reasons.

The conversion of the foreign subsidiaries—financial statements into U.S. dollars will lead to a translation gain or loss which is recorded as a component of other comprehensive income (loss). For the three months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, we recorded a foreign currency translation gain (loss) of approximately \$(2.6) million and \$2.1 million, respectively, which is recorded within accumulated other comprehensive income in stockholders—equity in our condensed consolidated balance sheet. In addition, certain of our subsidiaries have assets and liabilities that are denominated in currencies other than the relevant entity—s functional currency. Changes in the relative exchange rates between the currencies result in remeasurement gains or losses at each balance sheet date and transaction gains or losses upon settlement. For the three months ended October 31, 2014, we recorded net realized and unrealized foreign currency transaction and remeasurement gains of approximately \$0.7 million which are recorded in Other gains (losses), net—in our condensed consolidated statements of operations.

Our international business is subject to risks, including, but not limited to, differing economic conditions, changes in political climate, differing tax structures, other regulations and restrictions, and foreign currency exchange rate volatility when compared to the United States. Accordingly, our future results could be materially adversely impacted by changes in these or other factors. As exchange rates vary, our international financial results may vary from

expectations and adversely impact our overall operating results.

#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures.

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report were effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission s rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

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Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act) during the quarter ended October 31, 2014 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.

On February 15, 2012, the staff of the Division of Enforcement of the SEC initiated with the Company an informal inquiry, and later a formal action, regarding the Company s treatment of rebates associated with volume discounts provided by vendors. To date, the SEC has not asserted any formal claims.

On June 11, 2012, we announced the pending restatement of the Company's financial statements for the periods ending on or before April 30, 2012 (the June 11, 2012 Announcement), related to the Company's accounting treatment of rebates associated with volume discounts provided by vendors. The restated financial statements were filed on January 11, 2013. After the June 11, 2012 Announcement, stockholders of the Company commenced three purported class actions in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts arising from the circumstances described in the June 11, 2012 Announcement (the Securities Actions), entitled, respectively: