



Constellation Software Inc.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2008

For the three and twelve month periods ended
December 31, 2008

CONSTELLATION SOFTWARE INC.

TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS

This quarter I'm using a reverse shaggy dog format for the Shareholder letter. Shaggy dog stories are wildly tangential tales that end with underwhelming and/or irrelevant punch lines. In my reverse shaggy dog story, we are going to start with the overwhelming punch line and then tell relevant tangential tales. To the extent that you take the time to follow my explanations of the impact this quarter of foreign exchange, employee bonus accruals, acquisition accounting, and organic growth, you'll have an appropriate context in which to judge our remarkable Q4 results and make sensible assumptions about our future results.

In Q4 2008 Constellation had record Net Revenue per share and record Adjusted Net Income per share in the midst of the worst economic decline that most of us have ever seen. Compared to Q4 2007, revenue grew 49%, Net Revenue grew 47%, Adjusted EBITDA grew 111%, Adjusted Net Income grew 103%, and Net Income grew 142%. Meanwhile, the U.S. department of Commerce believes that GDP decreased at an annual rate of 6.2% in the quarter, calling out the "downturn in exports and a much larger decrease in equipment and software" for special attention. Why did Constellation do so well in such a difficult environment?

The facile answer is that we have robust businesses with inherently attractive economics run by good managers whose compensation is tightly aligned with that of shareholders. The more nuanced answer requires a deeper understanding of Constellation and its business model.

As many of you know (please refer to the 2008 annual MD&A for the details), we run Constellation with an unhedged structural currency mismatch. The vast majority of our revenues (81% in Q4 2008) are in US dollars, while a large portion of our expenses (23%) are in Canadian dollars. The Canadian dollar has appreciated in excess of 60% vs. the US dollar since early 2002, peaking above par in late 2007. Despite the adverse foreign exchange rate move during that period we maintained and grew our operating margins. Since the 2007 peak the Canadian dollar has dropped by more than 20%, settling in around an average rate of .8264 per US dollar in Q4 2008. We have benefited enormously from the recent collapse in the Canadian dollar. Some of those benefits are transient (relating to Canadian dollar liabilities on the balance sheet that have depreciated, such as accrued employee bonuses), while others could continue to help us operate with higher margins. In the future, assuming a geographical business mix and foreign exchange rates consistent with those we achieved in Q4 2008, we would expect operating margins to be approximately 3% higher than they would be if we were to operate at the average foreign exchange rates that prevailed throughout the first 9 months of 2008.

Employee bonuses were approximately 9.5% of Net Revenue in 2008. In Q4 2008 they amounted to only 7.9% of Net Revenue, despite the fact that both ROIC and Net Revenue Growth increased. Once again, the impact was primarily due to foreign exchange rates. The bonus accrual that was made for the first 9 months of 2008 was calculated using historical foreign exchange rates and required a multi-million dollar adjustment in Q4 2008 as a significant portion is in Canadian dollars. The Net Revenue Growth of 47% that was achieved in Q4 2008 is not sustainable. Nor is the ROIC of 35%. Hence with some confidence (and no little regret) we can predict that employee bonuses will be less than 9.5% of Net Revenues in 2009. This, however, does point out one of the attractive features of our bonus plan – when one of our businesses suffers a downturn, its costs are automatically trimmed due to lower bonuses. We saw this at the Homebuilders Operating Group in 2008: operating expenses per employee decreased 14% (mostly due to lower employee bonuses), while Adjusted EBITDA dropped 18%.

We don't often spotlight an individual acquisition. Partly this is because we do a lot of them. In 2007 we made 17 acquisitions and in 2008 a further 21 - tracking them all publicly would be a sinecure for our auditors second only to IFRS. Partly it is because we don't like sharing sensitive information with competitors. We were required by applicable securities laws to file a Business Acquisition Report ("BAR") for our recent acquisition of certain assets

and liabilities of Maximus Inc.'s Asset, Justice, and Education solutions businesses ("MAJES"), so the competitive reasons are less valid in this instance.

The BAR did, however, throw into question our sanity. Read literally, it suggests that we bought a business that had \$72 million in revenues and lost \$32 million pre tax in the year leading up to our acquisition. According to the BAR, the business also had a negative tangible net worth (excluding deferred income taxes) of \$2 million. For this we paid \$40 million. Clearly we had quite a different perception of these businesses than that depicted in the BAR. I'm pleased to refer you to the "selected financial information" for the MAJES businesses in our 2008 MD&A. The business generated \$17 million in revenue during Q4 2008, \$3 million of Adjusted EBITDA, \$1 million of Net Income, and had a negative \$1 million cash flow from operating activities. You need to understand the acquisition accounting to interpret this information.

The Asset Solutions business is performing well, but the Education and Justice businesses have their challenges. First and foremost among these are a number of what I have previously referred to as "uneconomic contracts". Where we cannot reasonably estimate the effort to complete these contracts, we are using the "completed-contract" method to account for them. We have never used this accounting method before. It involves capitalising the contract revenues and expenses on the balance sheet until the contract is completed and then recognizing them in a lump sum. This tends to depress revenues vs. our normal (percent complete) revenue recognition methods, and can have a profound effect upon the bottom line. If at some stage we are able to estimate the cost to complete these contracts, and if we expect the contracts to generate losses, then we are allowed to take provisions against the estimated losses. Prior to that, we cannot recognise losses. Accounting aside, we have been able to make progress with most of the Education and Justice clients that were a source of concern. These situations may take years to resolve. We'll keep you apprised of the financial performance of the MAJES businesses for a couple of years. You will be able to decide first-hand whether or not we effectively deployed a large chunk of capital on behalf of our shareholders.

Organic Net Revenue growth ("OGr") came in at a 0% for Q4 2008, and 5% for 2008 as a whole. Compared to our long term objective of 5-10%, this is low. Compared to U.S. GDP, we are doing fine. There were a couple of mitigating factors. The appreciation of the US dollar vs. the Canadian dollar, the UK pound, and the Danish kroner shaved a couple of points off the OGr rate. I'm sensitive to the fact that our OGr historically benefited from currency shifts, so I don't want to over-emphasize this point. The MAJES acquisition also took a couple of points off of our Q4 2008 OGr rate (we accounted for its run-rate revenues using the numbers in the BAR, which did not use completed-contract accounting). Incorporating these adjustments and a recent analysis we did of license bookings (which are slowing), its apparent to me that achieving organic growth in 2009 is going to be difficult. Some of our public businesses will grow, but the private sector businesses still anticipate significant organic decline.

I continue to be in the fortunate position of being able to commend the performance of all of our Operating Groups. I have confidence that their managers will protect the interests of our customers, shareholders and employees despite the distressing economic environment.

Mark Leonard
President
Constellation Software Inc.

March 4th, 2009

| | Q4 2006 | Q1 2007 | Q2 2007 | Q3 2007 | Q4 2007 | Q1 2008 | Q2 2008 | Q3 2008 | Q4 2008 |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| (\$ millions, except percentages) | | | | | | | | | |
| Revenue | 53.5 | 55.9 | 60.5 | 60.6 | 66.1 | 73.6 | 77.7 | 80.8 | 98.4 |
| Net Income / (Loss) | 3.8 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 1.6 | 4.3 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 4.0 |
| Net Revenue | 48.6 | 50.7 | 54.9 | 55.3 | 60.2 | 66.6 | 71.0 | 74.6 | 88.6 |
| Net Maintenance Revenue | 29.6 | 31.2 | 33.3 | 34.5 | 37.8 | 41.7 | 43.8 | 46.1 | 52.9 |
| Adjusted Net Income (1) | 9.0 | 6.9 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 9.4 | 11.1 | 12.0 | 12.3 | 19.0 |
| Average Invested Capital | 135 | 143 | 149 | 158 | 167 | 176 | 188 | 201 | 216 |
| Net Revenue Growth (Y/Y) | 22% | 10% | 16% | 14% | 24% | 31% | 29% | 35% | 47% |
| Organic Net Revenue Growth (Y/Y) | 3% | -1% | 0% | 2% | 3% | 6% | 5% | 7% | 0% |
| Net Maintenance Growth (Y/Y) | 29% | 20% | 24% | 23% | 28% | 34% | 32% | 34% | 40% |
| Adjusted Net Income Growth (Y/Y) | 115% | 43% | 91% | 13% | 5% | 62% | 43% | 45% | 103% |
| Average Invested Capital Growth (Y/Y) | 24% | 25% | 25% | 26% | 24% | 24% | 26% | 27% | 29% |
| Tangible Net Assets / Net Revenue | -73% | -57% | -45% | -53% | -74% | -58% | -58% | -84% | -102% |
| ROIC (Annualized) | 27% | 19% | 23% | 22% | 22% | 25% | 26% | 25% | 35% |
| ROIC + Organic Net Revenue Growth | 30% | 18% | 23% | 24% | 26% | 32% | 31% | 32% | 35% |

(1) Historical figures restated to comply with revised definition.

Performance Metrics Glossary

“Net Revenue” means Revenue for GAAP purposes less third party and flow-through expenses. We use Net Revenue since it captures 100% of the license, maintenance and services revenues associated with Constellation’s own products, but only includes the margin on our lower value-added revenues such as commodity hardware or third party software.

“Net Maintenance Revenue” is derived from GAAP Maintenance Revenue by subtracting third party maintenance costs. We believe that Net Maintenance Revenue is one of the best indicators of the intrinsic value of a software company and that the operating profitability of a low growth software business should correlate tightly to Net Maintenance Revenues.

Effective Q1 2008, the term “Adjusted Net Income” is derived by adjusting GAAP net income for the non-cash amortization of intangibles, future income taxes, and charges related to appreciation in common shares eligible for redemption (a charge that we no longer incur now that Constellation’s common shares are publicly traded). Prior to Q1 2008, Adjusted Net Income was derived by adjusting GAAP net income for the non-cash amortization of intangibles and charges related to appreciation in common shares eligible for redemption. The computation was changed to include future income taxes since the majority of future income taxes relate to the amortization of intangible assets, and thus are being added back to more closely match the non-cash future tax recovery with the amortization of intangibles. All previously reported Adjusted Net Income figures have been restated in the table above to reflect the new method of computations. We use Adjusted Net Income because it is generally a better measure of cash flow than GAAP net income and it is closely aligned with the calculation of net income we use for bonus purposes.

“Average Invested Capital” is based on the Company’s estimate of the amount of money that our shareholders had invested in Constellation. Subsequent to that estimate, each period we have kept a running tally, adding Adjusted Net Income, subtracting any dividends, adding any amounts related to share issuances and making some small adjustments, including adjustments relating to our use of certain incentive programs and the amortization of impaired intangibles.

“Tangible Net Assets / Quarterly Net Revenue” provides a measure of our Tangible Net Assets as a proportion of Quarterly Net Revenue. Tangible Net Assets is calculated by taking Total Assets for GAAP purposes, and subtracting (i) intangible assets and goodwill, (ii) cash and short term investments, (iii) future income tax assets, (iv) all customer, trade and government liabilities that do not bear a coupon, excluding future income tax liabilities and acquisition holdbacks.

“ROIC (Annualized)” represents a ratio of Adjusted Net Income to Average Invested Capital.

“ROIC + Organic Net Revenue Growth” provides a historical measure of the effectiveness of our capital allocation.

Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements herein may be “forward looking” statements that involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Constellation or the industry to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These statements reflect current assumptions and expectations regarding future events and operating performance and speak only as of the date hereof. Forward looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties, should not be read as guarantees of future performance or results, and will not necessarily be accurate indications of whether or not such results will be achieved. A number of factors could cause actual results to vary significantly from the results discussed in the forward looking statements. These forward looking statements are made as of the date hereof and Constellation assumes no obligation to update any forward looking statements to reflect new events or circumstances except as required by law.

Non-GAAP Measures

Net Revenue, Net Maintenance Revenue, Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted EBITDA and Organic Net Revenue Growth are not recognized measures under GAAP and, accordingly, shareholders are cautioned that Net Revenue, Net Maintenance Revenue, Adjusted Net Income Adjusted EBITDA and Organic Net Revenue Growth should not be construed as alternatives to revenue or net income determined in accordance with GAAP as an indicator of the financial performance of the Company or as a measure of the Company’s liquidity and cash flows. The Company’s method of calculating Net Revenue, Net Maintenance Revenue, Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted EBITDA and Organic Net Revenue Growth may differ from other issuers and, accordingly, may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers. Please refer to Constellation’s most recently filed Management Discussion and Analysis for a reconciliation, where applicable, between the GAAP and non-GAAP measures referred to above.

CONSTELLATION SOFTWARE INC.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS ("MD&A")

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the Annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2008, which we prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). Certain information included herein is forward-looking and based upon assumptions and anticipated results that are subject to uncertainties. Should one or more of these uncertainties materialize or should the underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary significantly from those expected. See "Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risks and Uncertainties".

Unless otherwise indicated, all dollar amounts are expressed in U.S. dollars. All references to "\$" are to U.S. dollars and all references to "C\$" are to Canadian dollars.

Additional information about the Company, including our most recently filed Annual Information Form ('AIF'), is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements in this report may contain "forward looking" statements that involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company or industry to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Words such as "may", "will", "expect", "believe", "plan", "intend", "should", "anticipate" and other similar terminology are intended to identify forward looking statements. These statements reflect current assumptions and expectations regarding future events and operating performance and speak only as of the date of this MD&A, March 4, 2009. Forward looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties, should not be read as guarantees of future performance or results, and will not necessarily be accurate indications of whether or not such results will be achieved. A number of factors could cause actual results to vary significantly from the results discussed in the forward looking statements, including, but not limited to, the factors discussed under "Risks and Uncertainties". Although the forward looking statements contained in this MD&A are based upon what management of the Company believes are reasonable assumptions, the Company cannot assure investors that actual results will be consistent with these forward looking statements. These forward looking statements are made as of the date of this MD&A and the Company assumes no obligation, except as required by law, to update any forward looking statements to reflect new events or circumstances. This report should be viewed in conjunction with the Company's other publicly available filings, copies of which can be obtained electronically on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Non-GAAP Measures

This MD&A includes certain measures which have not been prepared in accordance with GAAP such as Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA margin, Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Net Income margin.

The term "Adjusted EBITDA" refers to net income before deducting interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, loss on held for trading investments related to mark to market adjustments, and foreign exchange, and before including gain (loss) on sale of short-term investments, marketable securities and other assets. The Company believes that Adjusted EBITDA is useful supplemental information as it provides an indication of the results generated by the Company's main business activities prior to taking into consideration how those activities are financed and taxed and also prior to taking into consideration asset depreciation and the other items listed above. "Adjusted EBITDA margin" refers to the percentage that Adjusted EBITDA for any period represents as a portion of total revenue for that period.

Effective Q1 2008, “Adjusted Net Income” means net income plus amortization of intangible assets and future income taxes. Prior to Q1 2008, Adjusted Net Income was reported on the basis of net income plus amortization of intangible assets. The computation was changed to include future income taxes since the majority of future income taxes relate to the amortization of intangible assets, and thus are being added back to more closely match the non-cash future tax recovery with the amortization of intangibles. All previously reported Adjusted Net Income figures have been restated here in Results of Operations to reflect the new method of computations. See “Adjusted Net Income”. The Company believes that Adjusted Net Income is useful supplemental information as it provides an indication of the results generated by the Company’s main business activities prior to taking into consideration amortization of intangibles and future income taxes as these are non-cash expenses that do not necessarily reflect the economic value of acquisitions. “Adjusted Net Income margin” refers to the percentage that Adjusted Net Income for any period represents as a portion of total revenue for that period.

Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income are not recognized measures under GAAP and, accordingly, shareholders are cautioned that Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income should not be construed as alternatives to net income determined in accordance with GAAP as an indicator of the financial performance of the Company. The Company’s method of calculating Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income may differ from other issuers and, accordingly, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers. See “Results of Operations —Adjusted EBITDA” and “— Adjusted Net Income” for a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income to net income.

Overview

We acquire, manage and build vertical market software (“VMS”) businesses. Generally, these businesses provide mission critical software solutions that address the specific needs of our customers in particular markets. Our focus on acquiring businesses with growth potential, managing them well and then building them, has allowed us to generate significant cash flow and revenue growth during the past several years.

Our revenue consists primarily of software license fees, maintenance fees, and professional service fees. Software license revenue is comprised of license fees charged for the use of our software products generally licensed under single-year, multiple-year or perpetual arrangements in which the fair value of maintenance and/or professional service fees are determinable. Maintenance revenue consists of fees charged for customer support on our software products post-delivery. Maintenance fee arrangements generally include ongoing customer support and rights to certain product updates “if and when available” and products sold on a subscription basis. Professional service revenue consists of fees charged for product training, consulting and implementation services. Our customers typically purchase a combination of software, maintenance and professional services, although the types, mix and quantity of each solution varies by customer and by product.

Cost of revenue consists primarily of the costs directly related to revenues including third party costs and internal costs related to the delivery of professional services and maintenance. Cost of revenue is generally expected to increase in the future as a result of increases in revenue.

Research and development expenses include personnel and related costs associated with our research and development efforts.

Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of personnel and related costs associated with our sales and marketing functions, including advertising, commissions, trade shows and other promotional materials.

General and administration expenses include personnel and related costs associated with the administration of our business, rental of office space, legal and professional fees and insurance

Results of Operations

(In thousands of dollars, except percentages and per share amounts)

| | Three months ended | | Period-Over-Period Change | | Fiscal year ended | | Period-Over-Period Change | | Fiscal year ended Dec. 31, |
|---|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | Dec. 31, | Dec. 31, | | | Dec. 31, | Dec. 31, | | | 2006 |
| | 2008 | 2007 | \$ | % | 2008 | 2007 | \$ | % | |
| Revenue | 98,397 | 66,068 | 32,329 | 49% | 330,532 | 243,023 | 87,509 | 36% | 210,759 |
| Cost of Revenue | 37,716 | 25,208 | 12,508 | 50% | 124,690 | 92,113 | 32,577 | 35% | 81,970 |
| Gross Profit | 60,681 | 40,860 | 19,821 | 49% | 205,842 | 150,910 | 54,932 | 36% | 128,789 |
| Expenses | | | | | | | | | |
| Research and development | 13,411 | 10,066 | 3,345 | 33% | 48,224 | 36,965 | 11,259 | 30% | 32,821 |
| Sales and marketing | 10,878 | 7,574 | 3,304 | 44% | 37,693 | 28,666 | 9,027 | 31% | 25,942 |
| General and administration | 14,201 | 12,684 | 1,517 | 12% | 55,585 | 44,127 | 11,458 | 26% | 39,183 |
| Total Expenses (pre amortization) | 38,490 | 30,324 | 8,166 | 27% | 141,502 | 109,758 | 31,744 | 29% | 97,946 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 22,191 | 10,536 | 11,655 | 111% | 64,340 | 41,152 | 23,188 | 56% | 30,843 |
| Depreciation | 1,133 | 706 | 427 | 60% | 3,642 | 3,117 | 525 | 17% | 2,943 |
| Total Expenses | 39,623 | 31,030 | 8,593 | 28% | 145,144 | 112,875 | 32,269 | 29% | 100,889 |
| Income before the undernoted | 21,058 | 9,830 | 11,228 | 114% | 60,698 | 38,035 | 22,663 | 60% | 27,900 |
| Appreciation in common shares eligible for redemption | 0 | 0 | 0 | NA | 0 | 0 | 0 | NA | 10,093 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 15,629 | 7,419 | 8,210 | 111% | 42,635 | 22,364 | 20,271 | 91% | 17,090 |
| Other expenses | 0 | (56) | 56 | NA | 0 | 14 | (14) | NA | 1,970 |
| (Gain) loss on sale of short-term investments, marketable securities and other assets | 0 | (15) | 15 | NA | (8) | (1,369) | 1,361 | -99% | (286) |
| Loss on held for trading investments related to mark to market adjustments | 288 | 0 | 288 | NA | 421 | 0 | 421 | NA | 0 |
| Interest expense (income) | 598 | (108) | 706 | NA | 1,115 | (508) | 1,623 | NA | (286) |
| Foreign exchange (gain) loss | 30 | 424 | (394) | NA | (455) | 2,466 | (2,921) | NA | (595) |
| Income before income taxes | 4,513 | 2,166 | 2,347 | 108% | 16,990 | 15,068 | 1,922 | 13% | (86) |
| Income taxes (recovery) | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | 1,146 | 224 | 922 | 412% | 5,181 | 4,273 | 909 | 21% | 1,421 |
| Future | (603) | 302 | (905) | NA | (3,185) | (315) | (2,870) | 911% | (271) |
| | 543 | 526 | 17 | 3% | 1,996 | 3,958 | (1,961) | -50% | 1,150 |
| Net income | 3,970 | 1,640 | 2,330 | 142.1% | 14,994 | 11,110 | 3,883 | 35.0% | (1,236) |
| Adjusted net income ⁽¹⁾ | 18,996 | 9,361 | 9,635 | 102.9% | 54,444 | 33,159 | 21,284 | 64.2% | 25,676 |
| Weighted avg # of shares outstanding (000's) | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | 21,146 | 21,110 | | | 21,140 | 21,110 | | | 20,810 |
| Diluted | 21,192 | 21,192 | | | 21,192 | 21,192 | | | 21,065 |
| Net income per share | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.19 | \$ 0.08 | \$ 0.11 | 137.5% | \$ 0.71 | \$ 0.53 | \$ 0.18 | 34.0% | \$ (0.06) |
| Diluted | \$ 0.19 | \$ 0.08 | \$ 0.11 | 137.5% | \$ 0.71 | \$ 0.52 | \$ 0.19 | 36.5% | \$ (0.06) |
| Adjusted EBITDA per share | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 1.05 | \$ 0.50 | \$ 0.55 | 110.0% | \$ 3.04 | \$ 1.95 | \$ 1.09 | 55.9% | \$ 1.48 |
| Diluted | \$ 1.05 | \$ 0.50 | \$ 0.55 | 110.0% | \$ 3.04 | \$ 1.94 | \$ 1.10 | 56.7% | \$ 1.46 |
| Adjusted net income per share ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.90 | \$ 0.44 | \$ 0.46 | 104.5% | \$ 2.58 | \$ 1.57 | \$ 1.01 | 64.3% | \$ 1.23 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.90 | \$ 0.44 | \$ 0.46 | 104.5% | \$ 2.57 | \$ 1.56 | \$ 1.01 | 64.7% | \$ 1.22 |
| Cash dividends declared per share | | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | - | - | - | - | \$ 0.18 | \$ 0.15 | \$ 0.03 | 20% | \$ 0.12 |
| Diluted | - | - | - | - | \$ 0.18 | \$ 0.15 | \$ 0.03 | 20% | \$ 0.12 |
| Total assets | 385,799 | 267,147 | 118,652 | 44% | 385,799 | 267,147 | 118,652 | 44% | 186,573 |
| Total long-term liabilities | 37,224 | 23,946 | 13,278 | 55% | 37,224 | 23,946 | 13,278 | 55% | 8,683 |

⁽¹⁾ Adjusted net income figures for 2006 and 2007 have been restated to reflect future income taxes. See "Non-GAAP Measures".

Comparison of the fourth quarter and twelve months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

Revenue:

Total revenue for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 was \$98 million, an increase of 49%, or \$32 million, compared to \$66 million for the comparable period in 2007. For the 2008 fiscal year, total revenues were \$331 million, an increase of 36%, or \$88 million, compared to \$243 million in 2007. The increase for both the fourth quarter and the full year compared to the same periods in the prior year, were mainly attributable to growth from acquisitions, as organic growth from our existing business was estimated at approximately 2% for the fourth quarter and 5% for the full year. The remaining 47% growth for the fourth quarter and 31% for the full year is due to acquisitions completed since the beginning of 2007.

Software license revenue for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 increased by 34%, or \$3 million to \$10 million, from \$7 million for the same period in 2007. During the year ended December 31, 2008, license revenue increased by 33% or \$9 million to \$37 million, from \$28 million for the same period in 2007. Professional services and other services revenue for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 increased by 80%, or \$12 million to \$27 million, from \$15 million for the same period in 2007. During the year ended December 31, 2008, services revenue increased by 42% or \$24 million to \$81 million, from \$57 million for the same period in 2007. Hardware and other revenue for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 increased by 38% or \$2 million to \$6 million, from \$4 million for the same period in 2007. During the year ended December 31, 2008, hardware and other revenue increased by 28% or \$4 million to \$20 million, from \$16 million for the same period in 2007. Maintenance revenues for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 increased by 41%, or \$16 million to \$55 million, from \$39 million for the same period in 2007. During the year ended December 31, 2008, maintenance revenue increased by 35% or \$50 million to \$193 million, from \$142 million for the same period in 2007. The following table displays the breakdown of our revenue according to revenue type:

| | Three months ended Dec. 31, | | | | Fiscal year ended Dec. 31, | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
| | (\$000) | | (% of total revenue) | | (\$000) | (% of total revenue) | | |
| Licenses | 10,004 | 7,448 | 10% | 11% | 36,997 | 27,866 | 11% | 11% |
| Professional services and other: | | | | | | | | |
| Services | 26,767 | 14,889 | 27% | 23% | 80,883 | 57,100 | 24% | 23% |
| Hardware and other | 6,193 | 4,478 | 6% | 7% | 19,958 | 15,567 | 6% | 6% |
| Maintenance | 55,433 | 39,253 | 56% | 59% | 192,694 | 142,490 | 58% | 59% |
| | <u>98,397</u> | <u>66,068</u> | <u>100%</u> | <u>100%</u> | <u>330,532</u> | <u>243,023</u> | <u>100%</u> | <u>100%</u> |

We aggregate our business into two distinct segments for financial reporting purposes: (i) the public sector segment, which includes businesses focused on government and government-related customers, and (ii) the private sector segment, which includes businesses focused on commercial customers.

The following table displays our revenue by reporting segment and the percentage change for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2008 compared to the same periods in 2007:

| | Three months ended | | | | Fiscal year ended | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|--------------------|------|-----------------------------|---------|--------------------|-----|
| | Dec. 31, | | Period-Over-Period | | Dec. 31, | | Period-Over-Period | |
| | 2008 | 2007 | \$ | % | 2008 | 2007 | \$ | % |
| | (\$000, except percentages) | | | | (\$000, except percentages) | | | |
| Public Sector | | | | | | | | |
| Licenses | 7,433 | 5,122 | 2,311 | 45% | 25,028 | 17,705 | 7,323 | 41% |
| Professional services and other: | | | | | | | | |
| Services | 23,251 | 11,185 | 12,066 | 108% | 65,440 | 42,667 | 22,773 | 53% |
| Hardware and other | 5,419 | 3,558 | 1,861 | 52% | 16,114 | 11,508 | 4,606 | 40% |
| Maintenance | 38,224 | 23,372 | 14,852 | 64% | 124,187 | 84,924 | 39,263 | 46% |
| | 74,327 | 43,237 | 31,090 | 72% | 230,769 | 156,804 | 73,965 | 47% |
| Private Sector | | | | | | | | |
| Licenses | 2,570 | 2,327 | 243 | 10% | 11,969 | 10,161 | 1,808 | 18% |
| Professional services and other: | | | | | | | | |
| Services | 3,516 | 3,704 | (188) | -5% | 15,443 | 14,433 | 1,010 | 7% |
| Hardware and other | 775 | 920 | (145) | -16% | 3,844 | 4,059 | (215) | -5% |
| Maintenance | 17,209 | 15,880 | 1,329 | 8% | 68,507 | 57,566 | 10,941 | 19% |
| | 24,070 | 22,831 | 1,239 | 5% | 99,763 | 86,219 | 13,544 | 16% |

Public Sector

For the quarter ended December 31, 2008, total revenue in the public sector segment increased 72%, or \$31 million, to \$74 million, compared to \$43 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. For the year ended December 31, 2008, total revenue increased by 47% or \$74 million, to \$231 million, compared to \$157 million for the comparable period in 2007. The increases for both the three and twelve month periods were significant across all revenue types. Revenue growth from acquired businesses was significant for both the three and twelve month periods as we completed twenty-three acquisitions since the beginning of 2007 in our public sector segment. If the acquisitions had sustained their revenue run rates as of the time of acquisitions, it is estimated they would have contributed approximately \$28 million to our Q4 2008 revenues and \$57 million to our revenues in the year ended December 31, 2008. The remaining \$3 million of revenue growth for Q4 and \$17 million of revenue growth for the year ended December 31, 2008 in this sector was generated from organic sources. The organic growth was primarily driven by the following:

- **Trapeze operating group** (decrease of approximately \$0.7 million for Q4 and an increase of \$8 million for the full year). Trapeze experienced a significant increase in all revenue types in the year primarily due to strong bookings in their European businesses and their North American transit business. For the quarter, they experienced a slight decline in organic revenues primarily due to the weakening of non U.S. dollar denominated revenue streams in Q4 2008 versus Q4 2007. As well, Trapeze acquired certain assets from MAXIMUS Inc. on September 30, 2008 which had negative organic growth in Q4 2008 when compared to Q4 2007.
- **Harris operating group** (increase of approximately \$3 million for Q4 and \$9 million for the full year). For both the quarter and the year, Harris had significant increases across all revenue types primarily due to strong demand for new name and add-on licenses and services in their utility and municipal software businesses.

- **Emphasys operating group** (increase of approximately \$0.4 million for Q4 and \$0.2 million for the full year). The Emphasys organic growth primarily results from strong demand for new name and add-on licenses and services from their public housing and housing finance customers.

Private Sector

For the quarter ended December 31, 2008, total revenue in the private sector segment increased 5%, or \$1 million, to \$24 million, compared to \$23 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. For the year ended December 31, 2008, total revenue increased by 16% or \$14 million, to \$100 million, compared to \$86 million for the comparable period in 2007. Revenue growth from acquired businesses was not as strong as in the public sector as we have only completed thirteen acquisitions since the beginning of 2007 in our private sector segment. If the acquisitions had sustained their revenue run rates as of the time of acquisitions, it is estimated that they would have contributed approximately \$3 million of revenue growth to our Q4 2008 revenues and \$19 million of revenue growth to our revenues in the year ended December 31, 2008. Revenues decreased organically by \$1 million in Q4 2008 and by \$5 million in the year ended December 31, 2008. The organic revenue decline was driven by the following:

- **Jonas operating group** (increase of approximately \$1 million for Q4 and \$5 million for the full year). The Jonas organic growth in the quarter and for the full year was driven by sales to new and existing customers in the construction vertical, increasing customer share in the private club vertical through selling add on products, and by strong license and professional services revenue in the food services vertical.
- **Homebuilder and Friedman operating groups** (decrease of approximately \$3 million for Q4 and \$10 million for the full year). These Operating Groups continued to feel the effects of the housing slowdown in the U.S. The decline was apparent across all revenue streams as many of our clients and prospective clients have delayed purchasing decisions. Our Homebuilding and Friedman operating groups are significantly affected by decreasing demand for new housing and building products. These groups continue to see decreased demand for their products and services and we believe that demand will decrease further given the weakness in the underlying industries that they serve.

Gross Profit by Source:

The following table displays the breakdown of our gross profit by revenue source and as a percentage of total revenue:

| | Three months ended Dec. 31, | | | | Fiscal year ended Dec. 31, | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------|---------|--------|----------------------------|------|---------|---------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | | | (\$000) | | | | (\$000) | |
| Gross profit licenses | 92% | 92% | 9,246 | 6,876 | 91% | 91% | 33,740 | 25,443 |
| Gross profit services & maintenance | 61% | 61% | 50,481 | 32,824 | 61% | 61% | 168,227 | 122,219 |
| Gross profit hardware & other | 15% | 26% | 954 | 1,160 | 19% | 21% | 3,875 | 3,248 |
| Gross profit on total revenue | 62% | 62% | 60,681 | 40,860 | 62% | 62% | 205,842 | 150,910 |

Gross profit increased for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 to \$61 million, or 62% of total revenue, from \$41 million, or 62% of total revenue, for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. The increase in gross margin dollars for the quarter is attributable to the overall increase in total revenue. For the full year, our gross profit increased to \$206 million or 62% of total revenue, from \$151 million or 62% of total revenue for the comparable period in 2007. The increase in gross margin dollars is attributable to the overall increase in total revenue. Our licenses, services and maintenance revenue margins experienced minimal change vs. 2007 in both the three and twelve month periods. Hardware and other revenue margins can fluctuate significantly, given the relatively small size of this category and its diverse product mix.

Operating Expenses:

The following table displays the breakdown of our operating expenses by category:

| | Three months ended Dec. 31, | | Period-Over- Period Change | | | Fiscal year ended Dec. 31, | | Period-Over-Period Change | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|-----|---------|-------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|---|
| | 2008 | 2007 | \$ | % | | 2008 | 2007 | \$ | % |
| | (\$000, except percentages) | | | | | (\$000, except percentages) | | | |
| Research and development | 13,411 | 10,066 | 3,345 | 33% | 48,224 | 36,965 | 11,259 | 30% | |
| Sales and marketing | 10,878 | 7,574 | 3,304 | 44% | 37,693 | 28,666 | 9,027 | 31% | |
| General and administration | 14,201 | 12,684 | 1,517 | 12% | 55,585 | 44,127 | 11,458 | 26% | |
| Depreciation | 1,133 | 706 | 427 | 60% | 3,642 | 3,117 | 525 | 17% | |
| | 39,623 | 31,030 | 8,593 | 28% | 145,144 | 112,875 | 32,269 | 29% | |

Overall operating expenses for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 increased 28%, or \$9 million, to \$40 million, compared to \$31 million over the same period in 2007. As a percentage of total revenue, operating expenses decreased from 47% in the quarter ended December 31, 2007 to 40% in the quarter ended December 31, 2008. During the year ended December 31, 2008, operating expenses increased 29%, or \$32 million, to \$145 million, compared to \$113 million over the same period in 2007. As a percentage of total revenue, operating expenses decreased from 46% in the year ended December 31, 2007 to 44% in the year ended December 31, 2008. The growth in expenses is primarily due to the growth in the number of employees, as the vast majority of our operating expenses are headcount-related. Our average employee count associated with operating expenses grew 43% from 768 in the quarter ended December 31, 2007 to 1,095 in the quarter ended December 31, 2008. In addition to the increased headcount in the fourth quarter, there was a higher employee bonus accrual driven by higher period over period revenue growth rates in 2008 versus 2007. The increase in expenses due to headcount and bonus accrual was partly offset by the significant depreciation of the Canadian dollar and British Pound over Q4 2007. During the twelve months ended December 31, 2008, headcount associated with operating expenses was up 30% to an average headcount of 957 compared to an average of 737 during the same period in 2007. Deterioration of the Canadian dollar vs. the US dollar has a significant positive impact on operating expenses as a disproportionate amount of our total expenses, including costs of goods sold, are originated in Canadian dollars (See “Foreign Currency Exposure” below). The average exchange rate for the Canadian dollar changed significantly in the periods being measured, decreasing by 19% versus the U.S. dollar in Q4 2008 compared with Q4 2007 but increasing 1% for the comparable twelve month periods.

Research and development – Research and development expenses increased 33%, or \$3 million, to \$13 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 compared to \$10 million for the same period in 2007. As a percentage of total revenue, research and development expenses decreased to 14% in Q4 2008 from 15% in Q4 2007. During the twelve months ended December 31, 2008, research and development expenses increased 30%, or \$11 million, to \$48 million, compared to \$37 million over the same period in 2007. As a percentage of total revenue, research and development decreased slightly from 15.2% in the year ended December 31, 2007 to 14.6% in the year ended December 31, 2008. The increase in expenses during the quarter is largely attributable to our growth in headcount from both acquisitions and internal hiring offset by the weakening of the Canadian dollar. The increase in expenses for the full year is largely attributable to our growth in headcount. For Q4 2008, we averaged 624 staff compared to 429 in the same period in 2007 (536 vs. 410 for the comparable twelve month periods).

We currently do not have any capitalized software development costs. All of our software development costs are expensed as incurred unless they meet Canadian generally accepted accounting criteria for deferral and amortization. Software development costs incurred prior to the establishment of technological feasibility do not meet these criteria, and are expensed as incurred. Capitalized costs would be amortized over the estimated benefit period of the software developed. No costs were deferred in the fourth quarter or twelve months ended 2008 as most projects did not meet the criteria for deferral and, for those projects that met these criteria, the period between achieving technological feasibility and the completion of software development was minimal, and the associated costs immaterial.

Sales and marketing – Sales and marketing expenses increased 44%, or \$3 million to \$11 million, in the quarter ended December 31, 2008 compared to \$8 million for the same period in 2007. As a percentage of total revenue, sales and marketing expenses decreased slightly to 11% in the quarter ended December 31, 2008 from 12% for the same period in 2007. For the year ended December 31, 2008, sales and marketing expenses increased 31%, or \$9 million, to \$38 million, compared to \$29 million over the same period in 2007. As a percentage of total revenue, sales and marketing expenses decreased slightly from 12% in the year ended December 31, 2007 to 11% in the year ended December 31, 2008. The increase in expenses during the quarter and twelve months ended December 31, 2008 is largely attributable to our growth in headcount from both acquisitions and internal hiring. For Q4 2008, we averaged 240 staff compared to 174 in the same period in 2007 (217 vs. 168 for the comparable twelve month periods).

General and administration – General and administration (“G&A”) expenses increased 12%, or \$2 million, to \$14 million in the quarter ended December 31, 2008 from \$13 million for the same period in 2007. As a percentage of total revenue, G&A expenses decreased to 14% in Q4 2008 from 19% in Q4 2007. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2008, G&A increased 26%, or \$11 million, to \$56 million, compared to \$44 million over the same period in 2007. As a percentage of total revenue, G&A decreased from 18% in the year ended December 31, 2007 to 17% in the year ended December 31, 2008. The dollar value increase in expenses during the quarter is largely attributable to our growth in headcount from both acquisitions and internal hiring partly offset by the weakening of the Canadian dollar. The dollar value increase in expenses during the year is largely attributable to our growth in headcount from both acquisitions and internal hiring. Average headcount for G&A employees grew from 166 staff in Q4 2007 to 231 for Q4 2008 (159 vs. 204 for the comparable twelve month periods).

Depreciation of property and equipment – Depreciation of property and equipment for the quarter and twelve months ended December 31, 2008 did not change materially. As a percentage of total revenue, depreciation was 1.2% in Q4 2008 compared to 1.1% in Q4 2007. For the twelve month periods the percentages were 1.1% in 2008 vs. 1.3% in 2007.

Non-Operating Expenses:

The following table displays the breakdown of our non-operating expenses by category:

| | Three months ended Dec. 31, | | Period-Over- Period Change | | | Fiscal year ended Dec. 31, | | Period-Over-Period Change | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|------|--------|-------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---|--|
| | 2008 | 2007 | \$ | % | | 2008 | 2007 | \$ | % | |
| | (\$000, except percentages) | | | | | | | | | |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 15,629 | 7,419 | 8,210 | 111% | 42,635 | 22,364 | 20,271 | 91% | | |
| Other (income) expenses | 0 | (56) | 56 | NA | 0 | 14 | (14) | NA | | |
| Gain on sale of short term investments, marketable securities and other assets | 0 | (15) | 15 | NA | (8) | (1,369) | 1,361 | -99% | | |
| Loss on held for trading investments related to mark to market adjustments | 288 | 0 | 288 | NA | 421 | 0 | 421 | NA | | |
| Interest expense (income) | 598 | (108) | 706 | NA | 1,115 | (508) | 1,623 | NA | | |
| Foreign exchange (gain) loss | 30 | 424 | (394) | NA | (455) | 2,466 | (2,921) | NA | | |
| Income tax expense | 543 | 526 | 17 | 3% | 1,996 | 3,958 | (1,962) | -50% | | |
| | 17,088 | 8,190 | 8,898 | 109% | 45,704 | 26,925 | 18,779 | 70% | | |

Amortization of intangible assets – Amortization of intangible assets was \$16 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 compared to \$7 million for the same period in 2007, representing an increase of 111%. For the year ended December 31, 2008, amortization of intangibles increased 91%, to \$43 million, compared to \$22 million over the same period in 2007. Both the three and twelve month increases are attributable to the increases in our intangible asset balance (on a cost basis) over the three and twelve month periods ended December 31, 2008 as a result of the acquisitions that we completed during these periods.

Gain on sale of short-term investments, marketable securities and other assets – Loss on sale of short-term investments, marketable securities and other assets was nil for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 compared to

a gain of \$15,000 for Q4 2007. Gain on sale of short-term investments, marketable securities and other assets was \$8,000 for 2008 compared to a gain of \$1.4 million for 2007. The gains and losses are a result of liquidating portions of our investment in certain marketable securities. We expect to realize gains or losses on an infrequent basis as our strategic goal is to buy VMS businesses in their entirety and hold them indefinitely. However, occasionally we will acquire an ownership interest that is less than 100% of a publicly traded VMS business. As of December 31, 2008, we had three investments that would have the potential to create such gains or losses. In the future, we may liquidate these holdings if we feel we have a better use for the capital, if our outlook for the businesses changes, or if the market price exceeds our expectations of value.

Loss on held for trading investments related to mark to market adjustments – Loss on held for trading for investments related to mark to market adjustments was \$288,000 for Q4 2008 and \$421,000 in 2008 compared to nil in Q4 2007 and nil in 2007. The loss relates to fair value adjustments to warrants held by the company that are not publicly traded.

Interest (expense) income – Net interest expense was \$598,000 for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 compared to net interest income of \$108,000 for the same period in the previous year. For 2008, interest expense was \$1.1 million compared to interest income of \$508,000 in the comparable period for 2007. At the end of the second quarter of 2007, we completed an investment in VCG Inc. which will generate approximately \$0.1 million per quarter in interest income. Our excess cash balances (to the extent that we have excess cash) will also generate interest income. These sources of interest income will be offset by periodic borrowings on our line of credit to fund acquisitions. As a result, we expect interest income / expense to fluctuate significantly in the future depending upon the timing of acquisitions and the amount we borrow against our line of credit to complete them. The increase in interest expense for both the quarter and year ended December 31, 2008 versus the comparable periods in 2007 is due to the increased use of our revolver to fund acquisitions.

Foreign exchange loss (gain) – Most of our businesses are organized geographically so that many of our expenses are incurred in the same currency as our revenues, which mitigates some of our exposure to currency fluctuations. For the quarter ended December 31, 2008, our foreign exchange loss was \$30,000 compared to a loss of \$424,000 for Q4 2007. For 2008, the gain was \$455,000 compared to a loss of \$2.5 million in 2007. The significant foreign exchange loss in 2007 was mainly attributable to a 19% increase in the year-end closing rate for the Canadian dollar vs. the US dollar at December 31, 2007 vs. December 31, 2006. As we generally run our business with negative working capital and we had a reasonable amount of our net liabilities denominated in Canadian dollars, when we re-valued Canadian dollar net liabilities to US dollars (our functional currency) at the end of Q4 2007, we had to record a significant foreign exchange loss.

Income taxes – We operate globally and we calculate our tax provision in each of the jurisdictions in which we conduct business. Our tax rate is, therefore, affected by the realization and anticipated relative profitability of our operations in those various jurisdictions, as well as different tax rates that apply and our ability to utilize tax losses. For the quarter ended December 31, 2008, the income tax expense was \$543,000, compared \$526,000 for the same period in 2007. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2008, the income tax expense was \$2.0 million, compared to \$4 million for the same period in 2007. The decrease in the tax expense for year ended December 31, 2008 compared to 2007 is mainly attributable to future income tax recovery primarily arising from the amortization of acquired intangible assets which have a zero basis for tax purposes.

Net Income (Loss):

Net income for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 was \$4 million compared to net income of \$2 million for the same period in 2007. On a per share basis this translated into a net income per diluted share of \$0.19 in Q4 2008 vs. a net income per diluted share of \$0.08 in Q4 2007. For the year ended December 31, 2008, net income was \$15 million or \$0.71 per diluted share compared to \$11 million or \$0.52 per share in 2007. Net income in Q4 2008 and for

the year ended December 31, 2008 was positively impacted by the growth in our operations and operating income offset by an increase in amortization of intangibles.

Adjusted EBITDA:

For Q4 2008, Adjusted EBITDA increased by \$12 million to \$22 million compared to \$11 million in Q4 2007, representing an increase of 111%. Adjusted EBITDA margin was 23% in the fourth quarter of 2008, compared to 16% of total revenue for the same period in 2007. For the year ended December 31, 2008, Adjusted EBITDA increased by \$23 million to \$64 million compared to \$41 million for the same period in 2007, representing an increase of 56%. Adjusted EBITDA margin was 19% for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to 17% of total revenue for the same period in 2007. The increase in Adjusted EBITDA margin for Q4 2008 and for 2008 is largely due to the depreciation of the Canadian dollar as a disproportionate amount of our total expenses, including costs of goods sold, are originated in Canadian dollars (See “Foreign Currency Exposure” below). The average exchange rate for the Canadian dollar changed significantly in the periods being measured, decreasing by 19% versus the U.S. dollar in Q4 2008 compared with Q4 2007 but increasing 1% for the comparable twelve month periods. See “Non-GAAP Measures” for a description of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin.

The following table reconciles Adjusted EBITDA to net income (loss):

| | Three months ended | | Fiscal year ended | |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| | Dec. 31, | | Dec. 31, | |
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | (\$000, except percentages) | | (\$000, except percentages) | |
| Total revenue | <u>\$ 98,397</u> | <u>\$ 66,068</u> | <u>\$ 330,532</u> | <u>\$ 243,023</u> |
| Net income | 3,970 | 1,640 | 14,994 | 11,110 |
| Add back: | | | | |
| Income tax expense | 543 | 526 | 1,996 | 3,958 |
| Foreign exchange (gain) loss | 30 | 424 | (455) | 2,466 |
| Interest expense (income) | 598 | (108) | 1,115 | (508) |
| Loss on held for trading investments related to mark to market adjustments | 288 | 0 | 421 | 0 |
| Gain on sale of short-term investments, marketable securities and other assets | 0 | (15) | (8) | (1,369) |
| Other (income) expenses | 0 | (56) | 0 | 14 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 15,629 | 7,419 | 42,635 | 22,364 |
| Depreciation | 1,133 | 706 | 3,642 | 3,117 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 22,191 | 10,536 | 64,340 | 41,152 |
| Adjusted EBITDA margin | 23% | 16% | 19% | 17% |

Adjusted net income:

For Q4 2008, Adjusted net income increased by \$10 million to \$19 million compared to \$9 million in Q4 2007, representing an increase of 103%. Adjusted net income margin was 19% in the fourth quarter of 2008, compared to 14% of total revenue for the same period in 2007. For the year ended December 31, 2008, Adjusted net income increased by \$21 million to \$54 million compared to \$33 million during the same period in 2007, representing an increase of 64%. Adjusted net income margin was 16% for the year ended December 31, 2008, compared to 14% of total revenue for the same period in 2007. See “Non-GAAP Measures” for a description of Adjusted net income and Adjusted net income margin.

In Q1 2008, the method of calculating Adjusted net income was modified. The change was a result of the large increase in “future tax expense (recovery)” in the first quarter. Future tax recovery primarily relates to the

amortization of intangible assets. Adjusted net income is now defined to exclude the impact of this non-cash amount. Management believes that excluding the impact of future tax provides a more accurate picture of the company's results as it more closely matches the non cash future tax items with the associated amortization of intangibles.

The following table reconciles Adjusted net income to net income:

| | Three months ended | | Fiscal year ended | |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------|--|--------|
| | Dec. 31, | | Dec. 31, | |
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Total revenue | (\$000, except percentages) \$ 98,397 \$ 66,068 | | (\$000, except percentages) \$ 330,532 \$ 243,023 | |
| Net income | 3,970 | 1,640 | 14,994 | 11,110 |
| Add back: | | | | |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 15,629 | 7,419 | 42,635 | 22,364 |
| Future income taxes (recovery) | (603) | 302 | (3,185) | (315) |
| Adjusted net income | 18,996 | 9,361 | 54,444 | 33,159 |
| Adjusted net income margin | 19% | 14% | 16% | 14% |

The following table provides a restatement of our previously reported Adjusted net income figures to include the new adjustment for future income taxes:

| | Quarter Ended | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Mar 31, 2007 | Jun 30, 2007 | Sep 30, 2007 | Dec 31, 2007 | Mar 31, 2008 | Jun 30, 2008 | Sep 30, 2008 | Dec 31, 2008 |
| | (\$000, except per share amounts) | | | | | | | |
| ANI per previous method | 7,036 | 8,751 | 8,628 | 9,059 | 12,425 | 12,603 | 13,002 | 19,599 |
| Future tax expense (recovery) | (154) | (348) | (115) | 302 | (1,309) | (603) | (670) | (603) |
| ANI per current method | 6,882 | 8,403 | 8,513 | 9,361 | 11,116 | 12,000 | 12,332 | 18,997 |
| Fully diluted shares | 21,192 | 21,192 | 21,192 | 21,192 | 21,192 | 21,192 | 21,192 | 21,192 |
| ANI/share per previous method | 0.33 | 0.41 | 0.41 | 0.43 | 0.59 | 0.59 | 0.61 | 0.92 |
| ANI/share per current method | 0.32 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.44 | 0.52 | 0.57 | 0.58 | 0.90 |

Quarterly Results

| | Quarter Ended | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Mar. 31, 2007 | Jun. 30, 2007 | Sep. 30, 2007 | Dec. 31, 2007 | Mar. 31, 2008 | Jun. 30, 2008 | Sep. 30, 2008 | Dec. 31, 2008 |
| | (\$000, except per share amounts) | | | | | | | |
| Revenue | 55,893 | 60,487 | 60,574 | 66,068 | 73,603 | 77,742 | 80,790 | 98,397 |
| Net Income (loss) | 2,602 | 3,542 | 3,326 | 1,640 | 4,329 | 3,402 | 3,293 | 3,970 |
| Net Income (loss) per share | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | 0.12 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.08 | 0.21 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.19 |
| Diluted | 0.12 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.08 | 0.20 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.19 |

We do not generally experience significant seasonality in our operating results from quarter to quarter. However, our quarterly results may fluctuate as a result of the various acquisitions which may be completed by the Company in any given quarter. We may experience variations in our net income on a quarterly basis depending upon the timing of certain one-time expenditures or gains such as: loss (gain) on the sale of short-term investments, marketable securities and other assets.

Acquisition of certain software assets and liabilities from MAXIMUS Inc.

On September 30, 2008, Constellation acquired certain assets and liabilities of MAXIMUS Inc.'s Justice, Education, and Asset Solution businesses ('MAJES') for aggregate cash consideration of \$35 million plus cash holdbacks of \$5 million resulting in total consideration of \$40 million. The table below provides certain supplemental income statement and cash flow information of MAJES for the year ended December 31, 2008. MAJES is not considered a reportable operating segment of Constellation, however, management has chosen to provide certain supplemental financial information to provide greater clarity into the operating performance and cash flow from operations of MAJES. Management believes cash flow from operations is useful supplemental information about the performance of the underlying business as certain purchase price adjustments and contract accounting under GAAP may result in reported earnings that differ materially from cash flow from operations. Certain contracts acquired as part of the MAJES business are being accounted for using the completed contract method of accounting. As a result, the revenue and costs on these contracts will not be reflected in the statement of operations until such contracts are complete. In the interim, the impact on cash flow will be reflected in the statement of cash flow from operating activities.

The company also acquired certain long-term contracts that contain contingent liabilities that may, but in management's opinion are unlikely to, exceed \$17 million in the aggregate.

Statement of Operations
For the year-ended December 31, 2008

| (Unaudited) | Constellation Software Inc. (excluding MAJES) | MAJES | Consolidated |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------|--------------|
| Revenue | \$ 313,974 | \$ 16,558 | \$ 330,532 |
| Cost of revenue | 117,686 | 7,004 | 124,690 |
| Gross Profit | 196,288 | 9,554 | 205,842 |
| Total Expenses (pre amortization) | 135,339 | 6,163 | 141,502 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 60,949 | 3,391 | 64,340 |
| <i>EBITDA as % Total Revenue</i> | 19% | 20% | 19% |
| Depreciation | 3,459 | 183 | 3,642 |
| Income before the undernoted | 57,490 | 3,208 | 60,698 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 40,568 | 2,067 | 42,635 |
| Other Expenses | 1,073 | - | 1,073 |
| Income before income taxes | 15,849 | 1,141 | 16,990 |
| Income taxes | 1,996 | - | 1,996 |
| Net Income | \$ 13,853 | \$ 1,141 | \$ 14,994 |

Cash flow from operating activities
For the year-ended December 31, 2008

| (Unaudited) | Constellation Software Inc. (excluding MAJES) | MAJES | Consolidated |
|---|--|----------|--------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | |
| Net income | \$ 13,853 | \$ 1,141 | \$ 14,994 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows from operations: | | | |
| Depreciation | 3,459 | 183 | 3,642 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 40,568 | 2,067 | 42,635 |
| Future income taxes | (3,958) | 773 | (3,185) |
| Other non-cash items | (163) | - | (163) |
| Change in non-cash operating working capital | 9,932 | (5,087) | 4,845 |
| Cash flows from operating activities | \$ 63,691 | \$ (923) | \$ 62,768 |

Adjusted EBITDA to net income reconciliation
For the year-ended December 31, 2008

| (Unaudited) | Constellation Software Inc. (excluding MAJES) | MAJES | Consolidated |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|
| Total revenue | \$ 313,974 | \$ 16,558 | \$ 330,532 |
| Net income | 13,853 | 1,141 | 14,994 |
| Add back: | | | |
| Income tax expense | 1,996 | - | 1,996 |
| Other expenses | 1,073 | - | 1,073 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 40,568 | 2,067 | 42,635 |
| Depreciation | 3,459 | 183 | 3,642 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 60,949 | 3,391 | 64,340 |
| Adjusted EBITDA margin | 19% | 20% | 19% |

Liquidity

Our cash position (net of borrowings on our line of credit) at December 31, 2008 decreased to negative \$30 million, from \$0.5 million at December 31, 2007. The decrease in cash was largely attributable to cash deployed on acquisitions and holdbacks of \$71 million and cash invested in marketable securities of \$12 million offset by cash generated from operating activities.

Total assets increased \$119 million, from \$267 million at December 31, 2007 to \$386 million at December 31, 2008. The majority of the increase can be explained by increases in: a) intangible assets and goodwill of \$70 million due to the completion of several acquisitions b) short term investments and marketable securities of \$9 million due to the investment made in UK based Gladstone PLC and U.S. based Mediware Information Systems Inc.; c) accounts receivable and work in progress of \$18 million which were driven by growth in the business and by acquisitions; and d) cash of \$11 million which is explained below.

Current liabilities increased \$97 million, from \$156 million as of December 31, 2007, to \$253 million at December 31, 2008. From an individual category perspective the increases were driven by a) bank indebtedness up \$41 million due to acquisitions made in 2008; b) a deferred revenue increase of \$37 million, due to the growth in our business and due to acquisitions and c) an increase of \$20 million in accounts payable and accrued liabilities due to the accrual of 2008 employee bonuses and due to growth in the business.

Net Changes in Cash Flow

| | Twelve months ended December 31, 2008 |
|--|--|
| | (in millions of \$) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$63 |
| Net cash from financing activities | 37 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (87) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (2) |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | \$11 |

The net cash flow from operating activities was \$63 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. We generated free cash flow profits of approximately \$58 million from operations as well as \$5 million from a reduction in non-cash operating working capital.

The net cash provided by financing activities in 2008 was \$37 million. Borrowings on our line of credit generated cash of \$41 million which was offset by the payment of our annual dividend of \$0.18 per share for cash usage of \$4 million, and the payment of credit facility financing fees of \$1 million.

The net cash used in investing activities in 2008 was \$88 million. The cash used in investing activities was primarily due to acquisitions for an aggregate of \$71 million (including payments for holdbacks relating to prior acquisitions) and the investment of marketable securities of \$12 million. We also invested approximately \$3 million in property and equipment.

We believe we have more than sufficient cash and cash equivalents to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. Generally our VMS businesses operate with negative working capital as a result of the collection of maintenance payments and other revenues in advance of the performance of the related services. As such, management anticipates that it can continue to grow the business organically without any additional funding. If we continue to acquire VMS businesses we may need additional external funding depending upon the size and timing of the acquisitions.

Capital Resources and Commitments

We have a credit facility that is collateralized by substantially all of our assets including the assets of the majority of our material Canadian and U.S. subsidiaries. Certain other subsidiaries also guarantee this facility. The facility is available for acquisitions, working capital needs, and other general corporate purposes and for the needs of our subsidiaries. In Q4 2008, we increased the amount of this facility to \$130 million from \$105 million. As of December 31, 2008, we had drawn \$60 million on this facility and issued letters of credit for \$7 million which limits our borrowing capacity dollar for dollar.

Commitments include operating leases for office equipment and facilities, letters of credit, bank guarantees, and performance bonds that are routinely issued on our behalf by financial institutions in connection with facility leases and contracts with public sector customers. Also, occasionally we structure some of our acquisitions with “earn out” payments based on the future performance of the acquired VMS business. Aside from the aforementioned, we do not have any other business arrangements, derivative financial instruments, or any equity interests in unconsolidated companies (aside from our shareholdings in publicly traded companies included in our short term investments and our investment in VCG Inc.) that would have a significant effect on our assets and liabilities as at December 31, 2008.

| | Total | < 1 yr | 1-3 yrs | 3-5 yrs | >5 yrs |
|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Operating and capital leases (note 1) | 27,060 | 7,105 | 9,551 | 5,890 | 4,514 |
| Holdbacks | 11,673 | 10,901 | 772 | | |
| Letters of credit | 7,000 | 7,000 | | | |
| Line of credit | 60,200 | | 60,200 | | |
| Total outstanding cash commitments | 105,933 | 25,006 | 70,523 | 5,890 | 4,514 |

Note 1. Capital leases represent less than 2% of total

Foreign Currency Exposure

We operate internationally and have foreign currency risks related to our revenue, operating expenses, assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Consequently, we believe movements in the

foreign currencies in which we transact could significantly affect future net earnings. Currently, we do not use hedging techniques to mitigate such currency risks. We cannot predict the effect of foreign exchange losses in the future; however, if significant foreign exchange losses are experienced, they could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition.

The following table provides an approximate breakdown of our revenue and expenses by currency, expressed as a percentage of total revenue/expenses, as applicable, for Q4 2008 and for the full year ended 2008:

| Currencies | Three Months Ended 2008 | | Full Year ended 2008 | |
|------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | % of Revenue | % of Expenses | % of Revenue | % of Expenses |
| USD | 81% | 67% | 76% | 58% |
| CAD | 10% | 23% | 12% | 30% |
| GBP | 6% | 7% | 8% | 9% |
| Others | 3% | 3% | 4% | 3% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As a general practice, we have not entered into off-balance sheet financing arrangements. Except for operating leases, bank guarantees, letters of credit and other low probability and/or contingent liabilities for which we cannot reasonably estimate the outcome (not accrued in accordance with Canadian GAAP), all of our commitments are reflected on our balance sheet.

Transactions with Related Parties

Aside from our Key Employee Loan Program (“KELP”), we had no material related party transactions during 2008. The outstanding balance of loans granted under the KELP as of December 31, 2008 was \$931,000 as compared to \$1.9 million as of December 31, 2007.

Proposed Transactions

We seek potential acquisition targets on an ongoing basis and may complete several acquisitions in any given fiscal year.

Critical Accounting Estimates

General

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Our estimates are based on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Our ongoing evaluation of these estimates forms the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities and the reported amount of revenues and expenses, in cases where they are not readily ascertainable from other sources. Actual amounts may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Our significant accounting policies are fully described in Note 1 to our annual consolidated financial statements which are available on SEDAR (www.sedar.com). We did not change our accounting policies or initially adopt new or different accounting policies during the year ended December 31, 2008, except as follows: On January 1,

2008 we adopted the recommendations of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants Handbook (CICA Handbook) Section 1535, *Capital Disclosures*; Section 3855, *Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement*; Section 3862, *Financial Instruments – Disclosures* and Section 3863 *Financial Instruments - Presentation*.

Certain accounting policies are particularly important to the reporting of our financial position and results of operations, and require the application of significant judgment by our management. An accounting policy is deemed to be critical if it requires an accounting estimate to be made based on assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain at the time the estimate is made, and if different, estimates that reasonably could have been used, or changes in the accounting estimates that are reasonably likely to occur periodically, could have a material impact on the financial statements. Management believes the following critical accounting policies reflect the more significant estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements. We believe that there have been no significant changes in our critical accounting estimates for the years presented in our consolidated financial statements.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue consists primarily of software license fees, maintenance fees, and professional service fees. Maintenance and service revenue is comprised of professional services revenue from consulting, implementation and training services related to our products and maintenance and technical support, which also includes certain software upgrades and enhancements. We recognize revenue in accordance with the current rules of Canadian GAAP. Revenue recognition requirements are very complex and are affected by interpretations of the rules and industry practices, both of which are subject to change. We follow specific and detailed guidelines in measuring revenue; however, certain judgments and current interpretations of rules and guidelines affect the application of our revenue recognition policy.

Software license revenue is comprised of license fees charged for the use of our software products generally licensed under single-year, multiple-year or perpetual arrangements in which the fair value of the license fee is separately determinable from maintenance and/or professional service fees. For license arrangements that do not require significant modifications or customization of the software, we recognize software license revenue when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the product has been delivered, the fee is fixed or determinable, and collection of the resulting receivable is probable.

One of the critical judgments we make is our assessment of the probability of collecting the related accounts receivable balance on a customer-by-customer basis. As a result, the timing or amount of revenue recognition may have been different if different assessments of the probability of collection had been made at the time that the transactions were recorded in revenue. In cases where collectibility is not deemed probable, revenue is recognized upon receipt of cash, assuming all other criteria have been met.

When a license agreement includes one or more elements to be delivered at a future date and vendor specific objective evidence (“VSOE”) of the fair value of all undelivered elements exists, we use the residual method to recognize revenue. Under the residual method, the fair value of the undelivered elements is deferred and the remaining portion of the arrangement fee is recognized as revenue. If evidence of the fair value of one or more undelivered elements does not exist, all revenue is deferred and recognized when delivery of those elements occurs or when fair value can be established. VSOE for all elements of an arrangement is based upon the normal pricing and discounting practices for those elements when sold separately, and, for maintenance services, may additionally be measured by the renewal rate. We are required to exercise judgment in determining whether VSOE exists for each undelivered element and to determine whether and when each element has been delivered. If we were to change any of these assumptions or judgments, it could cause a material increase or decrease in the amount of revenue that we recognize in a particular period.

Maintenance revenue consists of fees charged for customer support on our software products post-delivery, which are determinable based upon VSOE of the fair value. Maintenance fee arrangements include ongoing customer

support and rights to certain product updates “if and when available”. Customer payments for maintenance are generally received in advance and are non-refundable. Maintenance revenue is deferred and recognized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related period, which is typically one year.

Professional service revenue consists of fees charged for product training and consulting and implementation services, which are determinable based upon VSOE of the fair value. When license arrangements include maintenance and professional services, the license fees are recognized upon delivery, provided that (1) the criteria described above for delivery have been met, (2) payment of the license fees is not dependent upon the performance or acceptance of the services, (3) the services are not essential to the functionality of the software, and (4) VSOE exists on the undelivered services and maintenance. We use VSOE of the fair value for the services and maintenance to account for an arrangement using the residual method, regardless of any separately stated prices within the contract for each element. Revenue for services is recognized as the services are performed. VSOE of their fair value of professional services is based upon the average hourly rate charged when such services are sold separately. When we enter into contracts to provide services only, revenue is recognized as the services are performed. Fixed price professional services contracts are recognized on a proportional performance basis as determined by the relationship of contract costs incurred to date and the estimated total contract costs, which are regularly reviewed during the life of the contract, subject to the achievement of any agreed upon milestones. In the event that a milestone has not been achieved, the associated cost is deferred and revenue is not recognized until the customer has accepted the milestone.

Revenue from fixed price professional service contracts is recognized on a proportional performance basis, which requires us to make estimates and is subject to risks and uncertainties inherent in projecting future events. A number of internal and external factors can affect our estimates, including the nature of the services being performed, the complexity of the customer’s environment and the utilization and efficiency of our professional services employees. Recognized revenues and profit are subject to revisions as the contract progresses to completion. Revisions in profit estimates are charged to income in the period in which the facts that give rise to the revision become known. If we do not have a sufficient basis to estimate the progress towards completion, revenue is recognized when the project is complete or when we receive final acceptance from the customer.

For arrangements that do not meet the criteria described above, both license revenues and professional services revenues are recognized using the percentage-of-completion method where reasonably dependable estimates of progress toward completion of a contract can be made. We estimate the percentage-of-completion on contracts utilizing costs incurred to date as a percentage of the total costs at project completion. Recognized revenues and profit are subject to revisions as the contract progresses to completion. Revisions in profit estimates are charged to earnings in the period in which the facts that give rise to the revision become known. It should be noted that the majority of our license and professional services revenue are recognized under the percentage of completion method. If the estimated costs to complete cannot be reasonably estimated, the completed-contract method of revenue recognition is used. A number of contracts acquired as part of the MAJES acquisition are accounted for using the completed-contract method of accounting.

Valuation of Identifiable Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

We account for our business acquisitions under the purchase method of accounting. The total cost of an acquisition is allocated to the underlying net assets based on their respective estimated fair values. As part of this allocation process, we must identify and attribute values and estimated lives to the intangible assets acquired. While we may employ experts to assist us with these matters, such determinations involve considerable judgment, and often involve the use of significant estimates and assumptions, including those with respect to future cash inflows and outflows, discount rates, and asset lives. These determinations will affect the amount of amortization expense recognized in future periods.

Goodwill is initially recorded when the purchase price paid for an acquisition exceeds the fair value assigned to the net identifiable tangible and intangible assets acquired. Goodwill is not amortized but rather it is periodically

assessed for impairment. We perform an annual review in the fourth quarter of each fiscal year, or more frequently if indicators of potential impairment exist, to determine if the recorded goodwill is impaired.

Goodwill is tested for impairment at the “reporting unit level” (“reporting unit”) in accordance with the CICA Handbook Section 3062, “Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets.” A “reporting unit” is a group or business for which discrete financial information is available and that has similar economic characteristics. Our impairment review process compares the fair value of the reporting unit to its carrying value, including the goodwill related to the reporting unit. To determine the fair value, our review process uses the cash flow method and is based on a discounted future cash flow approach that utilizes estimates for the reporting units that include the following: revenue, based on expected growth rates; estimated costs; and appropriate discount rates. Significant management judgment is required in the forecasting of future operating results, which are used in the preparation of the projected discounted cash flows. Should different conditions prevail, material write-downs of goodwill could occur.

We also review the carrying value of amortizable intangible assets for impairment on an annual basis, or whenever events and circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable from the estimated future cash flows expected to result from its use and eventual disposition. Any change in estimate which causes the undiscounted expected future cash flows to be less than the carrying value, would result in an impairment loss being recognized equal to the amount by which the carrying value of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset.

Accounting for Income Taxes

Significant management judgment is required in determining our provision for income taxes, our income tax assets and liabilities, and any valuation allowance recorded against our net income tax assets. We operate in multiple geographic jurisdictions, and to the extent that we have profits in each jurisdiction, these profits are taxed pursuant to the tax laws of their jurisdiction. Our effective tax rate may be affected by changes in, or interpretations of, tax laws in any given jurisdiction, the level of profitability, utilization of net operating losses and tax credit carry forwards, changes in geographical mix of income and expense, and changes in management’s assessment of matters, such as the ability to realize future tax assets. As a result of these considerations, we must estimate our income taxes in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate on a quarterly basis. This process involves estimating our actual current tax exposure, together with assessing temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in future tax assets and liabilities, which are included in our consolidated balance sheet.

We record a valuation allowance to reduce our future tax assets recorded on our balance sheet to the amount of future tax benefit that is more likely than not to be realized. The valuation allowance is based on our estimates of taxable income by jurisdiction in which we operate and the period over which our income tax assets will be recoverable. While we have considered future taxable income and ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning strategies in assessing the need for the valuation allowance, there is no assurance that the valuation allowance will not need to be increased to cover additional future tax assets that may not be realizable. Although we believe that our estimates are reasonable, no assurance can be given that the final tax outcome of these matters will not be different from that which is reflected in our historical income tax provisions and accruals. Any increase in the valuation allowance could have a material adverse impact on our income tax provision and net income reflected in our consolidated statement of operations in the period in which such determination is made.

Accounts Receivable

We evaluate the collectibility of our trade receivables based on a combination of factors. We regularly analyze our significant customer accounts, and, when we become aware of a specific customer’s inability to meet its financial obligations to us, such as in the case of bankruptcy filings or deterioration in the customer’s operating results or financial position, we record specific bad debt reserves to reduce the related receivable to the amount which we reasonably believe is collectible. We also record reserves for bad debts on a small portion of all other customer

balances based on a variety of factors, including the length of time that the receivables are past due, the financial health of the customer, macroeconomic considerations and historical experience. If circumstances related to specific customers change, our estimates of the recoverability of receivables could be further adjusted.

Work In Progress

For revenue arrangements that are accounted for under the percentage of completion method as well as other arrangements and contracts which limit our ability to invoice to certain milestones that do not match the timing of the actual provision of the services, we record such revenue and the related unbilled receivable in work in process. Similar to accounts receivable, we constantly have to evaluate our ability to bill and subsequently collect any amounts contained in the work in progress accounts. We review these balances on a periodic basis to ensure customer balances are prudent based upon a variety of factors, such as the financial health of the customer, macroeconomic considerations and historical experience. If circumstances related to specific customers change, our estimates of the recoverability of work in progress may be further adjusted.

Contingencies

We are currently involved in various claims and legal proceedings. Quarterly, we review the status of each significant matter and assess our potential financial exposure. If the potential loss from any claim or legal proceeding is considered probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated, we accrue a liability for the estimated loss. Significant judgment is required in determining whether a loss is probable and, if so, whether an exposure is reasonably estimable. Because of the uncertainties related to these matters, accruals are based only on the best information available at the time. As additional information becomes available, we reassess the potential liability related to our pending claims and litigation and, if necessary, revise our estimates. Such revisions in the estimates of the potential liabilities could have a material impact on our results of operations and financial position.

Changes in Accounting Policies

Effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted the recommendations included in the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (“CICA”) Handbook, Section 1535, Capital Disclosures. The new standard requires disclosure of qualitative and quantitative information that enables users of financial statements to evaluate the Company’s objectives, policies and processes for managing capital. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Company’s financial statements.

On January 1, 2008, the Company adopted CICA Handbook Section 3862, Financial Instruments – Disclosures and Section 3863, Financial Instruments – Presentation. Section 3862 requires disclosure about the significance of financial instruments for an entity’s financial position, the nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments to which the entity is exposed and how the entity manages those risks. Section 3863 establishes standards for presentation of financial instruments and non-financial derivatives. Section 3862 and 3863 replace Section 3861, Financial Instruments – Disclosure and Presentation. The adoption of these standards did not have a material impact on the Company’s financial statements.

On January 1, 2007, the Company adopted the recommendations of CICA Handbook Section 1530, Comprehensive Income; Section 3855, Financial Instruments - Recognition and Measurement; Section 3861, Financial Instruments - Disclosure and Presentation; Section 3865, Hedges; and Section 3251, Equity. These sections apply to fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 2006 and provide standards for recognition, measurement, disclosure and presentation of financial assets, financial liabilities and non-financial derivatives, and describe when and how hedge accounting may be applied. Section 1530 provides standards for the reporting and presentation of comprehensive income, which represents the change in equity from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-owner sources. Other comprehensive income is defined by revenue, expenses, gains and losses that are recognized in comprehensive income, but excluded from net income, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Under the new standards, all financial assets are classified as held for trading, held-to-maturity investments, loans and receivables or available-for-sale categories. Also, all financial liabilities must be classified as held for trading or other financial liabilities. All financial instruments are recorded on the consolidated balance sheet at fair value. After initial recognition, the financial instruments should be measured at their fair values, except for held-to-maturity investments, loans and receivables and other financial liabilities, which should be measured at amortized cost. The effective interest related to the financial liabilities and the gain or loss arising from a change in the fair value of a financial asset or financial liability classified as held for trading is included in net income for the period in which it arises. If a financial asset is classified as available for sale, the gain or loss should be recognized in other comprehensive income until the financial asset is derecognized and any cumulative gain or loss is then recognized in net income.

As a result of the implementation of this standard, the Company has classified cash and cash equivalents as held for trading. Short-term investments and marketable securities have been classified as available for sale. Accounts receivable has been classified as loans and receivables. Bank indebtedness, accounts payable and certain accrued liabilities have been classified as other financial liabilities. The Company has not classified any financial asset as held to maturity. The remeasurement on adoption to fair value resulted in an increase of short-term investments and marketable securities of \$1,154 and a corresponding increase in other comprehensive income.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2008, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board announced the adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards for publicly accountable enterprises in Canada. Effective January 1, 2011, companies must convert from Canadian GAAP to IFRS. IFRS is effective for our first quarter of 2011. We have initiated an IFRS transition project with a formal project plan and a project manager. Regular reporting is provided to our senior executive management and to our Board of Directors on the project's progress. We have completed the diagnostic phase of our project, which involved an initial assessment and scoping of the significant differences between existing Canadian GAAP and IFRS. Currently, we believe that the areas of accounting difference with the highest potential impact to us are the presentation and disclosure requirements, business combinations, and accounting for income taxes. At this time, we cannot reasonably estimate the impact of adopting IFRS on our consolidated financial statements.

In 2008, the CICA issued Handbook Section 3064, "Goodwill and Intangible Assets". Section 3064 replaces Section 3062 "Goodwill and Intangible Assets", and Section 3450, "Research and Development Costs". It establishes standards for the recognition, measurement and disclosure of goodwill and intangible assets. This new standard is effective for the Company's interim and annual consolidated financial statements commencing January 1, 2009. The Company is currently assessing the impact of the new standard.

In January 2009, the CICA issued Handbook Section 1582, "Business combinations," which replaces the existing standards. This section establishes the standards for the accounting of business combinations, and states that all assets and liabilities of an acquired business will be recorded at fair value. Obligations for contingent considerations and contingencies will also be recorded at fair value at the acquisition date. The standard also states that acquisition-related costs will be expensed as incurred and that restructuring charges will be expensed in the periods after the acquisition date. This standard is equivalent to the International Financial Reporting Standards on business combinations. This standard is applied prospectively to business combinations with acquisition dates on or after January 1, 2011. Earlier adoption is permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact of adopting this standard on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2009, the CICA issued Handbook Section 1601, "Consolidated financial statements," which replaces the existing standards. This section establishes the standards for preparing consolidated financial statements and is effective for 2011. Earlier adoption is permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact of adopting this standard on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2009, the CICA issued EIC-173, “Credit risk and the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities”, which requires us to consider our own credit risk as well as the credit risk of our counterparty when determining the fair value of financial assets and liabilities, including derivative instruments. This standard is effective for our first quarter of 2009 and should be applied retrospectively without restatement of prior periods to all financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on the date this abstract was issued. We are currently evaluating the impact of adopting this standard on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2009, the CICA issued Handbook Section 1602, “Noncontrolling interests in Consolidated Financial Statements”. This section specifies that noncontrolling interests be treated as a separate component of equity, not as a liability or other item outside of equity. Section 1602 is effective for periods beginning on or after January 1, 2011 and will be applied prospectively to all noncontrolling interests, including any that arose before the effective date. We are currently evaluating the impact of adopting this standard on our consolidated financial statements.

Share Capital

As at March 4, 2009, there were 21,191,530 total shares outstanding comprised of 16,903,530 common shares and 4,288,000 class A non-voting shares.

Outlook

Although we anticipate that our annual revenue and Adjusted EBITDA will vary from year to year, management’s objective is to grow each of our annual revenue per share and Adjusted EBITDA per share at an average rate, in the five year period commencing January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2010, in excess of 20% per annum. While the mix of organic growth and growth from acquisitions will change from year to year, we anticipate that approximately one half to three quarters of our growth will be attributable to acquisitions over this five year period. The foregoing objectives are based on various assumptions of management, including, without limitation, that (i) there will be a sufficient number of reasonably-priced acquisitions available, and (ii) we will continue to declare modest dividends. See “Forward-Looking Statements” and “Risks and Uncertainties”.

Risks and Uncertainties

The risks and uncertainties affecting the Company are described in the Company’s most recently filed AIF. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently consider immaterial also may impair our business and operations and cause the price of the common shares to decline. If any of the noted risks actually occur, our business may be harmed and the financial condition and results of operation may suffer significantly. In that event, the trading price of the common shares could decline, and shareholders may lose all or part of their investment.

Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures:

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures as defined under National Instrument 52-109. At December 31, 2008, the President and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the design and operation of these disclosure controls and procedures were effective and that material information relating to the Company, including its subsidiaries, was made known to them and was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified under applicable securities legislation.

Internal controls over financial reporting:

Management is responsible for designing and maintaining internal controls over financial reporting as defined under National Instrument 52-109. At December 31, 2008, the President and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the design and operation of these internal controls and procedures was effective in order to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the financial statements for external purposes in accordance with Canadian GAAP based on the framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (“COSO”) in Internal Control — Integrated Framework.

The President and CFO have evaluated whether there were changes to internal controls over financial reporting during the interim period ended December 31, 2008 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal controls over financial reporting. No such changes were identified.

Exclusion of MAJES

Our assessment of and conclusion on the effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting did not include the controls or procedures of the operations of MAJES Inc., which are included in our fiscal 2008 consolidated financial statements. Certain summary financial information related to MAJES has been included above under “Acquisition of certain software assets and liabilities from MAXIMUS Inc.”

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

December 31, 2008



The accompanying consolidated financial statements of Constellation Software Inc. ("Constellation") and its subsidiaries and all the information in Management's Discussion and Analysis are the responsibility of management and have been approved by the Board of Directors.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The consolidated financial statements include certain amounts that are based on the best estimates and judgements of management and in their opinion present fairly, in all material respects, Constellation's financial position, results of operations and cash flows, in accordance with GAAP. Management has prepared the financial information presented elsewhere in Management's Discussion and Analysis and has ensured that it is consistent with the consolidated financial statements, or has provided reconciliations where inconsistencies exist.

Management of Constellation has developed and maintains a system of internal controls, which is supported by the internal audit function. Management believes the internal controls provide reasonable assurance that material transactions are properly authorized and recorded, financial records are reliable and form a basis for the preparation of consolidated financial statements and that Constellation's material assets are properly accounted for and safeguarded.

The board of directors carries out its responsibility for the consolidated financial statements principally through its audit committee. This committee meets with management and the Company's independent auditors to review the Company's reported financial performance and to discuss audit, internal controls, accounting policies, and financial reporting matters. The consolidated financial statements were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by KPMG LLP, the external auditors, in accordance with GAAP on behalf of the shareholders. KPMG LLP has full and free access to the Audit Committee.

March 4, 2009

A blue ink signature of Mark Leonard, consisting of a stylized 'M' and 'L' followed by a horizontal line.

Mark Leonard
President

A blue ink signature of John Billowits, featuring a stylized 'J' and 'B'.

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

We have audited the consolidated balance sheets of Constellation Software Inc. as at December 31, 2008 and 2007 and the consolidated statements of operations, retained earnings (deficit), comprehensive income and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2008 and 2007 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'KPMG LLP'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the signature is a horizontal line that starts under the 'K' and ends under the 'P', with a small arrowhead pointing to the right.

Chartered Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Toronto, Canada
March 4, 2009

CONSTELLATION SOFTWARE INC.

Consolidated Balance Sheets
(In thousands of U.S. dollars)

December 31, 2008 and 2007

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|--|------------|------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash | \$ 30,405 | \$ 19,796 |
| Short-term investments and marketable securities available for sale (note 5) | 9,979 | 1,217 |
| Accounts receivable | 61,079 | 47,177 |
| Work in progress | 15,392 | 10,839 |
| Inventory | 2,308 | 2,069 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 8,395 | 7,608 |
| Investment tax credits recoverable | 1,504 | 661 |
| Future income taxes (note 16) | 3,779 | 1,096 |
| | 132,841 | 90,463 |
| Restricted cash (note 4) | 750 | 750 |
| Property and equipment (note 10) | 9,381 | 8,025 |
| Future income taxes (note 16) | 5,713 | 3,890 |
| Notes receivable (note 6) | 3,643 | 3,490 |
| Investment tax credits recoverable | 1,808 | 1,779 |
| Other long-term assets (note 7) | 3,656 | 1,214 |
| Intangible assets (note 11) | 188,070 | 128,942 |
| Goodwill (note 12) | 39,937 | 28,594 |
| | \$ 385,799 | \$ 267,147 |
| Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Bank indebtedness (note 13) | \$ 60,200 | \$ 19,342 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 63,429 | 43,892 |
| Acquisition holdback payments | 10,901 | 10,442 |
| Deferred revenue | 115,466 | 78,870 |
| Income taxes payable | 3,197 | 3,426 |
| Future income taxes (note 16) | - | 347 |
| | 253,193 | 156,319 |
| Future income taxes (note 16) | 26,778 | 21,238 |
| Other long-term liabilities (note 8) | 10,446 | 2,708 |
| Shareholders equity: | | |
| Capital stock (note 14) | 99,283 | 99,283 |
| Shareholder loans (note 15) | (931) | (1,915) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (6,901) | (3,237) |
| Retained earnings (deficit) | 3,931 | (7,249) |
| | 95,382 | 86,882 |
| Commitments (note 22) | | |
| Guarantees (note 23) | | |
| Subsequent events (note 24) | | |
| | \$ 385,799 | \$ 267,147 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:



Director



Director

CONSTELLATION SOFTWARE INC.

Consolidated Statements of Operations

(In thousands of U.S. dollars, except per share amounts)

Years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|---|------------|------------|
| Revenue | \$ 330,532 | \$ 243,023 |
| Cost of revenue | 124,690 | 92,113 |
| | 205,842 | 150,910 |
| Research and development | 48,224 | 36,965 |
| Sales and marketing | 37,693 | 28,666 |
| General and administration | 55,585 | 44,127 |
| Depreciation | 3,642 | 3,117 |
| | 145,144 | 112,875 |
| Income before the undernoted | 60,698 | 38,035 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 42,635 | 22,364 |
| Other expenses | - | 14 |
| Gain on sale of short-term investments, marketable securities and other assets | (8) | (1,369) |
| Loss on held for trading investments related to mark to market adjustments | 421 | - |
| Interest expense (income), net | 1,115 | (508) |
| Foreign exchange (gain) loss | (455) | 2,466 |
| Income before income taxes | 16,990 | 15,068 |
| Income taxes (recovery) (note 16): | | |
| Current | 5,181 | 4,273 |
| Future | (3,185) | (315) |
| | 1,996 | 3,958 |
| Net income | \$ 14,994 | \$ 11,110 |
| Income per share (note 17): | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.71 | \$ 0.53 |
| Diluted | 0.71 | 0.52 |
| Weighted average number of shares outstanding (note 17): | | |
| Basic | 21,140 | 21,110 |
| Diluted | 21,192 | 21,192 |
| Outstanding at the end of the period | 21,192 | 21,192 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Retained Earnings (deficit)
(In thousands of U.S. dollars)

Years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Deficit, beginning of year | \$ (7,249) | \$ (15,180) |
| Net income | 14,994 | 11,110 |
| Dividends | (3,814) | (3,179) |
| Retained Earnings (deficit), end of year | \$ 3,931 | \$ (7,249) |

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
(In thousands of U.S. dollars)

Years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Net Income | \$ 14,994 | \$ 11,110 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax: | | |
| Net unrealized mark-to-market adjustment loss on available-for-sale financial assets during the period | (1,518) | (99) |
| Net unrealized foreign exchange adjustment gain (loss) on available-for-sale financial assets during the period | (2,107) | 14 |
| Transfer of unrealized gain from prior periods upon derecognition of available-for-sale investments | (39) | - |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 11,330 | \$ 11,025 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

CONSTELLATION SOFTWARE INC.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(In thousands of U.S. dollars)

Years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 14,994 | \$ 11,110 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows from operations: | | |
| Depreciation | 3,642 | 3,117 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 42,635 | 22,364 |
| Non-cash interest | (153) | (161) |
| Future income taxes | (3,185) | (315) |
| Gain on sale of short-term investments, marketable securities, and other assets | (8) | (1,369) |
| Loss on held for trading investments related to mark to market adjustments | 421 | - |
| Unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss | (423) | 2,300 |
| Change in non-cash operating working capital (note 21) | 4,845 | (2,658) |
| Cash flows from operating activities | 62,768 | 34,388 |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Increase in other long-term liabilities | 297 | 521 |
| Increase in bank indebtedness | 40,858 | 19,342 |
| Credit facility financing fees (note 13) | (1,268) | (549) |
| Dividends | (3,814) | (3,179) |
| Issuance of shareholder loans (note 15) | - | (447) |
| Repayment of shareholder loans (note 15) | 959 | 869 |
| Cash flows from financing activities | 37,032 | 16,557 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired (note 9) | (62,134) | (48,096) |
| Acquisition holdback payments | (8,736) | (4,194) |
| Investment in VCG Inc. (note 6) | (85) | (4,000) |
| Reduction (additions) to short-term investments, marketable securities and other assets | (12,379) | 3,343 |
| Decrease in restricted cash | - | 108 |
| Decrease (increase) in other assets | (1,442) | 685 |
| Property and equipment purchased | (2,771) | (2,997) |
| Cash flows used in investing activities | (87,547) | (55,151) |
| Effect of currency translation adjustment on cash and cash equivalents | (1,644) | (1,805) |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 10,609 | (6,011) |
| Cash, beginning of period | 19,796 | 25,807 |
| Cash, end of period | \$ 30,405 | \$ 19,796 |
| Supplemental cash flow information: | | |
| Income taxes paid | \$ 3,791 | \$ 2,649 |
| Interest paid | 1,821 | 517 |
| Investment tax credits received | 908 | 1,399 |
| Interest received | 660 | 1,025 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Constellation Software Inc. (the "Company"), through its subsidiaries, is engaged in the development, installation and customization of software relating to: public and para transit operators, school transportation and administration, justice, asset management, utilities, local government, law enforcement, public housing, production homebuilders, private clubs, general construction, healthcare food services, and manufacturing, and in the provision of related professional services and support.

1. Significant accounting policies:

(a) Basis of consolidation:

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries, all of which are wholly owned. All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated. During the year, the Company completed certain acquisitions as described in note 9 to these consolidated financial statements. The results of operations of these acquired companies have been included in these consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition.

(b) Revenue recognition:

The Company earns revenue from licencing its products and providing related services, including professional services, maintenance and hardware.

The Company recognizes product revenue when it has an executed licence agreement, the software product has been delivered, the amount of the fee to be paid by the customer is fixed and determinable, and collection of the related receivables is deemed probable.

Typically, software licence agreements are multiple element arrangements as they may also include maintenance and professional services. The Company evaluates these contracts to determine whether the professional services are essential to the functionality of the software. Revenue from arrangements that involve professional services that are not essential to the functionality of the software is allocated to each element based on either their relative fair values or by using the residual method and recognized when the above-noted revenue recognition criteria have been met for each element.

Revenue from the licence of software products involving significant implementation or customization essential to the functionality of the Company's product is recognized under either the percentage-of-completion method or if the estimated costs to complete cannot be reasonably estimated, the completed-contract method. Under the percentage-of-completion method, labour hours or milestones are used as a measure of progress toward completion. Provisions for estimated contract losses are recognized in the year the loss becomes probable and can be reasonably estimated.

Professional services revenue is recognized as such services are performed. Maintenance and warranty revenue is recognized ratably over the term of the related maintenance agreement, which is normally one year.

The timing of revenue recognition often differs from contract payment schedules, resulting in revenue that has been earned but not billed. These amounts are included in work in progress. Amounts billed in accordance with customer contracts, but not yet earned, are recorded as deferred revenue.

Revenue from hardware sales is recognized upon successful installation or delivery of the product.

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Significant accounting policies (continued):

(c) Property and equipment:

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation is calculated using the following methods and annual rates:

| Asset | Basis | Rate |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Computer hardware | Declining balance and straight line | 25% - 33% |
| Computer software | Declining balance and straight line | 25% - 100% |
| Furniture and equipment | Declining balance and straight line | 20% - 30% |
| Leasehold improvements | Straight line | Shorter of the estimated useful life and the term of the lease |

(d) Translation of foreign currency:

The Company's functional currency is the U.S. dollar. The Company translates transactions denominated in foreign currencies other than the U.S. dollar at the exchange rates in effect on the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities of the Company denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rates prevailing at the balance sheet date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities are translated at historical exchange rates. Exchange gains and losses resulting from transactions denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are included in the results of operations for the year.

The Company has classified all material subsidiaries of its major reporting groups as being integrated.

(e) Income taxes:

The Company uses the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under the asset and liability method, future tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Future tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted or substantively enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on future tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the year that includes the date of enactment or substantive enactment.

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Significant accounting policies (continued):

The Company records an income tax expense or recovery based on the income earned or loss incurred in each tax jurisdiction and the substantively enacted tax rate applicable to that income or loss. In ordinary course of business, there are many transactions for which the ultimate tax outcome is uncertain. The final tax outcome of these matters may be different from the estimates originally made by management in determining the Company's income tax provisions. The Company recognizes a tax benefit when it is more-likely-than-not based on the Company's best estimate of the amount that will ultimately be paid. A change to those estimates could impact the income tax provision and net income.

(f) Research and development:

Research expenditures are expensed as incurred. Development costs are expensed in the year incurred unless management believes they meet the criteria set out under Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for deferral and amortization. To date, no development costs have been capitalized.

(g) Investment tax credits:

Investment tax credits are accounted for as a reduction of the related expenditure for items of a current expense nature or as a reduction of property and equipment for items of a capital nature when the Company has reasonable assurance that the credit will be realized. As at December 31, 2008, investment tax credits receivable totalled \$3,312 (2007 - \$2,440) and for the year ended December 31, 2008 investment tax credits received totalled \$908 (2007 - \$1,399).

(h) Investments:

Investments over which the Company does not have significant influence are classified as available-for-sale and are recorded at fair value.

(i) Goodwill:

Goodwill is the residual amount that results when the purchase price of an acquired business exceeds the sum of the amounts allocated to the tangible and intangible assets acquired, less liabilities assumed, based on their fair values. When the Company enters into a business combination, the purchase method of accounting is used. Goodwill is assigned as of the date of the business combination to reporting units that are expected to benefit from the business combination.

Goodwill is not amortized but instead is tested for impairment annually or more frequently, if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. The impairment test is carried out in two steps. In the first step, the carrying amount of the reporting unit, including goodwill, is compared with its fair value. When the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount, goodwill of the reporting unit is not considered to be impaired and the second step of the impairment test is unnecessary. The second step is carried out when the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, in which case, the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill, determined in the same manner as the value of goodwill is determined in a business combination, is compared with its carrying amount to measure the amount of the impairment loss, if any.

The Company has tested goodwill for impairment at December 31, 2008 and 2007, and determined that no impairment in the carrying value of these assets existed.

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Significant accounting policies (continued):

(j) Intangible assets:

Intangible assets acquired individually or as part of a group of other assets are initially recognized and measured at cost. The cost of a group of intangible assets acquired in a transaction, including those acquired in a business combination that meet the specified criteria for recognition apart from goodwill, is allocated to the individual assets acquired based on their relative fair values.

Intangible assets with finite useful lives are amortized on a straight-line basis over their useful lives. The estimated useful lives of intangible assets, which are reviewed annually, are as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Technology assets | 4 to 12 years |
| Non-compete agreements | 5 years |
| Customer assets | 3 to 12 years |
| Trademarks | 15 years |
| Backlog | 1 year |
| Contract related assets | 2 years |

(k) Long-lived assets:

Long-lived assets, which comprise property and equipment and intangible assets, are amortized over their useful lives. The Company reviews long-lived assets for impairment annually or more frequently, if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. If the sum of the undiscounted future cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of a group of assets is less than its carrying amount, it is considered to be impaired. An impairment loss is measured as the amount by which the carrying amount of the group of assets exceeds its fair value. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, no such impairment had occurred.

(l) Deferred charges:

The direct costs paid to lenders to obtain revolving credit facilities are capitalized as a contract related asset and amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the debt to which they relate.

(m) Guarantees:

The Company is required to disclose significant information about certain types of guarantees that it has provided, including certain types of indemnities and indirect guarantees of indebtedness to others, without regard to the likelihood of whether it will have to make any payments under the guarantees.

(n) Deferred leasehold inducements:

Leasehold inducements are deferred and amortized against rent expense on a straight-line basis over the terms of the lease.

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Significant accounting policies (continued):

(o) Use of estimates:

The preparation of 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 financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Accounts receivable are reported after evaluation as to their collectibility, and an appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts is provided where considered necessary.

In connection with revenue recognition and work in progress, the Company is required to make ongoing estimates of the amount of revenue and costs of long-term projects to customize and install software. The Company makes these assessments by measuring labour costs incurred to date and estimating the labour costs to be incurred over the life of the project.

The Company is required to make ongoing estimates of the results of future operations as part of its assessment of the recoverability of goodwill, intangible assets, property and equipment and future income tax assets and liabilities. Significant changes in the assumptions with respect to future business plans and cash flows could result in impairment of goodwill, intangible assets, property and equipment, and future tax assets.

By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and actual results could differ from these estimates.

2. Changes in accounting policies:

(a) Capital disclosures:

Effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted the recommendations included in the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") Handbook, Section 1535, Capital Disclosures. The new standard requires disclosure of qualitative and quantitative information that enables users of financial statements to evaluate the Company's objectives, policies and processes for managing capital.

(b) Financial instruments - disclosures:

On January 1, 2008, the Company adopted CICA Handbook Section 3862, Financial Instruments - Disclosures and Section 3863, Financial Instruments - Presentation.

Section 3862 requires disclosure about the significance of financial instruments for an entity's financial position, the nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments to which the entity is exposed and how the entity manages those risks.

Section 3863 establishes standards for presentation of financial instruments and non-financial derivatives.

Section 3862 and 3863 replace Section 3861, Financial Instruments - Disclosure and Presentation.

The additional disclosures, required as a result of adoption of these standards, have been included in Note 18, Capital risk management and Note 19, Financial risk management and financial instruments.

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3. Changes in accounting policies not yet adopted:

The following accounting pronouncements have been released but have not yet been adopted by the Company.

(a) International Financial Reporting Standards:

In 2008, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board announced that 2011 will be the changeover date for publicly listed companies to adopt "IFRS", which will replace Canadian GAAP. The effective date is for interim and annual financial statements beginning on or after January 1, 2011. From that date onwards, publicly traded companies and certain other publicly accountable enterprises will be required to report under IFRS. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of these new standards on its consolidated financial statements.

(b) Goodwill and Intangible Assets:

In 2008, the CICA issued Handbook Section 3064 "Goodwill and Intangible Assets". Section 3064 replaces Section 3062 "Goodwill and Intangible Assets", and Section 3450, "Research and Development Costs". It establishes standards for the recognition, measurement and disclosure of goodwill and intangible assets. This new standard is effective for the Company's interim and annual consolidated financial statements commencing January 1, 2009. The Company is currently assessing the impact of the new standard.

(c) Business combinations:

In January 2009, the CICA issued Handbook Section 1582, "Business combinations," which replaces the existing standards. This section establishes the standards for the accounting of business combinations, and states that all assets and liabilities of an acquired business will be recorded at fair value. Obligations for contingent considerations and contingencies will also be recorded at fair value at the acquisition date. The standard also states that acquisition-related costs will be expensed as incurred and that restructuring charges will be expensed in the periods after the acquisition date. This standard is equivalent to the International Financial Reporting Standards on business combinations. This standard is applied prospectively to business combinations with acquisition dates on or after January 1, 2011. Earlier adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this standard on its consolidated financial statements.

(d) Consolidated financial statements:

In January 2009, the CICA issued Handbook Section 1601, "Consolidated financial statements," which replaces the existing standards. This section establishes the standards for preparing consolidated financial statements and is effective for 2011. Earlier adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this standard on its consolidated financial statements.

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Changes in accounting policies not yet adopted (continued):

(e) Credit risk and the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities

In January 2009, the CICA issued EIC-173, "Credit risk and the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities", which requires the consideration of the Company's own credit risk as well as the credit risk of the Company's counterparty when determining the fair value of financial assets and liabilities, including derivative instruments. This standard is effective for the first quarter of 2009 and should be applied retrospectively without restatement of prior periods to all financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on the date this abstract was issued. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this standard on its consolidated financial statements.

(f) Noncontrolling interests in Consolidated Financial Statements

In January 2009, the CICA issued Handbook Section 1602, "Noncontrolling interests in Consolidated Financial Statements". This section specifies that noncontrolling interests be treated as a separate component of equity, not as a liability or other item outside of equity. Section 1602 is effective for periods beginning on or after January 1, 2011 and will be applied prospectively to all noncontrolling interests, including any that arose before the effective date. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this standard on its consolidated financial statements.

4. Restricted cash:

At December 31, 2008 the Company has \$750 (2007- \$750) held in accordance with escrow agreements from acquisitions.

5. Short-term investments and marketable securities:

At December 31, 2008, the Company held investments in three public companies listed in the U.K. and U.S., all of which develop and sell software solutions.

| | 2008 | | 2007 | |
|---------------|-----------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| | Cost | Market Value | Cost | Market Value |
| Common shares | \$ 13,728 | \$ 9,979 | \$ 1,303 | \$ 1,217 |

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6. Notes receivable:

On June 18, 2007, the Company entered into an agreement with VCG Inc. (subsequently VCG LLC) to purchase \$4,000 of senior subordinated secured notes, and then on September 22, 2008 purchased an additional \$85. These notes bear interest at 12% per annum payable annually in arrears and mature on June 18, 2012, at which time the principal sum of \$4,085 is due. In conjunction with these notes, the Company received share purchase warrants (the "Warrants") having the right to purchase Preferred Series C-1 shares convertible into 8.9% of the fully diluted equity interest of VCG Inc. as of September 22, 2008, subject to the terms of the Warrants. The exercise price for the Warrants is \$0.00007 per share. The Warrants can be exercised at the option of the holder anytime until the expiration date of June 18, 2017.

The Warrant component of this instrument constitutes a derivative, and thus under Canadian GAAP must be valued separately from the value of the notes. The Company allocated the total consideration paid to the notes and warrants using the residual method. The fair value of the Warrants was determined using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. On June 18, 2007, the following assumptions were used to value the Warrants: risk-free interest rate of 4.53%, volatility of 89%, share price of \$0.51, expected life of 10 years and zero dividend yield. This resulted in the allocation of \$571 to the Warrants and \$3,429 to the notes receivable. The valuation assigned to the Warrants acquired on September 22, 2008 was \$50. At December 31, 2008 the Black-Scholes assumptions were updated as follows: risk-free interest rate of 2.97%, volatility of 84%, share price of \$0.16, expected life of 8.5 years and zero dividend yield. The revised assumptions resulted in a \$421 reduction in the value assigned to the Warrants and a charge to the Statement of Operations.

The note component is recorded at amortized cost with an effective interest rate of 15.30%. For the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company recorded interest income related to carrying value accretion of \$118 (2007 - \$61).

As at December 31, 2008 there has been no change in the fair value of the notes receivable other than the adjustment for accretion interest.

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7. Other long-term assets:

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Share purchase warrants (note 6) | \$ 200 | \$ 571 |
| Acquired contract assets (i) | 1,450 | - |
| Other (ii) | 2,006 | 643 |
| Ending balance | \$ 3,656 | \$ 1,214 |

(i) Long-term contracts acquired in a business combination are assigned a fair value based on the remaining amounts to be billed under the contract, reduced by the estimated costs to complete the contract and an allowance for normal profit related to the activities that will be performed after the acquisition. The resulting amount is recorded as an asset when billings are in excess of costs plus the allowance for normal profit on uncompleted contracts.

(ii) Other primarily consists of long-term accounts receivables.

8. Other long-term liabilities:

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Acquisition holdback payments | \$ 772 | \$ 1,000 |
| Acquired contract liabilities (i) | 6,668 | - |
| Other (ii) | 3,006 | 1,708 |
| Ending balance | \$ 10,446 | \$ 2,708 |

(i) Long-term contracts acquired in a business combination are assigned a fair value based on the remaining amounts to be billed under the contract, reduced by the estimated costs to complete the contract and an allowance for normal profit related to the activities that will be performed after the acquisition. The resulting amount is recorded as a liability when costs plus the allowance for normal profit are in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts.

(ii) Other primarily consists of lease inducements and non-compete accruals to be paid out over the next four years.

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9. Business acquisitions:

2008

- (a) On September 30, 2008, the Company acquired certain assets and liabilities of Maximus Inc.'s Justice, Education, and Asset Solutions businesses for aggregate net cash consideration of \$35,000 plus cash holdbacks of \$5,000 resulting in total consideration of \$40,000. The holdbacks are payable over a one-year period and are adjusted for any claims under the representations and warranties of the agreement. Transaction costs associated with this acquisition incurred to date are estimated to be \$223. The acquisition has been accounted for using the purchase method with the results of operations included in these consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition. The following table summarizes the aggregate preliminary estimated fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Assets acquired: | |
| Current assets | \$ 19,055 |
| Property and equipment | 1,172 |
| Future income taxes | 351 |
| Other long-term assets | 236 |
| Intangibles | 63,071 |
| | <hr/> 83,885 |
| Liabilities assumed: | |
| Current liabilities | 9,156 |
| Deferred revenue | 26,704 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 7,802 |
| | <hr/> 43,662 |
| Total purchase price consideration | <hr/> \$ 40,223 |

Due to the proximity of the acquisition to year end, the Company is still in the process of determining the fair value of the assets and liabilities. The Company also acquired certain long-term contracts that contain contingent liabilities that may, but are unlikely to, exceed \$17,000 in the aggregate.

This acquisition has been allocated to the Public Sector.

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Business acquisitions (continued):

(b) During 2008, the Company made twenty other acquisitions for aggregate net cash consideration of \$26,910 plus cash holdbacks of \$6,245 and contingent earnout arrangements of \$960 resulting in total consideration of \$34,115. The holdbacks are payable over a two-year period and are adjusted for any claims under the representations and warranties of the agreements. The acquisitions have been accounted for using the purchase method with the results of operations included in these consolidated financial statements from the date of each acquisition. Due to the proximity of certain acquisitions to year end, valuations of certain assets and liabilities have not been finalized. The following table summarizes the aggregate preliminary estimated fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of each acquisition:

| | Public Sector | Private Sector | Consolidated |
|---|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Assets acquired: | | | |
| Current assets | \$ 8,789 | \$ 297 | \$ 9,086 |
| Property and equipment | 810 | 158 | 968 |
| Future income taxes | 950 | 148 | 1,098 |
| Technology assets | 25,140 | 4,397 | 29,537 |
| Customer assets | 9,048 | 1,870 | 10,918 |
| Non-compete agreements | - | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Backlog | 2,499 | - | 2,499 |
| Goodwill | 2,661 | - | 2,661 |
| | <u>49,897</u> | <u>7,870</u> | <u>57,767</u> |
| Liabilities assumed: | | | |
| Current liabilities | 3,575 | 120 | 3,695 |
| Deferred revenue | 12,510 | 722 | 13,232 |
| Future income taxes | 5,949 | 776 | 6,725 |
| | <u>22,034</u> | <u>1,618</u> | <u>23,652</u> |
| Total purchase price consideration | \$ 27,863 | \$ 6,252 | \$ 34,115 |

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9. Business acquisitions (continued):

2007

(c) PG Govern QC Inc. ("PG"):

On March 1, 2007, the Company acquired the assets and shares of PG for net cash consideration of \$13,112 on closing plus a holdback of \$2,228 resulting in total consideration of \$15,340. At December 31, 2008 there was \$828 of the holdback remaining to be paid, which is expected to be paid out as assets are converted into cash, subject to no claims under the representations and warranties of the agreement. The acquisition has been accounted for by the purchase method with the results of operations included in these consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition. The following table summarizes the fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Assets acquired: | |
| Current assets | \$ 7,715 |
| Property and equipment | 1,030 |
| Other long-term assets | 2,212 |
| Technology assets | 16,694 |
| Customer assets | 4,346 |
| Backlog | 767 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 32,764 |
| Liabilities assumed: | |
| Current liabilities | 8,041 |
| Deferred revenue | 7,068 |
| Future income tax liability | 1,533 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 782 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 17,424 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total purchase price consideration | <hr/> |
| | \$ 15,340 |

This acquisition has been allocated to the Public Sector.

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9. Business acquisitions (continued):

2007

(d) Computrition Inc. ("Computrition"):

On November 30, 2007, the Company acquired the assets and shares of Computrition for net cash consideration of \$12,618 on closing plus a cash holdback of \$2,000 resulting in total consideration of \$14,618. Half of the holdback was paid in the third quarter of 2008 and the remaining half is payable in the fourth quarter of 2009, subject to no claims under the representations and warranties of the agreement. The acquisition has been accounted for by the purchase method with the results of operations included in these consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition. The following table summarizes the preliminary estimate of the fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets acquired: | |
| Current assets | \$ 3,985 |
| Property and equipment | 104 |
| Technology assets | 13,461 |
| Customer assets | 3,678 |
| Backlog | 800 |
| Goodwill | 6,332 |
| | <hr/> 28,360 |
| Liabilities assumed: | |
| Current liabilities | 1,405 |
| Deferred revenue | 6,833 |
| Future income tax liability | 5,504 |
| | <hr/> 13,742 |
| Total purchase price consideration | <hr/> \$ 14,618 <hr/> |

This acquisition has been allocated to the Private Sector.

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9. Business acquisitions (continued):

(e) Other acquisitions:

During 2007, the Company made thirteen other acquisitions for aggregate net initial cash consideration of \$22,366 plus holdbacks of \$6,785 resulting in total consideration of \$29,151. Holdbacks of \$5,911 have subsequently been paid. The acquisitions have been accounted for using the purchase method with the results of operations included in these consolidated financial statements from the date of each acquisition. The following table summarizes the fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of each acquisition:

| | Public Sector | Private Sector | Consolidated |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Assets acquired: | | | |
| Current assets | \$ 9,386 | \$ 2,032 | \$ 11,418 |
| Property and equipment | 607 | 185 | 792 |
| Technology assets | 18,938 | 7,852 | 26,790 |
| Customer assets | 7,384 | 2,546 | 9,930 |
| Backlog | 871 | - | 871 |
| Goodwill | 2,436 | 1,545 | 3,981 |
| | <u>39,622</u> | <u>14,160</u> | <u>53,782</u> |
| Liabilities assumed: | | | |
| Current liabilities | 3,867 | 1,510 | 5,377 |
| Deferred revenue | 10,994 | 1,627 | 12,621 |
| Future income taxes | 3,564 | 3,069 | 6,633 |
| | <u>18,425</u> | <u>6,206</u> | <u>24,631</u> |
| Total purchase price consideration | \$ 21,197 | \$ 7,954 | \$ 29,151 |

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10. Property and equipment:

| 2008 | Cost | Accumulated amortization | Net book value |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Computer hardware | \$ 14,951 | \$ 10,663 | \$ 4,288 |
| Computer software | 5,121 | 4,274 | 847 |
| Furniture and equipment | 6,743 | 4,294 | 2,449 |
| Leasehold improvements | 3,361 | 1,564 | 1,797 |
| | \$ 30,176 | \$ 20,795 | \$ 9,381 |

| 2007 | Cost | Accumulated amortization | Net book value |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Computer hardware | \$ 12,189 | \$ 8,606 | \$ 3,583 |
| Computer software | 4,360 | 3,297 | 1,063 |
| Furniture and equipment | 5,211 | 3,464 | 1,747 |
| Leasehold improvements | 2,646 | 1,014 | 1,632 |
| | \$ 24,406 | \$ 16,381 | \$ 8,025 |

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11. Intangible assets:

| 2008 | Cost | Accumulated amortization | Net book value |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Technology assets | \$ 176,042 | \$ 78,135 | \$ 97,907 |
| Non-compete agreements | 2,680 | 1,797 | 883 |
| Customer assets | 43,089 | 15,719 | 27,370 |
| Trademarks | 133 | 101 | 32 |
| Backlog | 4,903 | 3,831 | 1,072 |
| Contract related assets | 1,840 | 294 | 1,546 |
| Other | 63,071 | 3,811 | 59,260 |
| | <u>\$ 291,758</u> | <u>\$ 103,688</u> | <u>\$ 188,070</u> |

| 2007 | Cost | Accumulated amortization | Net book value |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Technology assets | \$ 121,574 | \$ 49,708 | \$ 71,866 |
| Non-compete agreements | 1,680 | 1,589 | 91 |
| Customer assets | 23,807 | 8,632 | 15,175 |
| Trademarks | 133 | 93 | 40 |
| Backlog | 767 | 639 | 128 |
| Contract related assets | 549 | - | 549 |
| Other | 41,484 | 391 | 41,093 |
| | <u>\$ 189,994</u> | <u>\$ 61,052</u> | <u>\$ 128,942</u> |

Note: At December 31, 2008, the purchase price allocation of certain intangible amounts was not determinable and was recorded as "Other". At December 31, 2008 "Other" includes intangibles assets relating to the preliminary purchase price allocation for the acquisition of Maximus Inc.'s Justice, Education, and Asset Solutions businesses. The allocations will be finalized over the next three quarters.

During the year ended December 31, 2008, the purchase price allocations for acquisitions completed in 2007 were finalized resulting in \$24,210 being allocated to technology assets, \$8,275 to customer assets, \$732 to backlog, and \$7,876 to goodwill.

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12. Goodwill:

| | 2008 | | 2007 | |
|--|------|--------|------|--------|
| Opening balance | \$ | 28,594 | \$ | 26,886 |
| Additions due to acquisitions during the year | | 2,661 | | 1,678 |
| Allocation of intangibles previously classified as "Other" | | 7,876 | | - |
| Adjustments relating to prior period acquisitions | | 806 | | 30 |
| Ending balance | \$ | 39,937 | \$ | 28,594 |

13. Credit facilities:

The Company has an operating line-of-credit with a syndicate of Canadian chartered banks and a U.S. bank in the amount of \$130,000 (December 31, 2007 - \$50,000). The line-of-credit bears a variable interest rate and is due in full on April 28, 2011. It is secured by a general security agreement covering the majority of the assets of the Company and its subsidiaries, and is subject to various standard debt covenants. As at December 31, 2008, \$60,200 (December 31, 2007 - \$19,342) had been drawn from this credit facility, and letters of credit totalling \$7,000 (December 31, 2007 - \$7,186) were issued, which limits the borrowing capacity on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Interest expense paid on the line-of-credit for 2008 totalled \$1,911.

14. Capital stock:

- (a) The authorized share capital of the Company consists of an unlimited number of common shares and an unlimited number of Class A non-voting shares. The rights and privileges of the existing Class A non-voting shares entitle the holders of such shares to distributions, if and when declared by the Board of Directors. The holders of the Class A non-voting shares are entitled to convert such shares, at any time into common shares, on a one-for-one basis.
- (b) The issued share capital of the Company is as follows:

| | Number | | Amount | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----|--------|--|
| Common shares | 16,903,530 | \$ | 84,762 | |
| Class A non-voting | 4,288,000 | | 14,521 | |
| Balance, December 31, 2008 and 2007 | 21,191,530 | \$ | 99,283 | |

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15. Shareholder loans:

Share purchase loans receivable under the Company's share purchase plan are included as a reduction of shareholders' equity. Interest rates on these loans range from 5.0% to 6.5% depending on the year the loan was advanced. The balances outstanding are secured by the shares for which they were used to purchase. At December 31, 2008, the market value of the shares held as collateral was \$3,521 (December 31, 2007 - \$7,724)

The following table summarizes the shareholder loan activity for the period:

| | 2008 | | 2007 | |
|---------------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Balance, January 1 | \$ | 1,915 | \$ | 2,135 |
| Repayment of shareholder loans | | (959) | | (869) |
| Issuance of shareholder loans | | - | | 447 |
| Interest | | 63 | | 100 |
| Currency translation adjustment | | (88) | | 102 |
| Balance, December 31 | \$ | 931 | \$ | 1,915 |

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16. Income taxes:

The income tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant components of future income tax assets and liabilities at December 31, 2008 are as follows:

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Future income tax assets: | | |
| Non-capital income tax loss carryforwards | \$ 6,572 | \$ 6,492 |
| Scientific research and experiment development expenditure pool carryforward | 895 | 573 |
| Deferred revenue | 2,911 | 4,458 |
| Reserves | 1,003 | 855 |
| Property and equipment | 806 | 213 |
| Intangible assets | 904 | 573 |
| Stock issuance costs | - | 351 |
| Corporate minimum tax and foreign tax credits | 1,392 | 1,427 |
| Other, including capital loss carryforwards | 4,152 | 785 |
| | <u>18,635</u> | <u>15,727</u> |
| Less valuation allowance | 7,987 | 7,419 |
| | <u>10,648</u> | <u>8,308</u> |
| Future income tax liabilities: | | |
| Intangible assets | (25,662) | (22,404) |
| Property and equipment | (893) | (1,351) |
| Scientific research and experiment development investment tax credits | (512) | (168) |
| Other, including foreign exchange gains | (867) | (984) |
| | <u>(27,934)</u> | <u>(24,907)</u> |
| Net future income taxes | \$ (17,286) | \$ (16,599) |
| Current future income tax asset | \$ 3,779 | \$ 1,096 |
| Long-term future income tax asset | 5,713 | 3,890 |
| Current future income tax liability | - | (347) |
| Long-term future income tax liability | (26,778) | (21,238) |
| Net future income taxes | \$ (17,286) | \$ (16,599) |

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16. Income taxes (continued):

In assessing the realizability of future income tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the future income tax assets will be realized. The ultimate realization of future income tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the years in which the temporary differences are deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversals of future income tax liabilities, the character of the income tax assets, and tax planning strategies in making this assessment. To the extent that management believes that the realization of the future income tax assets does not meet the more likely than not realization criterion, a valuation allowance is recorded against the future tax assets.

Total income tax expense varies from the amounts that would be computed by applying the statutory income tax rate to income before income taxes for the following reasons:

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|--|----------|----------|
| Statutory income tax rate | 33.50% | 36.12% |
| Income tax expense (recovery) on income (loss) before income taxes | \$ 5,692 | \$ 5,443 |
| Increase (decrease) in income taxes resulting from: | | |
| Change in the future statutory tax rates | - | 166 |
| Change in the valuation allowance for future tax assets | 1,952 | 1,269 |
| Permanent differences, including foreign exchange | (4,059) | 1,504 |
| Adjustment to future tax assets | (101) | (1,830) |
| Foreign tax rate differential | (1,744) | (2,650) |
| Other | 256 | 56 |
| | \$ 1,996 | \$ 3,958 |

As at December 31, 2008, the Company has non-capital income tax losses of \$ 13,350 available to reduce future years' income for Canadian income tax purposes. Canadian losses expire as follows: \$2,369 in 2015; \$1,166 in 2026, \$1,788 in 2027, and the balance in 2028. In addition, the Company has income tax credits of \$959 available to offset future Ontario income taxes otherwise payable, which expire as follows: \$721 in 2010; \$18 in 2012; \$23 in 2013; \$51 in 2015; and the balance in 2017.

The Company also has approximately \$3,263 and \$4,152 of tax losses available to reduce future years' income for tax purposes in the United States, and the rest of the world, respectively. The U.S. losses expire as follows: \$744 in 2021; \$680 in 2022; \$20 in 2024; \$1,049 in 2025; \$393 in 2027; and the balance in 2028; the majority of the rest of the world losses can be carried forward indefinitely.

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17. Income per share:

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Numerator: | | |
| Net income | \$ 14,994 | \$ 11,110 |
| Denominator: | | |
| Weighted average number of shares: | | |
| Basic | 21,140 | 21,110 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | |
| Shares secured by shareholder loans | 52 | 82 |
| Diluted | 21,192 | 21,192 |
| Net income per share: | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.71 | \$ 0.53 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.71 | 0.52 |

18. Capital risk management:

The Company's objectives in managing capital are to ensure sufficient liquidity to pursue its strategy of organic growth combined with strategic acquisitions and to provide returns to its shareholders. The Company manages its capital with the objective of ensuring that there are adequate capital resources while maximizing the return to shareholders through the optimization of the debt and equity balance. The capital structure of the Company consists of cash, credit facilities and components of shareholders' equity including deficit and capital stock.

The Company is subject to certain covenants on its credit facilities. The covenants include a leverage ratio and an interest coverage ratio, as well as a minimum net worth requirement. The Company monitors the ratios on a monthly basis. As at December 31, 2008, the Company is in compliance with the covenants on its credit facilities. Other than the covenants required for the credit facilities, the Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

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18. Capital risk management (continued):

The Board of Directors determine if and when dividends should be declared and paid based on all relevant circumstances, including the desirability of financing further growth of the Company and its financial position at the relevant time. There is no guarantee that dividends will continue to be paid in the future. In addition, the Company is restricted, pursuant to financial covenants under its operating line of credit, from paying dividends of more than 20% of its consolidated adjusted net income as defined in the agreement.

The Company makes adjustments to its capital structure in light of general economic conditions, the risk characteristics of the underlying assets and the Company's working capital requirements. In order to maintain or adjust its capital structure, the Company, upon approval from its Board of Directors, may pay dividends, increase or decrease the line of credit or undertake other activities as deemed appropriate under the specific circumstances. The Board of Directors reviews and approves any material transactions not in the ordinary course of business, including significant acquisitions or other major investments.

19. Financial risk management and financial instruments:

(a) Overview:

The Company is exposed to risks of varying degrees of significance which could affect its ability to achieve its strategic objectives for growth. The main objectives of the Company's risk management process are to ensure that risks are properly identified and that the capital base is adequate in relation to those risks. The principal financial risks to which the Company is exposed are described below.

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19. Financial risk management and financial instruments (continued):

(b) Market risk:

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as fluctuations in the market prices of the Company's publicly traded investments, foreign exchange rates and interest rates, will affect the Company's income or the value of its financial instruments.

The Company manages risk related to fluctuations in the market prices of its publicly traded investments by regularly conducting financial reviews of publicly available information to ensure that any risks are within established levels of risk tolerance. The Company does not routinely engage in risk management practices such as hedging, derivatives or short selling with respect to its publicly traded investments.

The following table details the Company's sensitivity to a 1% strengthening in the market price of the marketable securities it currently holds. For a 1% weakening in the market price, there would be an equal and opposite impact on net income and comprehensive income.

| | | |
|----------------------|----|-----|
| Net income | \$ | - |
| Comprehensive income | | 100 |

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk on the utilized portion of its credit facilities and does not currently hold any financial instruments that mitigate this risk. Management does not believe that the impact of interest rate fluctuations on the current level of borrowings will be significant and, therefore, has not provided a sensitivity analysis of the impact of fluctuations on net income and comprehensive income. A breakdown of the components of interest expense (income) amount recorded on the financial statements is as follows:

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|---|----------|--------|
| Interest expense on credit facilities (Other financial liability) | \$ 1,911 | \$ 262 |
| Interest income on notes receivable (Loans and receivables) | (605) | (317) |
| Bank interest (Held for trading) | (128) | (353) |
| Interest income on shareholder loans | (63) | (100) |
| | 1,115 | (508) |

The Company operates internationally, giving rise to exposure to market risks from changes in foreign exchange rates. The Company currently does not use derivative instruments to hedge its exposure to those risks. Most of the Company's businesses are organized geographically so that many of its expenses are incurred in the same currency as its revenues thus mitigating some of its exposure to currency fluctuations.

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19. Financial risk management and financial instruments (continued):

Foreign currency sensitivity analysis:

The Company is mainly exposed to fluctuations in the Canadian dollar and British pound. The major currency exposures, as of December 31, 2008, are summarized in USD equivalents in the following table. The local currency amounts have been converted to USD equivalents using the period end exchange rates.

| | Canadian Dollar | British Pound |
|---|-----------------|---------------|
| Cash | \$ 13,825 | \$ 385 |
| Restricted cash | - | 724 |
| Short-term investments and marketable securities available for sale | - | 4,719 |
| Accounts receivable | 5,218 | 4,996 |
| Other financial assets | 5,180 | 2,580 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | (15,829) | (3,347) |
| Other financial liabilities | (4,959) | (3,040) |
| Shareholder loans | 188 | 28 |
| Net financial assets | \$ 3,623 | \$ 7,045 |

The following table details the Company's sensitivity to a 1% strengthening of the Canadian dollar and British pound on net income and comprehensive income against the U.S. dollar. The sensitivity analysis includes foreign currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities and adjusts their translation at period end for a 1% change in foreign currency rates. For a 1% weakening against the U.S. dollar, there would be an equal and opposite impact on net income and comprehensive income.

| | Canadian Dollar Impact | British Pound Impact |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Net income | \$ 36 | \$ 23 |
| Comprehensive income | 36 | 70 |

(c) Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company is not able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due or can do so only at excessive cost. The Company manages liquidity risk through the management of its capital structure and financial leverage, as outlined in note 18 to the consolidated financial statements. The Company's growth is financed through a combination of the cash flows from operations and borrowing under the existing credit facilities. One of management's primary goals is to maintain an optimal level of liquidity through the active management of the assets and liabilities as well as the cash flows. The Company's credit facilities are disclosed in note 13 to the consolidated financial statements. As at December 31, 2008, the undrawn portion of the Company's bank credit facility was \$62,800. Utilizations include advances borrowed under the bank credit facility and issuances of letters of credits.

The majority of the Company's financial liabilities recorded in accounts payable and accrued liabilities are due within 60 days. Holdbacks payable are due within two years.

Given the Company's available liquid resources as compared to the timing of the payments of liabilities, management assesses the Company's liquidity risk to be low.

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19. Financial risk management and financial instruments (continued):

(d) Credit risk:

Credit risk represents the financial loss that the Company would experience if a counterparty to a financial instrument, in which the Company has an amount owing from the counterparty failed to meet its obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions of its contracts with the Company. The carrying amount of the Company's financial assets represents the Company's maximum credit exposure.

The majority of the accounts receivable balance relates to maintenance invoices to customers that have a history of payment. In addition a large proportion of the Company's accounts receivable is with government agencies. As at December 31, 2008, 32% of the Company's accounts receivable balance is over 90 days past due which is in line with the balance at December 31, 2007. Accounts receivable are net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$4,202 at December 31, 2008 (December 31, 2007 - \$2,227).

There is no significant credit risk associated with the Company's short term investments. The Company manages its credit risk related to short-term investments by conducting financial and other assessments of these investments on a regular basis.

The Company manages credit risk related to notes receivable by monitoring the results of the business to which the note relates, and maintaining security over the assets of the business.

The Company manages credit risk related to cash by maintaining bank accounts with Schedule 1 banks.

In the ordinary course of business the Company and its subsidiaries have provided performance bonds and other guarantees for the completion of certain customer contracts. The Company has not experienced a loss to date and future losses are not anticipated; therefore, no liability has been recorded in the consolidated balance sheets related to these types of indemnifications or guarantees at December 31, 2008.

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19. Financial risk management and financial instruments (continued):

(e) Financial instruments:

(i) Classification of financial instruments

| | Classification | Measurement |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Restricted cash | Held for trading | Fair value |
| Short term investments and marketable securities | Available for sale | Fair value |
| Accounts receivable | Loans and receivables | Amortized cost |
| Notes receivable | Loans and receivable | Amortized cost |
| Share purchase warrants | Held for trading | Fair value |
| Long-term accounts receivable | Loans and receivables | Amortized cost |
| Bank indebtedness | Other financial liabilities | Amortized cost |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | Other financial liabilities | Amortized cost |
| Holdbacks on acquisitions | Other financial liabilities | Amortized cost |

(ii) Fair values of financial instruments

The carrying values of cash, restricted cash, accounts receivable, bank indebtedness, accounts payable, accrued liabilities and acquisition holdbacks, approximate their fair values due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

The fair values of short-term investments, which are publicly traded, are determined by the quoted market values for each investment (note 5).

Notes receivable are recorded at amortized cost, which approximates the fair value.

Warrants which are not publicly traded are fair valued using valuation techniques and adjusted by the Company after considering the fair value of the underlying security and the strike price of the warrants. As at December 31, 2008, there was a decrease of \$421 in the fair value of the warrants.

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20. Segmented information:

The Company has a number of operating subsidiaries, which have been aggregated into two reportable segments in accordance with CICA Handbook Section 1701. The Company's Public Sector segment develops and distributes software solutions primarily to government and government-related customers. The Company's Private Sector segment develops and distributes software solutions primarily to commercial customers.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the significant accounting policies in note 1 of these audited financial statements. The Company evaluates performance of the Public Sector businesses and the Private Sector businesses based on several factors, of which the primary financial measures are revenue and earnings (loss) from operations. The Company defines earnings (loss) from operations as earnings (loss) prior to: amortization of intangible assets, (gain) loss on sale of short-term investments and marketable securities and other assets, interest expense (income), foreign exchange gains and losses, inter-company expenses and income taxes.

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20. Segmented information (continued):

(a) Reportable segments:

| 2008 | Public Sector | Private Sector | Other | Total |
|--|---------------|----------------|-----------|------------|
| Revenue | \$ 230,769 | \$ 99,763 | \$ - | \$ 330,532 |
| Cost of revenue | 93,704 | 30,986 | - | 124,690 |
| | 137,065 | 68,777 | - | 205,842 |
| Research and development | 32,973 | 15,251 | - | 48,224 |
| Sales and marketing | 24,404 | 13,289 | - | 37,693 |
| General and administration | 36,941 | 18,644 | - | 55,585 |
| Depreciation | 2,611 | 1,031 | - | 3,642 |
| | 96,929 | 48,215 | - | 145,144 |
| Income before the undernoted | 40,136 | 20,562 | - | 60,698 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 29,568 | 12,773 | 294 | 42,635 |
| Gain (loss) on sale of short-term investments, marketable securities and other assets | 31 | 7 | (46) | (8) |
| Loss on held for trading investments related to mark to market adjustments | - | - | 421 | 421 |
| Interest expense (income), net | (129) | 14 | 1,230 | 1,115 |
| Foreign exchange loss (gain) | 705 | (2,505) | 1,345 | (455) |
| Inter-company expenses (income) | 2,043 | 3,526 | (5,569) | - |
| Income before income taxes | 7,918 | 6,747 | 2,325 | 16,990 |
| Income taxes (recovery): | | | | |
| Current | 4,221 | 1,528 | (568) | 5,181 |
| Future | (1,130) | (2,055) | - | (3,185) |
| | 3,091 | (527) | (568) | 1,996 |
| Net Income | \$ 4,827 | \$ 7,274 | \$ 2,893 | \$ 14,994 |
| Other selected information: | | | | |
| Goodwill acquired | \$ 2,661 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,661 |
| Property and equipment purchased | \$ 1,971 | \$ 737 | \$ 63 | \$ 2,771 |
| Total assets | \$ 272,892 | \$ 79,282 | \$ 33,625 | \$ 385,799 |

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20. Segmented information (continued):

| 2007 | Public Sector | Private Sector | Other | Total |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Revenue | \$ 156,804 | \$ 86,219 | \$ - | \$ 243,023 |
| Cost of revenue | 63,899 | 28,214 | - | 92,113 |
| | 92,905 | 58,005 | - | 150,910 |
| Research and development | 23,205 | 13,760 | - | 36,965 |
| Sales and marketing | 18,401 | 10,265 | - | 28,666 |
| General and administration | 27,246 | 16,881 | - | 44,127 |
| Depreciation | 2,145 | 972 | - | 3,117 |
| | 70,997 | 41,878 | - | 112,875 |
| Income before the undernoted | 21,908 | 16,127 | - | 38,035 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 14,973 | 7,391 | - | 22,364 |
| Other expenses | - | (230) | 244 | 14 |
| Loss (gain) on sale of short-term investments, marketable securities and other assets | 38 | 3 | (1,410) | (1,369) |
| Interest expense (income), net | (230) | (73) | (205) | (508) |
| Foreign exchange loss | 416 | 1,400 | 650 | 2,466 |
| Inter-company expenses (income) | 1,497 | 2,755 | (4,252) | - |
| Income before income taxes | 5,214 | 4,881 | 4,973 | 15,068 |
| Income taxes (recovery): | | | | |
| Current | 2,093 | 2,108 | 72 | 4,273 |
| Future | (55) | (260) | - | (315) |
| | 2,038 | 1,848 | 72 | 3,958 |
| Net Income | \$ 3,176 | \$ 3,033 | \$ 4,901 | \$ 11,110 |
| Other selected information: | | | | |
| Goodwill acquired | \$ 133 | \$ 1,545 | \$ - | \$ 1,678 |
| Property and equipment purchased | \$ 2,218 | \$ 692 | \$ 87 | \$ 2,997 |
| Total assets | \$ 166,820 | \$ 92,586 | \$ 7,741 | \$ 267,147 |

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20. Segmented information (continued):

(b) Geographic information:

The Company's external revenue by geographic region is based on the region in which the revenue is transacted. The property and equipment and goodwill and other intangible assets are based on the geographic region in which the Company operates:

| 2008 | Canada | USA | UK/Europe | Other | Total |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Revenue | \$ 53,453 | \$ 233,921 | \$ 35,646 | \$ 7,512 | \$ 330,532 |
| Property and equipment | 3,946 | 4,583 | 836 | 16 | 9,381 |
| Goodwill and other intangible assets | 90,981 | 91,837 | 15,236 | 29,953 | 228,007 |

| 2007 | Canada | USA | UK/Europe | Other | Total |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Revenue | \$ 40,605 | \$ 167,393 | \$ 28,191 | \$ 6,834 | \$ 243,023 |
| Property and equipment | 3,760 | 3,451 | 806 | 8 | 8,025 |
| Goodwill and other intangible assets | 72,820 | 65,100 | 6,510 | 13,106 | 157,536 |

21. Change in non-cash operating working capital:

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|---|----------|------------|
| Decrease in accounts receivable | \$ 8,252 | \$ 2,118 |
| Decrease (increase) in work in progress | (1,895) | 2,329 |
| Decrease (increase) in inventory | 41 | (626) |
| Decrease in prepaid expenses and other current assets | 794 | 1,825 |
| Change in acquired contract assets and liabilities | (2,348) | - |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities excluding holdbacks from acquisitions | 3,878 | (6,075) |
| Decrease in deferred revenue | (3,424) | (3,805) |
| Increase (decrease) in income taxes payable | (453) | 1,576 |
| | \$ 4,845 | \$ (2,658) |

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22. Commitments:

The Company and its subsidiaries lease premises and certain equipment and automobiles under operating leases. The operating rental expense in 2008 was \$7,589 (2007 - \$6,094). The annual minimum lease commitments are as follows:

| | |
|------------|-----------|
| 2009 | \$ 7,105 |
| 2010 | 5,626 |
| 2011 | 3,925 |
| 2012 | 3,161 |
| 2013 | 2,729 |
| Thereafter | 4,514 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 27,060 |

23. Guarantees:

- (a) In the ordinary course of business the Company and its subsidiaries have provided performance bonds and other guarantees for the completion of certain customer contracts. The total obligations of the Company pursuant to such bonds total approximately \$31,028 (2007 - \$3,189). No liability has been recorded in the consolidated financial statements.
- (b) As at December 31, 2008, in the normal course of business, the Company and its subsidiaries have outstanding letters of credit totalling \$7,000 (2007 - \$7,186).
- (c) In the normal course of business, some of the Company's subsidiaries entered into lease agreements for facilities. As the joint lessees, the subsidiaries agree to indemnify the lessor for liabilities that may arise from the use of the leased facility. The maximum amount potentially payable under the foregoing indemnity cannot be reasonably estimated. The subsidiaries have liability insurance that relates to the indemnifications.
- (d) The Company and its subsidiaries have provided routine indemnifications to some of its customers against liability if the Company's product infringes on a third party's intellectual property rights. The maximum exposure from the indemnifications cannot be reasonably estimated.

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24. Subsequent events:

During the month of January 2009, the Company completed an acquisition for net cash consideration of \$2,925 on closing plus a holdback of \$600.

On March 4, 2009 the Company declared a \$0.216 per share dividend payable on March 31, 2009 to all common shareholders and class A non-voting shareholders of record at close of business on March 17, 2009.

25. Comparative figures:

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.