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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended March 28, 2010.

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

For the transition period from to

Commission file number: 000-50350

NETGEAR, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

77-0419172
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

350 East Plumeria Drive,

San Jose, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

95134
(Zip Code)

(408) 907-8000
(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

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

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

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

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

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

The number of outstanding shares of the registrant's Common Stock, \$0.001 par value, was 35,203,571 as of April 30, 2010.

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Table of Contents**PART I: FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements****NETGEAR, INC.****UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(In thousands)**

| | March 28, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 130,983 | \$ 172,202 |
| Short-term investments | 109,964 | 74,898 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 150,140 | 162,853 |
| Inventories | 109,934 | 90,590 |
| Deferred income taxes | 13,675 | 13,347 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 19,941 | 20,835 |
| Total current assets | 534,637 | 534,725 |
| Property and equipment, net | 16,163 | 16,891 |
| Intangibles, net | 8,997 | 8,298 |
| Goodwill | 74,369 | 64,908 |
| Other non-current assets | 8,197 | 8,299 |
| Total assets | \$ 642,363 | \$ 633,121 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 53,361 | \$ 69,081 |
| Accrued employee compensation | 11,809 | 11,040 |
| Other accrued liabilities | 97,922 | 87,894 |
| Deferred revenue | 15,917 | 22,106 |
| Income taxes payable | 3,098 | 5,488 |
| Total current liabilities | 182,107 | 195,609 |
| Non-current income taxes payable | 18,811 | 17,479 |
| Other non-current liabilities | 5,770 | 5,880 |
| Total liabilities | 206,688 | 218,968 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 13) | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock | 35 | 35 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 288,606 | 280,256 |
| Cumulative other comprehensive income | 32 | 24 |
| Retained earnings | 147,002 | 133,838 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 435,675 | 414,153 |

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| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 642,363 | \$ 633,121 |
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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

| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 28, 2010 | March 29, 2009 |
| Net revenue | \$ 211,555 | \$ 152,018 |
| Cost of revenue | 138,731 | 109,087 |
| Gross profit | 72,824 | 42,931 |
| Operating expenses: | | |
| Research and development | 9,305 | 7,353 |
| Sales and marketing | 30,789 | 25,902 |
| General and administrative | 8,942 | 8,237 |
| Restructuring | 13 | 676 |
| Litigation reserves, net | 68 | 2,532 |
| Total operating expenses | 49,117 | 44,700 |
| Income (loss) from operations | 23,707 | (1,769) |
| Interest income | 70 | 304 |
| Other income (expense), net | (194) | 1,047 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 23,583 | (418) |
| Provision for income taxes | 9,856 | 3,352 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 13,727 | \$ (3,770) |
| Net income (loss) per share: | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.39 | \$ (0.11) |
| Diluted | \$ 0.38 | \$ (0.11) |
| Weighted average shares outstanding used to compute net income (loss) per share: | | |
| Basic | 34,947 | 34,351 |
| Diluted | 35,716 | 34,351 |

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

Table of Contents**NETGEAR, INC.****UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****(In thousands)**

| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 28, 2010 | March 29, 2009 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 13,727 | \$ (3,770) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 3,183 | 3,163 |
| Purchase premium amortization (discount accretion) on investments | (48) | 32 |
| Non-cash stock-based compensation | 3,141 | 2,916 |
| Income tax benefit (detriment) associated with stock option exercises | 1,519 | (555) |
| Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation | (1,416) | (1) |
| Deferred income taxes | 514 | 88 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisition: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 12,713 | 10,291 |
| Inventories | (19,344) | 20,217 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | 1,188 | 4,936 |
| Accounts payable | (15,720) | (25,160) |
| Accrued employee compensation | 769 | (930) |
| Other accrued liabilities | (535) | (12,509) |
| Deferred revenue | (6,189) | (2,133) |
| Income taxes payable | (1,058) | 604 |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (7,556) | (2,811) |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Purchases of short-term investments | (50,012) | |
| Proceeds from sale of short-term investments | 15,000 | |
| Purchase of property and equipment | (1,156) | (229) |
| Payments made in connection with business acquisition, net of cash acquired | (2,000) | (39) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (38,168) | (268) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Purchase and retirement of treasury stock | (563) | (187) |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options | 3,110 | 21 |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock under employee stock purchase plan | 542 | 623 |
| Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation | 1,416 | 1 |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 4,505 | 458 |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (41,219) | (2,621) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, at beginning of period | 172,202 | 192,839 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, at end of period | \$ 130,983 | \$ 190,218 |

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

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. The Company and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

NETGEAR, Inc. was incorporated in Delaware in January 1996. NETGEAR, Inc., together with its subsidiaries (collectively, "NETGEAR" or the "Company"), designs, develops and markets networking, network storage, and security products that address the specific needs of small businesses and homes, enabling users to share securely Internet access, peripherals, files, digital multimedia content and applications among multiple personal computers, TVs and other Internet-enabled devices. The Company's products include wireless, Ethernet, powerline networking, 3G, broadband access, network attached storage, and security products that are sold worldwide through distributors, traditional retailers, online retailers, direct market resellers ("DMRs"), value added resellers ("VARs") and broadband service providers.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of NETGEAR, Inc., and its wholly owned subsidiaries. They have been prepared in accordance with established guidelines for interim financial reporting and with the instructions of Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The balance sheet dated December 31, 2009 has been derived from audited financial statements at such date. In the opinion of management, the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments considered necessary (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) to fairly state the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods indicated. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to the consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

The Company's fiscal year begins on January 1 of the year stated and ends on December 31 of the same year. The Company reports its interim results on a fiscal quarter basis rather than on a calendar quarter basis. Under the fiscal quarter basis, each of the first three fiscal quarters ends on the Sunday closest to the calendar quarter end, with the fourth quarter ending on December 31.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect (i) the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, (ii) the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and (iii) the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates and operating results for the three months ended March 28, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2010.

The Company's significant accounting policies are disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. Other than the Company's accounting policy related to revenue recognition presented below, the Company's significant accounting policies have not materially changed during the three months ended March 28, 2010.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue from product sales is generally recognized at the time the product is shipped provided that persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, title and risk of loss has transferred to the customer, the selling price is fixed or determinable and collection of the related receivable is reasonably assured. Currently, for some of the Company's customers, title passes to the customer upon delivery to the port or country of destination, upon their receipt of the product, or upon the customer's resale of the product. At the end of each fiscal quarter, the Company estimates and defers revenue related to product where title has not transferred. The revenue continues to be deferred until such time that title passes to the customer. The Company assesses collectability based on a number of factors, including general economic and market conditions, past transaction history with the customer, and the creditworthiness of the customer. If the Company determines that collection of the fee is not reasonably assured, then the Company defers the fee and recognizes revenue upon receipt of payment.

In October 2009, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2009-13, "Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements" (ASU 2009-13). The guidance eliminates the residual method of revenue recognition and allows the use of management's best estimate of selling price for individual elements of an arrangement when vendor-specific objective evidence ("VSOE") or third-party evidence ("TPE") is unavailable. Concurrently to issuing ASU 2009-13, the FASB also issued ASU No. 2009-14, "Certain Revenue Arrangements That Include Software Elements". ASU 2009-14 excludes software that is contained on a tangible product from the scope of software revenue guidance if the software is essential to the tangible product's functionality. The Company elected to early adopt these standards at the beginning of its first quarter of fiscal year 2010 on a prospective basis for applicable transactions originating or materially modified after January 1, 2010.

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The Company has an insignificant amount of product offerings with multiple elements. The Company's multiple-element product offerings include networking hardware with embedded software, various software subscription services, and support, which are considered separate units of accounting. In general, the networking hardware with embedded software is delivered up front, while the subscription services and support are delivered over the subscription and support period. The Company allocates revenue to the software deliverables and the non-software deliverables (including software deliverables which function together with hardware deliverables to provide the product's essential functionality) based upon their relative selling price. Revenue allocated to each unit of accounting is then recognized when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, title and risk of loss has transferred to the customer, the selling price is fixed or determinable and collection of the related receivable is reasonably assured.

When applying the relative selling price method, the Company determines the selling price for each deliverable using its best estimate of selling price (ESP), as the Company has determined it is unable to establish VSOE of selling price or TPE of selling price for the deliverables. The objective of ESP is to determine the price at which the Company would transact a sale if the deliverable were sold on a stand-alone basis. The Company determines ESP for a deliverable by considering multiple factors including, but not limited to, market conditions, competitive landscape, internal costs, gross margin objectives and pricing practices. The determination of ESP is made through consultation with and formal approval by the Company's management, taking into consideration the go-to-market strategy.

Certain distributors and retailers generally have the right to return product for stock rotation purposes. Every quarter, stock rotation rights are generally limited to 10% of invoiced sales to the distributor or retailer in the prior quarter. Upon shipment of the product, the Company reduces revenue for an estimate of potential future product warranty and stock rotation returns related to the current period product revenue. Management analyzes historical returns, channel inventory levels, current economic trends and changes in customer demand for the Company's products when evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for sales returns, namely warranty and stock rotation returns. Revenue on shipments is also reduced for estimated price protection and sales incentives deemed to be contra-revenue under the authoritative guidance for revenue recognition.

The adoption of the new revenue recognition accounting standards did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows for the three months ended March 28, 2010. The new accounting standards for revenue recognition if applied in the same manner to the year ended December 31, 2009 would not have had a material impact on total net revenues for that fiscal year. The new accounting standards for revenue recognition are not expected to have a material impact on total net revenues for the year ended December 31, 2010 based on current business practices.

2. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In October 2009, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2009-13, *Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements* (ASU 2009-13). The guidance eliminates the residual method of revenue recognition and allows the use of management's best estimate of selling price for individual elements of an arrangement when vendor-specific objective evidence (VSOE) or third-party evidence (TPE) is unavailable. Concurrently to issuing ASU 2009-13, the FASB also issued ASU No. 2009-14, *Certain Revenue Arrangements That Include Software Elements*. ASU 2009-14 excludes software that is contained on a tangible product from the scope of software revenue guidance if the software is essential to the tangible product's functionality. The Company elected to early adopt these standards at the beginning of its first quarter of fiscal year 2010 on a prospective basis for applicable transactions originating or materially modified after January 1, 2010. These recent accounting pronouncements are discussed in additional detail in Note 1 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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On January 15, 2010, the Company completed the acquisition of certain intellectual property and other assets of Leaf Networks, LLC (Leaf). The acquisition qualified as a business acquisition and was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. The Company believes the acquisition will accelerate the Company's continuing networking technology research and development initiatives. The aggregate purchase price was \$2.1 million, of which \$2.0 million was paid in cash in the three months ended March 28, 2010. Additionally, the acquisition agreement specified that Leaf shareholders may receive a total additional payout of up to \$900,000 in cash over the three years following closure of the acquisition if developed products pass certain acceptance criteria. The Company has determined that the present value of the \$900,000 potential additional payout is approximately \$800,000, for which the Company will measure at fair value for each reporting period and has recorded a liability.

The results of Leaf's operations have been included in the consolidated financial statements since the date of acquisition. The historical results of operations of Leaf prior to the acquisition were not material to the Company's results of operations.

In accordance with the purchase method of accounting and as updated with the FASB's April 2009 additional authoritative guidance for business combinations, the Company allocated the total purchase price to identifiable intangible assets based on each element's estimated fair value. Acquisition costs were expensed as incurred, and were immaterial for this transaction. Purchased intangibles, representing the existing technology acquired from Leaf, will be amortized on a straight-line basis over their respective estimated useful lives. Goodwill was recorded based on the residual purchase price after allocating the purchase price to the fair market value of intangible assets acquired. Goodwill arose as a result of the \$800,000 present valuation of the \$900,000 potential additional payout, plus \$100,000 in additional payment consideration. The allocation of the purchase price was as follows (in thousands):

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Intangibles, net | 2,000 |
| Goodwill | 900 |
| Total purchase price allocation | \$ 2,900 |

Of the \$900,000 of goodwill recorded on the acquisition of Leaf, approximately \$400,000 is deductible for federal and state income tax purposes.

The \$2.0 million in acquired intangible assets was designated as existing technology. The value was calculated based on the present value of the future estimated cash flows derived from projections of future revenue attributable to existing technology. This \$2.0 million will be amortized over its estimated useful life of seven years.

4. Stock-based Compensation

The Company grants options and restricted stock units from the Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan, under which awards may be granted to all employees. In addition, the Company's stock option program includes the 2003 Stock Plan, from which the Company does not currently grant awards, but may choose to do so. Award vesting periods for these plans are generally four years. As of March 28, 2010, a total of 945,279 shares were reserved for future grants under these plans.

Additionally, the Company sponsors an Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the ESPP), pursuant to which eligible employees may contribute up to 10% of base compensation, subject to certain income limits, to purchase shares of the Company's common stock. Employees may purchase stock semi-annually at a price equal to 85% of the fair market value on the purchase date.

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The following table sets forth the total stock-based compensation expense resulting from stock options, restricted stock awards, and the ESPP included in the Company's Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 28, 2010 | March 29, 2009 |
| Cost of revenue | \$ 279 | \$ 242 |
| Research and development | 581 | 520 |
| Sales and marketing | 1,212 | 1,055 |
| General and administrative | 1,069 | 1,099 |
| | \$ 3,141 | \$ 2,916 |

The fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton option valuation model and the weighted average assumptions in the following table. The expected term of options granted is derived from historical data on employee exercise and post-vesting employment termination behavior. The risk free interest rate is based on the implied yield currently available on U.S. Treasury securities with an equivalent remaining term. Expected volatility is based on the historical volatility of the Company's stock for the three months ended March 28, 2010 and March 29, 2009:

| | Stock Options | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Three Months Ended | |
| | March 28, 2010 | March 29, 2009 |
| Expected life (in years) | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| Risk-free interest rate | 2.21% | 1.50% |
| Expected volatility | 50% | 51% |
| Dividend yield | | |

As of March 28, 2010, \$15.9 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to stock options, adjusted for estimated forfeitures, is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.35 years. Additionally, \$2.4 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested restricted stock awards, adjusted for estimated forfeitures, is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 0.95 years.

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

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

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

| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 28, 2010 | March 29, 2009 |
| Balance as of beginning of the period | \$ 30,610 | \$ 28,607 |
| Provision for warranty liability made during the period | 17,297 | 7,052 |
| Settlements made during the period | (13,451) | (11,532) |
| Balance at end of period | \$ 34,456 | \$ 24,127 |

6. Shipping and Handling Fees and Costs

The Company includes shipping and handling fees billed to customers in net revenue. Shipping and handling costs associated with inbound freight are included in cost of revenue and ending inventory. Shipping and handling costs associated with outbound freight are included in sales and marketing expenses and totaled \$2.8 million for the three months ended March 28, 2010 and \$2.7 million for the three months ended March 29, 2009.

7. Restructuring

In July 2008, the Company ceased using buildings leased in Santa Clara and Fremont, California, and consolidated all personnel and operations from those locations to its new corporate headquarters in San Jose, California. The Company has subleased a substantial portion of the Santa Clara building through December 2010, which is the end of the lease term. The Company presents expenses related to restructuring as a separate line item in its unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations.

The following is a summary of the accrued restructuring charges:

| | Accrued Restructuring Charges at December 31, 2009 | Adjustment to Accrual Recognition | Present Value Accretion (In thousands) | Cash Payments | Accrued Restructuring Charges at March 28, 2010 |
|---|---|--|---|--------------------------|--|
| Abandonment of excess leased facilities | \$ 516 | \$ 5 | \$ 8 | \$ (139) | \$ 390 |

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\$ 516

\$ 390

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

Cash flow hedges

To help manage the exposure of operating margins to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, the Company hedges a portion of its anticipated foreign currency revenue, costs of revenue, and certain operating expenses. These hedges are designated at the inception of the hedge relationship as cash flow hedges under the authoritative guidance for derivatives and hedging. Effectiveness is tested at least quarterly both prospectively and retrospectively using regression analysis to ensure that the hedge relationship has been effective and is likely to remain effective in the future. The Company typically hedges portions of its anticipated foreign currency exposure for three to five months. The Company enters into about six forward contracts per quarter with an average size of about \$5 million USD equivalent related to its cash flow hedging program.

The Company expects to reclass to earnings all of the amounts recorded in other comprehensive income associated with its cash flow hedges over the next 12 months. Other comprehensive income associated with cash flow hedges of foreign currency revenue is recognized as a component of net revenue in the same period as the related revenue is recognized. Other comprehensive income associated with cash flow hedges of foreign currency costs of revenue and operating expenses are recognized as a component of cost of revenue and operating expense in the same period as the costs of revenue and operating expenses are recognized, respectively.

Derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges must be de-designated as hedges when it is probable the forecasted hedged transaction will not occur within the designated hedge period or if not recognized within 60 days following the end of the hedge period. Deferred gains and losses in other comprehensive income associated with such derivative instruments are reclassified immediately into earnings through other income and expense. Any subsequent changes in fair value of such derivative instruments also are reflected in current earnings unless they are re-designated as hedges of other transactions. The Company did not enter into any cash flow hedges in the three months ended March 29, 2009. The Company did not recognize any material net gains or losses related to the loss of hedge designation on discontinued cash flow hedges during the three months ended March 28, 2010 and March 29, 2009, respectively.

Non-designated hedges

The Company enters into non-designated hedges under the authoritative guidance for derivatives and hedging to manage the exposure of non-functional currency monetary assets and liabilities held on its financial statements to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, as well as to reduce volatility in other income and expense. The non-designated hedges are generally expected to offset the changes in value of its net non-functional currency asset and liability position resulting from foreign exchange rate fluctuations. Foreign currency denominated accounts receivable and payable are hedged with non-designated hedges when the related anticipated foreign revenue and expenses are recognized in the Company's financial statements. The Company also hedges certain non-functional currency monetary assets and liabilities which may not be incorporated into the cash flow hedge program. The Company adjusts its non-designated hedges monthly and enters into about eight non-designated derivatives per quarter. The average size of its non-designated hedges is about \$4 million USD equivalent and these hedges range from one to five months in duration.

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

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

The fair values of the Company's derivative instruments and the line items on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet to which they were recorded as of March 28, 2010 and December 31, 2009 are summarized as follows:

| Derivative Assets | Balance Sheet Location | Fair Value at March 28, 2010 (In thousands) | Balance Sheet Location | Fair Value at December 31, 2009 |
|---|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| Derivative assets not designated as hedging instruments | Prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$ 1,268 | Prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$ 1,329 |
| Derivative assets designated as hedging instruments | Prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$ 28 | Prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$ |
| Total | | \$ 1,296 | | \$ 1,329 |

| Derivative Liabilities | Balance Sheet Location | Fair Value at March 28, 2010 (In thousands) | Balance Sheet Location | Fair Value at December 31, 2009 |
|--|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Derivative liabilities not designated as hedging instruments | Other accrued liabilities | \$ (359) | Other accrued liabilities | \$ (347) |
| Derivative liabilities designated as hedging instruments | Other accrued liabilities | \$ (41) | Other accrued liabilities | \$ (1) |
| Total | | \$ (400) | | \$ (348) |

For details of the Company's fair value measurements, please see Note 14 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

| Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments | Location of Gains or (Losses) Recognized in Income on Derivative | Amount of Gains or (Losses) Recognized in Income on Derivative | |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| | | Three Months Ended March 28, 2010 | Three Months Ended March 29, 2009 |
| Foreign currency forward contracts | Other income (expense), net | \$ 1,767 | \$ 3,527 |

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The effects of the Company's derivative instruments on other comprehensive income and the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the three months ended March 28, 2010 are summarized as follows:

| Derivatives Designated as | Gain or (Loss) Recognized in OCI - Effective Portion (a) | Location of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income - Effective Portion | Three Months Ended March 28, 2010 | | Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|
| | | | Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from OCI into Income - Effective Portion (a) | Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing | |
| Hedging Instruments | | | | | |
| Cash flow hedges: | | | | | |
| Foreign currency forward contracts | \$ 155 | Net revenue | \$ 247 | Other income (expense), net | \$ (26) |
| Foreign currency forward contracts | | Cost of revenue | (4) | Other income (expense), net | |
| Foreign currency forward contracts | | Operating expenses | (93) | Other income (expense), net | |
| Total | \$ 155 | | \$ 150 | | \$ (26) |

(a) Refer to Note 15, Comprehensive Income and Cumulative Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, which summarizes the activity in other comprehensive income related to derivatives.

The Company's cash flow hedge program was adopted during the second quarter of fiscal year 2009, and as such did not have any derivatives designated as hedging instruments in the three months ended March 29, 2009.

The Company did not recognize any net gain or loss related to the ineffective portion of cash flow hedges during the three months ended March 28, 2010 and March 29, 2009.

9. Balance Sheet Components

Accounts receivable, net:

| | March 28, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | (In thousands) | |
| Gross accounts receivable | \$ 167,377 | \$ 178,430 |
| Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts | (2,028) | (2,039) |
| Allowance for sales returns | (12,344) | (11,993) |
| Allowance for price protection | (2,865) | (1,545) |
| Total allowances | (17,237) | (15,577) |
| Accounts receivable, net | \$ 150,140 | \$ 162,853 |

Inventories:

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| | March 28, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | (In thousands) | |
| Raw materials | \$ 2,683 | \$ 1,150 |
| Finished goods | 107,251 | 89,440 |
| Total | \$ 109,934 | \$ 90,590 |

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

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Property and equipment, net:

| | March 28, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| | (In thousands) | |
| Computer equipment | \$ 5,099 | \$ 5,084 |
| Furniture, fixtures and leasehold improvements | 8,441 | 8,435 |
| Software | 17,959 | 17,954 |
| Machinery | 12,492 | 11,549 |
| Construction in progress | 602 | 415 |
| | 44,593 | 43,437 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization | (28,430) | (26,546) |
| Property and equipment, net | \$ 16,163 | \$ 16,891 |

Goodwill:

| | Goodwill at December 31, 2009 | Infrant Technologies, Inc. Contingent Payment | Leaf Networks, LLC | Goodwill at March 28, 2010 |
|----------|--|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| | (In thousands) | | | |
| Goodwill | \$ 64,908 | \$ 8,561 | \$ 900 | \$ 74,369 |

Goodwill increased \$9.5 million in the three months ended March 28, 2010, primarily consisting of \$8.6 million attributable to a contingent payment related to certain milestones for the Company's May 2007 acquisition of Infrant Technologies, Inc. (Infrant). As of March 28, 2010, the milestones were met, and the Company is obligated to pay a \$10 million contingent payment in the second quarter of 2010. Of this \$10 million, approximately \$450,000 has been recognized as compensation expense and approximately \$990,000 has been recognized as a reduction in taxes payable, with the remainder allocated to goodwill. Of this \$450,000 in compensation expense, approximately \$113,000 was recognized in the three months ended December 31, 2009 and approximately \$339,000 was recognized in the three months ended March 29, 2010. Additionally, \$900,000 in goodwill was recognized associated with the Company's January 2010 acquisition of Leaf. For additional discussion of this acquisition, please refer to Note 3 of the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Other accrued liabilities:

| | March 28, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| | (In thousands) | |
| Sales and marketing programs | \$ 26,390 | \$ 30,767 |
| Warranty obligation | 34,456 | 30,610 |
| Freight | 5,217 | 6,958 |
| Infrant Technologies, Inc. contingent payment accrual | 10,000 | |
| Other | 21,859 | 19,559 |
| Other accrued liabilities | \$ 97,922 | \$ 87,894 |

10. Net Income (Loss) Per Share

Basic net income per share is computed by dividing the net income for the period by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per share is computed by dividing the net income for the period by the weighted average

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

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Net income (loss) per share for the three months ended March 28, 2010 and March 29, 2009 are as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

| | Three Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|
| | March 28, | March 29, |
| | 2010 | 2009 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 13,727 | \$ (3,770) |
| Weighted average shares outstanding: | | |
| Basic | 34,947 | 34,351 |
| Dilutive potential common shares | 769 | |
| Total diluted | 35,716 | 34,351 |
| Basic net income (loss) per share | \$ 0.39 | \$ (0.11) |
| Diluted net income (loss) per share | \$ 0.38 | \$ (0.11) |

Weighted average stock options and unvested restricted stock awards to purchase 2,547,540 shares of the Company's stock for the three months ended March 28, 2010 and 4,422,074 shares for the three months ended March 29, 2009 were excluded from the computation of diluted net income per share because their effect would have been anti-dilutive. In addition, as a result of the Company's net loss for the three months ended March 29, 2009, all potentially dilutive shares were anti-dilutive, and therefore, excluded from the computation of diluted net loss per share.

11. Income Taxes

The income tax provision for the three months ended March 28, 2010 was \$9.9 million, compared to the tax provision for the three months ended March 29, 2009 of \$3.4 million. The increase in tax expense is primarily caused by higher pre-tax income for the three months ended March 28, 2010, compared to the pre-tax income for the three months ended March 29, 2009. Tax expense for the three months ended March 29, 2009 was further adversely affected by a loss in a foreign jurisdiction where no tax benefit could be recorded. For the period ended March 28, 2010, the entity in that jurisdiction returned to profitability.

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

Operating segments are components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available and is regularly evaluated by management, namely the chief operating decision maker of an organization, in order to determine operating and resource allocation decisions. By this definition, the Company operates in one business segment, which comprises the development, marketing and sale of networking products for the small business and home markets. The Company's corporate headquarters and a significant portion of its operations are located in North America. The Company also conducts sales, marketing, customer service activities and certain distribution center activities through several small sales offices in Europe, the Middle-East and Africa (EMEA) and Asia as well as outsourced distribution centers.

For reporting purposes revenue is attributed to each geographic region based on the location of the customer. Net revenue by geographic region comprises gross revenue less such items as end-user customer rebates and other sales incentives deemed to be a reduction of net revenue per the authoritative guidance for revenue recognition, sales returns and price protection.

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Net revenue by geographic location is as follows (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 28, 2010 | March 29, 2009 |
| United States | \$ 106,278 | \$ 65,219 |
| EMEA | 81,135 | 74,166 |
| Asia Pacific and rest of the world | 24,142 | 12,633 |
| | \$ 211,555 | \$ 152,018 |

Long-lived assets, comprising fixed assets, are reported based on the location of the asset. Long-lived assets by geographic location are as follows (in thousands):

| | March 28, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| United States | \$ 12,490 | \$ 13,226 |
| EMEA | 261 | 282 |
| China | 3,051 | 2,860 |
| Asia Pacific and rest of the world (excluding China) | 361 | 523 |
| | \$ 16,163 | \$ 16,891 |

Significant customers are as follows (as a percentage of net revenue):

| | Three Months Ended | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 28, 2010 | March 29, 2009 |
| Best Buy Co., Inc. | 17% | 8% |
| Ingram Micro, Inc. | 13% | 10% |
| All others | 70% | 82% |
| | 100% | 100% |

13. Commitments and Contingencies***Litigation and Other Legal Matters******Wi-Lan Inc. v. NETGEAR***

In October 2007, a lawsuit was filed against the Company by Wi-Lan Inc. (Wi-Lan), a patent-holding company existing under the laws of Canada, in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas. Wi-Lan alleges that the Company infringes U.S. Patent Nos. 5,282,222, RE37,802 and 5,956,323. Wi-Lan has accused the Company of infringement with respect to its wireless networking products compliant with the IEEE 802.11 standards and ADSL products compliant with the ITUG.992 standards. Wi-Lan has also sued 21 other technology companies alleging similar claims of patent infringement. The Company filed its answer to the lawsuit in the first quarter of 2008. A claim construction hearing took place for the 222 and 802 Patents on March 11, 2010. The District Court has not issued the associated claim construction order. A claim construction hearing is scheduled for the 323 Patent on September 1, 2010. This action is now in the discovery phase. The District Court has scheduled a January 4, 2011 jury trial.

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Fujitsu et. al v. NETGEAR

In December 2007, a lawsuit was filed against the Company by Fujitsu Limited, LG Electronics, Inc. and U.S. Philips Corporation in the U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin. The plaintiffs allege that the Company infringes U.S. Patent Nos. 6,018,642, 6,469,993 and 4,975,952. The plaintiffs accuse the Company's wireless networking products compliant with the IEEE 802.11

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standards of infringement. The Company filed its answer to the lawsuit in the first quarter of 2008. The District Court held a claim construction hearing on August 15, 2008. On September 10, 2008, the District Court issued a claim construction order. In February 2009, the parties filed numerous motions for summary judgment concerning, among other things, non-infringement, invalidity, and other affirmative defenses. In September 2009, the District Court granted the Company's motion for summary judgment of non-infringement of the three patents-in-suit. The District Court determined that the Company's compliance with the 802.11 standard did not necessarily infringe the patents-in-suit and that the plaintiffs did not provide adequate evidence regarding the function of the Company's products to put the issue of infringement before a jury. In light of the District Court's determination that the patents-in-suit were not infringed, the District Court declined to address the Company's summary judgment claims of the invalidity of the patents in question. On October 19, 2009, the Plaintiff's filed their Notice of Appeal indicating that they will appeal the District Court's summary judgment rulings to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. On December 23, 2009, the Plaintiffs filed two briefs with the Federal Circuit appealing the District Court's summary judgment rulings. The Company's opposition brief was submitted on February 18, 2010. The Federal Circuit is scheduled to hear oral arguments on the appeal on June 7, 2010. On December 30, 2009, the District Court ordered litigation costs in the amount \$175,000 to be reimbursed to the Company, which have not yet been collected, or recognized, as of May 4, 2010.

OptimumPath, L.L.C. v. NETGEAR

In January 2008, a lawsuit was filed against the Company by OptimumPath, L.L.C. (OptimumPath), a patent-holding company existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina, in the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina. OptimumPath claims that certain of the Company's wireless networking products infringe on OptimumPath's U.S. Patent No. 7,035,281. OptimumPath also sued six other technology companies alleging similar claims of patent infringement. The Company filed its answer to the lawsuit in the second quarter of 2008. Several defendants, including the Company, jointly filed a request for inter partes reexamination of the OptimumPath patent with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (the USPTO) on October 13, 2008. On January 12, 2009, a reexamination was ordered with respect to claims 1-3 and 8-10 of the patent, but denied with respect to claims 4-7 and 11-32 of the patent. On February 4, 2009, the defendants jointly filed a petition to challenge the denial of reexamination of claims 4-7 and 11-32. In March 2009, the District Court granted defendants' motion to transfer the case to the Northern District of California. In July 2009, the petition to challenge the denial of reexamination of claims 4-7 and 11-32 was denied. The Company and OptimumPath attended a Court-ordered mediation on September 22, 2009 but were unable to make progress towards settlement. This action is now in the discovery phase. The District Court has set a February 17, 2011 claim construction hearing date, and a 10-day jury trial is scheduled to begin on May 23, 2011.

Ruckus Wireless v. NETGEAR

In May 2008, a lawsuit was filed against the Company by Ruckus Wireless (Ruckus), a developer of Wi-Fi technology, in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. Ruckus alleges that the Company infringes U.S. Patent Nos. 7,358,912 and 7,193,562 in the course of deploying Wi-Fi antenna array technology in its WPN824 RangeMax wireless router. Ruckus also sued Rayspan Corporation alleging similar claims of patent infringement. The Company filed its answer to the lawsuit in the third quarter of 2008. The Company and Rayspan Corporation jointly filed a request for inter partes reexamination of the Ruckus patents with the USPTO on September 4, 2008. The Court issued a stay of the litigation while the reexaminations proceeded in the USPTO. On November 28, 2008, a reexamination was ordered with respect to claims 11-17 of U.S. Patent No. 7,193,562, but denied with respect to claims 1-10 and 18-36. On December 17, 2008, the defendants jointly filed a petition to challenge the denial of reexamination of claims 1-10 and 18-36 of U.S. Patent No. 7,193,562. In July 2009, the petition was denied, and the remaining claims 11-17 were confirmed. The Company is appealing the confirmation of claims 11-17. On December 2, 2008, reexamination was granted to U.S. Patent No. 7,358,912. In early October 2009, the Company received an Action Closing Prosecution in the reexamination of the 7,358,912 patent. All the claims of the 7,358,912 patent, with the exception of the unchallenged claims 7 and 8, were finally rejected. On October 30, 2009, Ruckus submitted an after-final amendment in the 7,358,912 patent reexamination proceeding. The Company's comments to Ruckus' after-final amendment were submitted on November 30, 2009. The reexaminations and related appeals are proceeding in the USPTO. On December 1, 2009, the Court found that bifurcating the 7,193,562 patent from the 7,358,912 patent and commencing litigation on the 7,193,562 patent while the USPTO reexamination process and appeals are still pending would be an inefficient use of the Court's resources. Accordingly, the Court ruled that the litigation stay remains in effect. The parties' next status report is due by May 25, 2010.

On November 4, 2009, Ruckus filed a new complaint in the Northern District of California alleging the Company and Rayspan Corporation infringe a patent that is related to the patents previously asserted against the Company and Rayspan Corporation by Ruckus, as discussed above. This newly asserted patent is U.S. Patent No. 7,525,486 and entitled Increased wireless coverage patterns. As with the previous Ruckus action, the WPN824 RangeMax wireless router is the alleged infringing device. The Company

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challenged the sufficiency of Ruckus's complaint in this new action and moved to dismiss the complaint. Ruckus opposed this motion. The Court partially agreed with the Company's motion and ordered Ruckus to submit a new complaint, which Ruckus did. The initial case management conference occurred on February 11, 2010. At the case management conference, the District Court indicated that it may stay the newly-filed action until completion of the pending re-examination of the '562 Patent in the related Ruckus action described above and asked the parties to brief the issue. During the months of February and March of 2010 the parties briefed their positions on whether the Court should issue a stay. The Company and Rayspan argued for the stay while Ruckus argued against the stay. On March 25, 2010, the Court ordered a stay until the completion of '562 Patent's reexamination proceedings in the first Ruckus lawsuit against the Company and Rayspan. The Court instructed the parties to submit status reports to the Court every 6 months, apprising the Court of the status of the pending reexamination proceedings in the USPTO. Upon final exhaustion of all pending reexamination proceedings of the '562 Patent, including any appeals, the Court ordered the parties to jointly submit to the Court a letter indicating that all appeals have been exhausted and requesting a further case management conference.

Northpeak Wireless, LLC v. NETGEAR

In October 2008, a lawsuit was filed against the Company and thirty other companies by Northpeak Wireless, LLC (Northpeak) in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. Northpeak alleges that the Company's 802.11b compatible products infringe certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 4,977,577 and 5,987,058. The Company filed its answer to the lawsuit in the fourth quarter of 2008. On January 21, 2009, the District Court granted a motion to transfer the case to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. In August 2009, the parties stipulated to a litigation stay pending a reexamination request to the USPTO on the asserted patents. The reexaminations of the patents are proceeding. Thus far, all asserted claims of the '058 patent have been rejected on multiple grounds, and all asserted claims of the '577 patent have been rejected on obviousness grounds. The case is still stayed by stipulation, and no trial date has been set.

Data Network Storage, LLC v. NETGEAR

In April 2009, a lawsuit was filed against the Company and fourteen other companies by Data Network Storage, LLC (DNS) in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. DNS alleges that the Company and the other third parties infringe U.S. Patent No. 6,098,128. In particular, DNS is alleging that several of the Company's ReadyNAS products infringe upon DNS's patents. The Company filed its answer to the lawsuit in July 2009 and asserted that DNS's patents were both invalid and had not been infringed upon by the Company. In September 2009, at a Court-sanctioned early neutral evaluation, the parties were unable to reach an agreement on a settlement, and discovery is in process. On January 27, 2010, the Court denied co-defendant Fujitsu America, Inc.'s motion to stay the litigation, and the Company submitted its invalidity contentions on February 1, 2010. The Company and the plaintiff entered into settlement discussions in early March. Without admitting any wrongdoing or violation of law and to avoid the distraction and expense of continued litigation and the uncertainty of a jury verdict on the merits, the Company agreed to make a one-time lump sum payment in consideration for a fully paid and perpetual license to, and a covenant not to sue on, the '128 patent and the plaintiff's entire portfolio of U.S. patents, related patents, and foreign counterparts. The Company has made the required one-time lump sum payment, and the lawsuit by DNS against the Company was dismissed with prejudice on April 23, 2010. This arrangement did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows for the three months ended March 28, 2010.

WIAV Networks, LLC v. NETGEAR

In July 2009, a lawsuit was filed against the Company and over fifty other companies by WIAV Networks, LLC (WIAV) in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. WIAV alleges that the Company and the other defendants infringe U.S. Patent Nos. 6,480,497 and 5,400,338. WIAV alleges that the Company's wireless networking devices, including various routers and gateways, infringe upon WIAV's patents. The Company filed its answer to the lawsuit in October 2009 and asserted that WIAV's patents were both invalid and not infringed by the Company. In March 2010, the Company and its co-defendants filed a motion to transfer the case to the Northern District of California. WIAV opposed the motion. No oral arguments concerning the motion have taken place and the Court has not ruled on the motion. The status conference has not yet been scheduled, and discovery has not yet commenced.

PACid Group, LLC v. NETGEAR

In July 2009, a lawsuit was filed against the Company and thirty other companies by The PACid Group, LLC (PACid) in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. PACid alleges that the Company and the other defendants infringe U.S. Patent Nos. 5,963,646 and 6,049,612. PACid alleges that certain unnamed NETGEAR products that use encryption methods infringe upon PACid's patents. The Company filed its answer to the lawsuit in September 2009 and asserted that PACid's patents were both invalid and not infringed by the Company. The status conference has not yet been scheduled, and discovery has not yet commenced.

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On February 4, 2010, the Company was sued by MPH Technologies Oy (MPH) for infringement of U.S. patent 7,346,926 entitled Method for Sending Messages Over Secure Mobile Communication Links. MPH alleges that the Company's VPN Client Software, Dual WAN gigabit SSL VPN Firewall, ProSafe Dual WAN VPN Firewall with 8-port 10/100 Switch, ProSafe VPN Firewall with 8-port 10/100 Switch, ProSafe VPN Firewall 8 with 8-Port 10/100 Switch, ProSafe VPN Firewall 8 with 4-Port 10/100 Mbps Switch, ProSafe 802.11g Wireless ADSL Modem VPN Firewall Router, ProSafe Wireless-N VPN Firewall, and ProSafe 802.11 wireless VPN Firewall 8 with 8-port 10/100 Mbps Switch infringe claims of the 926 Patent. The Company has obtained outside counsel to represent it in this lawsuit but has not yet answered the complaint. The answer is due in May 2010.

IP Indemnification Claims

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

In June 2006, the Company received a request for indemnification from Charter and Charter Communications Operating, LLC, related to a lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas, by Rembrandt Technologies, L.P. (Rembrandt), a patent-holding company. Rembrandt also filed a similar lawsuit in the same jurisdiction against Comcast Corporation, Comcast Cable Communications, LLC and Comcast of Plano, LP. Rembrandt alleged that products implementing the DOCSIS standard, which are supplied to Charter, Comcast Corporation, Comcast Cable Communications, LLC and Comcast of Plano, LP by, among others, the Company, infringe various patents held by Rembrandt. In June 2007, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ordered these and other similar patent cases brought by Rembrandt consolidated and transferred to the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware. In November 2007, the Company along with Motorola, Inc., Cisco Systems, Inc., Scientific-Atlanta, Inc., ARRIS Group, Inc., Thomson, Inc. and Ambit Microsystems, Inc. filed a complaint for declaratory judgment in the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware against Rembrandt, seeking a declaration that eight asserted Rembrandt patents asserted in the transferred cases are either invalid or not infringed. The District Court held a claim construction hearing on August 5, 2008. On November 29, 2008, the District Court issued its claim construction order. After the District Court's order, Rembrandt agreed to drop three patents from the case, leaving five patents at issue. The District Court held a mediation on March 3-4, 2009 but the parties were unable to reach a resolution. On July 21, 2009, Rembrandt delivered to the Company and other parties an executed covenant not to sue on any of the eight patents originally in the suit, contending that the execution of the covenant divests the District Court of jurisdiction or renders moot the remaining claims and counterclaims in the action. On July 31, 2009, Rembrandt filed a motion to dismiss the litigation. While Rembrandt's motion was pending, the defendants filed motions for summary judgment, sanctions, and responses to Rembrandt's motion to dismiss. In early October 2009, the District Court suspended all further dates for the case while it reviewed the pending motions and case status. On October 23, 2009, the Court ordered Rembrandt to supplement the covenant not to sue to include any products or services that comply with DOCSIS 1.0, 1.1, 2.0 or 3 and dismissed Rembrandt's various infringement claims on the eight patents with prejudice. The Court gave Rembrandt five days to withdraw its motion to dismiss the litigation if it found the Court's conditions on dismissal to be unacceptable. Rembrandt did not withdraw its motion to dismiss the litigation, and on October 30, 2009, Rembrandt executed a covenant not to sue on any of the eight patents in the case and any products or services that comply with DOCSIS 1.0, 1.1, 2.0 or 3. The Company and its co-defendants moved for attorneys' fees to be paid by Rembrandt. Rembrandt has opposed the motion. The parties are waiting for the Court to rule on the motion.

All of the above described claims against the Company, or filed by the Company, whether meritorious or not, could be time-consuming, result in costly litigation, require significant amounts of management time, and result in the diversion of significant operational resources. Were an unfavorable outcome to occur, there exists the possibility it would have a material adverse impact on the Company's financial position and results of operations for the period in which the unfavorable outcome occurs or becomes probable. In addition, the Company is subject to legal proceedings, claims and litigation arising in the ordinary course of business, including litigation related to intellectual property and employment matters.

Based on currently available information, the Company does not believe that the ultimate outcomes of any unresolved matters, individually and in the aggregate, are likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, liquidity or results of operations within the next twelve months. However, litigation is subject to inherent uncertainties, and the Company's view of these

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matters may change in the future. Were an unfavorable outcome to occur, there exists the possibility of a material adverse impact on the Company's financial position and results of operations or liquidity for the period in which the unfavorable outcome occurs or becomes probable, and potentially in future periods.

Environmental Regulation

The European Union (EU) has enacted the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive, which makes producers of electrical goods, including home and small business networking products, financially responsible for specified collection, recycling, treatment and disposal of past and future covered products. The deadline for the individual member states of the EU to enact the directive in their respective countries was August 13, 2004 (such legislation, together with the directive, the WEEE Legislation). Producers participating in the market are financially responsible for implementing these responsibilities under the WEEE Legislation beginning in August 2005. Similar WEEE Legislation has been or may be enacted in other jurisdictions, including in the United States, Canada, Mexico, China and Japan. The Company adopted the authoritative guidance for asset retirement and environmental obligations in the third quarter of fiscal 2005 and has determined that its effect did not have a material impact on its consolidated results of operations and financial position for the three months ended March 28, 2010 and the three months ended March 29, 2009. The Company is continuing to evaluate the impact of the WEEE Legislation and similar legislation in other jurisdictions as individual countries issue their implementation guidance.

Additionally, the EU has enacted the Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive (RoHS Legislation). The RoHS Legislation, along with similar legislation in China, prohibits the use of certain substances, including mercury and lead, in certain products put on the market after July 1, 2006. The Company believes it has met the requirements of the RoHS Legislation.

Employment Agreements

The Company has signed various employment agreements with key executives pursuant to which if their employment is terminated without cause, the employees are entitled to receive their base salary (and commission or bonus, as applicable) for 52 weeks (for the Chief Executive Officer) and up to 26 weeks (for other key executives). Such employees will continue to have stock options vest for up to a one year period following the termination. If the termination without cause occurs within one year of a change in control, such employees are entitled to full acceleration (for the Chief Executive Officer) and up to two years acceleration (for other key executives) of any unvested portion of his or her stock options.

Leases

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

Guarantees and Indemnifications

The Company has entered into various inventory-related purchase agreements with suppliers. Generally, under these agreements, 50% of orders are cancelable by giving notice 46 to 60 days prior to the expected shipment date and 25% of orders are cancelable by giving notice 31 to 45 days prior to the expected shipment date. Orders are non-cancelable within 30 days prior to the expected shipment date. At March 28, 2010, the Company had \$113.3 million in non-cancelable purchase commitments with suppliers. The Company establishes a loss liability for all products it does not expect to sell for which it has committed purchases from suppliers. Such losses have not been material to date.

The Company, as permitted under Delaware law and in accordance with its Bylaws, indemnifies its officers and directors for certain events or occurrences, subject to certain limits, while the officer or director is or was serving at the Company's request in such capacity. The term of the indemnification period is for the officer's or director's lifetime. The maximum amount of potential future indemnification is unlimited; however, the Company has a Director and Officer Insurance Policy that limits its exposure and enables it to recover a portion of any future amounts paid. As a result of its insurance policy coverage, the Company believes the fair value of these indemnification agreements is minimal. Accordingly, the Company has no liabilities recorded for these agreements as of March 28, 2010.

In its sales agreements, the Company typically agrees to indemnify its direct customers, distributors and resellers for any expenses or liability resulting from claimed infringements of patents, trademarks or copyrights of third parties. The terms of these

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indemnification agreements are generally perpetual any time after execution of the agreement. The maximum amount of potential future indemnification is unlimited. The Company believes the estimated fair value of these agreements is minimal. Accordingly, the Company has no liabilities recorded for these agreements as of March 28, 2010.

14. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company measures certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis. The following table summarizes the valuation of the Company's financial instruments as of March 28, 2010 and December 31, 2009:

| | Total | As of March 28, 2010 | | |
|---|------------|--|---|---|
| | | Quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1) | Significant other observable inputs (Level 2) | Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) |
| Cash equivalents money market funds | \$ 64,297 | \$ 64,297 | \$ | \$ |
| Available-for-sale securities U.S. Treasuries (1) | 109,964 | 109,964 | | |
| Foreign currency forward contracts (2) | 1,296 | | 1,296 | |
| Total | \$ 175,557 | \$ 174,261 | \$ 1,296 | \$ |

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

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

| | Total | As of March 28, 2010 | | |
|--|----------|--|---|---|
| | | Quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1) | Significant other observable inputs (Level 2) | Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) |
| Foreign currency forward contracts (3) | \$ (400) | \$ | \$ (400) | \$ |
| Total | \$ (400) | \$ | \$ (400) | \$ |

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

| | Total | As of December 31, 2009 | | |
|---|------------|--|---|---|
| | | Quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1) | Significant other observable inputs (Level 2) | Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) |
| Cash equivalents money market funds | \$ 120,324 | \$ 120,324 | \$ | \$ |
| Available-for-sale securities U.S. Treasuries (1) | 74,898 | 74,898 | | |
| Foreign currency forward contracts (2) | 1,329 | | 1,329 | |
| Total | \$ 196,551 | \$ 195,222 | \$ 1,329 | \$ |

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

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| | As of December 31, 2009 | | | |
|--|-------------------------|--|---|---|
| | Total | Quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1) | Significant other observable inputs (Level 2) | Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) |
| Foreign currency forward contracts (3) | \$ (348) | \$ | \$ (348) | \$ |
| Total | \$ (348) | \$ | \$ (348) | \$ |

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

The Company's investments in cash equivalents and available for sale securities are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy because they are valued based on quoted market prices in active markets. The Company enters into foreign currency forward contracts with only those counterparties that have long-term credit ratings of A+/A2 or higher. The Company's foreign currency forward contracts are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy as they are valued using pricing models that take into account the contract terms as well as currency rates and counterparty credit rates. The Company verifies the reasonableness of these pricing models using observable market data for related inputs into such models. Additionally, the Company includes an adjustment for non-performance risk in the recognized measure of fair value of derivative instruments. At March 28, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the adjustment for non-performance risk did not have a material impact on the fair value of the Company's foreign currency forward contracts.

The carrying value of non-financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis, including accounts receivable and accounts payable, approximate fair value due to their short maturities.

15. Comprehensive Income and Cumulative Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net

The following table sets forth the activity for each component of other comprehensive income (loss), net of related taxes, for the three months ended March 28, 2010 and March 29, 2009 (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|----------------|
| | March 28, 2010 | March 29, 2009 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 13,727 | \$ (3,770) |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on derivative instruments | 5 | |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities | 3 | (35) |
| Comprehensive income (loss) | \$ 13,735 | \$ (3,805) |

The following table sets forth the components of cumulative other comprehensive income (loss), net of related taxes, as of March 28, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

| | March 28, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|---|----------------|-------------------|
| Net unrealized gains on derivative instruments | \$ 25 | \$ 20 |
| Net unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities | 7 | 4 |
| Total cumulative other comprehensive income, net of taxes | \$ 32 | \$ 24 |

Table of Contents**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**
Forward-looking Statements

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

Overview

We design, develop and market innovative, branded technology products that address the specific networking, storage and security needs of small business and home users. We define a small business as a business with fewer than 250 employees. We offer an end-to-end networking product portfolio to enable users to share internet access, peripherals, files, digital multimedia content, and applications among multiple personal computers, TVs and other Internet-enabled devices. We are focused on satisfying the ease-of-use, reliability, performance and affordability requirements of these users.

Our product line consists of wired and wireless devices that enable Ethernet networking, broadband access, and network connectivity. These products are available in multiple configurations to address the needs of our end-users in each geographic region in which our products are sold.

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

Our net revenue increased 39.2% from the three months ended March 29, 2009 to the three months ended March 28, 2010. The increase in net revenue was principally attributable to higher sales in several of our product categories. These include wireless-N products sold to retailers and existing service provider customers, ReadyNAS products, TV multimedia products and switch products. The increase in net revenue was also attributable to the impact of a weaker U.S. dollar on our foreign currency denominated revenues.

The small business and home networking markets are intensely competitive and subject to rapid technological change. We expect our competition to continue to intensify. We believe that the principal competitive factors in the small business and home markets for networking products include product breadth, size and scope of the sales channel, brand name, timeliness of new product introductions, product performance, features, functionality and reliability, ease-of-installation, maintenance and use, and customer service and support. To remain competitive, we believe we must invest resources in developing new innovative products and enhancing our current products while continuing to expand our channels and maintaining customer satisfaction worldwide.

Our gross margin increased to 34.4% for the three months ended March 28, 2010, from 28.2% for the three months ended March 29, 2009. The increase in gross margin was primarily attributable to the impact of a relatively weaker U.S. dollar on our foreign currency denominated revenues. Furthermore, the increase was attributable to a lower percentage of our total revenue coming from service provider product sales which generally carry lower gross margins. This lower percentage of service provider revenue resulted

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primarily from higher than expected retail sales during the current quarter. Operating expenses for the three months ended March 28, 2010 were \$49.1 million, or 23.2% of net revenue, compared to \$44.7 million, or 29.4% of net revenue, for the three months ended March 29, 2009.

Net income increased \$17.5 million to income of \$13.7 million for the three months ended March 28, 2010, from a net loss of \$3.8 million for the three months ended March 29, 2009. This increase was primarily attributable to an increase in gross profit of \$29.9 million. This increase was offset by an increase in the provision for income taxes of \$6.5 million and an increase in operating expenses of \$4.4 million.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth the unaudited consolidated statements of operations and the percentage change for the three months ended March 28, 2010, with the comparable reporting periods in the preceding year.

| | Three Months Ended | | |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | March 28, 2010 | Percentage Change | March 29, 2009 |
| (In thousands, except percentage data) | | | |
| Net revenue | \$ 211,555 | 39.2% | \$ 152,018 |
| Cost of revenue | 138,731 | 27.2 | 109,087 |
| Gross profit | 72,824 | 69.6 | 42,931 |
| Operating expenses: | | | |
| Research and development | 9,305 | 26.5 | 7,353 |
| Sales and marketing | 30,789 | 18.9 | 25,902 |
| General and administrative | 8,942 | 8.6 | 8,237 |
| Restructuring | 13 | (98.1) | 676 |
| Litigation reserves, net | 68 | (97.3) | 2,532 |
| Total operating expenses | 49,117 | 9.9 | 44,700 |
| Income (loss) from operations | 23,707 | ** | (1,769) |
| Interest income | 70 | (77.0) | 304 |
| Other income (expense), net | (194) | ** | 1,047 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 23,583 | ** | (418) |
| Provision for income taxes | 9,856 | 194.0 | 3,352 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 13,727 | ** | \$ (3,770) |

** Percentage change not meaningful.

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

| | Three Months Ended | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | March 28, 2010 | March 29, 2009 |
| Net revenue | 100% | 100% |
| Cost of revenue | 65.6 | 71.8 |
| Gross margin | 34.4 | 28.2 |
| Operating expenses: | | |
| Research and development | 4.4 | 4.8 |
| Sales and marketing | 14.6 | 17.0 |
| General and administrative | 4.2 | 5.4 |
| Restructuring | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Litigation reserves, net | 0.0 | 1.7 |
| Total operating expenses | 23.2 | 29.4 |
| Income (loss) from operations | 11.2 | (1.2) |
| Interest income | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Other income (expense), net | (0.1) | 0.7 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 11.1 | (0.3) |
| Provision for income taxes | 4.6 | 2.2 |
| Net income (loss) | 6.5% | (2.5%) |

Three Months Ended March 28, 2010 Compared to Three Months Ended March 29, 2009**Net Revenue**

| | Three Months Ended | | |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | March 28, 2010 | Percentage Change | March 29, 2009 |
| Net revenue | \$ 211,555 | 39.2% | \$ 152,018 |

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

Net revenue increased \$59.6 million, or 39.2%, to \$211.6 million for the three months ended March 28, 2010, from \$152.0 million for the three months ended March 29, 2009. The increase in net revenue was principally attributable to higher sales in several of our product categories. These include wireless-N products sold to retailers and existing service provider customers, ReadyNAS products, TV multimedia products and switch products. The increase in net revenue was also attributable to the impact of a weaker U.S. dollar on our foreign currency denominated revenues.

In the three months ended March 28, 2010, net revenue generated within North America, Europe, the Middle-East and Africa (EMEA) and Asia Pacific was 50.2%, 38.4% and 11.4%, respectively, of our total net revenue. The comparable net revenue for the three months ended March 29,

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2009 was 42.9%, 48.8% and 8.3%, respectively, of our total net revenue. The percentage change in net revenue compared to the prior year comparable period for North America, EMEA, and Asia Pacific was a 63.0% increase, a 9.4% increase, and a 91.1% increase, respectively.

Table of Contents**Cost of Revenue and Gross Margin**

| | Three Months Ended | | |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 28, 2010 | Percentage Change | March 29, 2009 |
| | (In thousands, except percentage data) | | |
| Cost of revenue | \$ 138,731 | 27.2% | \$ 109,087 |
| Gross margin percentage | | 34.4% | 28.2% |

Cost of revenue consists primarily of the following: the cost of finished products from our third party contract manufacturers; overhead costs including purchasing, product planning, inventory control, warehousing and distribution logistics; inbound freight; warranty costs associated with returned goods; write-downs for excess and obsolete inventory, and amortization expense of certain acquired intangibles. We outsource our manufacturing, warehousing and distribution logistics. We believe this outsourcing strategy allows us to better manage our product costs and gross margin. Our gross margin can be affected by a number of factors, including fluctuation in foreign exchange rates, sales returns, changes in net revenues due to changes in average selling prices, end-user customer rebates and other sales incentives, and changes in our cost of goods sold due to fluctuations in prices paid for components, net of vendor rebates, warranty and overhead costs, inbound freight, conversion costs, and charges for excess or obsolete inventory.

Cost of revenue increased \$29.6 million, or 27.2%, to \$138.7 million for the three months ended March 28, 2010, from \$109.1 million for the three months ended March 29, 2009. In addition, our gross margin increased to 34.4% for the three months ended March 28, 2010, from 28.2% for the three months ended March 29, 2009. The increase in gross margin was primarily attributable to the impact of a relatively weaker U.S. dollar on our foreign currency denominated revenues. Furthermore, the increase was attributable to a lower percentage of our total revenue coming from service provider product sales which generally carry lower gross margins. This lower percentage of service provider revenue resulted primarily from higher than expected retail sales during the current quarter.

Operating Expenses**Research and Development**

| | Three Months Ended | | |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 28, 2010 | Percentage Change | March 29, 2009 |
| | (In thousands, except percentage data) | | |
| Research and development expense | \$ 9,305 | 26.5% | \$ 7,353 |
| Percentage of net revenue | | 4.4% | 4.8% |

Research and development expenses consist primarily of personnel expenses, payments to suppliers for design services, safety and regulatory testing, product certification expenditures to qualify our products for sale into specific markets, prototypes and other consulting fees. Research and development expenses are recognized as they are incurred. We have invested in building our research and development organization to enhance our ability to introduce innovative and easy-to-use products.

Research and development expenses increased \$1.9 million, or 26.5%, to \$9.3 million for the three months ended March 28, 2010, from \$7.4 million for the three months ended March 29, 2009. The increase was primarily attributable to increased costs of \$1.6 million related to an increase in payroll and other employee expenses primarily resulting from increased incentive compensation, as well as increased overall research and development headcount. Also included in the \$1.6 million was an increase of \$339,000 due to acquisition-related contingent compensation related to our May 2007 acquisition of Infranet Technologies, Inc. earned during the three months ended March 28, 2010 that did not occur during the three months ended March 29, 2009.

Table of Contents**Sales and Marketing**

| | March 28, 2010 | Three Months Ended Percentage Change | March 29, 2009 |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---------------------------|
| | (In thousands, except percentage data) | | |
| Sales and marketing expense | \$ 30,789 | 18.9% | \$ 25,902 |
| Percentage of net revenue | | 14.6% | 17.0% |

Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of advertising, trade shows, corporate communications and other marketing expenses, product marketing expenses, outbound freight costs, personnel expenses for sales and marketing staff and technical support expenses. In 2010 we expect sales and marketing costs to increase as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009 as we look to grow our revenue.

Sales and marketing expenses increased \$4.9 million, or 18.9%, to \$30.8 million for the three months ended March 28, 2010, from \$25.9 million for the three months ended March 29, 2009. Of this increase, \$3.7 million was related to an increase in payroll and other employee expenses primarily attributable to increased overall sales and marketing headcount, increased variable compensation and an increase in travel expenses. Sales and marketing headcount increased 10%, to 284 employees at March 28, 2010 compared to 259 employees at March 29, 2009. Additionally, marketing expenses increased attributable to increased marketing campaigns as a result of growth in revenue.

General and Administrative

| | March 28, 2010 | Three Months Ended Percentage Change | March 29, 2009 |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------|
| | (In thousands, except percentage data) | | |
| General and administrative expense | \$ 8,942 | 8.6% | \$ 8,237 |
| Percentage of net revenue | | 4.2% | 5.4% |

General and administrative expenses consist of salaries and related expenses for executive, finance and accounting, human resources, professional fees, allowance for doubtful accounts and other corporate expenses. In 2010 we expect general and administrative costs to increase slightly as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009.

General and administrative expenses increased \$705,000, or 8.6%, to \$8.9 million for the three months ended March 28, 2010, from \$8.2 million for the three months ended March 29, 2009. Of this increase, \$1.6 million was related to an increase in payroll and other employee expenses primarily attributable to increased incentive compensation, as well as increased overall general and administrative headcount. Partially offsetting these increases was a \$1.0 million decrease in fees for outside legal and other professional services attributable to decreased legal defense costs.

Restructuring

In July 2008, we ceased using buildings leased in Santa Clara and Fremont, California, and consolidated all personnel and operations from those locations to our new corporate headquarters in San Jose, California. We expensed \$13,000 and \$676,000 related to this relocation in the three months ended March 28, 2010 and March 29, 2009, respectively. For a further discussion of our restructuring expenses, please see Note 7 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Table of Contents***Litigation Reserves***

During the three months ended March 28, 2010 and March 29, 2009, we recorded a litigation reserve expense of \$68,000 and \$2.5 million, respectively, for estimated costs related to the settlement of various lawsuits filed against us. For a detailed discussion of our litigation matters, please see Note 13 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Interest Income and Other Income (Expense), Net

| | Three Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | March 28, 2010 | March 29, 2009 |
| | (In thousands) | |
| Interest income | \$ 70 | \$ 304 |
| Other income (expense), net | (194) | 1,047 |
| Total interest income and other income (expense), net | \$ (124) | \$ 1,351 |

Interest income represents amounts earned on our cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments. Other income (expense), net, primarily represents gains and losses on transactions denominated in foreign currencies and other miscellaneous expenses.

Interest income decreased \$234,000, or 77.0%, to \$70,000 for the three months ended March 28, 2010, from \$304,000 for the three months ended March 29, 2009. The decrease in interest income was primarily attributable to a decrease in the average interest rate earned in the three months ended March 28, 2010 as compared to the three months ended March 29, 2009.

Other income (expense), net, decreased \$1.2 million to an expense of \$194,000 for the three months ended March 28, 2010 from income of \$1.0 million for the three months ended March 29, 2009. Our foreign currency hedging program partially offset the strengthening of the U.S. dollar against the British pound and euro during three months ended March 28, 2010, resulting in expense of \$194,000. The U.S. dollar strengthened against the Australian dollar, British pound, and euro in the three months ended March 29, 2009, but our foreign currency hedging program more than offset losses related to these movements, resulting in income of \$1.0 million. For details of our hedging program and related foreign currency contracts, please see Note 8 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Provision for Income Taxes

The income tax provision for the three months ended March 28, 2010 was \$9.9 million, compared to the tax provision for the three months ended March 29, 2009 of \$3.4 million. The increase in tax expense is primarily caused by higher pre-tax income for the three months ended March 28, 2010, compared to the pre-tax income for the three months ended March 29, 2009. Tax expense for the three months ended March 29, 2009 was further adversely affected by a loss in a foreign jurisdiction where no tax benefit could be recorded. For the period ended March 28, 2010, the entity in that jurisdiction returned to profitability.

Net Income

Net income increased \$17.5 million to income of \$13.7 million for the three months ended March 28, 2010, from a net loss of \$3.8 million for the three months ended March 29, 2009. This increase was primarily attributable to an increase in gross profit of \$29.9 million. This increase was offset by an increase in the provision for income taxes of \$6.5 million and an increase in operating expenses of \$4.4 million.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our cash and cash equivalents balance decreased from \$172.2 million as of December 31, 2009 to \$131.0 million as of March 28, 2010. Operating activities during the three months ended March 28, 2010 used cash of \$7.6 million, compared to \$2.8 million used in the three months ended March 29, 2009. Investing activities during the three months ended March 28, 2010 used cash of \$38.2 million, primarily due to purchases of short-term investments. During the three months ended March 28, 2010, financing activities provided cash of \$4.5 million, resulting primarily from the issuance of common stock related to stock option exercises and our employee stock purchase program.

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Our days sales outstanding decreased from 71 days as of December 31, 2009 to 62 days as of March 28, 2010 due to our increased focus on collections.

Our accounts payable decreased from \$69.1 million at December 31, 2009 to \$53.4 million at March 28, 2010. The decrease of \$15.7 million is primarily attributable to timing of payments.

Inventory increased by \$19.3 million from \$90.6 million at December 31, 2009 to \$109.9 million at March 28, 2010. In the three months ended March 28, 2010 we experienced annualized ending inventory turns of approximately 5.0, down from approximately 6.7 in the three months ended December 31, 2009. This decrease is primarily attributable to our increased inventory levels to support current demand levels for our products and decreased use of inbound air freight.

As of March 28, 2010, we determined that the milestones associated with a contingent payment related to our May 2007 acquisition of Infrant Technologies, Inc. (Infrant) were met, and we are obligated to pay a \$10 million contingent payment in the second quarter of 2010.

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

We enter into various inventory-related purchase agreements with suppliers. Generally, under these agreements, 50% of the orders are cancelable by giving notice 46 to 60 days prior to the expected shipment date and 25% of orders are cancelable by giving notice 31 to 45 days prior to the expected shipment date. Orders are non-cancelable within 30 days prior to the expected shipment date. At March 28, 2010, we had approximately \$113.3 million in non-cancelable purchase commitments with suppliers. We establish a loss liability for all products we do not expect to sell for which we have committed purchases from suppliers. Such losses have not been material to date.

We enter into foreign currency forward-exchange contracts, which typically mature in three to six months, to hedge a portion of our exposure to foreign currency fluctuations of foreign currency-denominated revenue, costs of revenue, certain operating expenses, receivables, payables, and cash balances. We record on the consolidated balance sheet at each reporting period the fair value of our forward-exchange contracts and record any fair value adjustments in our Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and in our Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. Gains and losses associated with currency rate changes on hedge contracts that are non-designated under the authoritative guidance for derivatives and hedging are recorded within other income (expense), net, offsetting foreign exchange gains and losses on our monetary assets and liabilities. Gains and losses associated with currency rate changes on hedge contracts that are cash flow hedges under the authoritative guidance for derivatives and hedging are recorded within cumulative other comprehensive income until the related revenue, costs of revenue, or expenses are recognized.

In October 2008, the Board of Directors approved plans to purchase shares of our common stock in the open market. As of March 28, 2010, we were authorized to purchase up to an additional 4.8 million shares under the share repurchase plan. The stock repurchase authorization does not have an expiration date and the pace of repurchase activity will depend on various factors including, but not limited to, such factors as levels of cash generation from operations, cash requirements for acquisitions, and current stock price.

Table of Contents**Contractual Obligations and Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The following table describes our commitments to settle contractual obligations and off-balance sheet arrangements in cash as of March 28, 2010 (in thousands):

| Contractual Obligations | Less than 1 Year | 1 - 3 Years | 3 - 5 Years | Over 5 Years | Total |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Operating leases | \$ 6,019 | \$ 8,763 | \$ 7,320 | \$ 12,261 | \$ 34,363 |
| Purchase obligations | | 113,265 | | | 113,265 |
| | \$ 119,284 | \$ 8,763 | \$ 7,320 | \$ 12,261 | \$ 147,628 |

As of March 28, 2010, we did not have any off-balance-sheet arrangements, as defined in Item 303(a)(4)(ii) of SEC Regulation S-K.

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

As of March 28, 2010, we had total gross unrecognized tax benefits and related interest of \$19.2 million. The timing of any payments which could result from these unrecognized tax benefits will depend upon a number of factors. Accordingly, the timing of payment cannot be estimated. We do not expect a significant tax payment related to these obligations to occur within the next 12 months.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our critical accounting policies are disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. Other than our revenue recognition accounting policy, which is discussed in Note 1 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, our critical accounting policies have not materially changed during the three months ended March 28, 2010.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk
Interest Rate Risk

We do not use derivative financial instruments in our investment portfolio. We have an investment portfolio of fixed income securities that are classified as available-for-sale securities. These securities, like all fixed income instruments, are subject to interest rate risk and will fall in value if market interest rates increase. We attempt to limit this exposure by investing primarily in highly rated short-term securities. Additionally, our investment policy generally limits the amount of credit exposure to any one issuer. Our investment policy requires investments to be rated triple-A with the objective of minimizing the potential risk of principal loss. Due to the short duration and conservative nature of our investment portfolio, a movement of 10% by market interest rates would not have a material impact on our operating results and the total value of the portfolio over the next fiscal year. We monitor our interest rate and credit risks, including our credit exposure to specific rating categories and to individual issuers. There were no impairment charges on our investments during the three months ended March 28, 2010.

Foreign Currency Transaction Risk

We invoice some of our international customers in foreign currencies including, but not limited to, the Australian dollar, British pound, euro, and Japanese yen. As the customers that are currently invoiced in local currency become a larger percentage of our business, or to the extent we begin to bill additional customers in foreign currencies, the impact of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates could have a more significant impact on our results of operations. For those customers in our international markets that we continue to sell to in U.S. dollars, an increase in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to foreign currencies could make our products

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more expensive and therefore reduce the demand for our products. Such a decline in the demand for our products could reduce sales and negatively impact our operating results. Certain operating expenses of our foreign operations require payment in the local currencies.

We are exposed to risks associated with foreign exchange rate fluctuations due to our international sales and operating activities. These exposures may change over time as business practices evolve and could negatively impact our operating results and financial condition. We began using foreign currency forward contract derivatives in the fourth quarter of 2008 to partially offset our business exposure to foreign exchange risk on our foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities. Additionally, in the second quarter of 2009 we began entering into certain foreign currency forward contracts that have been designated as cash-flow hedges under the authoritative guidance for derivatives and hedging to partially offset our business exposure to foreign exchange risk on portions of our anticipated foreign currency revenue, costs of revenue, and certain operating expenses. The objective of these foreign currency forward contracts is to reduce the impact of currency exchange rate movements on our operating results by offsetting gains and losses on the forward contracts with increases or decreases in foreign currency transactions. The contracts are marked-to-market on a monthly basis with gains and losses included in other income (expense), net in the Unaudited Consolidated Statements of Operations, and in cumulative other comprehensive income on the Balance Sheet. We do not use foreign currency contracts for speculative or trading purposes. Hedging of our balance sheet and anticipated cash flow exposures may not always be effective to protect us against currency exchange rate fluctuations. In addition, we do not fully hedge our balance sheet and anticipated cash flow exposures, leaving us at risk to foreign exchange gains and losses on the un-hedged exposures. If there was an adverse movement in exchange rates, we might suffer significant losses. See Note 8 of the Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements for additional disclosure on our foreign currency contracts, which are hereby incorporated by reference into this Part I, Item 3.

We are exposed to credit losses in the event of nonperformance by the counter-parties of our foreign currency forward contracts and non-designated hedges. We enter into foreign currency forward contracts and non-designated hedges with high-quality financial institutions. In addition, the foreign currency forward contracts and non-designated hedges are limited to a time period of less than one year, and we continuously evaluate the credit standing of our counter-party financial institutions. See Note 8 to the of Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

A hypothetical 10% movement in foreign exchange rates would result in an after-tax positive or negative impact of \$2,000 to net income, net of our hedged position, at March 28, 2010. Actual future gains and losses associated with our foreign currency exposures and positions may differ materially from the sensitivity analyses performed as of March 28, 2010 due to the inherent limitations associated with predicting the foreign currency exchange rates, and our actual exposures and positions. For the three months ended March 28, 2010, 19.0% of total net revenue was denominated in a currency other than the U.S. dollar.

Item 4. *Controls and Procedures*
Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

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

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially effect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II: OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The information set forth under Note 13 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Part I, Item 1 of this report, is incorporated herein by reference. For an additional discussion of certain risks associated with legal proceedings, see the section entitled "Risk Factors" in Part II, Item 1A of this report.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

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

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

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

changes in the pricing policies of or the introduction of new products by us or our competitors;

changes in the terms of our contracts with customers or suppliers that cause us to incur additional expenses or assume additional liabilities;

slow or negative growth in the networking product, personal computer, internet infrastructure, home electronics and related technology markets, as well as decreased demand for internet access;

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

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

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

our inability to accurately forecast product demand;

component supply constraints from our vendors;

unfavorable level of inventory and turns;

unanticipated shift in overall product mix from higher to lower margin products that would adversely impact our margins;

unanticipated shift or decline in profit by geographical region that would adversely impact our tax rate;

delays in the introduction of new products by us or market acceptance of these products;

an increase in price protection claims, redemptions of marketing rebates, product warranty and stock rotation returns or allowance for doubtful accounts;

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litigation involving patent infringement;

epidemic or widespread failure in one or more of our products;

unanticipated safety issue involving one or more of our products;

challenges associated with integrating acquisitions that we make, or with realizing value from our strategic investments in other companies;

operational disruptions, such as transportation delays or failure of our order processing system, particularly if they occur at the end of a fiscal quarter;

delay or failure of our service provider customers to purchase at the volumes that we forecast;

foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations in the jurisdictions where we transact sales and expenditures in local currency;

our customers' inability to pay for purchased goods in a timely fashion;

bad debt exposure with our existing customers and as we expand into new international markets;

unanticipated increase in costs, including air freight, associated with shipping and delivery of our products;

our failure to implement and maintain the appropriate internal controls over financial reporting which may result in restatements of our financial statements; and

any changes in accounting rules.

As a result, period-to-period comparisons of our operating results may not be meaningful, and you should not rely on them as an indication of our future performance. In addition, our future operating results may fall below the expectations of public market analysts or investors. In that event, our stock price could decline significantly.

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

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

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

actual or anticipated fluctuations in our operating results or our competitors' operating results;

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actual or anticipated changes in the growth rate of the general networking sector, our growth rates or our competitors' growth rates;

conditions in the financial markets in general or changes in general economic conditions;

interest rate or currency exchange rate fluctuations;

our ability or inability to raise additional capital; and

our ability to report accurate financial results in our periodic reports filed with the SEC; and

changes in stock market analyst recommendations regarding our common stock, other comparable companies or our industry generally.

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

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

The recent economic problems affecting the banking system and financial markets and the recent uncertainty in global economic conditions resulted in a tightening in the credit markets, a low level of liquidity in many financial markets, and extreme volatility in credit, equity, currency and fixed income markets. There could be a number of follow-on effects from these economic developments and negative economic trends on our business, including the inability of customers to obtain credit to finance purchases of our products; customer insolvencies; decreased customer confidence to make purchasing decisions; decreased customer demand; and decreased customer ability to pay their trade obligations.

If conditions in the global economy, U.S. economy or other key vertical or geographic markets remain uncertain or weaken further, such conditions could have a material adverse impact on our business, operating results and financial condition. In addition, if we are unable to successfully anticipate changing economic and political conditions, we may be unable to effectively plan for and respond to those changes, which could materially adversely affect our business and results of operations.

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

We compete in a rapidly evolving and highly competitive market, and we expect competition to continue to be intense, including price competition. Our principal competitors in the small and medium business market include 3Com, Allied Telesyn, Buffalo, Dell, D-Link, Fortinet, Inc., Hewlett-Packard, Cisco Systems, the Linksys division of Cisco Systems, SonicWALL and WatchGuard. Our principal competitors in the home market include Apple, Belkin, D-Link, Cisco Systems and the Linksys division of Cisco Systems. Our principal competitors in the broadband service provider market include Actiontec, ARRIS, Comtrend, D-Link, Hitron, Huawei, Motorola, Sagem, Scientific Atlanta-a Cisco company, Ubee, ZyXEL, Thomson and 2Wire. Other current and potential competitors include numerous local vendors such as Devolo, LEA and AVM in Europe, Corega and Melco in Japan and TP-Link in China. Our potential competitors also include consumer electronics vendors who could integrate networking capabilities into their line of products, and our channel customers who may decide to offer self-branded networking products. We also face competition from service providers who may bundle a free networking device with their broadband service offering, which would reduce our sales if we are not the supplier of choice to those service providers.

Many of our existing and potential competitors have longer operating histories, greater name recognition and substantially greater financial, technical, sales, marketing and other resources. These competitors may, among other things, undertake more extensive marketing campaigns, adopt more aggressive pricing policies, obtain more favorable pricing from suppliers and manufacturers, and exert more influence on sales channels than we can. We anticipate that current and potential competitors will also intensify their efforts to penetrate our target markets. For example, price competition has intensified in our industry. Average sales prices have declined in the past and may continue to decline in the future. These competitors may have more advanced technology, more extensive distribution channels, stronger brand names, greater access to shelf space in retail locations, bigger promotional budgets and larger customer bases than we do. These companies could devote more capital resources to develop, manufacture and market competing products than we could. If any of these companies are successful in competing against us, our sales could decline, our margins could be negatively impacted and we could lose market share, any of which could seriously harm our business and results of operations.

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Our business is subject to the risks of international operations.

We derive a significant portion of our revenue from international operations. As a result, our financial condition and operating results could be significantly affected by risks associated with international activities, including economic and labor conditions, political instability, tax laws, and changes in the value of the U.S. dollar versus local currencies. Margins on sales of our products in foreign countries, and on sales of products that include components obtained from foreign suppliers, could be materially adversely affected by foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations and by international trade regulations. Additionally, certain foreign countries have complex regulatory requirements as conditions of doing business. Meeting these requirements may increase our operating expenses as we expand internationally.

We obtain several key components from limited or sole sources, and if these sources fail to satisfy our supply requirements, we may lose sales and experience increased component costs.

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

If we are unable to obtain a sufficient supply of components, or if we experience any interruption in the supply of components, our product shipments could be reduced or delayed. Component shortages and delays affect our ability to meet scheduled product deliveries, damage our brand and reputation in the market, and cause us to lose market share. For example, component shortages in the fourth quarter of 2009 limited our ability to supply all the worldwide demand for our products and our revenue was affected.

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

If we are unable to properly monitor, control and manage our sales channel inventory and maintain an appropriate level and mix of products with our wholesale distributors and within our sales channels, we may incur increased and unexpected costs associated with this inventory. We generally allow wholesale distributors and traditional retailers to return a limited amount of our products in exchange for other products. Under our price protection policy, if we reduce the list price of a product, we are often required to issue a credit in an amount equal to the reduction for each of the products held in inventory by our wholesale distributors and retailers. If our wholesale distributors and retailers are unable to sell their inventory in a timely manner, we might lower the price of the products, or these parties may exchange the products for newer products. Also, during the transition from an existing product to a new replacement product, we must accurately predict the demand for the existing and the new product.

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

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

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

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

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

Changes in the regulatory environment;

Changes in accounting and tax standards or practices

Changes in the composition of operating income by tax jurisdiction; and

Our operating results before taxes.

We are subject to income taxes in the United States and numerous foreign jurisdictions. Our effective tax rate has fluctuated in the past and may fluctuate in the future. Future effective tax rates could be affected by changes in the composition of earnings in countries with differing tax rates, changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities, or changes in tax laws. Earlier this year, the current Administration issued its 2011 budget proposals that included proposed changes in U.S. tax law that may adversely affect our tax rate if adopted.

We are also subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and other tax authorities, including state revenue agencies and foreign governments. While we regularly assess the likelihood of favorable or unfavorable outcomes resulting from examinations by the IRS and other tax authorities to determine the adequacy of our provision for income taxes, there can be no assurance that the actual outcome resulting from these examinations will not materially adversely affect our financial condition and operating results. Additionally, the IRS and other tax authorities have increasingly focused attention on intercompany transfer pricing with respect to sales of products and services and the use of intangible assets. Tax authorities could disagree with our intercompany charges, cross-jurisdictional transfer pricing or other matters and assess additional taxes. Any such disagreements may affect our profitability.

We are subject to numerous governmental regulations concerning the manufacturing and use of our products. We must stay in compliance with all such regulations and any future regulations. Any failure to comply with such regulations, and the unanticipated costs of complying with future regulations, may adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We manufacture and sell products which contain electronic components, and as such components may contain materials that are subject to government regulation in both the locations that we manufacture and assemble our products, as well as the locations where we sell our products. An example of a regulated material is the use of lead in electronic components. To the best of our knowledge, we maintain compliance with all current government regulations concerning the materials utilized in our products, for all the locations in which we operate. Since we operate on a global basis, this is a complex process which requires continual monitoring of regulations and an ongoing compliance process to ensure that we and our suppliers are in compliance with all existing regulations. There are areas where future regulations may be enacted which could increase our cost of the components that we utilize. While we do not currently know of any proposed regulation regarding components in our products, which would have a material impact on our business, if there is an unanticipated new regulation which significantly impacts our use of various components or requires more expensive components, that would have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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Our manufacturing process is also subject to numerous governmental regulations, which cover both the use of various materials as well as environmental concerns. To the best of our knowledge, we maintain compliance with all current government regulations concerning our production processes, for all locations in which we operate. Since we operate on a global basis, this is also a complex process which requires continual monitoring of regulations and an ongoing compliance process to ensure that we and our suppliers are in compliance with all existing regulations. There are areas where future regulations may be enacted which could increase our cost of manufacture. One area which has a large number of potential changes in regulations is the environmental area. Environmental areas such as pollution and climate change have had significant legislative and regulatory efforts on a global basis, and there are expected to be additional changes to the regulations in these areas. These changes could directly increase the cost of energy which may have an impact on the way we manufacture products or utilize energy to produce our products. In addition, any new regulations or laws in the environmental area might increase the cost of raw materials we use in our products. While future changes in regulations appears likely, we are currently unable to predict how any such changes will impact us and if such impacts will be material to our business. If there is a new law or regulation that significantly increases our costs of manufacturing or causes us to significantly alter the way that we manufacture our products, this would have a material adverse affect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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

The networking industry is characterized by the existence of a large number of patents and frequent claims and related litigation regarding infringement of patents, trade secrets and other intellectual property rights. In particular, leading companies in the data communications markets, some of which are competitors, have extensive patent portfolios with respect to networking technology. From time to time, third parties, including these leading companies, have asserted and may continue to assert exclusive patent, copyright, trademark and other intellectual property rights against us demanding license or royalty payments or seeking payment for damages, injunctive relief and other available legal remedies through litigation. These include third parties who claim to own patents or other intellectual property that cover industry standards that our products comply with. If we are unable to resolve these matters or obtain licenses on acceptable or commercially reasonable terms, we could be sued or we may be forced to initiate litigation to protect our rights. The cost of any necessary licenses could significantly harm our business, operating results and financial condition. Also, at any time, any of these companies, or any other third party could initiate litigation against us, or we may be forced to initiate litigation against them, which could divert management attention, be costly to defend or prosecute, prevent us from using or selling the challenged technology, require us to design around the challenged technology and cause the price of our stock to decline. In addition, third parties, some of whom are potential competitors, have initiated and may continue to initiate litigation against our manufacturers, suppliers, members of our sales channels or our service provider customers, alleging infringement of their proprietary rights with respect to existing or future products. In the event successful claims of infringement are brought by third parties, and we are unable to obtain licenses or independently develop alternative technology on a timely basis, we may be subject to indemnification obligations, be unable to offer competitive products, or be subject to increased expenses. Finally, consumer class-action lawsuits related to the marketing and performance of our home networking products have been asserted and may in the future be asserted against us. For additional information regarding certain of the lawsuits in which we are involved, see the information set forth under Note 13 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 of this report, which information is incorporated into this Item 1A by reference. If we do not resolve these claims on a favorable basis, our business, operating results and financial condition could be significantly harmed.

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

Our products are complex and may contain defects, errors or failures, particularly when first introduced or when new versions are released. The industry standards upon which many of our products are based are also complex, experience change over time and may be interpreted in different manners. Some errors and defects may be discovered only after a product has been installed and used by the end-user. For example, in January 2008, we announced a voluntary recall of the XE103 Powerline Ethernet Adapter made for Europe and other countries using 220-240 volt power sources and sold individually or in a bundled kit. In addition, certain of our contracts include epidemic failure clauses. If invoked, these clauses may entitle the customer to return for replacement or obtain credits for products and inventory, as well as terminate an existing contract and cancel future purchase orders. In such instances, we may also be obligated to cover significant costs incurred by the customer associated with the consequences of such epidemic failure, including freight and transportation required for product replacement. Costs or payments we make in connection with an epidemic failure may materially adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. If our products contain defects or errors, or are found to be noncompliant with industry standards, we could experience decreased sales and increased product returns, loss of customers and market share, and increased service, warranty and insurance costs. In addition, our reputation and brand could be damaged, and we

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could face legal claims regarding our products. A product liability or other claim could result in negative publicity and harm our reputation, resulting in unexpected expenses and adversely impact our operating results. For instance, if a third party were able to successfully overcome the security measures in our products, such a person or entity could misappropriate customer data, third party data stored by our customers and other information, including intellectual property. In addition, the operations of our end-user customers may be interrupted. If that happens, affected end-users or others may file actions against us alleging product liability, tort, or breach of warranty claims.

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

We operate in a highly competitive, quickly changing environment, and our future success depends on our ability to develop and introduce new products that achieve broad market acceptance in the small business and home markets. Our future success will depend in large part upon our ability to identify demand trends in the small business and home markets and quickly develop, manufacture and sell products that satisfy these demands in a cost effective manner. Successfully predicting demand trends is difficult, and it is very difficult to predict the effect introducing a new product will have on existing product sales. We will also need to respond effectively to new product announcements by our competitors by quickly introducing competitive products.

We have experienced delays and quality issues in releasing new products in the past, which resulted in lower quarterly net revenue than expected. In addition, we have experienced, and may in the future experience, product introductions that fall short of our projected rates of market adoption. Any future delays in product development and introduction or product introductions that do not meet broad market acceptance could result in:

loss of or delay in revenue and loss of market share;

negative publicity and damage to our reputation and brand;

a decline in the average selling price of our products;

adverse reactions in our sales channels, such as reduced shelf space, reduced online product visibility, or loss of sales channel; and

increased levels of product returns.

We have had to restate our historical financial statements.

In July 2009, we announced that we had incorrectly reported our income tax provision for the three months ended March 29, 2009 and, as a result of this error, we restated the financial statements in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 29, 2009. The restatement, which related solely to the correction of the income tax provision for the three months ended March 29, 2009, resulted in adjustments related to income taxes in our financial statements. In our previously filed financial statements for the three months ended March 29, 2009, we incorrectly included a particular foreign entity in calculating our estimated annualized tax provision. This foreign entity should not have been included in the calculation because the anticipated losses in that entity would not give rise to tax benefits. While our overall annual tax provision was not affected for the entire year, we made an error in inter-quarter allocations of the tax provision. Material changes to our previously reported financial information occurred as a result of this error.

In connection with this restatement we identified certain control deficiencies relating to the application of applicable accounting literature related to recordation of tax expenses. These deficiencies constituted a material weakness in internal control over financial reporting as of March 29, 2009, which led to items requiring correction in our financial statements and our conclusion to restate such financial statements to correct those items. Specifically, the control deficiencies related to our failure to correctly apply the authoritative guidance for income taxes in determining the proper allocation of our annualized tax provision.

Although this material weakness has been remediated by December 31, 2009, we cannot be certain that the measures we have taken since this restatement will ensure that restatements will not occur in the future. Execution of restatements like the one described above create a significant

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strain on our internal resources and could cause delays in our filing of quarterly or annual financial results, increase our costs and cause management distraction. Restatements may also significantly affect our stock price in an adverse manner.

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We are required to evaluate our internal controls under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and any adverse results from such evaluation could impact investor confidence in the reliability of our internal controls over financial reporting.

Pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we are required to furnish a report by our management on our internal control over financial reporting. Such report must contain among other matters, an assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of the end of our fiscal year, including a statement as to whether or not our internal control over financial reporting is effective. This assessment must include disclosure of any material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting identified by management.

During the second quarter of fiscal 2009, in connection with the restatement of our previously issued financial statements for the period ended March 29, 2009, and our assessment of our disclosure controls and procedures, management concluded that as of March 29, 2009, our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective and that we had a material weakness in internal control over financial reporting. The material weakness related to the accounting for income taxes. Specifically, we did not maintain a sufficient complement of tax personnel with the required proficiency to identify, evaluate, review, and report complex tax accounting matters. In order to remediate the material weakness, we hired additional personnel in the tax department with sufficient knowledge and experience in tax to strengthen the controls around the tax provision. We also engaged tax specialists to assist us in the preparation and review of the income tax provision. As a result of these actions, management has concluded that we have remediated the material weakness related to income taxes as of December 31, 2009.

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

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

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

Traditional retailers have limited shelf space and promotional budgets, and competition is intense for these resources. If the networking sector does not experience sufficient growth, retailers may choose to allocate more shelf space to other consumer product sectors. A competitor with more extensive product lines and stronger brand identity, such as Cisco Systems, may have greater bargaining power with these retailers. Any reduction in available shelf space or increased competition for such shelf space would require us to increase our marketing expenditures simply to maintain current levels of retail shelf space, which would harm our operating margin. The recent trend in the consolidation of online retailers and DMR channels has resulted in intensified competition for preferred product placement, such as product placement on an online retailer's internet home page. Expanding our presence in the VAR channel may be difficult and expensive. We compete with established companies that have longer operating histories and longstanding relationships with VARs that we would find highly desirable as sales channel partners. We also sell products to broadband service providers. Competition for selling to broadband service providers is intense. Penetrating service provider accounts typically involves a long sales cycle and the challenge of displacing incumbent suppliers with established relationships and field-deployed products. If we were unable to maintain and expand our sales channels, our growth would be limited and our business would be harmed.

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

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

All of our products are manufactured, assembled, tested and generally packaged by a limited number of original design manufacturers (ODMs), contract manufacturers (CMs) and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). We rely on our manufacturers to procure components and, in some cases, subcontract engineering work. Some of our products are manufactured by a single manufacturer. We do not have any long-term contracts with any of our third party manufacturers. Some of these third party manufacturers produce products for our competitors. Due to weak economic conditions, the viability of some of these third party manufacturers may be at risk. The loss of the services of any of our primary third party manufacturers could cause a significant disruption in operations and delays in product shipments. Qualifying a new manufacturer and commencing volume production is expensive and time consuming.

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

unexpected increases in manufacturing and repair costs;

inability to control the quality of finished products;

inability to control delivery schedules; and

potential lack of adequate capacity to manufacture all or a part of the products we require.

All of our products must satisfy safety and regulatory standards and some of our products must also receive government certifications. Our ODMs, CMs and OEMs are primarily responsible for obtaining most regulatory approvals for our products. If our ODMs, CMs and OEMs fail to obtain timely domestic or foreign regulatory approvals or certificates, we would be unable to sell our products and our sales and profitability could be reduced, our relationships with our sales channel could be harmed, and our reputation and brand would suffer.

Specifically, substantially all of our manufacturing occurs in mainland China and any disruptions from natural disasters, health epidemics and political, social and economic instability would affect the ability of our ODMs to manufacture our products. If our manufacturers or warehousing facilities are disrupted or destroyed, we would have no other readily available alternatives for manufacturing our products and our business would be significantly harmed. Further, if the ODMs, CMs and OEMs fail to maintain good relations with their employees or contractors, and production and manufacturing of our products is affected, then we may be subject to shortages of products and quality of products delivered may be affected.

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

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

We implemented a hedging program in November 2008 to hedge exposures to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates as a response to the risks of changes in the value of foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities. We may enter into foreign currency forward contracts or

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other instruments, the majority of which mature within approximately five months. Our foreign currency forward contracts reduce, but do not eliminate, the impact of currency exchange rate movements. For example, we do not

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execute forward contracts in all currencies in which we conduct business. In addition, in the second fiscal quarter of 2009, we commenced implementation of a hedging program to reduce the impact of volatile exchange rates on net revenues, gross profit and operating profit for limited periods of time. However, the use of such hedging activities may not offset more than a portion of the adverse financial effect resulting from unfavorable movements in foreign exchange rates.

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

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

The transportation network is subject to disruption or congestion from a variety of causes, including labor disputes or port strikes, acts of war or terrorism, natural disasters and congestion resulting from higher shipping volumes. Labor disputes among freight carriers and at ports of entry are common, especially in Europe, and we expect labor unrest and its effects on shipping our products to be a continuing challenge for us. Since September 11, 2001, the rate of inspection of international freight by governmental entities has substantially increased, and has become increasingly unpredictable. If our delivery times increase unexpectedly for these or any other reasons, our ability to deliver products on time would be materially adversely affected and result in delayed or lost revenue as well as customer imposed penalties. In addition, if increases in fuel prices occur, our transportation costs would likely increase. Moreover, the cost of shipping our products by air freight is greater than other methods. From time to time in the past, including in the fourth quarter of 2009, we have shipped products using extensive air freight to meet unexpected spikes in demand, shifts in demand between product categories and to bring new product introductions to market quickly. If we rely more heavily upon air freight to deliver our products, our overall shipping costs will increase. A prolonged transportation disruption or a significant increase in the cost of freight could severely disrupt our business and harm our operating results.

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

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

In the past, there have been bankruptcies amongst our customer base. Although any resulting loss has not been material to date, future losses, if incurred, could harm our business and have a material adverse effect on our operating results and financial condition. To the degree that the recent turmoil in the credit markets makes it more difficult for some customers to obtain financing, our customers' ability to pay could be adversely impacted, which in turn could have a material adverse impact on our business, operating results, and financial condition.

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

We sell a substantial portion of our products through broadband service providers worldwide. We face a number of challenges associated with penetrating, marketing and selling to the broadband service provider channel that differ from what we have traditionally faced with the other channels. These challenges include a longer sales cycle, more stringent product testing and validation requirements, a higher level of customization demands, requirements that suppliers take on a larger share of the risk with respect to contractual business terms, competition from established suppliers, pricing pressure resulting in lower gross margins, and our general inexperience in selling to service providers. Orders from service providers generally tend to be large but sporadic, which causes our revenues from them to fluctuate and challenges our ability to accurately forecast demand from them. In certain cases, we may commit to fixed price long term purchase orders, with such orders priced in foreign currencies which could lose value over time in the event of adverse changes in foreign exchange rates. Even if we are selected as a supplier, typically a service provider will also designate a second source supplier, which over time will reduce the aggregate orders that we receive from that service provider. If we were to lose a service provider customer for any reason, we may experience a material and immediate reduction in forecasted revenue that may cause us to be below our net revenue and operating margin expectations for a particular period of time and therefore adversely affect

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our stock price. In addition, service providers may choose to prioritize the implementation of other technologies or the roll out of other services than home networking. Weakness in orders from this industry could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, and financial condition. We have seen a slowdown in capital expenditures by certain of our service provider customers, and believe there may be potential for a similar slowdown in certain other service provider customers in the next few quarters. Any slowdown in the general economy, over capacity, consolidation among service providers, regulatory developments and constraint on capital expenditures could result in reduced demand from service providers and therefore adversely affect our sales to them. If we do not successfully overcome these challenges, we will not be able to profitably grow our service provider sales channel and our growth will be slowed.

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

From time to time, we will undertake acquisitions to add new product lines and technologies, gain new sales channels or enter into new sales territories. Acquisitions involve numerous risks and challenges, including but not limited to the following:

integrating the companies, assets, systems, products, sales channels and personnel that we acquire;

growing or maintaining revenues to justify the purchase price and the increased expenses associated with acquisitions;

entering into territories or markets that we have limited or no prior experience with;

establishing or maintaining business relationships with customers, vendors and suppliers who may be new to us;

overcoming the employee, customer, vendor and supplier turnover that may occur as a result of the acquisition; and

diverting management's attention from running the day to day operations of our business.

As part of undertaking an acquisition, we may also significantly revise our capital structure or operational budget, such as issuing common stock that would dilute the ownership percentage of our stockholders, assuming liabilities or debt, utilizing a substantial portion of our cash resources to pay for the acquisition or significantly increasing operating expenses. Our acquisitions have resulted and may in the future result in charges being taken in an individual quarter as well as future periods, which results in variability in our quarterly earnings. In addition, our effective tax rate in any particular quarter may also be impacted by acquisitions.

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

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

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

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

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we have invested, we will have to write down the investment to its fair value and recognize the related write-down as an investment loss. The performance of any of these investments could result in significant impairment charges and gains (losses) on other equity investments.

Furthermore, if the strategic objectives of an investment have been achieved, or if the investment or business diverges from our strategic objectives, we may seek to dispose of the investment. Our non-marketable equity investments in private companies are not

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liquid, and we may not be able to dispose of these investments on favorable terms or at all. The occurrence of any of these events could harm our results. Gains or losses from equity securities could vary from expectations depending on gains or losses realized on the sale or exchange of securities and impairment charges related to debt instruments as well as equity and other investments.

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

Our future success depends in large part upon the continued services of our key technical, sales, marketing and senior management personnel. In particular, the services of Patrick C.S. Lo, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, who has led our company since its inception, are very important to our business. We do not maintain any key person life insurance policies. The loss of any of our senior management or other key research, development, sales or marketing personnel, particularly if lost to competitors, could harm our ability to implement our business strategy and respond to the rapidly changing needs of the small business and home markets. While we have adopted an emergency succession plan for the short term, we have not formally adopted a long term succession plan. As a result, if we suffer the loss of services of any key executive, our long term business results may be harmed. In addition, because we do not have a formal long term succession plan, we may not be able to have the proper personnel in place to effectively execute our long term business strategy if Patrick Lo or other key personnel retire, resign or are otherwise terminated.

We rely on a limited number of retailers and wholesale distributors for most of our sales, and if they refuse to pay our requested prices or reduce their level of purchases, our net revenue could decline.

We sell a substantial portion of our products through retailers, including Best Buy Co., Inc., and wholesale distributors, including Ingram Micro, Inc. During the three months ended March 28, 2010, sales to Best Buy accounted for approximately 17% of our net revenue and sales to Ingram Micro and its affiliates accounted for approximately 13% of our net revenue. We expect that a significant portion of our net revenue will continue to come from sales to a small number of retailers and wholesale distributors for the foreseeable future. In addition, because our accounts receivable are concentrated with a small group of purchasers, the failure of any of them to pay on a timely basis, or at all, would reduce our cash flow. We generally have no minimum purchase commitments or long-term contracts with any of these retailers or distributors. These purchasers could decide at any time to discontinue, decrease or delay their purchases of our products. In addition, the prices that they pay for our products are subject to negotiation and could change at any time. If any of our major retailers or wholesale distributors reduce their level of purchases or refuse to pay the prices that we set for our products, our net revenue and operating results could be harmed. If our retailers or wholesale distributors increase the size of their product orders without sufficient lead-time for us to process the order, our ability to fulfill product demands would be compromised.

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

Under generally accepted accounting principles, we review our amortizable intangible assets for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. Goodwill is required to be tested for impairment at least annually. Factors that may be considered when determining if the carrying value of our goodwill or amortizable intangible assets may not be recoverable include a significant decline in our expected future cash flows or a sustained, significant decline in our stock price and market capitalization.

As a result of our acquisitions, we have significant goodwill and amortizable intangible assets recorded on our balance sheet. In addition, significant negative industry or economic trends, such as those that have occurred in the last fifteen months, including reduced estimates of future cash flows or disruptions to our business could indicate that goodwill or amortizable intangible assets might be impaired. If, in any period our stock price decreases to the point where our market capitalization is less than our book value, this too could indicate a potential impairment and we may be required to record an impairment charge in that period. Our valuation methodology for assessing impairment requires management to make judgments and assumptions based on projections of future operating performance. We operate in highly competitive environments and projections of future operating results and cash flows may vary significantly from actual results. As a result, we may incur substantial impairment charges to earnings in our financial statements should an impairment of our goodwill or amortizable intangible assets be determined resulting in an adverse impact on our results of operations.

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If we are unable to provide our third party manufacturers a timely and accurate forecast of our component and material requirements, we may experience delays in the manufacturing of our products and the costs of our products may increase.

We provide our third party manufacturers with a rolling forecast of demand, which they use to determine our material and component requirements. Lead times for ordering materials and components vary significantly and depend on various factors, such as the specific supplier, contract terms and demand and supply for a component at a given time. Some of our components have long lead times, such as wireless local area network chipsets, switching fabric chips, physical layer transceivers, connector jacks and metal and plastic enclosures. If our forecasts are not timely provided or are less than our actual requirements, our third party manufacturers may be unable to manufacture products in a timely manner. If our forecasts are too high, our third party manufacturers will be unable to use the components they have purchased on our behalf. The cost of the components used in our products tends to drop rapidly as volumes increase and the technologies mature. Therefore, if our third party manufacturers are unable to promptly use components purchased on our behalf, our cost of producing products may be higher than our competitors due to an oversupply of higher-priced components. Moreover, if they are unable to use components ordered at our direction, we will need to reimburse them for any losses they incur.

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

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

We also utilize third party software development companies to develop, customize, maintain and support software that is incorporated into our products. If these companies fail to timely deliver or continuously maintain and support the software that we require of them, we may experience delays in releasing new products or difficulties with supporting existing products and customers. In addition, if these third parties licensors fail, then we may be unable to continue to sell products that incorporate the licensed technologies and we may be unable to continue to maintain and support these products.

If the redemption rate for our end-user promotional programs is higher than we estimate, then our net revenue and gross margin will be negatively affected.

From time to time we offer promotional incentives, including cash rebates, to encourage end-users to purchase certain of our products. Purchasers must follow specific and stringent guidelines to redeem these incentives or rebates. Often qualified purchasers choose not to apply for the incentives or fail to follow the required redemption guidelines, resulting in an incentive redemption rate of less than 100%. Based on historical data, we estimate an incentive redemption rate for our promotional programs. If the actual redemption rate is higher than our estimated rate, then our net revenue and gross margin will be negatively affected.

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

We rely upon third parties for a substantial portion of the intellectual property we use in our products. At the same time, we rely on a combination of copyright, trademark, patent and trade secret laws, nondisclosure agreements with employees, consultants and suppliers and other contractual provisions to establish, maintain and protect our intellectual property rights. Despite efforts to protect our intellectual property, unauthorized third parties may attempt to design around, copy aspects of our product design or obtain and use technology or other intellectual property associated with our products. For example, one of our primary intellectual property assets is the NETGEAR name, trademark and logo. We may be unable to stop third parties from adopting similar names, trademarks and logos, especially in those international markets where our intellectual property rights may be less protected. Furthermore, our

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competitors may independently develop similar technology or design around our intellectual property. Our inability to secure and protect our intellectual property rights could significantly harm our brand and business, operating results and financial condition.

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

International sales comprise a significant amount of our overall net revenue. International sales were 54% of overall net revenue in fiscal 2009 and 50% of overall net revenue for the three months ended March 28, 2010. We continue to be committed to growing our international sales. We have committed resources to expanding our international operations and sales channels and these efforts may not be successful. International operations are subject to a number of other risks, including:

political and economic instability, international terrorism and anti-American sentiment, particularly in emerging markets;

preference for locally branded products, and laws and business practices favoring local competition;

exchange rate fluctuations;

increased difficulty in managing inventory;

delayed revenue recognition;

less effective protection of intellectual property;

stringent consumer protection and product compliance regulations, including but not limited to the Restriction of Hazardous Substances directive, the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment directive and the recently enacted Ecodesign directive (EuP) in Europe, that may vary from country to country and that are costly to comply with;

difficulties and costs of staffing and managing foreign operations; and

changes in local tax laws.

We are required to comply with local environmental legislation and our customers rely on this compliance in order to sell our products. If our customers do not agree with our interpretations and requirements of new legislation, such as the European Ecodesign directive (EuP), they may cease to order our products and our revenue would be harmed.

We intend to expand our operations and infrastructure, which may strain our operations and increase our operating expenses.

We intend to expand our operations and pursue market opportunities domestically and internationally to grow our sales. We expect that this attempted expansion will require enhancements to our existing management information systems, and operational and financial controls. In addition, if we continue to grow, our expenditures will likely be significantly higher than our historical costs. We may not be able to install adequate controls in an efficient and timely manner as our business grows, and our current systems may not be adequate to support our future operations. The difficulties associated with installing and implementing new systems, procedures and controls may place a significant burden on our management, operational and financial resources. In addition, if we grow internationally, we will have to expand and enhance our communications infrastructure. If we fail to continue to improve our management information systems, procedures and financial controls or encounter unexpected difficulties during expansion, our business could be harmed.

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

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

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

We moved into a new corporate headquarters in the third quarter of 2008. If we cannot effectively manage the remaining lease term of our old facilities, then we will be forced to take additional charges related to such facilities.

We moved into our new corporate headquarters in the third quarter of 2008. The existing lease on our former Santa Clara corporate headquarters does not expire until the end of 2010. We have subleased a portion of this facility and taken a restructuring charge for the balance of the lease costs. In the second quarter of 2009, one of our sub-lessees was unable to meet its rental obligation to us, and we were required to take a restructuring charge to increase our liability for remaining lease costs. We do not expect to find a replacement tenant for the defaulting sub-lessee. Additionally, in the third quarter of 2009, we agreed to reduce the monthly facility maintenance fees owed to us by another sub-lessee resulting in an increase of the accrual for restructuring charges related to the lease. If any additional sub-lessee moves out or is unable to meet its obligations to us, we would have to record an additional charge associated with such excess space.

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

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

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

our reseller agreements generally do not require substantial minimum purchases;

our customers can stop purchasing and our resellers can stop marketing our products at any time; and

our reseller agreements generally are not exclusive and are for one-year terms, with no obligation of the resellers to renew the agreements.

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

repeatable one-time purchases will adversely affect our revenue.

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

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

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

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

Our corporate headquarters are located in Northern California and one of our warehouses is located in Southern California, regions known for seismic activity. Significantly all of our critical enterprise-wide information technology systems, including our main servers, are currently housed in colocation facilities near our headquarters in Northern California. While we contemplate moving our critical systems in 2010 to colocation facilities in a different geographic region in the United States, our systems remain susceptible to seismic activity so long as they are located in Northern California. In addition, substantially all of our manufacturing occurs in two geographically concentrated areas in mainland China, where disruptions from natural disasters, health epidemics and political, social and economic instability may affect the region. If our manufacturers or warehousing facilities are disrupted or destroyed, we would be unable to distribute our products on a timely basis, which could harm our business.

Moreover, if our computer information systems or communication systems, or those of our vendors or customers, are subject to disruptive hacker attacks or other disruptions, our business could suffer. We have not established a formal disaster recovery plan. Our back-up operations may be inadequate and our business interruption insurance may not be enough to compensate us for any losses that may occur. A significant business interruption could result in losses or damages and harm our business. For example, much of our order fulfillment process is automated and the order information is stored on our servers. If our computer systems and servers go down even for a short period at the end of a fiscal quarter, our ability to recognize revenue would be delayed until we were again able to process and ship our orders, which could cause our stock price to decline significantly.

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

In addition, war, terrorism, geopolitical uncertainties, public health issues, and other business interruptions have caused and could cause damage or disruption to international commerce and the global economy, and thus could have a strong negative effect on us, our suppliers, logistics providers, manufacturing vendors and customers. Our business operations are subject to interruption by natural disasters, fire, power shortages, terrorist attacks, and other hostile acts, labor disputes, public health issues, and other events beyond our control. Such events could decrease demand for our products, make it difficult or impossible for us to make and deliver products to our customers or to receive components from our suppliers, and create delays and inefficiencies in our supply chain. Should major public health issues, including pandemics, arise, we could be negatively affected by more stringent employee travel restrictions, additional limitations in freight services, governmental actions limiting the movement of products between regions, delays in production ramps of new products, and disruptions in the operations of our manufacturing vendors and component suppliers.

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Repurchase of Equity Securities by the Company

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| January 1, 2010 - January 31, 2010 | 24,947 | \$ 22.58 | | 4,831,220 |
| February 1, 2010 - February 28, 2010 | | | | 4,831,220 |
| March 1, 2010 - March 28, 2010 | | | | 4,831,220 |
| Total | 24,947 | \$ 22.58 | | |

We repurchased approximately 25,000 shares or \$563,000 of common stock related to the lapse of restricted stock units during the three months ended March 28, 2010.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Reserved**Item 5. Other Information**

None.

Item 6. Exhibits**Exhibit**

| Number | Description |
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| 31.1 | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Executive Officer |
| 31.2 | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Financial Officer |
| 32.1 | Section 1350 Certification of Principal Executive Officer |
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NETGEAR, INC.
Registrant

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

Date: May 6, 2010

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