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Registration No. 333-

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Under

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Nuance Communications, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1 Wayside Road
Burlington, MA 01803

94-3156479
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

(781) 565-5000

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

Paul A. Ricci

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

Large Accelerated filer Accelerated filer
 Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered | Amount To Be Registered | Proposed | Proposed | Amount of Registration Fee(2) |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | Maximum Offering Price per Share(1) | Maximum Aggregate Offering Price | |
| Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share (Common Stock) | 6,153,132 | \$14.98 | \$92,173,917.36 | \$9,281.91 |

- (1) Estimated solely for the purpose of determining the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, based on the average of the high and low prices as reported on the Nasdaq Global Select Market on August 15, 2016.
- (2) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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PROSPECTUS

6,153,132 shares

Nuance Communications, Inc.

Common Stock

The selling stockholders of Nuance Communications, Inc. (Nuance, we, or the Company) listed on page 6 may offer and resell up to 6,153,132 shares of Nuance common stock under this prospectus. We will not receive any proceeds from such resales by the selling stockholders. The selling stockholders acquired these shares from us pursuant either to (i) our acquisition of TouchCommerce, Inc. or (ii) the terms of our commercial agreement with UPMC. The selling stockholders (which term as used herein includes their respective pledgees, donees, transferees or other successors-in-interest) may sell these shares through public or private transactions at market prices prevailing at the time of sale or at negotiated prices. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the shares by the selling stockholders.

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol NUAN. On August 15, 2016, the last reported sale price for our common stock on the Nasdaq Global Select Market was \$14.93 per share.

INVESTING IN OUR COMMON STOCK INVOLVES SIGNIFICANT RISKS. SEE RISK FACTORS BEGINNING ON PAGE 6 OF THIS PROSPECTUS BEFORE INVESTING IN ANY COMMON STOCK.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THIS COMMON STOCK OR PASSED UPON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this prospectus is August 16, 2016

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus relates to the offering of our common stock. Before buying any of the common stock that we are offering, we urge you to carefully read this prospectus, any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering, and the information incorporated by reference as described under the headings **Where You Can Find More Information** and **Information Incorporated by Reference** in this prospectus. These documents contain important information you should consider when making your investment decision.

In this prospectus, as permitted by law, we incorporate by reference information from other documents that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus and should be read with the same care. When we make future filings with the SEC to update the information contained in documents that have been incorporated by reference, the information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus is considered to be automatically updated and superseded. In other words, in case of a conflict or inconsistency between information contained in this prospectus and information incorporated by reference into this prospectus, you should rely on the information contained in the document that was filed later.

You should rely only on the information contained in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus and in any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this resale prospectus. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. Neither we nor any selling stockholder is making an offer to sell or soliciting an offer to buy our securities in any jurisdiction in which an offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making that offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make an offer or solicitation. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and in any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering, is accurate only as of the date of those respective documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations, and prospects may have changed since those dates.

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FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference into the prospectus, and any free writing prospectus may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that involve risks and uncertainties, as well as assumptions, that, if they never materialize or prove incorrect, could cause our consolidated results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements generally are identified by the words expects, anticipates, believes, intends, estimates, should, would, strategy, plan and similar expressions. All statements other than statements of historical fact are statements that could be deemed forward-looking statements. For example, forward-looking statements include projections of earnings, revenues, synergies or other financial items; any statements of the plans, strategies and objectives of management for future operations, including the execution of integration and restructuring plans; any statements concerning proposed new products, services, developments or industry rankings; any statements regarding future economic conditions or performance; statements of belief and any statement of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. The risks, uncertainties and assumptions referred to above include the difficulty of managing expense growth while increasing revenues; the challenges of integration and restructuring associated with recent acquisitions and the challenges of achieving the anticipated synergies; and the other risks and uncertainties described in the section entitled Risk Factors beginning on page 6 of this prospectus.

If one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those expected, estimated or projected. In addition to other factors that affect our operating results and financial position, neither past financial performance nor our expectations should be considered reliable indicators of future performance. Investors should not use historical trends to anticipate results or trends in future periods. Further, our stock price is subject to volatility. Any of the factors discussed above could have an adverse impact on our stock price. In addition, failure of sales or income in any quarter to meet the investment community's expectations, as well as broader market trends, could have an adverse impact on our stock price. Although we undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law, you are advised to consult any additional disclosures we make in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, annual report on Form 10-K and current reports on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. See Where You Can Find More Information.

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Prospectus Summary

This summary description about us and our business highlights selected information contained elsewhere in this prospectus or incorporated in this prospectus by reference. This summary does not contain all of the information you should consider before buying securities in this offering. You should carefully read this entire prospectus, including each of the documents incorporated herein by reference, before making an investment decision. As used in this prospectus, we, us, Nuance and our refer to Nuance Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

Nuance Communications, Inc.

Overview

Nuance is a leading provider of voice recognition solutions and natural language understanding technologies. We work with companies around the world, from banks and hospitals to airlines, carriers, and car manufacturers, all of whom use our solutions and technologies to create better experiences for their customers and their users by enhancing the users' experience, increasing productivity and customer satisfaction. We offer our customers high accuracy in automated speech recognition, capabilities for natural language understanding, dialog and information management, biometric speaker authentication, text-to-speech, optical character recognition capabilities, and domain knowledge, along with professional services and implementation support. Using advanced analytics and algorithms, our technologies create personalized experiences and transform the way people interact with information and the technology around them. We market and sell our solutions and technologies around the world directly through a dedicated sales force, through our e-commerce website and also through a global network of resellers, including system integrators, independent software vendors, value-added resellers, distributors, hardware vendors, and telecommunications carriers.

We are a global organization steeped in research and development. We have 1,700 language scientists, developers, and engineers dedicated to continually refining our core technologies and advancing our portfolio to better meet our customers' diverse and changing needs. We have more than 45 international operating locations and a sales presence in more than 65 countries. Our corporate headquarters is located in Burlington, Massachusetts, with international headquarters in Dublin, Ireland and Sydney, Australia.

We are organized into four segments: Healthcare, Mobile, Enterprise, and Imaging. Please see Note 19 to the consolidated financial statements included in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 11, 2016 with the SEC for additional information about our reportable segments. We offer our solutions and technologies to our customers in a variety of ways, including perpetual licenses, hosted cloud-based solutions, implementation and custom solution development services and maintenance and support. Our product revenues include embedded original equipment manufacturers royalties, traditional perpetual licensing, term-based licensing and consumer sales. Our hosting, royalty, term license and maintenance and support revenues are recurring in nature as our customers use our products on an ongoing basis to handle their needs in medical transcription, medical coding and compliance, enterprise customer service and mobile connected services. Our professional services offer a visible revenue stream, as we have a backlog of assignments that take time to complete.

Corporate Information

We were incorporated as Visioneer, Inc., under the laws of the State of Delaware in 1992. In 1999, we changed our name to ScanSoft, Inc. and also changed our ticker symbol to SSFT. Over the course of several years, we made strategic acquisitions and investments to complement and broaden our portfolio, including entering the speech and natural language market. In October 2005, we changed our name to Nuance Communications, Inc., and in November

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2005 we changed our ticker symbol to NUAN. Our executive offices are located at 1 Wayside Road, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803, and our telephone number at that address is (781) 565-5000. We maintain a website on the Internet at www.nuance.com. Our website, and the information contained therein, is not a part of this prospectus.

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THE OFFERING

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| Common stock offered | 6,153,132 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share. |
| Use of proceeds | All of the shares of common stock being offered are being sold by the selling stockholders. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the shares of our common stock being offered by the selling stockholders. |
| Nasdaq Symbol for Our Common Stock | Our common stock trades on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol NUAN. |

Risk Factors

Investing in our common stock involves substantial risk. See **Risk Factors** beginning on page 6 of this prospectus for a description of certain of the risks you should consider before investing in our common stock.

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RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Prior to making a decision about investing in our common stock, you should carefully consider any specific factors discussed herein together with all of the other information appearing or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You should also consider the risks, uncertainties and assumptions discussed under Item 1A, Risk Factors, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, all of which are incorporated herein by reference, and may be amended, supplemented or superseded from time to time by other reports we file with the SEC in the future. The risks and uncertainties we have described are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our operations.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

All of the shares of common stock being offered hereby are being sold by the selling stockholders identified in this prospectus, their pledgees, donees, transferees or other successors-in-interest. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the common stock by the selling stockholders. The selling stockholders will receive all of the net proceeds from this offering. See Selling Stockholders.

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DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following information describes our common stock, as well as certain provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws. This description is only a summary. You should also refer to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws, which have been filed with the SEC.

General

Our authorized capital stock consists of 560,000,000 shares of common stock with a \$0.001 par value per share, and 40,000,000 shares of preferred stock with a \$0.001 par value per share, all of which shares of preferred stock are undesignated. As of August 15, 2016, there were 283,726,569 shares of common stock issued and outstanding, held of record by 673 stockholders, although we believe that there may be a significantly larger number of beneficial owners of our common stock. We derived the number of stockholders by reviewing the listing of outstanding common stock recorded by our transfer agent as of August 15, 2016.

The following is a summary of the material provisions of the common stock and preferred stock provided for in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws. For additional detail about our capital stock, please refer to our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, each as amended.

Common Stock

Each holder of our common stock is entitled to one vote for each share on all matters to be voted upon by the stockholders and there are no cumulative rights. Subject to any preferential rights of any outstanding preferred stock, holders of our common stock are entitled to receive ratably the dividends, if any, as may be declared from time to time by the board of directors out of funds legally available therefor. If there is a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our company, holders of our common stock would be entitled to share in our assets remaining after the payment of liabilities and any preferential rights of any outstanding preferred stock.

Holders of our common stock have no preemptive or conversion rights or other subscription rights, and there are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock. The outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and nonassessable. The rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of our common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of preferred stock that we may designate and issue in the future.

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol NUAN. The transfer agent and registrar for the common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company. Its address is 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219, and its telephone number is (800) 937-5449.

Preferred stock

Under the terms of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our board of directors is authorized to issue shares of preferred stock in one or more series without stockholder approval. Our board of directors has the discretion to determine the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions, including voting rights, dividend rights, conversion rights, redemption privileges and liquidation preferences, of each series of preferred stock. There are no restrictions presently on the repurchase or redemption of any shares of our preferred stock.

The issuance of preferred stock would affect, and could adversely affect, the rights of holders of common stock. It is not possible to state the actual effect of the issuance of any shares of preferred stock on the rights of holders of

common stock until the board of directors determines the specific rights attached to that preferred stock. The effects of issuing preferred stock could include one or more of the following:

restricting dividends on the common stock;

diluting the voting power of the common stock;

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impairing the liquidation rights of the common stock; or

delaying or preventing changes in control or management of our company.

We have no present plans to issue any shares of preferred stock nor are any shares of our preferred stock presently outstanding. Preferred stock will be fully paid and nonassessable upon issuance.

Effect of Certain Provisions of our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws and the Delaware Anti-Takeover Statute

Some provisions of Delaware law and our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that could make the following transactions more difficult:

acquisition of us by means of a tender offer;

acquisition of us by means of a proxy contest or otherwise; or

removal of our incumbent officers and directors.

Those provisions, summarized below, are expected to discourage coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids and to promote stability in our management. These provisions are also designed to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to first negotiate with our board of directors.

Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our bylaws provide for the following:

Undesignated Preferred Stock. The ability to authorize undesignated preferred stock makes it possible for our board of directors to issue one or more series of preferred stock with voting or other rights or preferences that could impede the success of any attempt to change control of Nuance. These and other provisions may have the effect of deferring hostile takeovers or delaying changes in control or management of our company.

Stockholder Meetings. Our charter documents provide that a special meeting of stockholders may be called only by resolution adopted by the board of directors.

Requirements for Advance Notification of Stockholder Nominations and Proposals. Our bylaws establish advance notice procedures with respect to stockholder proposals and the nomination of candidates for election as directors, other than nominations made by or at the direction of the board of directors or a committee of the board of directors.

Limits on Ability of Stockholders to Act by Written Consent. We have provided in our certificate of incorporation that our stockholders may not act by written consent. This limit on the ability of our stockholders to act by written consent may lengthen the amount of time required to take stockholder actions. As a result, a holder controlling a majority of our capital stock would not be able to amend our bylaws or remove directors without holding a meeting of our stockholders called in accordance with our bylaws.

Delaware Anti-Takeover Statute

We are subject to Section 203 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, which prohibits a Delaware corporation from engaging in any business combination with any interested stockholder for a period of three years after the date that such stockholder became an interested stockholder, with the following exceptions:

before such date, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;

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upon completion of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction began, excluding for purposes of determining the voting stock outstanding (but not the outstanding voting stock owned by the interested stockholder) those shares owned (i) by persons who are directors and also officers and (ii) employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or

on or after such date, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of the stockholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

In general, Section 203 defines business combination to include the following:

any merger or consolidation involving the corporation and the interested stockholder;

any sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, transfer, pledge or other disposition of 10% or more of either the assets or outstanding stock of the corporation involving the interested stockholder;

subject to certain exceptions, any transaction that results in the issuance or transfer by the corporation of any stock of the corporation to the interested stockholder;

any transaction involving the corporation that has the effect of increasing the proportionate share of the stock of any class or series of the corporation beneficially owned by the interested stockholder; or

the receipt by the interested stockholder of the benefit of any loans, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits by or through the corporation.

In general, Section 203 defines interested stockholder as an entity or person who, together with affiliates and associates, beneficially owns, or within three years prior to the determination of interested stockholder status did own, 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation.

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Up to 6,153,132 shares of common stock are being offered by this prospectus, all of which are being offered for resale for the account of the selling stockholders. The shares being offered were issued to the selling stockholders pursuant either to (i) our acquisition of TouchCommerce, Inc. or (ii) the terms of our commercial agreement with UPMC. The selling stockholders may from time to time offer and sell pursuant to this prospectus any or all of the shares of our common stock being registered.

The following table sets forth information for the selling stockholders as of August 16, 2016. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and includes securities that the selling stockholders have the right to acquire within 60 days after August 16, 2016. Except as otherwise indicated, we believe that the selling stockholders have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of the common stock shown as beneficially owned by them. In addition, except as otherwise indicated, all of the selling stockholders beneficially own less than 1% of our common stock outstanding.

| Name of Beneficial Owner | Shares Beneficially Owned Prior to the | | Shares Beneficially Owned After the |
|---|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Offering(1) | Number of Shares Offered | Offering(2) |
| Emergence Capital Partners, L.P. (3) | 738,821 | 738,821 | |
| Emergence Capital Associates, L.P. (3) | 73,913 | 73,913 | |
| Emergence Capital Partners SBIC, L.P. (3) | 294,078 | 294,078 | |
| Sierra Ventures IX, L.P. (4) | 1,240,489 | 1,240,489 | |
| Hudson Venture Partners II, L.P. (5) | 981,541 | 981,541 | |
| Second Alpha Partners I (C), L.P. (6) | 669,522 | 669,522 | |
| Second Alpha Partners I (A), L.P. (6) | 130,056 | 130,056 | |
| Second Alpha Partners I (D), L.P. (6) | 76,148 | 76,148 | |
| Second Alpha Partners I (B), L.P. (6) | 55,196 | 55,196 | |
| SEP Special Situations, L.P. (6) | 50,613 | 50,613 | |
| Partech U.S. Partners IV LLC (7) | 611,725 | 611,725 | |
| 45th Parallel LLC (7) | 7,584 | 7,584 | |
| PAR SF II LLC (7) | 4,250 | 4,250 | |
| Hercules Technology II, L.P. (8) | 91,027 | 91,027 | |
| Santa Barbara Technology Group LLC (9) | 8,969 | 8,969 | |
| SVB Financial Group (10) | 9,229 | 9,229 | |
| Bernard Louvat (11) | 202,895 | 202,895 | |
| Jeffrey Stiefler (12) | 29,672 | 29,672 | |
| Antonio Rodriguez (13) | 18,980 | 18,980 | |
| Rick Hoefert (14) | 46,854 | 46,854 | |
| Somayajulu Bulusu (15) | 6,669 | 6,669 | |
| Jim Van Baalen (16) | 28,751 | 28,751 | |
| George Skaff (17) | 12,268 | 12,268 | |
| Peter Wells (18) | 9,229 | 9,229 | |
| Steve Dille (19) | 7,076 | 7,076 | |
| Glyphix (20) | 1,368 | 1,368 | |

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| Kennington Ltd., Inc. (21) | 2,052 | 2,052 |
| Return on Management Capital, LLC (22) | 727 | 727 |
| Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth Investment Partnership of 1982 L.P. (23) | 800 | 800 |
| UPMC (24) | 403,325 | 403,325 |
| Geoff Clark (25) | 1,237 | 1,237 |
| Cindy Gauger (26) | 5,135 | 5,135 |
| Dan McManus (27) | 6,534 | 6,534 |
| Kenneth MacKay (28) | 2,841 | 2,841 |
| Yann Motte (29) | 13,387 | 13,387 |
| William Palmer (30) | 1,321 | 1,321 |
| Jerry Phillips (31) | 4,155 | 4,155 |
| Adam Stuczynski (32) | 1,774 | 1,774 |
| STIEFLER TRUST U/T/D 5/31/07 JEFFREY STIEFLER AND SUZANNE STIEFLER (33) | 73,732 | 73,732 |
| Vendome Capital LLC (34) | 3,081 | 3,081 |
| FTP Securities LLC (35) | 226,108 | 226,108 |
| Total | 6,153,132 | 6,153,132 |

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- (1) The number of shares beneficially owned is determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the information is not necessarily indicative of beneficial ownership for any other purpose.
- (2) The table assumes that the selling stockholders sell all of their shares being offered pursuant to this prospectus. We are unable to determine the exact number of shares that will actually be sold pursuant to this prospectus.
- (3) 160 Bovet Road, Suite 300, San Mateo, CA 94402.
- (4) 1400 Fashion Island Blvd., Suite 1010, San Mateo, CA 94404.
- (5) C/O John Truehart, 545 Fifth Avenue, Suite 401, New York, NY 10017.
- (6) Second Alpha Partners, LLC C/O Eugene Galantini, CFO, 276 Fifth Avenue, Suite 901, New York, NY 10001.
- (7) C/O Scott Matson, CFO, 200 California Street, Suite 500, San Francisco, CA 94111.
- (8) 400 Hamilton Ave., Suite 310, Palo Alto, CA 94301.
- (9) 2050 Via Veneto Camarillo, CA 93010.
- (10) C/O Sara Peluso, 1901 Main Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, CA 90405.
- (11) 9 Rancho Road, Bell Canyon, CA 91307.
- (12) C/O Bridges Capital, 6646 Calle Ponte Bella, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92091.
- (13) 1843 Lookout Drive, Agoura Hills, CA 91301.
- (14) 28025 W Mingret Court, Castaic, CA 91384.
- (15) 3776 Horizon Ridge Court, Simi Valley, CA 93063.
- (16) 10135 Hermosa Way, La Mesa, CA 91941.
- (17) 1094 Golden Way, Los Altos, CA 94024.
- (18) 5309 Via Rincon, Newbury Park, CA 91320.
- (19) 831 Rosemount Rd, Oakland, CA 94610.
- (20) 6964 Shoup Ave., Woodland Hills, CA 91307.
- (21) C/O Lance Tendler-President & CEO, 14761 Califa Street, Van Nuys, CA 91401.
- (22) Managing Director, Management & Capital Partners, 275 West 96th Street, #8-0, New York, NY 10025.
- (23) C/O David Lafitte, 800 Anacapa Street, Suite A, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.
- (24) US Steel Tower, Suite 6071, 600 Grant St., Pittsburgh, PA 15219
- (25) PO Box 1468, Solana Beach, CA 92075
- (26) 925 14th St., #6, Santa Monica, CA 90403
- (27) 9155 Arcadia Ave., San Gabriel, CA 91775
- (28) 1120 Longwood Trace, Atlanta, GA 30324
- (29) 3728 Park Colony Ct., Agoura Hills, CA 91301
- (30) 2817 Shellcreek Pl., Westlake Village, CA 91361
- (31) 4419 Stackstone Ln., Katy, TX 77450
- (32) 6651 Kosturas Pl., Winnetka, CA 91306
- (33) C/O Bridges Capital, 6646 Calle Ponte Bella, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92091
- (34) C/O Scott Matson, CFO, 200 California St., Ste. 500, San Francisco, CA 94111
- (35) 555 Mission St., 23rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The shares of common stock listed in the table appearing in the Selling Stockholders section of this prospectus are being registered to permit public secondary trading of these shares by the holders of such shares from time to time after the date of this prospectus. Registration of the shares of common stock covered by this prospectus does not mean, however, that those shares of common stock necessarily will be offered or sold. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the common stock by the selling stockholders.

The selling stockholders and any of their pledgees, assignees, donees and successors-in-interest may, from time to time, sell any or all of the shares of common stock beneficially owned by them and offered hereby directly or through one or more underwriters, broker-dealers or agents. If the common stock is sold through underwriters or broker-dealers, the selling stockholders will be responsible for underwriting discounts or commissions or agent's commissions. The common stock may be sold in one or more transactions at fixed prices, at prevailing market prices at the time of the sale, at varying prices determined at the time of sale, or at negotiated prices. The selling stockholders may use any one or more of the following methods when selling shares:

on any national securities exchange or quotation service on which the securities may be listed or quoted at the time of sale;

in the over-the-counter market;

in transactions otherwise than on these exchanges or systems or in the over-the-counter market;

through the writing of options, whether such options are listed on an options exchange or otherwise;

ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker dealer solicits purchasers;

block trades in which the broker dealer will attempt to sell the shares as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;

purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;

an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;

privately negotiated transactions;

through the settlement of short sales;

broker-dealers may agree with the selling stockholders to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share;

a combination of any such methods of sale; and

any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

In addition, the selling stockholders or their successors-in-interest may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers who may engage in short sales of shares in the course of hedging the positions they assume with the selling stockholders. The selling stockholders or their successors-in-interest may also enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers that require the delivery by such broker-dealers of the shares, which shares may be resold thereafter pursuant to this prospectus.

If underwriters are used in a firm commitment underwriting, the selling stockholders will execute an underwriting agreement with those underwriters relating to the shares of common stock that the selling stockholders

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will offer. Unless otherwise set forth in a prospectus supplement, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the shares of common stock will be subject to conditions. The underwriters, if any, will purchase such shares on a firm commitment basis and will be obligated to purchase all of such shares.

The shares of common stock subject to any underwriting agreement in a firm commitment offering will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold by them from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. Underwriters may be deemed to have received compensation from the selling stockholders in the form of underwriting discounts or commissions and may also receive commissions from the purchasers of these shares of common stock for whom they may act as agent. Underwriters may sell these shares to or through dealers. These dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agent. Any public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

The selling stockholders may authorize underwriters to solicit offers by institutions to purchase the shares of common stock subject to the underwriting agreement from the selling stockholders at the public offering price stated in a prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. If the selling stockholders sell shares of common stock pursuant to these delayed delivery contracts, the prospectus supplement will state that as well as the conditions to which these delayed delivery contracts will be subject and the commissions payable for that solicitation.

The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth whether or not underwriters may over-allot or effect transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the shares of common stock at levels above those that might otherwise prevail in the open market, including, for example, by entering stabilizing bids, effecting syndicate covering transactions or imposing penalty bids. Underwriters are not required to engage in any of these activities, or to continue such activities if commenced.

In effecting sales, brokers or dealers engaged by the selling stockholders may arrange for other brokers or dealers to participate. Broker-dealers may receive commissions or discounts from the selling stockholders (or, if any broker-dealer acts as agent for the purchaser of shares, from the purchaser) in amounts to be negotiated. The selling stockholders do not expect these commissions and discounts to exceed what is customary in the types of transactions involved. Broker-dealer transactions may include:

purchases of the shares of common stock by a broker-dealer as principal and resales of the shares of common stock by the broker-dealer for its account pursuant to this prospectus;

ordinary brokerage transactions; or

transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchasers on a best efforts basis.

If dealers are utilized in the sale of shares of common stock, the names of the dealers and the terms of the transaction will be set forth in a prospectus supplement, if required.

The selling stockholders may also sell shares of the common stock through agents designated by them from time to time. We will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of such shares and will list commissions payable by the

selling stockholders to these agents in a prospectus supplement, if required. These agents will be acting on a best efforts basis to solicit purchases for the period of its appointment, unless we state otherwise in any required prospectus supplement.

The selling stockholders may sell any of the shares of common stock directly to purchasers. In this case, the selling stockholders may not engage underwriters or agents in the offer and sale of such shares.

The selling stockholders may indemnify underwriters, dealers or agents who participate in the distribution of the shares of common stock against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act and agree to contribute to payments which these underwriters, dealers or agents may be required to make.

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The aggregate proceeds to the selling stockholders from the sale of the shares of common stock offered by the selling stockholders hereby will be the purchase price of such shares less discounts and commissions, if any. The selling stockholders reserve the right to accept and, together with their agents from time to time, to reject, in whole or in part, any proposed purchase of shares of common stock to be made directly or through agents.

In order to comply with the securities laws of some states, if applicable, the shares of common stock may be sold in these jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, in some states such shares may not be sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale or an exemption from registration or qualification requirements is available and is complied with.

The selling stockholders may from time to time pledge or grant a security interest in some or all of the shares of common stock owned by them and, if they default in the performance of their secured obligations, the pledgees or secured parties may offer and sell the shares of common stock from time to time under this prospectus, or under an amendment to the prospectus under Rule 424(b)(3) or other applicable provision of the Securities Act, amending, if necessary, the list of selling stockholders to include the pledgee, transferee or other successors in interest as selling stockholders under this prospectus.

The selling stockholders also may transfer the shares of common stock in other circumstances, in which case the transferees, pledgees, donees or other successors in interest will be the selling beneficial owners for purposes of this prospectus.

The selling stockholders and any underwriters, broker-dealers or agents that participate in the sale of the shares of common stock may be underwriters within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act. Any discounts, commissions, concessions or profit they earn on any resale of such shares may be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. Any selling stockholder who is an underwriter within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. The selling stockholders have acknowledged that they understand their obligations to comply with the provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder relating to stock manipulation, particularly Regulation M.

We are not aware of any plans, arrangements or understandings between the selling stockholders and any underwriter, broker-dealer or agent regarding the sale of the shares of common stock by the selling stockholders. We do not assure you that the selling stockholders will sell any or all of the shares of common stock offered by it pursuant to this prospectus. In addition, we do not assure you that the selling stockholders will not transfer, devise or gift the shares of common stock by other means not described in this prospectus. Moreover, any securities covered by this prospectus that qualify for sale pursuant to Rule 144 may be sold under Rule 144 rather than pursuant to this prospectus.

We are required to pay all fees and expenses incident to the registration of the shares. We have agreed to indemnify the selling stockholders against certain losses, claims, damages and liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or the selling stockholders may be entitled to contribution. We may be indemnified by the selling stockholders against civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act that may arise from written information furnished to us by the selling stockholders specifically for use in this prospectus, in accordance with the related registration rights agreement, or we may be entitled to contribution.

None of the selling stockholders intends to use any means of distributing or delivering the prospectus, including this prospectus, other than by hand or the mails, and none of the selling stockholders intends to use any forms of prospectus other than printed prospectuses.

Once sold under the shelf registration statement, of which this prospectus forms a part, the shares of common stock will be freely tradeable in the hands of persons other than our affiliates.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus will be passed upon by Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Professional Corporation, Washington, D.C.

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EXPERTS

Our consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2015 and 2014 and for each of the three years ended September 30, 2015, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2015 incorporated by reference in this Prospectus have been so incorporated in reliance on the reports of BDO USA, LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated herein by reference, given on the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and other reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. You may also read and copy any document we file at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the Public Reference Room. Our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and Current Reports on Form 8-K, including any amendments to those reports, and other information that we file with or furnish to the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act can also be accessed free of charge through the Internet. These filings will be available as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 relating to the offering of this common stock. The registration statement, including the attached exhibits, contains additional relevant information about us and the common stock. This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement. You can obtain a copy of the registration statement, at prescribed rates, from the SEC at the address listed above. The registration statement and the documents referred to below under "Incorporation by Reference" are also available on our Internet website, www.nuance.com. We have not incorporated by reference into this prospectus the information on our website, and you should not consider it to be a part of this prospectus.

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INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus certain information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede information contained in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below that we have previously filed with the SEC (excluding any portions of any Form 8-K that are not deemed filed pursuant to the General Instructions of Form 8-K):

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended September 30, 2015, filed with the SEC on November 19, 2015 (except with respect to the portions updated by our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 11, 2016 pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act));

our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 31, 2015, filed with the SEC on February 9, 2016, and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2016, filed with the SEC on May 10, 2016, and ended June 30, 2016, filed with the SEC on August 9, 2016;

our Current Report on Form 8-K pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act filed with the SEC on May 11, 2016;

all other reports filed by us pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, since September 30, 2015 (except to the extent information contained in Current Reports on Form 8-K therein that is furnished and not filed); and

the description of our Common Stock to be offered hereby is contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on October 20, 1995, including any further amendments or reports filed with the SEC for the purpose of updating such description.

We also incorporate by reference into this prospectus additional documents that we may file with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the completion or termination of the offering, including all such documents we may file with the SEC after the date of the initial registration statement and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement, but excluding any information deemed furnished and not filed with the SEC. Any statement contained in a previously filed document incorporated by reference into this prospectus is deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus, or in a subsequently filed document also incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes that statement.

This prospectus may contain information that updates, modifies or is contrary to information in one or more of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus. Neither we nor the selling stockholders have authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date of this prospectus or the date of the documents incorporated by reference in this

prospectus.

We will provide to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request, at no cost to the requester, a copy of any and all of the information that is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

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Requests for such documents should be directed to:

Nuance Communications, Inc.

Attn: Investor Relations

1 Wayside Road

Burlington, MA 01803

(781) 565-5000

You may also access the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus through our website at www.nuance.com. Except for the specific incorporated documents listed above, no information available on or through our website shall be deemed to be incorporated in this prospectus or the registration statement of which it forms a part.

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The Registrant will pay all reasonable expenses incident to the registration of the shares other than any commissions and discounts of underwriters, dealers or agents. Such expenses are set forth in the following table. All of the amounts shown are estimates except the SEC registration fee. All of the amounts set forth below are estimates:

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|---|--------------------|
| Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee | \$ 9,281.91 |
| Accounting fees and expenses | 5,000* |
| Legal fees and expenses | 100,000* |
| Printing expenses | 5,000* |
| Transfer agent fees and expenses | 0* |
| Miscellaneous | 5,718.09* |
| Total | \$ 125,000* |

* Estimate

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Section 145(a) of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

Section 145(b) of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person acted in any of the capacities set forth above, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he or she acted under similar standards, except that no indemnification may be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to be indemnified for such expenses which the court shall deem proper.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law further provides that: (i) to the extent that a former or present director or officer of a corporation has been successful in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (a) and (b) or in the defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therewith; (ii) indemnification provided for by Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the indemnified party may be entitled; and (iii) the corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any present or former director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or any person who at the request of the corporation was serving in such capacity for another entity against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by him or her in any such capacity or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him or her against such liabilities under Section 145.

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Article IX of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation authorizes us to provide for the indemnification of directors to the fullest extent permissible under Delaware law.

Article VII of our bylaws provides for the indemnification of officers, directors and third parties acting on our behalf if such person acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in and not opposed to our best interest and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, the indemnified party had no reason to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

We have entered into indemnification agreements with our directors, executive officers and others, in addition to indemnification provided for in our bylaws, and intend to enter into indemnification agreements with any new directors and executive officers in the future.

We have purchased and intend to maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director or officer against any loss arising from any claim asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in any such capacity, subject to certain exclusions.

See also the undertakings set out in response to Item 17 herein.

Item 16. Exhibits

A list of exhibits filed herewith is contained in the exhibit index that immediately precedes such exhibits and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 17. Undertakings

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement; *provided, however*, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (ii) and (iii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

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- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
 - (i) If the registrant is relying on Rule 430B,
 - (A) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

 - (B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof. *Provided, however,* that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to the effective date; or

 - (ii) If the registrant is subject to Rule 430C, each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. *Provided, however,* that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report

pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

- (c) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

- (d) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against

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public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding), is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(e) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:

- (1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.
- (2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement on Form S-3 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Burlington, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on August 16, 2016.

Nuance Communications, Inc.

By: /s/ Paul Ricci
 Paul Ricci
 Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of
 the Board

Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Paul A. Ricci and Daniel D. Tempesta, and each of them acting individually, as his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of each to act alone, with full powers of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this registration statement on Form S-3 with all exhibits thereto and all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of each to act alone, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully for all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or his or their substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Signature | Title | Date |
|--|---|-----------------|
| /s/ Paul A. Ricci Paul A. Ricci | Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board (Principal Executive Officer) | August 16, 2016 |
| /s/ Daniel D. Tempesta Daniel D. Tempesta | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) | August 16, 2016 |
| /s/ William H. Janeway William H. Janeway | Director | August 16, 2016 |
| /s/ Katharine A. Martin | Director | August 16, 2016 |

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Katharine A. Martin

/s/ Mark R. Laret

Director

August 16, 2016

Mark R. Laret

/s/ Robert J. Finocchio, Jr.

Director

August 16, 2016

Robert J. Finocchio, Jr.

/s/ Philip Quigley

Director

August 16, 2016

Philip Quigley

/s/ Robert J. Frankenberg

Director

August 16, 2016

Robert J. Frankenberg

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| Number | Exhibit Title |
| 4.1(1) | Specimen Common Stock Certificate (Exhibit 4.1) |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Professional Corporation |
| 23.1 | Consent of BDO USA, LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm |
| 23.2 | Consent of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Professional Corporation (included in Exhibit 5.1) |
| 24.1 | Power of Attorney (see page II-5) |

(1) Incorporated by reference to the exhibit to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, as amended, dated December 6, 1995 (No. 0-27038). The number given in parentheses indicates the corresponding exhibit number in such Form 8-K.