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FORM 10 K

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the transition period from to

Commission file number 001 12669

SOUTH STATE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

South Carolina	57 0799315
(State or other jurisdiction	(I.R.S. Employer
of incorporation or organization)	Identification No.)
520 Gervais Street Columbia, South Carolina	29201
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

(800) 277 2175

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12 (b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, \$2.50 par value per share	The NASDAQ Global Select MarketSM

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12 (g) of the Act: None.

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

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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 if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10 K or any amendment to this Form 10 K.

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 Smaller reporting company
(Do not check if a
smaller reporting company)

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

The aggregate market value of the voting stock of the registrant held by non affiliates was \$1,780,405,000 based on the closing sale price of \$75.99 per share on June 30, 2015. For purposes of the foregoing calculation only, all directors and executive officers of the registrant have been deemed affiliates. The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of February 19, 2016 was 24,181,602.

Documents Incorporated by Reference

Portions of the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement for its 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated by reference into Part III, Items 10 14 of this form 10 K.

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Forward Looking Statements

The disclosures set forth in this Report are qualified by Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors and the section captioned “Forward Looking Statements” in Part II, Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of this Report and other cautionary statements set forth elsewhere in this Report.

PART I

Item 1. Business.

South State Corporation (formerly First Financial Holdings, Inc. (from July 26, 2013 through June 29, 2014) and SCBT Financial Corporation (from February 20, 2004 through July 25, 2013)), headquartered in Columbia, South Carolina, is a bank holding company incorporated in 1985 under the laws of South Carolina. We provide a wide range of banking services and products to our customers through our wholly owned bank subsidiary, South State Bank (formerly SCBT) (the “Bank”), a South Carolina chartered commercial bank that opened for business in 1934. The Bank operates Minis & Co., Inc. and First Southeast 401k Fiduciaries, both wholly owned registered investment advisors, and First Southeast Investor Services, a wholly owned limited service broker dealer. We do not engage in any significant operations other than the ownership of our banking subsidiary.

Unless otherwise mentioned or unless the context requires otherwise, references herein to “South State,” the “Company” “we,” “us,” “our” or similar references mean South State Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries. References to the “Bank” means South State Bank, a South Carolina banking corporation.

The Company is a legal entity separate and distinct from the Bank. We coordinate the financial resources of the consolidated enterprise and thereby maintain financial, operation and administrative systems that allow centralized evaluation of subsidiary operations and coordination of selected policies and activities. The Company’s operating revenues and net income are derived primarily from cash dividends received from our Bank.

Our Bank provides a full range of retail and commercial banking services, mortgage lending services, trust and investment services, and consumer finance loans through financial centers in South Carolina, North Carolina, northeast Georgia, and coastal Georgia. At December 31, 2015, we had approximately \$8.6 billion in assets, \$6.0 billion in loans, \$7.1 billion in deposits, \$1.1 billion in shareholders’ equity, and a market capitalization of approximately \$1.7 billion.

We began operating in 1934 in Orangeburg, South Carolina and have maintained our ability to provide superior customer service while also leveraging our size to offer many products more common to larger banks. We have pursued a growth strategy that relies on organic growth supplemented by the acquisition of select financial institutions or branches in certain market areas.

In recent years, we have continued to grow the business under our guiding principles of soundness, profitability and growth. Below are highlights of our expansion efforts over the past three years:

- On August 21, 2015, the Bank completed its acquisition from Bank of America, N.A. (“BOA”) of 12 South Carolina branches located in Florence, Greenwood, Orangeburg, Sumter, Newberry, Batesburg-Leesville, Abbeville and Hartsville, South Carolina, and one Georgia branch located in Hartwell, Georgia.
- On July 26, 2013, the Company completed a business combination wherein First Financial Holdings, Inc. (“FFHI”), of Charleston, South Carolina, a bank holding company, merged into the Company, and the Company also changed its name from “SCBT Financial Corporation” to “First Financial Holdings, Inc.” First Federal Bank merged into the Bank. The remaining subsidiaries became subsidiaries of the Bank, which included First Southeast 401k Fiduciaries, a

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wholly owned registered investment advisor, and First Southeast Investor Services, a wholly owned broker dealer. Our principal executive offices are located at 520 Gervais Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. Our mailing address at this facility is Post Office Box 1030, Columbia, South Carolina 29202 and our telephone number is (800) 277 2175.

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Available Information

We provide our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) on our website at www.southstatebank.com. These filings are made accessible as soon as reasonably practicable after they have been filed electronically with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). These filings are also accessible on the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov. In addition, we make available under the Investor Relations section on our website (www.southstatebank.com) the following, among other things: (i) Corporate Governance Guidelines, (ii) Code of Ethics, which applies to our directors and all employees, and (iii) the charters of the Audit, Compensation, Executive, Wealth Management and Trust, Risk, and Corporate Governance & Nominating Committees of our board of directors. These materials are available to the general public on our website free of charge. Printed copies of these materials are also available free of charge to shareholders who request them in writing. Please address your request to: Financial Management Division, South State Corporation, 520 Gervais Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. Statements of beneficial ownership of equity securities filed by directors, officers, and 10% or greater shareholders under Section 16 of the Exchange Act are also available through our website, www.southstatebank.com. The information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this report.

Territory Served and Competition

We serve customers and conduct our business from 127 financial centers in 24 South Carolina counties, four North Carolina counties, 11 northeast Georgia counties, and two coastal Georgia counties. We compete in the highly competitive banking and financial services industry. Our profitability depends principally on our ability to effectively compete in the markets in which we conduct business. We expect competition in the industry to continue to increase as a result of consolidation among banking and financial services firms. Competition may further intensify as additional companies enter the markets where we conduct business and we enter mature markets in accordance with our expansion strategy.

We experience strong competition from both bank and non-bank competitors in certain markets. Broadly speaking, we compete with national banks, super-regional banks, smaller community banks, and non-traditional internet-based banks. We compete for deposits and loans with commercial banks, and credit unions. In addition, we compete with other financial intermediaries and investment alternatives such as mortgage companies, credit card issuers, leasing companies, finance companies, money market mutual funds, brokerage firms, governmental and corporation bonds, and other securities firms. Many of these non-bank competitors are not subject to the same regulatory oversight, affording them a competitive advantage in some instances. In many cases, our competitors have substantially greater resources and offer certain services that we are unable to provide to our customers.

We encounter strong competition in making loans and attracting deposits. We compete with other financial institutions to offer customers competitive interest rates on deposit accounts, competitive interest rates charged on loans and other credit, and reasonable service charges. We believe our customers also consider the quality and scope of the services provided, the convenience of banking facilities, and relative lending limits in the case of loans to commercial borrowers. Our customers may also take into account the fact that other banks offer different services from those that we provide. The large national and super-regional banks may have significantly greater lending limits and may offer additional products. However, by emphasizing customer service and by providing a wide variety of services, we believe that our Bank has been able to compete successfully with our competitors, regardless of their size.

Employees

As of December 31, 2015, our Bank had 2,058 full-time equivalent employees compared to 2,081 as of the same date in 2014. We consider our relationship with our employees instrumental to the success of our business. We provide

most of our employees with a comprehensive employee benefit program which includes the following: group life, health and dental insurance, paid vacation, sick leave, educational opportunities, a cash incentive plan, a stock purchase plan, stock incentive plan for officers and key employees, deferred compensation plans for officers and key employees, a defined benefit pension plan for employees hired on or before December 31, 2005 (except for employees acquired in the SunBank acquisition in November of 2005), and a 401(k) plan with employer match.

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Regulation and Supervision

As a financial institution, we operate under a regulatory framework. The framework outlines a regulatory environment applicable to financial holding companies, bank holding companies, and their subsidiaries. Below, we have provided some specific information relevant to the Company. The regulatory framework under which we operate is intended primarily for the protection of depositors and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's (the "FDIC") Deposit Insurance Fund and not for the protection of our security holders and creditors. To the extent that the following information describes statutory and regulatory provisions, it is qualified in its entirety by reference to the particular statutory and regulatory provisions.

General

The current regulatory environment for financial institutions includes substantial enforcement activity by the federal banking agencies, the U.S. Department of Justice, the SEC, and other state and federal law enforcement agencies. This environment entails significant potential increases in compliance requirements and associated costs.

We are a bank holding company registered with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and are subject to the supervision of, and to regular inspection by, the Federal Reserve Board. In addition, as a South Carolina bank holding company organized under the South Carolina Banking and Branching Efficiency Act, we are subject to limitations on sale or merger and to regulation by the South Carolina Board of Financial Institutions (the "SCBFI"). Our Bank is organized as a South Carolina chartered commercial bank. It is subject to regulation, supervision, and examination by the SCBFI and the FDIC. The following discussion summarizes certain aspects of banking and other laws and regulations that affect the Company and our Bank.

Under the Bank Holding Company Act (the "BHC Act"), our activities and those of our Bank are limited to banking, managing or controlling banks, furnishing services to or performing services for our Bank, or any other activity which the Federal Reserve Board determines to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto. The BHC Act requires prior Federal Reserve Board approval for, among other things, the acquisition by a bank holding company of direct or indirect ownership or control of more than 5% of the voting shares or substantially all the assets of any bank, or for a merger or consolidation of a bank holding company with another bank holding company. The BHC Act also prohibits a bank holding company from acquiring direct or indirect control of more than 5% of the outstanding voting stock of any company engaged in a non banking business unless such business is determined by the Federal Reserve Board to be so closely related to banking as to be a proper incident thereto. Further, under South Carolina law, it is unlawful without the prior approval of the SCBFI for any South Carolina bank holding company (i) to acquire direct or indirect ownership or control of more than 5% of the voting shares of any bank or any other bank holding company, (ii) to acquire all or substantially all of the assets of a bank or any other bank holding company, or (iii) to merge or consolidate with any other bank holding company.

The Gramm Leach Bliley Act amended a number of federal banking laws affecting the Company and our Bank. In particular, the Gramm Leach Bliley Act permits a bank holding company to elect to become a "financial holding company," provided certain conditions are met. A financial holding company, and the companies it controls, are permitted to engage in activities considered "financial in nature" as defined by the Gramm Leach Bliley Act and Federal Reserve Board interpretations (including, without limitation, insurance and securities activities), and therefore may engage in a broader range of activities than permitted by bank holding companies and their subsidiaries. We remain a bank holding company, but may at some time in the future elect to become a financial holding company.

Interstate Banking

Federal legislation permits out-of-state acquisitions by bank holding companies, interstate branching by banks, and interstate merging by banks. The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, which was signed into law in July 2010 and is discussed more fully below (the “Dodd-Frank Act”), removed previous state law restrictions on de novo interstate branching in states such as South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia. This change effectively permits out of state banks to open de novo branches in states where the laws of such state would permit a bank chartered by that state to open a de novo branch.

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Obligations of Holding Company to its Subsidiary Banks

There are a number of obligations and restrictions imposed by law and regulatory policy on bank holding companies with regard to their depository institution subsidiaries that are designed to minimize potential loss to depositors and to the FDIC insurance fund in the event that the depository institution becomes in danger of defaulting under its obligations to repay deposits. Under a policy of the Federal Reserve Board, which was confirmed in the Dodd Frank Act, a bank holding company is required to serve as a source of financial strength to its subsidiary depository institutions and to commit resources to support such institutions in circumstances where it might not do so absent such policy. Under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (“FDICIA”), to avoid receivership of its insured depository institution subsidiary, a bank holding company is required to guarantee the compliance of any insured depository institution subsidiary that may become “undercapitalized” within the terms of any capital restoration plan filed by such subsidiary with its appropriate federal banking agency up to the lesser of (i) an amount equal to 5% of the institution’s total assets at the time the institution became undercapitalized, or (ii) the amount which is necessary (or would have been necessary) to bring the institution into compliance with all applicable capital standards as of the time the institution fails to comply with such capital restoration plan.

The Federal Reserve Board also has the authority under the BHC Act to require a bank holding company to terminate any activity or relinquish control of a nonbank subsidiary (other than a nonbank subsidiary of a bank) upon the Federal Reserve Board’s determination that such activity or control constitutes a serious risk to the financial soundness or stability of any subsidiary depository institution of the bank holding company. Further, federal law grants federal bank regulatory authorities additional discretion to require a bank holding company to divest itself of any bank or nonbank subsidiary if the agency determines that divestiture may aid the depository institution’s financial condition.

In addition, the “cross guarantee” provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (“FDIA”) require insured depository institutions under common control to reimburse the FDIC for any loss suffered or reasonably anticipated by the FDIC as a result of the default of a commonly controlled insured depository institution or for any assistance provided by the FDIC to a commonly controlled insured depository institution in danger of default. The FDIC’s claim for damages is superior to claims of shareholders of the insured depository institution or its holding company, but is subordinate to claims of depositors, secured creditors and holders of subordinated debt (other than affiliates) of the commonly controlled insured depository institutions.

The FDIA also provides that amounts received from the liquidation or other resolution of any insured depository institution by any receiver must be distributed (after payment of secured claims) to pay the deposit liabilities of the institution prior to payment of any other general or unsecured senior liability, subordinated liability, general creditor or shareholder. This provision would give depositors a preference over general and subordinated creditors and shareholders in the event a receiver is appointed to distribute the assets of our Bank.

Any capital loans by a bank holding company to any of its subsidiary banks are subordinate in right of payment to deposits and to certain other indebtedness of such subsidiary bank. In the event of a bank holding company’s bankruptcy, any commitment by the bank holding company to a federal bank regulatory agency to maintain the capital of a subsidiary bank will be assumed by the bankruptcy trustee and entitled to a priority of payment.

The Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act

The Dodd Frank Act was signed into law in July 2010. The Dodd Frank Act impacts financial institutions in numerous ways, including:

- The creation of a Financial Stability Oversight Council responsible for monitoring and managing systemic risk,
- Granting additional authority to the Federal Reserve to regulate certain types of nonbank financial companies,

- Granting new authority to the FDIC as liquidator and receiver,
- Changing the manner in which deposit insurance assessments are made,

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- Requiring regulators to modify capital standards,
- Establishing the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (the “CFPB”),
- Capping interchange fees that banks with assets of \$10 billion or more charge merchants for debit card transactions,
- Imposing more stringent requirements on mortgage lenders, and
- Limiting banks’ proprietary trading activities.

There are many provisions in the Dodd Frank Act mandating regulators to adopt new regulations and conduct studies upon which future regulation may be based. While some have been issued, many remain to be issued. Governmental intervention and new regulations could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Basel Capital Standards

Regulatory capital rules released in July 2013 to implement capital standards referred to as Basel III and developed by an international body known as the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, impose higher minimum capital requirements for bank holding companies and banks. The rules apply to all national and state banks and savings associations regardless of size and bank holding companies and savings and loan holding companies with more than \$1 billion in total consolidated assets. More stringent requirements are imposed on “advanced approaches” banking organizations—those organizations with \$250 billion or more in total consolidated assets, \$10 billion or more in total foreign exposures, or that have opted in to the Basel II capital regime. The requirements in the rule began to phase in on January 1, 2015, for us. The requirements in the rule will be fully phased in by January 1, 2019.

The rule includes certain new and higher risk-based capital and leverage requirements than those currently in place. Specifically, the following minimum capital requirements apply to us:

- a new common equity Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 4.5%;
- a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 6% (increased from the former 4% requirement);
- a total risk-based capital ratio of 8% (unchanged from the former requirement); and
- a leverage ratio of 4% (also unchanged from the former requirement).

Under the rule, Tier 1 capital is redefined to include two components: Common Equity Tier 1 capital and additional Tier 1 capital. The new and highest form of capital, Common Equity Tier 1 capital, consists solely of common stock (plus related surplus), retained earnings, accumulated other comprehensive income, and limited amounts of minority interests that are in the form of common stock. Additional Tier 1 capital includes other perpetual instruments historically included in Tier 1 capital, such as noncumulative perpetual preferred stock. Tier 2 capital generally consists of instruments that previously qualified as Tier 2 capital plus instruments that the rule has disqualified from Tier 1 capital treatment. Cumulative perpetual preferred stock, formerly includable in Tier 1 capital, is now included only in Tier 2 capital; except that the rule permits bank holding companies with less than \$15 billion in total consolidated assets to continue to include trust preferred securities and cumulative perpetual preferred stock issued before May 19, 2010 in Tier 1 Capital (but not in Common Equity Tier 1 capital), subject to certain restrictions. Accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI) is presumptively included in Common Equity Tier 1 capital and often would operate to reduce this category of capital. The rule provided a one-time opportunity at the end of the first quarter of 2015 for covered banking organizations to opt out of much of this treatment of AOCI. We made this opt-out election and, as a result, will retain the pre-existing treatment for AOCI.

In addition, in order to avoid restrictions on capital distributions or discretionary bonus payments to executives, a covered banking organization must maintain a “capital conservation buffer” on top of its minimum risk-based capital requirements. This buffer must consist solely of Tier 1 Common Equity, but the buffer applies to all three measurements

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(Common Equity Tier 1, Tier 1 capital and total capital). The capital conservation buffer will be phased in incrementally over time, becoming fully effective on January 1, 2019, and will consist of an additional amount of common equity equal to 2.5% of risk-weighted assets. As of January 1, 2016, we are required to hold a capital conservation buffer of 0.625%, increasing by that amount each successive year until 2019.

In general, the rules have had the effect of increasing capital requirements by increasing the risk weights on certain assets, including high volatility commercial real estate, certain loans past due 90 days or more or in nonaccrual status, mortgage servicing rights not includable in Common Equity Tier 1 capital, equity exposures, and claims on securities firms, that are used in the denominator of the three risk-based capital ratios.

Volcker Rule

Section 619 of the Dodd-Frank Act, known as the “Volcker Rule,” prohibits any bank, bank holding company, or affiliate (referred to collectively as “banking entities”) from engaging in two types of activities: “proprietary trading” and the ownership or sponsorship of private equity or hedge funds that are referred to as “covered funds.” Proprietary trading is, in general, trading in securities on a short-term basis for a banking entity's own account. Funds subject to the ownership and sponsorship prohibition are those not required to register with the SEC because they have only accredited investors or no more than 100 investors. In December 2013, our primary federal regulators, the Federal Reserve Board and the FDIC, together with other federal banking agencies, the SEC and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, finalized a regulation to implement the Volcker Rule. At December 31, 2015, the Company has evaluated our securities portfolio and has determined that we do not hold any covered funds.

Prompt Corrective Action

As an insured depository institution, the Bank is required to comply with the capital requirements promulgated under the FDIA and the prompt corrective action regulations thereunder, which set forth five capital categories, each with specific regulatory consequences. Under these regulations, the categories are:

- **Well Capitalized** — The institution exceeds the required minimum level for each relevant capital measure. A well capitalized institution (i) has total risk-based capital ratio of 10% or greater, (ii) has a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 8% or greater, (iii) has a common equity Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 6.5% or greater, (iv) has a leverage capital ratio of 5% or greater, and (v) is not subject to any order or written directive to meet and maintain a specific capital level for any capital measure.
- **Adequately Capitalized** — The institution meets the required minimum level for each relevant capital measure. No capital distribution may be made that would result in the institution becoming undercapitalized. An adequately capitalized institution (i) has a total risk-based capital ratio of 8% or greater, (ii) has a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 6% or greater, (iii) has a common equity Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 4.5% or greater, and (iv) has a leverage capital ratio of 4% or greater.

Assets and liabilities held for sale	October 31, 2009 As adjusted	
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 102,083	\$ 102,083
Accounts receivable, net of allowances ⁽¹⁾	207,180	\$(26,115) 181,065
Inventory	93,996	(67,309) 26,687
Software development costs and licenses	167,341	167,341
Prepaid taxes and taxes receivable	8,814	8,814
Prepaid expenses and other ⁽¹⁾	48,810	(1,337) 47,473
Assets held for sale	95,104	95,104

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Assets and liabilities held for sale	October 31, 2009 As adjusted			
Total current assets	628,224	-	343	628,567
Fixed assets, net	27,392		(343)	27,049
Software development costs and licenses, net of current portion	75,521			75,521
Goodwill	220,881			220,881
Other intangibles, net	23,224			23,224
Other assets	33,329	(1,443)		31,886
 Total assets	 \$ 1,008,571	 \$ (1,443)	 -	 \$ 1,007,128
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 172,976		\$(58,597)	\$ 114,379
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	174,983		(2,199)	172,784
Deferred revenue	6,334			6,334
Liabilities held for sale			60,796	60,796
 Total current liabilities	 354,293	 -	 -	 354,293
 Long-term debt	 138,000	 (40,937)		 97,063
Income taxes payable	10,146			10,146
 Total liabilities	 502,439	 (40,937)	 -	 461,502
Commitments and contingencies				
Stockholders' Equity:				
Preferred stock	-			-
Common stock	819			819
Additional paid-in capital	616,776	42,018		658,794
Accumulated deficit	(119,655)	(2,524)		(122,179)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	8,192			8,192
 Total stockholders' equity	 506,132	 39,494	 -	 545,626
 Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	 \$ 1,008,571	 \$ (1,443)	 -	 \$ 1,007,128

(1) Additionally, the Company reclassified \$7,785 of prepaid expenses and other assets to accounts receivable in its October 31, 2009 Consolidated Balance Sheet to conform to current year presentation.

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In February 2010, we completed the sale of our Jack of all Games third party distribution business, which primarily distributed third party interactive entertainment software, hardware and accessories in North America, for approximately \$44,250, including \$37,500 in cash and up to an additional \$6,750 based on the achievement of certain items. The sale will allow us to focus our resources on our publishing operations. The financial results of our distribution business have been classified as discontinued operations in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for all of the periods presented. The assets and liabilities of this business are reflected as assets and liabilities held for sale in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets for all periods presented.

The following is a summary of the results of the discontinued operations:

	Three months ended January 31,	
	2010	2009
Net revenues	\$ 118,771	\$ 107,459
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ (59)	\$ 5,513
Net income (loss)	\$ (52)	\$ 3,460

The following is a summary of the assets and liabilities of operations held for sale as of January 31, 2010 and October 31, 2009.

	January 31, 2010	October 31, 2009
Accounts receivable, net	\$ 32,159	\$ 26,115
Inventory	41,180	67,309
Prepaid expenses and other	499	1,337
Fixed assets, net	-	343
Total assets held for sale	\$ 73,838	\$ 95,104
Accounts payable	\$ 27,794	\$ 58,597
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	1,360	2,199
Total liabilities held for sale	\$ 29,154	\$ 60,796

4. MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

We entered into a management services agreement with ZelnickMedia (the "Management Agreement"), whereby ZelnickMedia provides us with certain management, consulting and executive level services. Strauss Zelnick, the President of ZelnickMedia, serves as our Executive Chairman. In addition, we entered into employment agreements with Ben Feder and Karl Slatoff to serve as our Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President, respectively. Both Mr. Feder and Mr. Slatoff are partners of ZelnickMedia. The Management Agreement expires in October 2012 and provides for an annual management fee of \$2,500 and a maximum bonus of \$2,500 per fiscal year based on the Company achieving certain performance thresholds. In consideration for ZelnickMedia's services under the Management Agreement, we recorded consulting expense (a component of general and administrative expenses) of \$938 and \$875 for the three months ended January 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Pursuant to the Management Agreement, in August 2007, we issued stock options to ZelnickMedia to acquire 2,009,075 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$14.74 per share, which vest over 36 months and expire 10 years from the date of grant. Each month, we remeasure the fair value of the unvested portion of such options and record compensation expense for the difference between total earned compensation at the end of the period and total earned compensation at the beginning of the

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period. As a result, changes in the price of our common stock impacts compensation expense or benefit recognized from period to period. We recorded stock-based compensation related to this option grant of \$1,114 and \$1,201 for the three months ended January 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

In addition, on June 13, 2008, we granted 600,000 shares of restricted stock to ZelnickMedia, that vest in three equal installments on June 13, 2009, 2010, and 2011; and 900,000 shares of restricted stock that vest over a four year period through 2012, provided that the price of our common stock outperforms 75% of the companies in the NASDAQ Industrial Index measured annually on a cumulative basis. We recorded stock-based compensation benefit related to these grants of restricted stock of \$619 for the three months ended January 31, 2010 and stock-based compensation expense of \$392 for the three months ended January 31, 2009.

5. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

We follow a three-level fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. This hierarchy requires entities to maximize the use of "observable inputs" and minimize the use of "unobservable inputs." The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1, such as quoted prices for markets that are not active or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. This includes certain pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies and similar techniques that use significant unobservable inputs.

The table below segregates all assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis (which is measured at least annually) into the most appropriate level within the fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used to determine the fair value at the measurement date.

	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets January 31, 2010				Significant observable inputs (level 1)		Significant observable inputs (level 2)		Significant unobservable inputs (level 3)	
Money market funds	\$	25,786	\$	25,786	\$	-	\$	-	-	-

On November 1, 2009, the Company adopted new Fair Value Measurements guidance, for all non-financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis, such as goodwill and identifiable intangible assets. The adoption of this guidance for non-financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis did not impact the Company's financial position or results of operations.

6. COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

Components of comprehensive loss are as follows:

	Three months ended January 31,			
	2010		2009	
Net loss	\$	(33,874)	\$	(50,388)
Foreign currency translation adjustment		(7,940)		(19,250)
Comprehensive loss	\$	(41,814)	\$	(69,638)

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Inventory balances by category are as follows:

	January 31, 2010	October 31, 2009
Finished products	\$ 45,874	\$ 20,288
Parts and supplies	4,788	6,399
Inventory	\$ 50,662	\$ 26,687

Estimated product returns included in inventory at January 31, 2010 and October 31, 2009 are \$1,357 and \$2,971, respectively.

8. SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT COSTS AND LICENSES

Details of our software development costs and licenses are as follows:

	January 31, 2010		October 31, 2009	
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Software development costs, internally developed	\$ 140,668	\$ 40,890	\$ 123,018	\$ 46,574
Software development costs, externally developed	45,829	29,798	42,306	27,202
Licenses	349	1,990	2,017	1,745
Software development costs and licenses	\$ 186,846	\$ 72,678	\$ 167,341	\$ 75,521

Software development costs and licenses as of January 31, 2010 and October 31, 2009 include \$243,615 and \$212,939, respectively, related to titles that have not been released.

9. ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities consist of the following:

	January 31, 2010	October 31, 2009
Software development costs and royalties	\$ 42,980	\$ 55,151
Income tax payable and deferred tax liability	45,336	41,669
Compensation and benefits	22,374	16,749
Licenses	14,964	13,202
Marketing and promotions	10,399	11,038
Professional fees	5,939	6,153
Rent and deferred rent obligations	5,630	5,767
Deferred consideration for acquisitions	116	1,103
Other	16,715	21,952
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	\$ 164,453	\$ 172,784

10. LONG-TERM DEBTCredit Agreement

In July 2007, we entered into a credit agreement which provides for borrowings of up to \$140,000 and is secured by substantially all of our assets and the equity of our subsidiaries. The Credit Agreement expires on July 3, 2012. Revolving loans under the Credit Agreement bear

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interest at our election of (a) 2.00% to 2.50% above a certain base rate with a minimum 6.00% base rate (8.00% at January 31,

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2010), or (b) 3.25% to 3.75% above the LIBOR Rate with a minimum 4.00% LIBOR Rate (7.25% at January 31, 2010), with the margin rate subject to the achievement of certain average liquidity levels. We had no outstanding borrowings at January 31, 2010 and October 31, 2009. We are also required to pay a monthly fee on the unused available balance, ranging from 0.25% to 0.75%.

Information related to availability on our Credit Agreement is as follows:

	January 31, 2010	October 31, 2009
Available borrowings	\$ 131,940	\$ 88,137
Outstanding letters of credit	8,060	11,560

We recorded \$588 and \$1,938 of interest expense and fees related to the Credit Agreement for the three months ended January 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. As of January 31, 2010, we were in compliance with all covenants and requirements in the Credit Agreement.

Convertible Notes

In June 2009, we issued \$138,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.375% convertible senior notes due 2014 ("Convertible Notes"). The issuance of the Convertible Notes included \$18,000 related to the exercise of an over-allotment option by the underwriters. Interest on the Convertible Notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on June 1st and December 1st of each year, commencing on December 1, 2009. The Convertible Notes mature on June 1, 2014, unless earlier redeemed or repurchased by the Company or converted.

The Convertible Notes are convertible at an initial conversion rate of 93.6768 shares of our common stock per \$1 principal amount of Convertible Notes (representing an initial conversion price of approximately \$10.675 per share of common stock for a total of approximately 12,927,000 underlying conversion shares) subject to adjustment in certain circumstances. Holders may convert the Convertible Notes at their option prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding December 1, 2013 only under the following circumstances: (1) during any fiscal quarter commencing after July 31, 2009, if the last reported sale price of the common stock for at least 20 trading days (whether or not consecutive) during a period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the preceding fiscal quarter is greater than or equal to 130% of the applicable conversion price on each applicable trading day; (2) during the five business day period after any 10 consecutive trading day period (the "measurement period") in which the trading price per \$1 principal amount of Convertible Notes for each day of that measurement period was less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of our common stock and the applicable conversion rate on each such day; (3) if we call the Convertible Notes for redemption, at any time prior to the close of business on the third scheduled trading day prior to the redemption date; or (4) upon the occurrence of specified corporate events. On and after December 1, 2013 until the close of business on the third scheduled trading day immediately preceding the maturity date, holders may convert their Convertible Notes at any time, regardless of the foregoing circumstances. Upon conversion, the Convertible Notes may be settled, at our election, in cash, shares of our common stock, or a combination of cash and shares of the Company's common stock.

At any time on or after June 5, 2012, the Company may redeem all of the outstanding Convertible Notes for cash, but only if the last reported sale of our common stock for 20 or more trading days in a period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the trading day prior to the date we provide notice of redemption to holders of the Convertible Notes exceeds 150% of the conversion price in effect on each such trading day. The redemption price will equal 100% of the principal amount of the Convertible Notes to be redeemed, plus all accrued and unpaid interest (including additional interest, if any) to, but excluding, the redemption date.

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Upon the occurrence of certain fundamental changes involving the Company, holders of the Convertible Notes may require us to purchase all or a portion of their Convertible Notes for cash at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be purchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest (including additional interest, if any) to, but excluding, the fundamental change purchase date.

The indenture governing the Convertible Notes contains customary terms and covenants and events of default. If an event of default (as defined therein) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee by notice to the Company, or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Convertible Notes then outstanding by notice to the Company and the Trustee, may, and the Trustee at the request of such holders shall, declare 100% of the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest (including additional interest, if any) on all the Convertible Notes to be due and payable. In the case of an event of default arising out of certain bankruptcy events, 100% of the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest (including additional interest, if any), on the Convertible Notes will automatically become due and payable immediately. As of January 31, 2010, we were in compliance with all covenants and requirements outlined in the indenture governing the Convertible Notes.

The Convertible Notes are senior unsecured obligations and rank senior in right of payment to our existing and future indebtedness that may be expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Convertible Notes; equal in right of payment to our existing and future indebtedness that is not so subordinated; junior in right of payment to any of our secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness; and structurally junior to all existing and future indebtedness incurred by our subsidiaries.

In connection with the offering of the Convertible Notes, we entered into convertible note hedge transactions which are expected to reduce the potential dilution to our common stock upon conversion of the Convertible Notes. The convertible note hedge transactions allow the Company to receive shares of its common stock related to the excess conversion value that it would convey to the holders of the Convertible Notes upon conversion. The transactions include options to purchase approximately 12,927,000 shares of common stock at \$10.675 per share, expiring on June 1, 2014, for a total cost of approximately \$43,600, which was charged to additional paid-in capital.

Separately, the Company entered into a warrant transaction with a strike price of \$14.945 per share. The warrants will be net share settled and will cover approximately 12,927,000 shares of the Company's common stock and expire on August 30, 2014, for total proceeds of approximately \$26,300, which was credited to additional paid-in capital.

A portion of the net proceeds from the Convertible Notes offering was used to pay the net cost of the convertible note hedge transactions (after such cost was partially offset by proceeds from the sale of the warrants). We incurred approximately \$4,984 of banking, legal and accounting fees related to the issuance of the Convertible Notes which were capitalized as debt issuance cost and will be amortized to interest and other expense over the term of the Convertible Notes.

Adoption of new debt guidance impacting Convertible Notes

In May 2008, the FASB issued new accounting guidance on debt with conversion and other options. This guidance specifies that issuers of such instruments should separately account for the liability and equity components in a manner that reflects the Company's nonconvertible debt borrowing rate when interest cost is recognized in subsequent periods. The guidance requires retrospective application of its provisions and it does not affect our cash flows. On November 1, 2009 we adopted this new guidance related to the accounting for convertible notes, and we reclassified the difference between the fair value and the principal amount of our Convertible Notes balance to additional paid-in-capital, representing the fair value of the embedded conversion option of the Convertible Notes. We estimated the fair value to be \$94,408, as of the date of issuance of our Convertible Notes, assuming a 13% non-convertible borrowing rate. On November 1, 2009 we calculated the difference between the principal amount of the

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Convertible Notes and the remaining liability component after the bifurcation to be \$43,592 which we reclassified to debt discount with a corresponding adjustment made to additional paid-in-capital. Also upon adoption of this new guidance, we retrospectively adjusted the debt discount which is being amortized using the effective interest method as non-cash interest expense in our consolidated statement of operations in addition to the Convertible Notes' coupon interest payments over the five year period of the Convertible Notes. The results of the retrospective amortization on our consolidated statement of operations reflected an additional pre-tax non-cash interest expense of approximately \$2,655 for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2009. Debt issuance costs of \$4,984 were capitalized and are being amortized to interest expense over the term of the Convertible Notes. Debt issuance costs of \$1,574 were related to the equity component and were recorded as a reduction of additional paid in capital. See Note 2 for retrospective application to previously reported items.

The following table provides additional information related to our Convertible Notes:

	January 31, 2010	October 31, 2009
Additional paid-in capital	\$ 42,018	\$ 42,018
Principal amount of Convertible Notes	\$ 138,000	\$ 138,000
Unamortized discount of the liability component	39,274	40,937
Net carrying amount of Convertible Notes	\$ 98,726	\$ 97,063
Carrying amount of debt issuance costs	\$ 2,957	\$ 3,127

The following table provides the components of interest expense related to our Convertible Notes:

	For the three months ended January 31, 2010	
Cash interest expense (coupon interest expense)	\$	1,509
Non-cash amortization of discount on Convertible Notes		1,663
Amortization of debt issuance costs		170
Total interest expense related to Convertible Notes	\$	3,342

11. LEGAL AND OTHER PROCEEDINGS

Various lawsuits, claims, proceedings and investigations are pending involving us and certain of our subsidiaries as described below in this section. Depending on the amount and the timing, an unfavorable resolution of some or all of these matters could materially affect our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. We have appropriately accrued amounts related to certain legal and other proceedings discussed below. While there is a possibility that a loss may be incurred in excess of the amounts accrued in our financial statements, we believe that such losses, unless otherwise disclosed, would not be material. In addition to the matters described herein, we are, or may become, involved in routine litigation in the ordinary course of business which we do not believe to be material to our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Consumer Class Action and City of Los Angeles Litigation - Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas. Beginning in July 2005, several consumers on behalf of all purchasers of our *Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas* game, and the City Attorney for the City of Los Angeles on behalf of the State of California, filed complaints alleging that we engaged in consumer deception and false advertising, breached an implied warranty of merchantability and were unjustly enriched as a result of our alleged failure to disclose that *Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas* contained "hidden" content. For pretrial purposes, these cases all were consolidated and transferred to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

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(the "SDNY Court"). We agreed to a settlement of these cases in December 2007; however, in July 2008, the SDNY Court declined to certify the proposed settlement class on the basis that, under controlling case law issued after the parties negotiated the settlement, the plaintiffs could no longer meet their burden of showing that the case could proceed on the proposed class basis, regardless of whether the purpose of certification was for litigation or settlement. The plaintiffs subsequently applied for, and on April 15, 2009 the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit granted, permission to file an interlocutory appeal.

We recently entered into agreements to resolve these cases on a non-class basis, on non-material financial terms. On February 16, 2010, the SDNY Court dismissed the putative class actions.

Securities Class Action - Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas and Option Backdating. In February and March 2006, four purported class action complaints were filed against us and certain of our then current and former officers and directors in the SDNY Court. The actions were consolidated, and in April 2007 the lead plaintiffs filed a consolidated second amended complaint which contained allegations related to purported "hidden content" contained in Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas and the backdating of stock options, including the investigation thereof conducted by the Special Litigation Committee of the Board of Directors and the restatement of our financial statements relating thereto. This complaint was filed against us, our former Chief Executive Officer, our former Chief Financial Officer, our former Chairman of the Board, our Rockstar Games subsidiary, and one officer and one former officer of our Rockstar Games subsidiary. The lead plaintiffs sought unspecified compensatory damages and costs including attorneys' fees and expenses. In April 2008, the Court dismissed, with leave to amend, all claims as to all defendants relating to *Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas* and certain claims as to our former CEO, CFO and certain director defendants relating to the backdating of stock options. In September 2008, the lead plaintiff filed a third amended consolidated complaint seeking to reinstate these claims, which we opposed. On August 31, 2009, we entered into a memorandum of understanding with the lead plaintiffs to comprehensively settle all claims asserted by them against us, our Rockstar Games subsidiary and all of the current and former officers and directors named in the actions. Under the terms of the proposed settlement, we will pay approximately \$20,115 into a settlement fund for the benefit of class members, approximately \$15,315 of which will be paid by our insurance carriers and the balance of approximately \$4,800 has previously been accrued for in our financial statements. In addition to the payment to the settlement fund, we will also supplement the substantial changes that we have already implemented in our corporate governance policies and practices. The proposed settlement is subject to the completion of final documentation and preliminary and final approval by the SDNY Court. Neither we, our subsidiary nor any of the individuals admit any wrongdoing as part of the proposed settlement agreement

St. Clair Derivative Action. In January 2006, the St. Clair Shores General Employees Retirement System filed a purported class and derivative action complaint in the SDNY Court against us, as nominal defendant, and certain of our directors and certain former officers and directors. Certain of the factual allegations in this action are similar to those in the securities class action described above. The plaintiff asserts that certain defendants breached their fiduciary duty by selling their stock while in possession of certain material non-public information and that we violated Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 14a-9 thereunder by failing to disclose material facts in our 2003, 2004 and 2005 proxy statements in which we solicited approval to increase share availability under our 2002 Stock Option Plan. The plaintiff seeks the return of all profits from the alleged insider trading conducted by the individual defendants who sold our stock, unspecified compensatory damages with interest and its costs in the action. In March 2007, the Special Litigation Committee moved to dismiss the complaint based on, among other things, the Committee's conclusion that "future pursuit of this action is not in the best interests of Take-Two or its shareholders." In August 2007, the plaintiff filed an Amended Derivative and Class Action Complaint alleging, among other things, that defendants breached their fiduciary duties in connection with the issuance of proxy statements from 2001 through

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2005. In September 2007, the Special Litigation Committee moved to dismiss the Amended Complaint or to consolidate certain of its claims with the securities class action. In July 2008, the Court dismissed all claims against us and all claims against all defendants that arose out of the plaintiff's derivative claims. The Court expressly did not determine whether these claims would entitle the putative class to monetary damages, but invited briefs from the individual defendants on this point. In October 2008, these individuals moved to dismiss the remaining claims against them. Briefing was concluded as of January 16, 2009. On September 15, 2009, the case was reassigned to Judge Sullivan, who denied the pending motions to dismiss without prejudice pending an October status conference. At that status conference, the Court reinstated the motions to dismiss, and oral argument on those motions was held November 23, 2009. The motions are now pending before the Court.

Derivative Action Option Backdating. In July and August 2006, shareholders Richard Lasky and Raeda Karadsheh filed purported derivative actions in the SDNY Court against us, as nominal defendant, and certain of our directors and certain former officers and directors. These actions were consolidated in November 2006 and the plaintiffs filed a consolidated complaint in January 2007, which focused exclusively on our historical stock option granting practices, alleging violations of federal and state law, including breaches of fiduciary duties, abuse of control, gross mismanagement, waste of corporate assets, and unjust enrichment. The complaints sought unspecified damages against all of the individual defendants, reimbursement from certain of the defendants of bonuses or other incentive or equity-based compensation paid to them, equitable and other relief relating to the proceeds from certain of the defendants' alleged improper trading activity in our stock, adoption of certain corporate governance proposals and recovery of litigation costs. These matters were referred to the Special Litigation Committee, which moved to dismiss certain parties from the litigation and to have any claims against the remaining parties be assigned to us for disposition by our management and Board of Directors. On April 21, 2009, the Court granted the Special Litigation Committee's motion in its entirety, dismissing all claims against all named defendants except Ryan A. Brant, James David, Larry Muller, and Kelly G. Sumner, and assigning those remaining claims to the Company as the sole party plaintiff. On June 15, 2009, the former shareholder plaintiffs applied for the entry of final judgment in order to permit the immediate appeal of the Court's April 21, 2009 order dismissing certain defendants and terminating the former shareholder plaintiffs from consolidated action, which application the Court denied on March 5, 2010. Also on June 15, 2009, as directed by the Court, the Company filed an amended complaint against the remaining defendants in the suit. Those defendants have since moved to dismiss the Company's amended complaint, supporting and opposing briefs have been filed by all parties, and their motions remain pending before the Court.

Strickland et al. Personal Injury Action. In February 2005, the personal representatives of the Estates of Arnold Strickland, James Crump and Ace Mealer brought an action in the Circuit Court of Fayette County, Alabama against us, Sony Computer Entertainment America Inc., Sony Corporation of America, Wal-Mart, GameStop and Devin Moore, alleging under Alabama's manufacturers' liability and wrongful death statutes, that our video games resulted in "copycat violence" that caused the deaths of Messrs. Strickland, Crump and Mealer by Mr. Moore. The suit seeks damages (including punitive damages) against all of the defendants in excess of \$600,000. In April 2006, the plaintiffs amended the complaint to add a claim for civil conspiracy. Our motion to dismiss that claim is pending, but there currently is no scheduling order in effect. At our request, the Court held an evidentiary hearing on October 30, 2008 to consider the exclusion of certain expert testimony and a second hearing was held on December 18, 2008. On July 29, 2009, the Court entered an order excluding the expert testimony and granting summary judgment to the Company. Plaintiff Steve Strickland filed a Notice of Appeal on August 10, 2009, which appeal is pending. We believe that the claims are without merit and that this action is similar to lawsuits brought and dismissed by courts in other jurisdictions.

We intend to vigorously defend all of the above pending matters and, with respect to the derivative actions, we have been advised that the individual defendants will vigorously defend such actions.

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12. EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE ("EPS")

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings (loss) per common share (shares in thousands):

	Three months ended January 31,	
	2010	2009
Denominator for basic earnings per share	78,139	76,102
Effect of potential dilutive common stock equivalents		
Denominator for diluted earnings per share	78,139	76,102

The Company incurred a net loss from continuing operations for the three months ended January 31, 2010 and 2009; therefore, the basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding exclude the impact of all common stock equivalents because their impact would be antidilutive.

The Company defines common stock equivalents as unexercised stock options, unvested time-based and market-based restricted stock, common stock equivalents underlying the Convertible Notes (see Note 10) and warrants outstanding during the period. Common stock equivalents are measured using the treasury stock method, except for the Company's Convertible Notes, which are assessed for their impact on diluted EPS using the more dilutive of the treasury stock method or the if-converted method. Under the provisions of the if-converted method, the Convertible Notes are assumed to be converted and included in the denominator of the EPS calculation and the interest expense, net of tax, recorded in connection with the Convertible Notes is added back to the numerator. For the three months ended January 31, 2010, the assumed conversion of 12,927,000 shares underlying our Convertible Notes was antidilutive; therefore the shares were excluded from the computation of diluted EPS.

In connection with the issuance of our Convertible Notes in June 2009, the Company purchased convertible note hedges (see Note 10) which were excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS because their impact is always considered antidilutive since the call option would be exercised by the Company when the exercise price is lower than the market price. Also in connection with the issuance of our Convertible Notes, the Company entered into warrant transactions (see Note 10). For the three months ended January 31, 2010, the Company excluded the warrants outstanding from its diluted EPS because the warrants' strike price of \$14.945 was greater than the average market price of our common stock.

For the three months ended January 31, 2010 and 2009, other common stock equivalents excluded from the diluted EPS calculation included unexercised stock awards because their effect would have been antidilutive due to the net loss for those periods. The number of the antidilutive unexercised stock options and unvested time-based and market-based restricted stock ("participating restricted stock") was approximately 10,080,000 and 8,318,000 for the three months ended January 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

For the three months ended January 31, 2010, we issued approximately 1,885,000 shares of common stock in connection with restricted stock awards. During the three months ended January 31, 2010, we canceled 20,000 shares of unvested restricted stock awards.

On November 1, 2009, we adopted new accounting guidance for determining whether instruments granted in share-based payment transactions are participating securities and, as a result, unvested share-based awards which include the right to receive non-forfeitable dividends or dividend equivalents are considered to participate with common stock in undistributed earnings. Our unvested restricted stock rights (including restricted stock units, time-based and market-based restricted stock awards) are considered participating restricted stock since these securities have non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents during the contractual period of the award. For the three months ended January 31, 2010 and 2009 we had 6,535,000 and 4,077,000, respectively, of unvested share-based

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awards that are considered participating restricted stock which are included in our other common stock equivalents disclosed above.

13. SEGMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

We are a publisher of interactive software games designed for video game consoles, personal computers, handheld devices and digital distribution.

Our reporting segment is based upon our internal organizational structure, the manner in which our operations are managed and the criteria used by our Chief Executive Officer, our chief operating decision maker ("CODM") to evaluate performance. The Company's operations involve similar products and customers worldwide. We are centrally managed and the CODM primarily uses consolidated financial information supplemented by sales information by product category, major product title and platform to make operational decisions and assess financial performance. Our business consists of our Rockstar Games and 2K labels which have been aggregated into a single reportable segment (the "publishing segment") based upon their similar economic characteristics, products and distribution methods. Revenue earned from our publishing segment is primarily derived from the sale of internally developed software titles and software titles developed on our behalf by third parties. Accordingly, the Company operates as a single segment.

Prior to the first quarter of fiscal year 2010, we managed our business primarily based on our publishing and distribution businesses. In February 2010, we completed the sale of the assets of our distribution business. As a result, the financial results of our distribution business have been classified as discontinued operations in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for all of the periods presented. The assets and liabilities of this business are reflected as assets and liabilities held for sale in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets for all periods presented.

We attribute net revenue to geographic regions based on product destination. Net revenue by geographic region is as follows:

Net revenue by geographic region:	Three months ended January 31,	
	2010	2009
United States	\$ 110,912	\$ 78,635
Canada	11,329	7,779
North America	122,241	86,414
Continental Europe	20,005	38,373
United Kingdom	13,204	14,983
Asia Pacific and other	7,788	9,581
Total net revenue	\$ 163,238	\$ 149,351

Net revenue by product platform is as follows:

Net revenue by product platform:	Three months ended January 31,	
	2010	2009
Microsoft Xbox 360	\$ 67,224	\$ 27,209
Sony PlayStation 3	31,822	23,103
Nintendo Wii	21,985	28,708
PC	13,198	35,520
Sony PSP	9,383	12,289
Sony PlayStation 2	9,961	14,042
Nintendo DS	8,177	7,542
Other	1,488	938
Total net revenue	\$ 163,238	\$ 149,351

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

CAUTIONARY NOTE ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The statements contained herein which are not historical facts are considered forward-looking statements under federal securities laws and may be identified by words such as "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "potential," "predicts," "projects," "seeks," "will," or words of similar meaning and include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the outlook for the Company's future business and financial performance. Such forward-looking statements are based on the current beliefs of our management as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to them, which are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict. Actual outcomes and results may vary materially from these forward-looking statements based on a variety of risks and uncertainties including those contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2009, in the section entitled "Risk Factors," and the Company's other periodic filings with the SEC. All forward-looking statements are qualified by these cautionary statements and apply only as of the date they are made. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Our Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") is provided in addition to the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and footnotes to assist readers in understanding our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the MD&A included in our annual consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 31, 2009.

Overview

Our Business

We are a global publisher and developer of interactive entertainment software. Our business consists of our wholly-owned labels Rockstar Games and 2K, which publishes its titles under 2K Games, 2K Sports and 2K Play. We develop, publish, market and sell software titles for the leading gaming and entertainment hardware platforms including: Sony's PlayStation®3 ("PS3") and PlayStation®2 ("PS2") computer entertainment systems; Sony's PSP® (PlayStation®Portable) ("PSP") system; Microsoft's Xbox 360® ("Xbox 360") video game and entertainment system; Nintendo's Wii ("Wii") and DS ("DS") systems; and for the PC and Games for Windows®. We also selectively develop and publish titles for digital distribution via Sony's PlayStation®Network ("PSN") and Microsoft's Xbox LIVE® Marketplace ("Xbox LIVE") and Xbox LIVE® Arcade ("XBLA"), as well as digitally offer our PC titles through online download stores and services such as Steam. We also develop and publish titles for the iPhone and iPod® touch. The global installed base for the prior generation of platforms, including PS2 and DS ("prior generation platforms") is substantial. The release of the PS3, Xbox 360, and Wii platforms ("current generation platforms") has further expanded the video game software market. We are continuing to increase the number of titles released on the current generation platforms while also developing titles for certain prior generation platforms such as PS2 and DS given their significant installed base, as long as it is economically attractive to do so. We have pursued a strategy of capitalizing on the widespread market acceptance of interactive entertainment, as well as the growing popularity of innovative action, adventure, racing, role-playing, sports and strategy games that appeal to the expanding demographic of video game players.

We endeavor to be the most creative, innovative and efficient company in our industry. Our strategy is to capitalize on the interactive entertainment market, particularly the expanding demographics of video game players, and focus on creating premium quality games and successful franchises for which we can create sequels. We develop most of our frontline products internally and own the intellectual property associated with most of our titles, which we believe best positions us financially and competitively. We

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have established a portfolio of proprietary software content for the major hardware platforms in a wide range of genres including action, adventure, racing, role-playing, sports and strategy. We believe that our commitment to creativity and innovation is a distinguishing strength, allowing us to differentiate many of our products in the marketplace by combining advanced technology with compelling storylines and characters that provide unique gameplay experiences for consumers. We have created, acquired or licensed a group of highly recognizable brands to match the variety of consumer demographics we aspire to serve, ranging from adults to children and game enthusiasts to casual gamers.

Revenue is primarily derived from the sale of internally developed software titles and software titles developed by third parties for our benefit. Operating margins are dependent in part upon our ability to continually release new, commercially successful products and to manage software product development costs. We have internal development studios located in Australia, Canada, China, Czech Republic, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

We expect Rockstar Games, our wholly-owned publisher of the hit *Grand Theft Auto* and *Midnight Club* franchises, to continue to be a leader in the action product category and create groundbreaking entertainment by leveraging our existing franchises as well as developing new brands. Software titles published by our Rockstar Games label are primarily internally developed. We believe that Rockstar has established a uniquely original, popular cultural phenomenon with its *Grand Theft Auto* series and continues to expand on our established franchises by releasing sequels as well as offering downloadable episodes and content. In 2010, Rockstar released the critically acclaimed *Grand Theft Auto: Chinatown Wars* on the iPhone and iPod touch. Rockstar is also well known for developing brands in other genres, including the *Bully*, *Manhunt*, *Max Payne* and *Red Dead* franchises, and introduced a new brand in the music genre in 2009 with *Rockstar Games and Timbaland present Beaterator*.

Our 2K label publishes its titles under 2K Games, 2K Sports and 2K Play.

2K Games has published a variety of popular entertainment properties across multiple genres and platforms and we expect 2K Games to continue to develop new and successful franchises in the future. 2K Games' internally owned and developed franchises include the critically acclaimed, multi-million unit selling *BioShock*, *Mafia*, and *Sid Meier's Civilization* series. In February 2010, 2K Games released *BioShock 2*, a new multiplayer experience that enhances the lore and fiction of the *BioShock* universe. 2K Games also expanded the *Sid Meier's Civilization* series by releasing *Sid Meier's Civilization® Revolution* onto mobile platforms for the iPhone and iPod touch. 2K Games expects to further expand upon the *Civilization* franchise by introducing *Civilization® Network* exclusively on Facebook in calendar 2010. 2K Games has also published titles that were externally developed, such as *The Darkness*, *The Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion®* and *Borderlands*, which has become another key franchise for 2K Games since its launch in the fourth quarter of 2009.

2K Sports develops most of its software titles through our internal development studios including the *Major League Baseball 2K* series, *NBA 2K* series, *NHL 2K* series, and our *Top Spin* tennis series. 2K Sports has secured long-term, third party exclusive licensing relationships with Major League Baseball Properties, the Major League Baseball Players Association and Major League Baseball Advanced Media. In addition, 2K Sports has secured licensing agreements with the National Basketball Association (NBA) and the National Hockey League (NHL). *NBA 2K10* was the best selling and highest rated basketball game for the Xbox 360® video game and entertainment system from Microsoft and the PlayStation®3 computer entertainment system through January 2010, according to The NPD Group's estimates of U.S. retail video game sales and Metacritic.com. 2K Sports also has expansion initiatives in the rapidly growing Asia markets, where our strategy is to broaden the distribution of our existing products, expand our business in Japan, and establish an online gaming presence, especially in China and Korea. In 2009, 2K Sports secured a multi-year license from the NBA to develop an online version of the NBA simulation game in China, Taiwan, South Korea and Southeast Asia. At the same time, 2K Sports also announced a partnership with Tencent Holdings Limited, one of China's leading online game operators, to co-develop and distribute *NBA 2K Online* in China.

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2K Play focuses on developing and publishing titles for the growing market of casual and family-friendly games. 2K Play titles are developed by both internal development studios and third party developers. Internally developed titles include *Carnival Games* and *Birthday Party Bash*. In Fiscal 2010 2K Play released *Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® Circus*, a new licensed casual and family-friendly, internally developed game. 2K Play also has a partnership with Nickelodeon to publish video games based on its top rated Nick Jr. titles such as *Dora the Explorer*; *Go, Diego, Go!*; *Ni Hao, Kai-lan* and *The Backyardigans*. In February 2010, 2K Play released *The Misadventures of P.B. Winterbottom* on XBLA and is working with several small independent developers to publish additional casual gaming titles for XBLA, such as *Axel & Pixel*. We expect family-oriented gaming to continue to be a component of our industry in the future.

Discontinued operations

In February 2010, we completed the sale to SYNnex Corporation ("Synnex") of our Jack of all Games third party distribution business, which primarily distributed third party interactive entertainment software, hardware and accessories in North America for approximately \$44.25 million, including \$37.5 million in cash and up to an additional \$6.75 million based on the achievement of certain items. The sale will allow us to focus our resources on our publishing operations. The financial results of this business, which were previously reported as our distribution business, have been classified as discontinued operations in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for all periods presented. The assets and liabilities of this business are reflected as assets and liabilities held for sale in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets for all periods presented. See Note 3 to our Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding discontinued operations.

Trends and Factors Impacting our Business

Product Release Schedule. Our financial results are impacted by the timing of our product releases and the commercial success of those titles. Our *Grand Theft Auto* products in particular have historically accounted for a substantial portion of our revenue. The timing of our *Grand Theft Auto* releases vary significantly, which in turn impacts our financial performance on a quarterly and annual basis.

Economic Environment and Retailer Performance. We continue to monitor the adverse changes in economic conditions which may have unfavorable impacts on our business, such as deteriorating consumer demand, pricing pressure on our products, credit quality of our receivables, and foreign currency exchange rates. Our business is dependent upon a limited number of customers who account for a significant portion of our revenue. The unfavorable economic environment has impacted several of our customers, and is expected to continue to do so during fiscal 2010. Bankruptcies or consolidations of our large retail customers could seriously hurt our business, due to uncollectible accounts receivables and the concentration of purchasing power among the remaining large retailers. Our business is also negatively impacted by the actions of certain of our large customers, who sell used copies of our games, which reduces demand for new copies of our games. We have begun to offer downloadable episodes for certain of our titles, which require the user to have a copy of the original game. While this may serve to reduce some used game sales, we expect sales of used games to continue to increase.

Hardware Platforms. The majority of our products are made for the hardware platforms developed by three companies Sony, Microsoft and Nintendo. When new hardware platforms are introduced, demand for software based on older platforms declines, which may negatively impact our business. Additionally, our development costs are generally higher for titles based on new platforms, and we have limited ability to predict the consumer acceptance of the new platforms, which may impact our sales and profitability. As a result, we believe it is important to focus our development efforts on a select number of titles, which is consistent with our strategy.

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International Operations. Sales in international markets, primarily in Europe, have accounted for a significant portion of our revenue. We have also recently expanded our Asian operations in an effort to increase our geographical scope and diversify our revenue base. We are subject to risks associated with foreign trade, including credit risks and consumer acceptance of our products, and our financial results may be impacted by fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates.

First Quarter 2010 Releases

We did not release any key titles in the first quarter of fiscal year 2010.

Product Pipeline

We have announced expected release dates for the following key titles (this list does not represent all titles currently in development):

Title	Publishing Label	Internal or External Development	Platform(s)	Actual/Expected Release Date
<i>BioShock® 2</i>	2K Games	Internal	PS3, Xbox 360, PC	February 9, 2010 (released)
<i>Red Dead Redemption</i>	Rockstar Games	Internal	PS3, Xbox 360	May 18, 2010
<i>L.A. Noire</i>	Rockstar Games	External	PS3, Xbox 360	Fiscal year 2010
<i>Mafia® II</i>	2K Games	Internal	PS3, Xbox 360, PC	Fiscal year 2010
<i>Max Payne 3</i>	Rockstar Games	Internal	PS3, Xbox 360, PC	Fiscal year 2010
<i>Sid Meier's Civilization® V</i>	2K Games	Internal	PC	Fiscal year 2010
<i>NBA® 2K11</i>	2K Sports	Internal	TBA	Fiscal year 2010
<i>Spec Ops®: The Line</i>	2K Games	External	PS3, Xbox 360, PC	Fiscal Year 2011

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our most critical accounting policies, which are those that require significant judgment, include: revenue recognition; allowances for returns, price concessions and other allowances; capitalization and recognition of software development costs and licenses; fair value estimates including inventory obsolescence, valuation of goodwill, intangible assets and long-lived assets; valuation and recognition of stock-based compensation; and income taxes. In-depth descriptions of these can be found in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2009.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**Business Combinations**

On November 1, 2009 the Company adopted the guidance that requires acquiring entities in a business combination to recognize all assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the transaction, establishes the acquisition-date fair value as the measurement objective for all assets acquired and liabilities assumed, and requires the acquirer to disclose the nature and financial effect of the business combination. The guidance also requires that assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination that arise from contingencies be recognized at fair value, if fair value can be determined during the measurement period. This new rule specifies that an asset or liability should be recognized at time of acquisition if the amount of the asset or liability can be reasonably estimated and that it is probable that an asset existed or that a liability had been incurred at the acquisition date. The adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on our consolidated financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

Intangibles Goodwill and Other

On November 1, 2009 the Company adopted the guidance issued for determining the useful life of a recognized intangible asset which applies prospectively to intangible assets acquired individually or with a group of other assets in either an asset acquisition or business combination. The adoption of this

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guidance did not have any impact on our consolidated financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

Debt

On November 1, 2009 the Company adopted the guidance specifying that issuers of convertible debt instruments that may be settled in cash upon conversion should separately account for the liability and equity components in a manner reflecting the Company's non-convertible debt borrowing rate.

In June 2009, we issued \$138.0 million of 4.375% convertible senior notes due 2014 ("Convertible Notes") which was classified as long-term debt at October 31, 2009. On November 1, 2009 we calculated the difference between the principal amount of the Convertible Notes and the remaining liability component after the bifurcation to be \$43.6 million, which was reclassified to debt discount with a corresponding adjustment made to additional paid-in-capital. Also upon adoption of this new guidance, on November 1, 2009 we retrospectively adjusted the debt discount which is being amortized as non-cash interest expense in our consolidated statements of operations in addition to the Convertible Notes' coupon interest payments over the five year period of the Convertible Notes. For additional details on our Convertible Notes see Note 10 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Earnings Per Share

On November 1, 2009 the Company adopted new guidance which clarified that stock-based payment awards that entitle holders to receive non-forfeitable dividends before they vest should be considered participating securities and included in the basic Earnings Per Share ("EPS") calculation. The adoption of this guidance did not have any impact on our consolidated results of operations. For additional details on our EPS calculation see Note 12 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Measuring Liabilities at Fair Value

On November 1, 2009 the Company adopted new guidance which relates to the fair value measurement of liabilities. This guidance provides clarification that in circumstances in which quoted prices in an active market for the identical liability are not available, a reporting entity is required to measure fair value using a valuation technique that uses quoted prices for the identical liability when traded as an asset, quoted prices for similar liabilities when traded as an asset or another technique that is consistent with the Fair Value principles. The adoption of this guidance did not have a significant impact on our consolidated financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

Amendments to Variable Interest Entity Guidance

In June 2009, new guidance was issued which requires an enterprise to determine whether its variable interest or interests give it a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity. The primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity is the enterprise that has both (1) the power to direct the activities of a variable interest entity that most significantly impacts the entity's economic performance and (2) the obligation to absorb losses of the entity that could potentially be significant to the variable interest entity or the right to receive benefits from the entity that could potentially be significant to the variable interest entity. The guidance also now requires ongoing reassessments of whether an enterprise is the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity. The guidance is effective at the start of a company's first fiscal year beginning after November 15, 2009 (November 1, 2010 for the Company). We are evaluating the impact that the adoption of this new guidance will have on our consolidated financial position, cash flows and results of operations.

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Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements

In October 2009, new guidance was issued related to the accounting for multiple-deliverable revenue arrangements. These new rules amend the existing guidance for separating consideration in multiple-deliverable arrangements and establish a selling price hierarchy for determining the selling price of a deliverable. These new rules will become effective, on a prospective basis, at the start of a Company's first fiscal year beginning after June 15, 2010 (November 1, 2010 for the Company). We are evaluating the impact that the adoption of this new guidance will have on our consolidated financial position, cash flows and results of operations.

Certain Revenue Arrangements That Include Software Elements

In October 2009, new guidance was issued that changes the accounting model for revenue arrangements by excluding tangible products containing both software and non-software components that function together to deliver the product's essential functionality. This new rule will become effective, on a prospective basis, at the start of a Company's first fiscal year beginning after June 15, 2010 (November 1, 2010 for the Company). We are evaluating the impact that the adoption of this new guidance will have on our consolidated financial position, cash flows and results of operations.

Note on Climate Change

In February 2010, the SEC released its Commission Guidance Regarding Disclosure Related to Climate Change, calling on public companies to consider the potential impacts of global climate change-related regulation, international accords, and physical effects, including any indirect consequences of such. There are presently a number of current and proposed regulatory initiatives, both domestically and globally, that are geared towards limiting and scaling back the emission of greenhouse gases ("GHG"s), which certain scientists have linked to global climate change. While we do not anticipate any material adverse effects in the future based on the nature of our operations and the current or draft forms of such laws, there is no assurance that such existing or future laws will not indirectly impact our operations through, for example, increased energy, manufacturing, or distribution costs. Further, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has found that global climate change could increase the severity and perhaps the frequency of extreme weather events. Although we do not anticipate that such would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or operating results, increased severe weather patterns could result in indirect consequences such as the disruption or impairment of certain of our product distribution channels.

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Consolidated operating results, net revenue by geographic region and revenue by platform as a percent of net revenue are as follows:

	Three months ended January 31,	
	2010	2009
Net revenue	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of goods sold	61.5%	68.8%
Gross profit	38.5%	31.2%
Selling and marketing	25.2%	25.9%
General and administrative	17.6%	25.7%
Research and development	9.5%	14.0%
Depreciation and amortization	2.5%	3.2%
Total operating expenses	54.8%	68.8%
Loss from operations	(16.2)%	(37.6)%
Interest and other, net	(2.9)%	1.6%
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	(19.2)%	(36.0)%
Provision for income taxes	1.5%	0.0%
Loss from continuing operations	(20.7)%	(36.1)%
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes	0.0%	2.3%
Net loss	(20.8)%	(33.7)%
Net revenue by geographic region:		
United States and Canada	74.9%	57.9%
Europe, Asia Pacific and Other	25.1%	42.1%
Net Revenue by platform:		
Console	80.2%	62.3%
Handheld	10.8%	13.3%
PC	8.1%	23.8%
Other	0.9%	0.6%
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Three Months ended January 31, 2010 compared to January 31, 2009

(thousands of dollars)	2010	%	2009	%	Increase/ (decrease)	% Increase/ (decrease)
Net revenue	\$ 163,238	100.0%	\$ 149,351	100.0%	\$ 13,887	9.3%
Product costs	53,079	32.5%	51,762	34.7%	1,317	2.5%
Software development costs and royalties ⁽¹⁾	37,330	22.9%	23,302	15.6%	14,028	60.2%
Internal royalties	2,118	1.3%	20,472	13.7%	(18,354)	(89.7)%
Licenses	7,831	4.8%	7,181	4.8%	650	9.1%
Cost of goods sold	100,358	61.5%	102,717	68.8%	(2,359)	(2.3)%
Gross profit	\$ 62,880	38.5%	\$ 46,634	31.2%	\$ 16,246	34.8%

⁽¹⁾ Includes \$1,670 and \$1,172 of stock-based compensation expense in 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Net revenue increased \$13.9 million for the three months ended January 31, 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009, primarily due to revenue generated by our 2K label, led by the release of *Borderlands* in October 2009 and a \$16.5 million year-over-year increase in our *NBA* franchise. Partially offsetting the increases in net revenue was a decrease in sales of our *Grand Theft Auto* franchise of \$17.6 million as well as decreases in net revenue of our *Carnival* and *Midnight Club* franchises of \$11.1 million and \$7.4 million, respectively.

Net revenue on current generation platforms accounted for approximately 74.1% of our total net revenue in the first quarter of 2010 compared to 52.9% for the same period in 2009. The increase is primarily due to the success of *Borderlands* on the PS3 and Xbox 360. PC sales decreased 62.8% primarily reflecting reduced sales of *Grand Theft Auto IV* on the PC, which launched in the first quarter of 2009. Handheld and prior generation sales decreased 18.8% as we expected volume on prior generation platforms to decline and therefore reduced the number of titles in development for these older platforms.

Gross profit as a percentage of net revenue increased in 2010 compared to the same period of the prior year due to lower internal royalty expense, which was primarily due to the lower revenue generated from our *Grand Theft Auto* franchise. Additionally, in 2009 we offered greater price concessions to our customers based on the economic slowdown and related pressure to lower prices on certain titles. The improvement in gross profit as a percentage of net revenue compared to the prior period was partially offset by higher development royalties on the externally developed *Borderlands*.

Revenue earned outside of North America decreased to \$41.0 million (25.1%) in the first quarter 2010 compared to \$62.9 million (42.1%) in the first quarter 2009. The year-over-year decrease as a percentage of net sales was primarily attributable to higher sales of *Grand Theft Auto IV* and *Midnight Club: Los Angeles* in the first quarter 2009. Foreign exchange rates increased net revenue and gross profit by approximately \$5.9 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, in the first quarter of 2010 as compared to the first quarter of 2009.

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(thousands of dollars)	2010	% of net revenue	2009	% of net revenue	Increase/ (decrease)	% Increase/ (decrease)
Selling and marketing	\$ 41,094	25.2%	\$ 38,671	25.9%	\$ 2,423	6.3%
General and administrative	28,695	17.6%	38,455	25.7%	(9,760)	(25.4)%
Research and development	15,455	9.5%	20,943	14.0%	(5,488)	(26.2)%
Depreciation and amortization	4,159	2.5%	4,782	3.2%	(623)	(13.0)%
Total operating expenses⁽¹⁾	\$ 89,403	54.8%	\$ 102,851	68.8%	\$ (13,448)	(13.1)%

(1) Includes stock-based compensation expense as follows:

	2010	2009
Selling and marketing	\$ 716	\$ 493
General and administrative	2,607	\$ 3,391
Research and development	1,444	\$ 1,126

Foreign currency exchange rates negatively impacted total operating expenses by approximately \$3.1 million in the first quarter of 2010 as compared to the first quarter of 2009.

Selling and marketing

Selling and marketing expenses increased \$2.4 million for the three months ended January 31, 2010, as compared to the same period in 2009 primarily due to higher advertising expenses related to *Borderlands*, *Grand Theft Auto: Episodes from Liberty City* and *BioShock 2*.

General and administrative

General and administrative expenses decreased \$9.8 million for the three months ended January 31, 2010 compared to the same period in 2009 primarily due to a decrease of \$6.8 million in legal fees and settlement costs, reflecting a reduced number of legal and regulatory matters. In addition, the first quarter of 2009 reflects incremental, non-recurring expenses related to contract negotiations. Also, bad debt expense declined \$2.1 million as a result of a bad debt incurred in 2009 and lower accounts receivable balances in 2010.

General and administrative expenses for the three months ended January 31, 2010 and 2009 also include occupancy expense (primarily rent, utilities and office expenses) of \$4.0 million and \$3.4 million, respectively, related to our development studios.

Research and development

Research and development expenses decreased \$5.5 million for the three months ended January 31, 2010 compared to the same period in 2009 primarily due to higher payroll capitalization rates at our development studios due to a greater number of titles having reached technological feasibility and a decrease in production expenses.

Interest and other, net. Interest and other, net was an expense of \$4.8 million for the three months ended January 31, 2010 compared to income of \$2.4 million for the three months ended January 31, 2009. We incurred a foreign exchange loss of \$0.9 million for the three months ended January 31, 2010 compared to a foreign exchange gain of \$3.9 million for the three months ended January 31, 2009. The

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three months ended January 31, 2010 included \$3.9 million of interest expense compared to \$1.5 million for the same period in 2009 due to higher average debt and interest rates for the three months ended January 31, 2010.

Provision for income taxes. For the three months ended January 31, 2010, income tax expense was \$2.5 million, compared to income tax expense of \$0.02 million in the first quarter of 2009. The increase in tax expense in 2010 is primarily attributable to taxable earnings in certain foreign jurisdictions and losses in other foreign jurisdictions for which no benefit was provided due to the uncertainty of their realization, while for the same period in 2009, we recorded tax expense related to earnings in certain foreign jurisdictions, partially offset by tax benefits related to the utilization of losses generated in 2009 against taxable income from discontinued operations.

We did not record an income tax benefit on our pre-tax losses in the first quarter of 2010 due to uncertainty regarding the realization of our deferred tax assets, and recorded income tax expense on income generated in certain foreign jurisdictions.

Our effective tax rate differed from the federal, state and foreign statutory rates primarily due to changes in valuation allowances during the first quarter.

In the second quarter of 2010, we paid \$10.7 million in settlement of certain income tax audits that we had previously recorded on gross unrecognized tax benefits. This payment will be applied to gross unrecognized tax benefits in the second quarter. The determination as to further adjustments to our gross unrecognized tax benefits during the next 12 months is not practicable.

We are regularly audited by domestic and foreign taxing authorities. Audits may result in tax assessments in excess of amounts claimed and the payment of additional taxes. We believe that our tax positions comply with applicable tax law, and that we have adequately provided for reasonably foreseeable tax assessments.

Discontinued operation. Loss from discontinued operations, net of income tax, reflects the results of our former distribution business for which net assets were sold in February 2010. For the three months ended January 31, 2010, the loss was \$0.1 million as compared to net income of \$3.5 million for the same period last year. The decrease is mainly due to higher product costs more than offsetting an increase in net revenues to \$118.8 million in 2010 from \$107.5 in 2009. The increase in product costs was primarily due to mix, as well as write downs of older inventory to net realizable value.

Net loss and loss per share. For the three months ended January 31, 2010, our net loss was \$33.9 million, compared to a net loss of \$50.4 million in the same period of 2009. Net loss per share for the three months ended January 31, 2010 was \$0.43 compared to a net loss per share of \$0.66 for the three months ended January 31, 2009. Weighted average shares outstanding increased compared to the prior period due to the vesting of restricted stock over the last twelve months.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary cash requirements have been to fund (i) the development, manufacturing and marketing of our published products, (ii) working capital, (iii) acquisitions and (iv) capital expenditures. We expect to rely on funds provided by our operating activities, our credit agreement and our Convertible Notes to satisfy our working capital needs.

In February 2010, we completed the sale to Synnex of our Jack of all Games third party distribution business, which primarily distributed third party interactive entertainment software, hardware and accessories in North America for approximately \$44.25 million, including \$37.5 million in cash and up

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to an additional \$6.75 million based on the achievement of certain items. The sale will allow the Company to focus its resources on its publishing operations. The financial results of this business, which were previously reported as our distribution business, have been classified as discontinued operations in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for all of the periods presented. The assets and liabilities of this business are reflected as assets and liabilities held for sale in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets for all periods presented.

In June 2009, we issued \$138.0 million aggregate principal amount of 4.375% convertible senior notes due 2014 ("Convertible Notes"). Interest on the Convertible Notes is payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing on December 1, 2009. The Convertible Notes mature on June 1, 2014, unless earlier redeemed or repurchased by the Company or converted.

The Convertible Notes are convertible at an initial conversion rate of 93.6768 shares of our common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of Convertible Notes (representing an initial conversion price of approximately \$10.675 per share of common stock for a total of approximately 12,927,000 underlying conversion shares) subject to adjustment in certain circumstances. Holders may convert the Convertible Notes at their option prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding December 1, 2013 only under the following circumstances: (1) during any fiscal quarter commencing after July 31, 2009, if the last reported sale price of the common stock for at least 20 trading days (whether or not consecutive) during a period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the preceding fiscal quarter is greater than or equal to 130% of the applicable conversion price on each applicable trading day; (2) during the five business day period after any 10 consecutive trading day period (the "measurement period") in which the trading price per \$1,000 principal amount of Convertible Notes for each day of that measurement period was less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of our common stock and the applicable conversion rate on each such day; (3) if we call the Convertible Notes for redemption, at any time prior to the close of business on the third scheduled trading day prior to the redemption date; or (4) upon the occurrence of specified corporate events. On and after December 1, 2013 until the close of business on the third scheduled trading day immediately preceding the maturity date, holders may convert their Convertible Notes at any time, regardless of the foregoing circumstances. Upon conversion, the Convertible Notes may be settled, at our election, in cash, shares of our common stock, or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock.

At any time on or after June 5, 2012, the Company may redeem all of the outstanding Convertible Notes for cash, but only if the last reported sale of our common stock for 20 or more trading days in a period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the trading day prior to the date we provide notice of redemption to holders of the Convertible Notes exceeds 150% of the conversion price in effect on each such trading day. The redemption price will equal 100% of the principal amount of the Convertible Notes to be redeemed, plus all accrued and unpaid interest (including additional interest, if any) to, but excluding, the redemption date. The indenture governing the Convertible Notes contains customary terms and covenants and events of default. As of January 31, 2010, we were in compliance with all covenants and requirements outlined in the indenture governing the Convertible Notes.

In July 2007, we entered into a credit agreement which provides for borrowings of up to \$140.0 million and is secured by substantially all of our assets and the equity of our subsidiaries (the "Credit Agreement"). The Credit Agreement expires on July 3, 2012. Revolving loans under the Credit Agreement bear interest at our election of (a) 2.00% to 2.50% above a certain base rate with a minimum 6.00% base rate (8.00% at January 31, 2010 and October 31, 2009), or (b) 3.25% to 3.75% above the LIBOR Rate with a minimum 4.00% LIBOR Rate (7.25% at January 31, 2010 and October 31, 2009). We are also required to pay a monthly fee on the unused available balance, ranging from 0.25% to 0.75%.

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Availability under the Credit Agreement is restricted by our domestic and United Kingdom based accounts receivable and inventory balances. The Credit Agreement also allows for the issuance of letters of credit in an aggregate amount of up to \$25.0 million.

As of January 31, 2010 there were no outstanding borrowings and \$131.9 million was available for borrowings. We had \$8.1 million of letters of credit outstanding at January 31, 2010.

The Credit Agreement substantially limits us and our subsidiaries' ability to: create, incur, assume or be liable for indebtedness; dispose of assets outside the ordinary course of business; acquire, merge or consolidate with or into another person or entity; create, incur or allow any lien on any of their respective properties; make investments; or pay dividends or make distributions (each subject to certain limitations). In addition, the Credit Agreement provides for certain events of default such as nonpayment of principal and interest, breaches of representations and warranties, noncompliance with covenants, acts of insolvency, default on indebtedness held by third parties and default on certain material contracts (subject to certain limitations and cure periods). The Credit Agreement also contains a requirement that we maintain an interest coverage ratio of more than one to one for the trailing twelve month period, if the liquidity of our domestic operations falls below \$30.0 million (including available borrowings under the credit facility), based on a 30-day average. As of January 31, 2010, we were in compliance with all covenants and requirements outlined in the Credit Agreement.

We are subject to credit risks, particularly if any of our receivables represent a limited number of customers or are concentrated in foreign markets. If we are unable to collect our accounts receivable as they become due, it could adversely affect our liquidity and working capital position.

Generally, we have been able to collect our accounts receivable in the ordinary course of business. We do not hold any collateral to secure payment from customers. We have trade credit insurance on the majority of our customers to mitigate accounts receivable risk.

A majority of our trade receivables are derived from sales to major retailers and distributors. Our five largest customers accounted for 52.1% of net revenue for the three months ended January 31, 2010 and 2009. As of January 31, 2010 and October 31, 2009, amounts due from our five largest customers comprised approximately 80.0% and 59.7% of our gross accounts receivable balance, respectively, with our significant customers (those that individually comprised more than 10% of our gross accounts receivable balance) accounting for 75.9% and 50.3% of such balance at January 31, 2010 and October 31, 2009, respectively. We believe that the receivable balances from these largest customers do not represent a significant credit risk based on past collection experience, although we actively monitor each customer's credit worthiness and economic conditions that may impact our customers' business and access to capital. We are monitoring the current global economic conditions, including credit markets and other factors as it relates to our customers in order to manage the risk of uncollectible accounts receivable.

We have entered into various agreements in the ordinary course of business that require substantial cash commitments over the next several years. There were no material agreements requiring known cash commitments entered into during the three months ended January 31, 2010 that were not previously reported in Part II, Item 7 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2009.

We believe our current cash and cash equivalents and projected cash flow from operations, along with availability under our Credit Agreement will provide us with sufficient liquidity to satisfy our cash requirements for working capital, capital expenditures and commitments through at least the next 12 months.

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Our cash and cash equivalents increased by \$3.9 million for the three months ended January 31, 2010 as follows:

(thousands of dollars)	Three months January 31,	
	2010	2009
Cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$ 4,029	\$ (56,809)
Cash used for investing activities	(1,820)	(2,198)
Cash provided by financing activities		4
Effects of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	1,692	(3,438)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,901	\$ (62,441)

At January 31, 2010 we had \$106.0 million of cash and cash equivalents, compared to \$102.1 million at October 31, 2009. Our increase in cash and cash equivalents from October 31, 2009 was primarily a result of cash provided by operating activities reflecting the collection of accounts receivable from sales generated from our fourth quarter 2009 releases and during the holiday season. Partially offsetting the collection of our accounts receivable were decreases in accounts payable and accrued expenses. In addition, we continued to increase spending on capitalized expenditures for software development costs and licenses.

Cash used for investing activities consisted of purchases of computer equipment and software, which did not significantly change for the first quarter of 2010 compared to the prior period.

Cash and cash equivalents were positively impacted by \$1.7 million in 2010 as a result of foreign currency exchange movements.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of January 31, 2010 and October 31, 2009, we did not have any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial parties, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or variable interest entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. As such, we do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements and are not exposed to any financing, liquidity, market, or credit risk that could arise if we had engaged in such relationships.

International Operations

Net revenue earned outside of the United States is principally generated by our operations in Europe, Canada, Australia, and Asia. For the three months ended January 31, 2010 and 2009, approximately 32.1% and 47.3%, respectively, of our net revenue was earned outside of the United States. We are subject to risks inherent in foreign trade, including increased credit risks, tariffs and duties, fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, shipping delays and international political, regulatory and economic developments, all of which can have a significant impact on our operating results.

Fluctuations in Quarterly Operating Results and Seasonality

We have experienced fluctuations in quarterly operating results as a result of the timing of the introduction of new titles; variations in sales of titles developed for particular platforms; market acceptance of our titles; development and promotional expenses relating to the introduction of new titles; sequels or enhancements of existing titles; projected and actual changes in platforms; the timing and success of title introductions by our competitors; product returns; changes in pricing policies by us

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and our competitors; the accuracy of retailers' forecasts of consumer demand; the size and timing of acquisitions; the timing of orders from major customers; and order cancellations and delays in product shipment. Sales of our titles are also seasonal, with generally higher shipments typically occurring in the fourth calendar quarter (our fourth and first fiscal quarters) as a result of increased demand for titles during the holiday season. Quarterly comparisons of operating results are not necessarily indicative of future operating results.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Interest Rate Risk

Historically, fluctuations in interest rates have not had a significant impact on our operating results. Under our Credit Agreement, outstanding balances bear interest at our election of (a) 2.00% to 2.50% above a certain base rate with a minimum 6.00% base rate (8.00% at January 31, 2010), or (b) 3.25% to 3.75% above the LIBOR rate with a minimum 4.00% LIBOR Rate (7.25% at January 31, 2010), with the margin rate subject to the achievement of certain average liquidity levels. Changes in market rates may impact our future interest expense if there is an outstanding balance on our line of credit. The Convertible Notes pay interest semi-annually at a fixed rate of 4.375% per annum and we expect that there will be no fluctuation related to the Convertible Notes impacting our current year cash component of interest expense. For additional details of our Convertible Notes see Note 10 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

We transact business in foreign currencies and are exposed to risks resulting from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. Accounts relating to foreign operations are translated into United States dollars using prevailing exchange rates at the relevant quarter end. Translation adjustments are included as a separate component of stockholders' equity. For the three months ended January 31, 2010, our foreign currency translation loss adjustment was approximately \$7.9 million. We recognized a foreign exchange transaction loss in interest and other expense, net in our consolidated statement of operations for the three months ended January 31, 2010 of \$0.9 million and a foreign exchange transaction gain for the three months ended January 31, 2009 of \$3.9 million.

We use forward foreign exchange contracts to mitigate foreign currency risk related to foreign currency transactions. These transactions primarily relate to non-functional currency denominated inter-company funding loans, non-functional currency denominated accounts receivable and non-functional currency denominated accounts payable. We do not enter into derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. At January 31, 2010, we had forward contracts outstanding to purchase \$27.5 million of foreign currency in exchange for U.S. dollars and to purchase \$14.7 million of U.S. dollars in exchange for foreign currencies with a maturity of less than one year and recorded a \$0.1 million foreign currency transaction loss related to these contracts in interest and other expense, net.

For the three months ended January 31, 2010, 32.1% of the Company's revenue was generated outside the United States. Using sensitivity analysis, a hypothetical 10% increase in the value of the U.S. dollar against all currencies would decrease revenues by 3.2%, while a hypothetical 10% decrease in the value of the U.S. dollar against all currencies would increase revenues by 3.2%. In the opinion of management, a substantial portion of this fluctuation would be offset by cost of goods sold and operating expenses incurred in local currency. As a result, a hypothetical 10% movement of the value of the U.S. dollar against all currencies in either direction would impact the Company's gross margin by 0.6%.

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Based on an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of management, our principal executive officer and principal 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 ("Exchange Act") were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us 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 our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the first quarter of 2010, which were identified in connection with management's evaluation required by paragraph (d) of Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Various lawsuits, claims, proceedings and investigations are pending involving us and certain of our subsidiaries. Depending on the amount and the timing, an unfavorable resolution of some or all of these matters could materially affect our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. Except as noted below, there were no new material legal proceedings or material developments to the pending legal proceedings that have been previously reported in Part I, Item 3 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2009. In addition to the matters reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2009, we are, or may become, involved in routine litigation in the ordinary course of business which we do not believe to be material to our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Consumer Class Action and City of Los Angeles Litigation Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas. As described above in Note 11 of Part I, on or about January 29, 2010, we entered into a settlement agreement with the plaintiffs in all of these cases, *except* the LA City Attorney, that would resolve their claims on a non-class basis. On February 10, 2010, the parties sent the SDNY Court a proposed stipulation and order dismissing the plaintiffs' claims. Should the SDNY Court enter the parties' agreed order, plaintiffs also will withdraw their interlocutory appeal, finally concluding their lawsuits.

St. Clair Derivative Action. As described above in Note 11 of Part I, oral argument was held on November 23, 2009, regarding the individual defendants' motions to dismiss the remaining claims against them. Those motions are now pending before the Court.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes to the Risk Factors disclosed in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2009 other than the following.

Our ability to use net operating loss carryforwards to reduce future years' taxes could be substantially limited if we experience an ownership change as defined in the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code contains rules that limit the ability of a company to use its net operating loss carryforwards in years after an ownership change, which is generally defined as any change in ownership of more than 50% of its stock over a three-year testing period. These rules generally operate by focusing on ownership changes among stockholders owning directly or indirectly 5% or more of the stock of a company and/or any change in ownership arising from a new issuance of stock by the company. If, as a result of future transactions involving our common stock, including purchases or sales of stock by 5% stockholders, we undergo cumulative ownership changes which exceed 50% over the testing period, our ability to use our net operating loss carryforwards would be subject to additional limitations under Section 382.

Generally, if an ownership change occurs, the annual taxable income limitation on the use of net operating loss carryforwards is equal to the product of the applicable long-term tax exempt rate and the value of the company's stock immediately before the ownership change. Depending on the resulting limitation, a portion of our net operating loss carryforwards could expire before we would be able to use them.

Our inability to fully utilize our net operating losses to offset taxable income generated in the future could have a material and negative impact on our future financial position and results of operations.

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Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibits:

- 3.1 Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K on February 24, 2010 and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10.1 Agreement dated January 20, 2010, by and among the persons and entities listed on Schedule A thereto and the Company, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K on January 21, 2010 and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10.2 Asset Purchase Agreement, dated December 21, 2009, by and among SYNnex Corporation, Jack of All Games, Inc., Jack of All Games (Canada), Inc., and solely for purposes of Section 9.2 therein, the Company, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K on December 31, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10.3 First Amendment, effective August 21, 2009, to the Confidential License Agreement, effective February 21, 2007, by and among Nintendo of America Inc. and Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc. and certain of its affiliates party thereto.
- 10.4 Second Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated December 16, 2009, by and between the Company and Lainie Goldstein, filed as Exhibit 10.41 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on December 18, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference.
- 31.1 Chief Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Chief Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 Chief Executive Officer Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2 Chief Financial Officer Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Represents a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

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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.

TAKE-TWO INTERACTIVE SOFTWARE, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: March 10, 2010

By: /s/ BEN FEDER

Ben Feder
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: March 10, 2010

By: /s/ LAINIE GOLDSTEIN

Lainie Goldstein
Chief Financial and Accounting Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)