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FORM 10-Q

Quarterly Report Pursuant To Section 13 Or 15(d) Of The
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarter ended June 30, 2014

Commission file number 000-21129

AWARE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Massachusetts
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

04-2911026
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

40 Middlesex Turnpike, Bedford, Massachusetts, 01730
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)
(Zip Code)

(781) 276-4000
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

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YES NO

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of the issuer's common stock as of July 21, 2014:

Class	Number of Shares Outstanding
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	22,802,970 shares

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PART 1. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1: CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AWARE, INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except share data)

(unaudited)

	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$77,242	\$72,660
Accounts receivable, net	6,032	4,582
Inventories	63	1,601
Deferred tax assets	280	383
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	357	695
Total current assets	83,974	79,921
Property and equipment, net	5,470	5,582
Investments	1,463	2,754
Long term deferred tax assets	668	762
Other assets	253	310
Total assets	\$91,828	\$89,329
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$593	\$1,516
Accrued expenses	92	108
Accrued compensation	743	571
Accrued professional	131	118
Accrued income taxes	88	-
Dividends payable	39,906	-
Deferred revenue	2,118	1,848
Total current liabilities	43,671	4,161
Long-term deferred revenue	18	18
Commitments and contingent liabilities		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$1.00 par value; 1,000,000 shares authorized, none outstanding	-	-
Common stock, \$.01 par value; 70,000,000 shares authorized; issued and outstanding 22,672,056 as of June 30, 2014 and 22,574,251	227	226

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as of December 31, 2013		
Additional paid-in capital	102,320	101,293
Accumulated other comprehensive		
loss	(4)	(125)
Accumulated deficit	(54,404)	(16,244)
Total stockholders' equity	48,139	85,150
Total liabilities and stockholders'		
equity	\$91,828	\$89,329

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

AWARE, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(in thousands, except per share data)
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Revenue:				
Software licenses	\$2,065	\$1,258	\$3,682	\$4,591
Software maintenance	1,152	1,034	2,197	1,981
Services	1,338	729	2,346	1,136
Hardware sales	2,048	1,129	4,681	1,129
Royalties	164	277	478	568
Total revenue	6,767	4,427	13,384	9,405
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of hardware sales	1,411	813	3,313	813
Cost of services	618	344	1,082	541
Research and development	1,400	1,026	2,679	1,999
Selling and marketing	981	773	1,839	1,649
General and administrative	975	928	1,779	1,659
Total costs and expenses	5,385	3,884	10,692	6,661
Operating income before patent related income	1,382	543	2,692	2,744
Income from patent arrangement	-	-	-	780
Operating income after patent related income	1,382	543	2,692	3,524
Other expense	(59)	-	(59)	-
Interest income	52	78	139	160
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	1,375	621	2,772	3,684
Provision for income taxes	510	156	1,026	1,247
Income from continuing operations	865	465	1,746	2,437
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	-	(158)	-	(273)

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Net income	\$865	\$307	\$1,746	\$2,164
Basic net income per share:				
Basic net income per share from continuing operations	\$0.04	\$0.02	\$0.08	\$0.11
Basic net loss share from discontinued operations	0.00	(0.01)	0.00	(0.01)
Basic net income per share	\$0.04	\$0.01	\$0.08	\$0.10
Diluted net income per share:				
Diluted net income per share from continuing operations	\$0.04	\$0.02	\$0.08	\$0.11
Diluted net loss per share from discontinued operations	0.00	(0.01)	0.00	(0.01)
Diluted net income per share	\$0.04	\$0.01	\$0.08	\$0.10
Weighted-average shares – basic	22,630	22,517	22,628	22,514
Weighted-average shares - diluted	22,837	22,687	22,769	22,625
Comprehensive income:				
Net income	\$865	\$307	\$1,746	\$2,164
Other comprehensive income (net of tax):				
Unrealized gains (losses) on available for sale securities	37	(38)	121	20
Comprehensive income	\$902	\$269	\$1,867	\$2,184

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

AWARE, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in thousands)
(unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$1,746	\$2,164
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	269	217
Stock-based compensation	322	227
Amortization of premium on investments	-	10
Deferred tax provision on other comprehensive income	(79)	-
Loss on sale of investments	59	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(1,312)	(279)
Receivable from patent arrangement	-	1,121
Inventories	1,538	-
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	338	(39)
Deferred tax assets	197	259
Accounts payable	(923)	(135)
Accrued expenses, compensation, and professional fees	170	(92)
Accrued income taxes	88	-
Deferred revenue	270	804
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,683	4,257
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(101)	(110)
Sales of investments	1,432	-
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	1,331	(110)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	68	46
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	592	488
Payments made for taxes of employees who surrendered shares related to unrestricted stock	(92)	-
Net cash provided by financing activities	568	534
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	4,582	4,681
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	72,660	71,074

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Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$77,242	\$75,755
Supplemental disclosure:		
Cash paid for income taxes	\$2	\$464
Non-cash transactions:		
Stock option receivables offset against proceeds from issuance of common stock	\$138	\$-

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

AWARE, INC.
 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 (unaudited)

A) Basis of Presentation. The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions for Form 10-Q and therefore do not include all information and notes necessary for a complete presentation of our financial position, results of operations and cash flows, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. We filed audited financial statements which included all information and notes necessary for such presentation for the three years ended December 31, 2013 in conjunction with our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K. This Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with that Form 10-K.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated balance sheets, statements of income and comprehensive income, and statements of cash flows reflect all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring items) which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of financial position at June 30, 2014, and of operations and cash flows for the interim periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013.

The results of operations for the interim period ended June 30, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the year.

B) Fair Value Measurements. The Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Codification defines fair value, and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to the unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under the FASB Codification are: i) Level 1 – valuations that are based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date; ii) Level 2 – valuations that are based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly; and iii) Level 3 – valuations that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable.

Cash and cash equivalents, which primarily include money market mutual funds, were \$77.2 million and \$72.7 million as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. We classified our cash equivalents of \$74.2 million and \$68.6 million as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy because they are valued using quoted market prices.

Our investments, which consist of high yield corporate debt securities, are also classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy because they are valued using quoted market prices. We categorize our investments as available-for-sale securities, and carry them at fair value in our financial statements. We had \$1.5 million and \$2.8 million of available-for-sale investments as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

As of June 30, 2014, our assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis and whose carrying values approximate their respective fair values include the following (in thousands):

Fair Value Measurement at June 30, 2014 Using:		
Quoted Prices in Active Markets for	Significant Other Observable Inputs	Significant Unobservable Inputs

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	Identical Assets (Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
Corporate debt securities	\$ 1,463	\$ -	\$ -
Money market funds (included in cash and cash equivalents)	74,162		
Total	\$ 75,625	\$ -	\$ -

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As of December 31, 2013, our assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis and whose carrying values approximate their respective fair values include the following (in thousands):

	Fair Value Measurement at December 31, 2013		
	Using:		
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Corporate debt securities	\$ 2,754	\$ -	\$ -
Money market funds (included in cash and cash equivalents)	68,556		
Total	\$ 71,310	\$ -	\$ -

C) Inventories. Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value with cost being determined by the first-in, first-out (“FIFO”) method. Inventories consisted of the following (in thousands):

	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Raw materials	\$ 63	\$ 1,584
Finished goods	-	17
Total	\$ 63	\$ 1,601

D) Computation of Earnings per Share. Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income or loss by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net income or loss by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding plus additional common shares that would have been outstanding if dilutive potential common shares had been issued. For the purposes of this calculation, stock options are considered common stock equivalents in periods in which they have a dilutive effect. Stock options that are anti-dilutive are excluded from the calculation.

Net income per share is calculated as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net income:				
Income from continuing operations	\$865	\$465	\$1,746	\$2,437
Loss from discontinued operations	-	(158)	-	(273)
Net income	\$865	\$307	\$1,746	\$2,164
Shares outstanding:				
Weighted-average common shares outstanding	22,630	22,517	22,628	22,514
Additional dilutive common stock equivalents	207	170	141	111
Diluted shares outstanding	22,837	22,687	22,769	22,625

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Basic net income per share:

Basic net income per share from continuing operations	\$0.04	\$0.02	\$0.08	\$0.11
Basic net loss per share from discontinued operations	0.00	(0.01)	0.00	(0.01)
Basic net income per share	\$0.04	\$0.01	\$0.08	\$0.10

Diluted net income per share:

Diluted net income per share from continuing operations	\$0.04	\$0.02	\$0.08	\$0.11
Diluted net loss per share from discontinued operations	0.00	(0.01)	0.00	(0.01)
Diluted net income per share	\$0.04	\$0.01	\$0.08	\$0.10

For the three month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, options to purchase 821,838 and 877,238 shares of common stock, respectively, were outstanding, but were not included in the computation of diluted EPS because the options' exercise prices were greater than the average market price of the common stock and thus would be anti-dilutive.

For the six month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, options to purchase 821,838 and 825,338 shares of common stock, respectively, were outstanding, but were not included in the computation of diluted EPS because the options' exercise prices were greater than the average market price of the common stock and thus would be anti-dilutive.

E) Stock-Based Compensation. The following table presents stock-based employee compensation expenses included in our unaudited consolidated statements of comprehensive income (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Cost of services	\$14	\$11	\$15	\$11
Research and development	34	27	37	27
Selling and marketing	6	5	6	5
General and administrative	239	174	264	184
Stock-based compensation expense	\$293	\$217	\$322	\$227

Stock Option and SAR Grants. We grant stock options and stock appreciation rights ("SARs") under our 2001 Nonqualified Stock Plan. We estimate the fair value of stock options and SARs using the Black-Scholes valuation model. This valuation model takes into account the exercise price of the award, as well as a variety of significant assumptions. The assumptions used to estimate the fair value of stock options and SARs include the expected term, the expected volatility of our stock over the expected term, the risk-free interest rate over the expected term, and our expected annual dividend yield. We believe that the valuation technique and the approach utilized to develop the underlying assumptions are appropriate in calculating the fair values of our stock options and SARs. Estimates of fair value are not intended to predict actual future events or the value ultimately realized by persons who receive equity awards.

Unrestricted Stock Grants. We also grant unrestricted shares of stock under our 2001 Nonqualified Stock Plan. Stock-based compensation expense for stock grants is determined based on the fair market value of our stock on the date of grant, provided the number of shares in the grant is fixed on the grant date.

Stock Option and SAR Grant Activity. We did not grant any stock options or SARs in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013.

Unrestricted Stock Grant Activity. We granted shares of unrestricted stock in 2014 and 2013 that affected financial results for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013. These grants are described below.

2014 Grant. On March 26, 2014, we granted 152,000 shares of unrestricted stock to directors, officers and employees. The shares are to be issued in two equal installments shortly after June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2014, provided each grantee is serving as a director, officer or employee on those dates. The total stock-based compensation expense related to this grant is \$876,000, of which \$283,000 and \$302,000 were charged to expense in the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively. We anticipate the remaining \$574,000 will be charged to expense ratably over the remaining two quarters of 2014.

2013 Grant. In April 2013, we granted 130,000 shares of unrestricted stock to directors, officers and employees. The shares were issued in two equal installments shortly after June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2013. We expensed the entire \$623,000 stock-based compensation expense related to this grant in the second, third and fourth quarters of

2013. We issued shares of common stock related to this grant as follows: i) 51,374 net shares of common stock were issued in early July 2013 after employees surrendered 13,626 shares for which we paid \$71,000 of withholding taxes on their behalf; and ii) 49,936 net shares of common stock were issued in early January 2014 after employees surrendered 15,064 shares for which we paid \$92,000 of withholding taxes on their behalf.

F) Business Segments. We organize ourselves into a single segment that reports to the chief operating decision makers.

We conduct our operations in the United States and sell our products and services to domestic and international customers. Revenues were generated from the following geographic regions (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
United States	\$5,295	\$3,284	\$10,791	\$6,793
Rest of World	1,472	1,143	2,593	2,612
	\$6,767	\$4,427	\$13,384	\$9,405

There were no single foreign countries from which we derived 10% or more of total revenue in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013.

G) Recent Accounting Pronouncements. In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). The ASU is the result of a joint project by the FASB and the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) to clarify the principles for recognizing revenue and to develop a common revenue standard for GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) that would: remove inconsistencies and weaknesses, provide a more robust framework for addressing revenue issues, improve comparability of revenue recognition practices across entities, jurisdictions, industries, and capital markets, improve disclosure requirements and resulting financial statements, and simplify the presentation of financial statements. The core principle of the new guidance is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. Early adoption is not permitted. We are currently evaluating the effect that the updated standard will have on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

With the exception of the new revenue standard discussed above, there have been no other recently issued accounting pronouncements that are of significance or potential significance to us that we have not adopted as of June 30, 2014.

H) Income Taxes. Income tax expense was \$0.5 million and \$0.2 for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Income tax expense was \$1.0 million and \$1.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Income tax expense in the three and six month periods of 2014 and 2013 was based on the U.S. statutory rate of 34%, increased by state income taxes.

In the six month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, we utilized deferred tax assets to reduce our tax liability payable to the government. A portion of the deferred tax assets we used comprised cumulative deductions for stock options in excess of book expense. Under income tax accounting rules, that portion of tax benefits attributable to such deductions must be recorded as an adjustment to equity versus a reduction of income tax expense. The tax benefits from such stock-based awards were \$0.6 million and \$0.5 million in the six month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. These tax benefits were recorded as an equity adjustment to additional paid-in capital.

As of June 30, 2014, we had a total of \$0.9 million of deferred tax assets for which we had recorded no valuation allowance. We will continue to assess the level of valuation allowance in future periods. Should evidence regarding the realizability of tax assets change at a future point in time, the valuation allowance will be adjusted accordingly.

In addition to deferred tax assets carried on our balance sheet, we also had net federal and state research and development credit carryforwards available at December 31, 2013 of \$4.9 million and \$0.7 million. These credits were not recorded as tax assets as they relate to excess stock compensation deductions that may not be recorded as tax assets under generally accepted accounting principles until the amounts have been utilized to reduce our tax liability. To the extent that these assets are used to reduce future taxes, the benefit will be recorded as a reduction to additional paid-in capital. The aforementioned \$0.6 million and \$0.5 million equity adjustments to additional paid-in capital in the six month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 were related to these deferred tax assets.

I) Discontinued Operations. In 2013, we shut down our DSL service assurance software product line, which was previously a component of our DSL Service Assurance Segment. We completed the shutdown in the fourth quarter of 2013 and no longer have any significant continuing involvement with, or cash flows from, this product line. The results of our DSL service assurance software product line have been included in discontinued operations in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income. The loss from discontinued operations attributable to the DSL service assurance software product line was (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Revenue	\$ -	\$ 423	\$ -	\$ 1,061
Expenses	-	683	-	1,511
Loss before income taxes	-	(260)	-	(450)
Income tax benefit	-	102	-	177
Loss from discontinued operations	\$ -	(\$ 158)	\$ -	(\$ 273)

The consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013 have been reclassified to reflect the effect of discontinued operations as set forth above.

J) Equity

Accumulated Deficit. The changes in accumulated deficit for the six months ended June 30, 2014 were as follows (in thousands):

Balance as of	
December 31, 2013	(\$16,244)
Net income	1,746
Dividends payable	(39,906)
Balance as of June 30,	
2014	(\$54,404)

Dividends. On June 26, 2014, our board of directors declared a special cash dividend of \$1.75 per share. The dividend was paid on July 24, 2014 to shareholders of record as of July 10, 2014. The total dividend payment was \$39.9 million.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss. The components of accumulated other comprehensive loss and activity were as follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2013	Increase/ Decrease	Reclassification Adjustments	June 30, 2014
Unrealized losses on available for sale securities	(\$ 206)	\$ 119	\$ 59	(\$ 28)
Unrealized gains on available for sale securities	-	22	-	22
Net unrealized gains (losses) on available for sale securities	(206)	141	59 (a)	(6)
	81	(59)	(20)	2

Income tax benefit (expense) on other
comprehensive loss

Total accumulated other comprehensive loss, net
of taxes

(\$ 125) \$ 82 \$ 39 (\$ 4)

(a) – Classified in other expense.

K) Subsequent Event. On July 21, 2014, we entered into an agreement to sell a portion of our patent portfolio pertaining to DSL diagnostic technology for \$2.6 million to an unrelated third party. The proceeds from the sale will be reduced by \$0.4 million of transaction costs, which consist primarily of fees from the law firm that assisted us in the sale. We expect the transaction will close during the three months ended September 30, 2014.

ITEM 2:

Management's Discussion and Analysis of
Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Cautionary Statement for Purposes of the "Safe Harbor" Provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

Some of the information in this Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. You can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as "may," "will," "expect," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "continue" and similar words. You should read statements that contain these words carefully because they: (1) discuss our future expectations; (2) contain projections of our future operating results or financial condition; or (3) state other "forward-looking" information. However, we may not be able to predict future events accurately. The risk factors listed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, as well as any cautionary language in this Form 10-Q, provide examples of risks, uncertainties and events that may cause our actual results to differ materially from the expectations we describe in our forward-looking statements. You should be aware that the occurrence of any of the events described in these risk factors and elsewhere in this Form 10-Q could materially and adversely affect our business.

Summary of Operations

Continuing Operations. We are primarily engaged in the development and sale of biometrics products and services. Our biometrics products are used in government and commercial biometrics systems, which are capable of determining or verifying an individual's identity. The principal applications of biometrics systems include border control, law enforcement, national defense, secure credentialing, access control and background checks. We sell our software and services to systems integrators and OEMs, as well as directly to government customers. We also derive a minor portion of our revenue from the sale of imaging software to OEMs that incorporate that software into medical imaging products.

Discontinued Operations. In 2013, we shut down our DSL service assurance software product line, which was previously a component of our DSL Service Assurance Segment. The results of the DSL Service Assurance Segment have been reported as discontinued operations as we no longer have any significant continuing involvement with, or cash flows from, this segment.

Summary of Financial Results

Net income from continuing operations for the three months ended June 30, 2014 was \$0.9 million, or \$0.04 per diluted share, which compares to net income from continuing operations of \$0.5 million, or \$0.02 per diluted share, for the three months ended June 30, 2013. Higher net income from continuing operations in the current period was primarily due to higher sales of software licenses, services and hardware products.

Net income from continuing operations for the six months ended June 30, 2014 was \$1.7 million, or \$0.08 per diluted share, which compares to net income from continuing operations of \$2.4 million, or \$0.11 per diluted share, for the six months ended June 30, 2013. Lower net income from continuing operations in the current period was primarily due to \$0.8 million of income from a patent arrangement we received in 2013 versus no such income in 2014. Operating income before patent related income was approximately the same in both six month periods in 2014 and 2013.

Results of Operations

Software licenses. Software licenses consist of revenue from the sale of biometrics and imaging software products. Sales of software products depend on our ability to win proposals to supply software for biometrics systems projects either directly to government customers or indirectly through channel partners.

Software license revenue increased 64% from \$1.3 million in the three months ended June 30, 2013 to \$2.1 million in the same three month period in 2014. As a percentage of total revenue, software license revenue increased from 28% in the second quarter of 2013 to 31% in the current year quarter. The dollar increase in software license revenue was primarily due to: i) revenue from a biometrics software sale to an international customer; and ii) revenue from a medical imaging customer that reported higher than usual usage of our software in its products.

Software license revenue decreased 20% from \$4.6 million in the six months ended June 30, 2013 to \$3.7 million in the same six month period in 2014. As a percentage of total revenue, software license revenue decreased from 49% in the first six months of 2013 to 28% in the corresponding period of 2014. The dollar decrease in software license revenue was primarily due to a comparison against a strong first quarter last year. The first quarter of 2013 featured: i) a large license sale to a U.S. government agency; and ii) higher international license sales. The first six months of 2014 did not contain any license sales of the magnitude of last year's U.S. government agency sale and international license sales were lower than last year.

Software maintenance. Software maintenance consists of revenue from the sale of software maintenance contracts. Software maintenance contracts entitle customers to receive software support and software updates, if and when they become available, during the term of the contract.

Software maintenance revenue increased 12% from \$1.0 million in the three months ended June 30, 2013 to \$1.2 million in the same three month period in 2014. As a percentage of total revenue, software maintenance revenue decreased from 23% in the second quarter of 2013 to 17% in the current year quarter.

Software maintenance revenue increased 11% from \$2.0 million in the six months ended June 30, 2013 to \$2.2 million in the same six month period in 2014. As a percentage of total revenue, software maintenance revenue decreased from 21% in the first six months of 2013 to 16% in the corresponding period of 2014.

For the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2014, the dollar increase in software maintenance revenue was primarily due to a base of maintenance revenue from contract renewals from prior periods that grows as we sell maintenance contracts with new licenses in current periods.

Services. Services consist of fees we charge to perform software development, integration, installation, and customization services. Similar to software license revenue, services revenue depends on our ability to win biometrics systems projects either directly with government customers or in conjunction with channel partners. Services revenue will fluctuate when we commence new projects and/or when we complete projects that were started in previous periods.

Services increased 83% from \$0.7 million in the three months ended June 30, 2013 to \$1.3 million in the same three month period in 2014. As a percentage of total revenue, services increased from 16% in the second quarter of 2013 to 20% in the current year quarter.

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Services increased 106% from \$1.1 million in the six months ended June 30, 2013 to \$2.3 million in the same six month period in 2014. As a percentage of total revenue, services increased from 12% in the first six months of 2013 to 18% in the corresponding period of 2014.

For the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2014, the dollar increase in services was primarily due to a significant project with a U.S. government customer that commenced in the third quarter of 2013 and continued into the current quarter.

Hardware sales. Hardware sales consist of sales of biometrics equipment to a single U.S. government customer for whom we developed biometrics software. Hardware products sold to this customer integrate hardware purchased from third parties with software from other third parties as well as software from Aware. We evaluated the classification of gross versus net revenue recognition and determined gross recognition was appropriate.

Hardware sales increased 81% from \$1.1 million in the three months ended June 30, 2013 to \$2.0 million in the same three month period in 2014. As a percentage of total revenue, hardware sales increased from 26% in the second quarter of 2013 to 30% in the current year quarter.

Hardware sales increased 315% from \$1.1 million in the six months ended June 30, 2013 to \$4.7 million in the same six month period in 2014. As a percentage of total revenue, hardware sales increased from 12% in the first six months of 2013 to 35% in the corresponding period of 2014.

For the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2014, the dollar increase in hardware sales was due to an increase in units ordered by our U.S. government hardware customer.

We are unable to predict future hardware sales with any degree of certainty because: i) our contract with the government provides pricing, but does not obligate it to purchase any products until it provides us with purchase orders; and ii) forecasting our customer's demand is difficult.

Royalties. Royalties consist primarily of royalty payments we receive under DSL silicon contracts with two customers that incorporate our silicon intellectual property ("IP") in their DSL chipsets. We sold our DSL IP business in 2009, but we continue to receive royalty payments from these customers.

Royalties decreased 41% from \$277,000 in the three months ended June 30, 2013 to \$164,000 in the same three month period in 2014. As a percentage of total revenue, royalties decreased from 6% in the second quarter of 2013 to 2% in the current year quarter.

Royalties decreased 16% from \$568,000 in the six months ended June 30, 2013 to \$478,000 in the same six month period in 2014. As a percentage of total revenue, royalties decreased from 6% in the first six months of 2013 to 4% in the corresponding period of 2014.

We believe it is likely that royalties will decline in future quarters.

Cost of hardware sales. Cost of hardware sales consists primarily of the cost of third party equipment and software included in hardware shipments.

Cost of hardware sales increased 73% from \$0.8 million in the three months ended June 30, 2013 to \$1.4 million in the same three month period in 2014. Cost of hardware sales as a percentage of hardware sales decreased from 72% in the second quarter of 2013 to 69% in the current year quarter, which means that product gross margins increased from 28% to 31%.

Cost of hardware sales increased 307% from \$0.8 million in the six months ended June 30, 2013 to \$3.3 million in the same six month period in 2014. Cost of hardware sales as a percentage of hardware sales decreased from 72% in the first six months of 2013 to 71% in the corresponding period in 2014, which means that product gross margins increased from 28% to 29%.

For the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2014, the dollar increase in cost of hardware sales was due to higher unit shipments of hardware products in the current year periods compared to the prior year periods.

Cost of Services. Cost of services consists of engineering costs to perform customer services projects. Such costs primarily include: i) engineering salaries, stock-based compensation, fringe benefits, and facilities; and ii) engineering consultants and contractors.

Cost of services increased 80% from \$344,000 in the three months ended June 30, 2013 to \$618,000 in the same three month period in 2014. Cost of services as a percentage of services decreased from 47% in the second quarter of 2013 to 46% in the current quarter, which means that gross margins on services increased from 53% to 54%.

Cost of services increased 100% from \$541,000 in the six months ended June 30, 2013 to \$1.1 million in the same six month period in 2014. Cost of services as a percentage of services decreased from 48% in the first six months of 2013 to 46% in the corresponding period in 2014, which means that gross margins on services increased from 52% to 54%.

For the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2014, the dollar increase in cost of services was mainly attributable to an increase in services revenue. For the three month period ended June 30, 2014, services revenue increased 83% and related cost of services increased 80%. For the six month period ended June 30, 2014, services revenue increased 106% and related cost of services increased 100%.

Research and development expense. Research and development expense consists of costs for: i) engineering personnel, including salaries, stock-based compensation, fringe benefits, and facilities; ii) engineering consultants and contractors, and iii) other engineering expenses such as supplies, equipment depreciation, dues and memberships and travel. Engineering costs incurred to develop our technology and products are classified as research and development expense. As described in the cost of services section, engineering costs incurred to provide engineering services for customer projects are classified as cost of services, and are not included in research and development expense.

The classification of total engineering costs to research and development expense and cost of services was (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Research and development expense	\$1,400	\$1,026	\$2,679	\$1,999
Cost of services	618	344	1,082	541
Total engineering costs	\$2,018	\$1,370	\$3,761	\$2,540

Research and development expense increased 36% from \$1.0 million in the three months ended June 30, 2013 to \$1.4 million in the same three month period in 2014. As a percentage of total revenue, research and development expense decreased from 23% in the second quarter of 2013 to 21% in the corresponding period of 2014.

Research and development expense increased 34% from \$2.0 million in the six months ended June 30, 2013 to \$2.7 million in the same six month period in 2014. As a percentage of total revenue, research and development expense decreased from 21% in the first six months of 2013 to 20% in the corresponding period of 2014.

As the table immediately above indicates, total engineering costs in the three and six months periods ended June 30, 2014 increased by \$0.6 million and \$1.2 million compared to the corresponding three and six month periods in 2013. The spending increase was primarily due to the hiring of engineering employees and contractors commencing in the second half of 2013 and continuing into the second quarter of 2014. Our engineering headcount, not including contractors, grew from 30 employees as of June 30, 2013 to 47 employees as of June 30, 2014. The expansion of our engineering organization was designed to provide the resources we required to: i) pursue new product development initiatives; and ii) staff customer engineering services projects.

As we described in the strategy section of our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, we intend to introduce new products that will allow us to sell more software into biometrics systems and projects. Our preference is to develop such products internally, however to the extent we are unable to do that, we may purchase or license technologies from third parties. The engineering spending increase in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2014 is a reflection of that strategy. We anticipate that we will continue to focus our future research and development activities on enhancing our existing products and developing new products.

Selling and marketing expense. Selling and marketing expense primarily consists of costs for: i) sales and marketing personnel, including salaries, sales commissions, stock-based compensation, fringe benefits, travel, and facilities; and ii) advertising and promotion expenses.

Sales and marketing expense increased 27% from \$0.8 million in the three months ended June 30, 2013 to \$1.0 million in the same three month period of 2014. As a percentage of total revenue, sales and marketing expense decreased from 17% in the second quarter of 2013 to 14% in the corresponding period of 2014.

Sales and marketing expense increased 12% from \$1.6 million in the six months ended June 30, 2013 to \$1.8 million in the same six month period of 2014. As a percentage of total revenue, sales and marketing expense decreased from 18% in the first six months of 2013 to 14% in the corresponding period of 2014.

For the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2014, the dollar increase in selling and marketing expense was primarily due to higher sales commissions on higher revenue and the addition of one sales and marketing employee in early 2014.

General and administrative expense. General and administrative expense consists primarily of costs for: i) officers, directors and administrative personnel, including salaries, bonuses, director compensation, stock-based compensation, fringe benefits, and facilities; ii) professional fees, including legal and audit fees; iii) public company expenses; and iv) other administrative expenses, such as insurance costs and bad debt provisions.

General and administrative expense increased 5% from \$0.9 million in the three months ended June 30, 2013 to \$1.0 million in the same three month period in 2014. As a percentage of total revenue, general and administrative expense decreased from 21% in the second quarter of 2013 to 14% in the current year quarter. The \$47,000 increase in general and administrative expense in the second quarter of 2014 was primarily due to an increase in stock-based compensation which was partially offset by lower patent filing expenses.

General and administrative expense increased 7% from \$1.7 million in the six months ended June 30, 2013 to \$1.8 million in the same three month period in 2014. As a percentage of total revenue, general and administrative expense decreased from 18% in the first six months of 2013 to 13% in the corresponding period in 2014. The \$120,000 increase in general and administrative expense in the first six months of 2014 was primarily due to an increase in stock-based compensation and higher patent filing expenses. Patent filing expenses in the first quarter of 2013 were reduced by a credit from our law firm related to 2012.

Income from patent arrangement. In December 2010, we entered into an arrangement with an unaffiliated third party under which we assigned certain patents in return for royalties on proceeds from patent monetization efforts by the third party. There was no income from this arrangement in the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013. In the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, we recorded \$0 and \$0.8 million of income, respectively. We are unable to predict how much more income we might receive from this arrangement, if any, because we do not know whether any patent monetization efforts by the third party will be successful.

Other expense. We recorded \$59,000 of other expense in the three months ended June 30, 2014. This amount represented realized losses on sales and calls of high yield bond investments.

Interest income. Interest income decreased 33% from \$78,000 in three months ended June 30, 2013 to \$52,000 in the same three month period in 2014.

Interest income decreased 13% from \$160,000 in the six months ended June 30, 2013 to \$139,000 in the same six month period in 2014.

For the three and six month periods, the dollar decrease in interest income was primarily due to lower levels of high yield bond investments in 2014 as compared to 2013.

Income taxes. Income tax expense was \$0.5 million and \$0.2 for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Income tax expense was \$1.0 million and \$1.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Income tax expense in the three and six month periods of 2014 and 2013 was based on the U.S. statutory rate of 34%, increased by state income taxes.

In the six month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, we utilized deferred tax assets to reduce our tax liability payable to the government. A portion of the deferred tax assets we used comprised cumulative deductions for stock options in excess of book expense. Under income tax accounting rules, that portion of tax benefits attributable to such deductions must be recorded as an adjustment to equity versus a reduction of income tax expense. The tax benefits from such stock-based awards were \$0.6 million and \$0.5 million in the six month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. These tax benefits were recorded as an equity adjustment to additional paid-in capital.

As of June 30, 2014, we had a total of \$0.9 million of deferred tax assets for which we had recorded no valuation allowance. We will continue to assess the level of valuation allowance in future periods. Should evidence regarding the realizability of tax assets change at a future point in time, the valuation allowance will be adjusted accordingly.

In addition to deferred tax assets carried on our balance sheet, we also had net federal and state research and development credit carryforwards available at December 31, 2013 of \$4.9 million and \$0.7 million. These credits were not recorded as tax assets as they relate to excess stock compensation deductions that may not be recorded as tax assets under generally accepted accounting principles until the amounts have been utilized to reduce our tax liability. To the extent that these assets are used to reduce future taxes, the benefit will be recorded as a reduction to additional paid-in capital. The aforementioned \$0.6 million and \$0.5 million equity adjustments to additional paid-in capital in the six month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 were related to these deferred tax assets.

Loss from discontinued operations. Loss from discontinued operations reflects operating results from our DSL service assurance software product line that we shutdown during 2013. The loss from such discontinued operations was (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Revenue	\$ -	\$ 423	\$ -	\$ 1,061
Expenses	-	683	-	1,511
Loss before income taxes	-	(260)	-	(450)
Income tax benefit	-	102	-	177
Loss from discontinued operations	\$ -	(\$ 158)	\$ -	(\$ 273)

Liquidity and Capital Resources

At June 30, 2014, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$77.2 million, which represented an increase of \$4.6 million from December 31, 2013. The increase in cash was primarily due to \$2.7 million of cash provided by operations, \$1.3 million of cash provided by investing activities, and \$0.6 million of cash provided by financing activities.

Cash provided by investing activities of \$1.3 million consisted of \$1.4 million from sales of investments which was partially offset by \$0.1 million of capital spending.

Cash provided by financing activities of \$0.6 million consisted of: i) \$592,000 of excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation; and ii) \$68,000 of proceeds from the exercise of stock options. Cash provided by these two activities was partially offset by \$92,000 of cash used to pay income taxes for employees who surrendered shares in connection with stock grants.

On July 24, 2014, we paid a special cash dividend of \$1.75 per share, which used \$39.9 million of cash.

While we cannot assure you that we will not require additional financing, or that such financing will be available to us, we believe that our cash and cash equivalents will be sufficient to fund our operations for at least the next twelve months.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See Note G to our Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 1.

ITEM 3:

Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Our exposure to market risk relates primarily to our investment portfolio, and the effect that changes in interest rates would have on that portfolio. Our investment portfolio at June 30, 2014 consisted of two elements:

1. Cash and cash equivalents. As of June 30, 2014, our cash and cash equivalents of \$77.2 million were primarily invested in money market funds. The money market funds were invested in high quality, short term financial instruments. Due to the nature, short duration, and professional management of these funds, we do not expect that a general increase in interest rates would result in any material loss.
2. Investments. As of June 30, 2014, our investments of \$1.5 million were invested in high yield bonds with three corporate debt issuers, which mature in 2017 and 2018. While we are exposed to default risk, the high current yield of these bonds largely mitigates interest rate risk. Therefore, due to the high current yield and the three to four year life of these instruments, we do not believe that a general increase in interest rates would result in any material loss.

We do not use derivative financial instruments for speculative or trading purposes.

ITEM 4:
Controls and Procedures

Our management, including our co-chief executive officers and chief financial officer, has evaluated our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the quarterly period covered by this Form 10-Q and has concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective. They also concluded that there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarterly period covered by this Form 10-Q that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1:
Legal Proceedings

From time to time we are involved in litigation incidental to the conduct of our business. We are not party to any lawsuit or proceeding that, in our opinion, is likely to seriously harm our business.

ITEM 1A:
Risk Factors

The risks described in Item 1A, Risk Factors, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. The risk factors discussed in that Form 10-K do not identify all risks that we face because our business operations could also be affected by additional factors that are not presently known to us or that we currently consider to be immaterial to our operations. No material change in the risk factors discussed in that Form 10-K has occurred.

ITEM 4:
Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

ITEM 6:

Exhibits

(a) Exhibits

Exhibit 31.1 Certification of co-Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Exhibit 31.2 Certification of co-Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Exhibit 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Exhibit 101* The following financial statements from Aware, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2014, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language), as follows: (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income for the Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013, and (iv) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

* Pursuant to Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, the Interactive Data Files in Exhibit 101 hereto shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liability under those sections.

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.

AWARE, INC.

Date: July 25, 2014

By: /s/ Kevin T. Russell
Kevin T. Russell
co-Chief Executive Officer &
co-President
General Counsel

Date: July 25, 2014

By: /s/ Richard P. Moberg
Richard P. Moberg
co-Chief Executive Officer &
co-President
Chief Financial Officer (Principal
Financial
and Accounting Officer)

