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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 27, 2011

or

☐ **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 0-12933

LAM RESEARCH CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	94-2634797 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
4650 Cushing Parkway Fremont, California (Address of principal executive offices)	94538 (Zip Code)
(510) 572-0200 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company <input type="checkbox"/>

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

As of April 29, 2011, there were 124,490,743 shares of registrant's common stock outstanding.

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LAM RESEARCH CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in thousands, except per share data)

	March 27, 2011 (unaudited)	June 27, 2010 (1)
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 942,710	\$ 545,767
Short-term investments	312,879	280,690
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$7,331 as of March 27, 2011 and \$10,609 as of June 27, 2010	637,795	499,890
Inventories	355,734	318,479
Deferred income taxes	45,934	46,158
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	77,722	65,677
Total current assets	2,372,774	1,756,661
Property and equipment, net	251,954	200,336
Restricted cash and investments	165,248	165,234
Deferred income taxes	29,578	26,218
Goodwill	169,182	169,182
Intangible assets, net	51,964	67,724
Other assets	107,795	102,037
Total assets	\$ 3,148,495	\$ 2,487,392
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Trade accounts payable	\$ 184,119	\$ 121,099
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	328,695	309,397
Deferred profit	150,335	123,194
Current portion of long-term debt and capital leases	4,242	4,967
Total current liabilities	667,391	558,657
Long-term debt and capital leases	15,949	17,645
Income taxes payable	116,911	110,462
Other long-term liabilities	25,088	32,493
Total liabilities	825,339	719,257
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, at par value of \$0.001 per share; authorized 5,000 shares; none outstanding		
Common stock, at par value of \$0.001 per share; authorized 400,000 shares; issued and outstanding 124,037 shares as of March 27, 2011 and 125,946 shares as of June 27, 2010	124	126
Additional paid-in capital	1,472,969	1,452,939
Treasury stock, at cost; 40,101 shares as of March 27, 2011 and 36,884 shares as of June 27, 2010	(1,713,895)	(1,581,417)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(198)	(69,849)

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Retained earnings	2,564,156	1,966,336
Total stockholders' equity	2,323,156	1,768,135
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 3,148,495	\$ 2,487,392

(1) Derived from audited financial statements

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LAM RESEARCH CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share data)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010
Revenue	\$ 809,087	\$ 632,763	\$ 2,485,675	\$ 1,438,487
Cost of goods sold	435,068	339,892	1,326,897	795,810
Cost of goods sold 409A expense				(5,816)
Total costs of goods sold	435,068	339,892	1,326,897	789,994
Gross margin	374,019	292,871	1,158,778	648,493
Research and development	96,880	81,845	273,710	235,215
Selling, general and administrative	80,143	61,933	228,137	174,163
Restructuring and asset impairments			(5,163)	8,012
409A expense				(38,590)
Total operating expenses	177,023	143,778	496,684	378,800
Operating income	196,996	149,093	662,094	269,693
Other income, net	1,663	1,616	1,722	1,190
Income before income taxes	198,659	150,709	663,816	270,883
Income tax expense	16,419	30,408	65,996	64,211
Net income	\$ 182,240	\$ 120,301	\$ 597,820	\$ 206,672
Net income per share:				
Basic net income per share	\$ 1.47	\$ 0.94	\$ 4.84	\$ 1.63
Diluted net income per share	\$ 1.45	\$ 0.94	\$ 4.78	\$ 1.61
Number of shares used in per share calculations:				
Basic	123,674	127,307	123,482	127,127
Diluted	125,293	128,587	125,097	128,368

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

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	Nine Months Ended	
	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$ 597,820	\$ 206,672
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	54,787	53,737
Deferred income taxes	(4,555)	22,351
Restructuring charges	(5,163)	8,012
Equity-based compensation expense	38,224	38,134
Income tax benefit on equity-based compensation plans	19,492	691
Excess tax benefit on equity-based compensation plans	(15,106)	(973)
Other, net	(2,818)	2,542
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	239	(145,886)
Net cash provided by operating activities	682,920	185,280
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Capital expenditures and intangible assets	(92,924)	(23,548)
Purchases of available-for-sale securities	(132,662)	(92,868)
Sales and maturities of available-for-sale securities	95,928	78,839
Purchase of other investments	(417)	(961)
Proceeds from sale of assets	1,544	
Transfer of restricted cash and investments	(14)	13,155
Net cash used for investing activities	(128,545)	(25,383)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Principal payments on long-term debt and capital lease obligations	(4,449)	(20,424)
Net proceeds from issuance of long-term debt		336
Excess tax benefit on equity-based compensation plans	15,106	973
Cash paid in advance for stock repurchase contracts	(50,000)	
Treasury stock purchases	(157,563)	(75,172)
Reissuances of treasury stock	13,676	11,279
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	10,222	7,823
Net cash used for financing activities	(173,008)	(75,185)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	15,576	2,490
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	396,943	87,202
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	545,767	374,167
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 942,710	\$ 461,369

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 27, 2011

(Unaudited)

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for interim financial information and the instructions to Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. The accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the audited Consolidated Financial Statements of Lam Research Corporation (Lam Research or the Company) for the fiscal year ended June 27, 2010, which are included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K as of and for the year ended June 27, 2010 (the 2010 Form 10-K). The Company's Forms 10-K, Forms 10-Q and Forms 8-K are available online at the Securities and Exchange Commission website on the Internet. The address of that site is www.sec.gov. The Company also posts its Forms 10-K, Forms 10-Q and Forms 8-K on its corporate website at <http://investor.lamresearch.com>.

The Company's reporting period is a 52/53-week fiscal year. The Company's current fiscal year will end June 26, 2011 and includes 52 weeks. The quarters ended March 27, 2011 (the March 2011 quarter) and March 28, 2010 (the March 2010 quarter) each included 13 weeks.

Certain amounts presented in the comparative financial statements for the prior year have been reclassified to conform to the fiscal year 2011 presentation.

NOTE 2 RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In September 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) ratified guidance from the Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) regarding revenue arrangements with multiple deliverables. This guidance addresses criteria for separating the consideration in multiple-element arrangements and requires companies to allocate the overall consideration to each deliverable by using a best estimate of the selling price of individual deliverables in the arrangement in the absence of vendor-specific objective evidence or other third-party evidence of the selling price. The Company adopted this guidance on June 28, 2010, on a prospective basis, and the adoption did not have a significant impact on its results of operations or financial condition.

In September 2009, the FASB also ratified guidance from the EITF regarding certain revenue arrangements that include software elements. This guidance modifies the scope of the software revenue recognition rules to exclude (a) non-software components of tangible products and (b) software components of tangible products that are sold, licensed, or leased with tangible products when the software components and non-software components of the tangible product function together to deliver the tangible product's essential functionality. The Company adopted this guidance on June 28, 2010, on a prospective basis, and the adoption did not have a significant impact on its results of operations or financial condition.

NOTE 3 EQUITY-BASED COMPENSATION PLANS

The Company has stock plans that provide for grants of equity-based awards to eligible participants, including stock options and restricted stock units (RSUs), of Lam Research common stock (Common Stock). An option is a right to purchase the Company's stock at a set price. An RSU award is an agreement to issue shares of the Company's stock at the time of vesting. The Company's options and RSU awards typically vest over a period of two years or less. The Company also has an employee stock purchase plan (ESPP) that allows employees to purchase its Common Stock at a discount through payroll deductions.

The Company recognized the following equity-based compensation expense and related income tax benefit in the Consolidated Statements of Operations:

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	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010
	(in millions)			
Equity-based compensation expense	\$ 12.5	\$ 10.9	\$ 38.2	\$ 38.1
Income tax benefit related to equity-based compensation expense	\$ 2.1	\$ 1.7	\$ 6.4	\$ 6.1
The estimated fair value of the Company's stock-based awards, less expected forfeitures, is amortized over the awards' vesting term on a straight-line basis.				

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Stock Options and RSUs

The 2007 Stock Incentive Plan provides for grants of equity-based awards to eligible participants. Additional shares are reserved for issuance under the Company's 1997 Stock Incentive Plan and its 1999 Stock Option Plan pursuant to awards previously granted under those plans (together with the 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, the Plans). As of March 27, 2011, there were a total of 2,672,205 shares reserved to cover options and RSUs issued and outstanding under the Plans. As of March 27, 2011, there were an additional 9,174,207 shares reserved and available for future equity-based awards under the 2007 Stock Incentive Plan.

A summary of stock option activity under the Plans as of March 27, 2011 and changes during the nine months then ended is presented below:

Options	Shares (in thousands)	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value as of March 27, 2011 (in thousands)
Outstanding at June 27, 2010	885	\$ 21.61	2.76	
Exercised	(474)	\$ 21.58		
Forfeited or expired	(3)	\$ 20.35		
Outstanding at March 27, 2011	408	\$ 21.66	2.52	\$ 13,456
Exercisable at March 27, 2011	408	\$ 21.66	2.52	\$ 13,456

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the three and nine months ended March 27, 2011 was \$9.2 million and \$14.0 million, respectively. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the three and nine months ended March 28, 2010 was \$0.9 million and \$7.0 million, respectively.

As of March 27, 2011, all stock options outstanding were fully vested and all related compensation expense has been recognized.

A summary of the Company's RSUs as of March 27, 2011 and changes during the nine months then ended is presented below:

Unvested Restricted Stock Units	Shares (in thousands)	Average Grant- Date Fair Value
Unvested at June 27, 2010	2,741	\$ 30.50
Granted	487	\$ 51.49
Vested	(825)	\$ 26.24
Forfeited	(139)	\$ 31.45
Unvested as of March 27, 2011	2,264	\$ 36.51

The fair value of the Company's RSUs was calculated based upon the fair market value of the Company's stock at the date of grant. As of March 27, 2011, there was \$50.8 million of total unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested RSUs granted; that expense is expected to be recognized over a weighted average remaining period of 1.3 years.

ESPP

The 1999 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (as amended and restated, the 1999 ESPP) allows employees to designate a portion of their base compensation to be withheld through payroll deductions and used to purchase the Company's Common Stock at a purchase price per share equal to the lower of 85% of the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on the first or last day of the applicable purchase period. Each offering period generally lasts up to 12 months and includes up to three interim purchase dates. As of March 27, 2011, there were a total of 9,909,611 shares available for issuance under the 1999 ESPP.

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Purchase rights under the 1999 ESPP were valued using the Black-Scholes model assuming no expected dividends and the following weighted-average assumptions for the three and nine months ended March 27, 2011:

	Three Months Ended March 27, 2011	Nine Months Ended March 27, 2011
Expected term (years)	0.82	0.68
Expected stock price volatility	43.37%	41.89%
Risk-free interest rate	0.81%	0.61%

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As of March 27, 2011, there was \$2.7 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to the 1999 ESPP, which is expected to be recognized over the next 0.4 years.

NOTE 4 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company maintains an investment portfolio of various holdings, types, and maturities. The Company's mutual funds, which are correlated to the Company's obligations under the deferred compensation plan, are classified as trading securities. Investments classified as trading securities are recorded at fair value based upon quoted market prices. Any material differences between the cost and fair value of trading securities is recognized as Other income (expense) in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. All of the Company's other short-term investments are classified as available-for-sale and consequently are recorded in the Consolidated Balance Sheets at fair value with unrealized gains or losses reported as a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax.

Fair Value

Pursuant to the accounting guidance for fair value measurement, the Company defines fair value as the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. When determining the fair value measurements for assets and liabilities required or permitted to be recorded at fair value, the Company considers the principal or most advantageous market in which it would transact, and it considers assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability.

FASB has established a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The level of an asset or liability in the hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Assets and liabilities carried at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

Level 1: Valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities with sufficient volume and frequency of transactions.

Level 2: Valuations based on observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active, or model-derived valuations techniques for which all significant inputs are observable in the market or can be corroborated by, observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3: Valuations based on unobservable inputs to the valuation methodology that are significant to the measurement of fair value of assets or liabilities and based on non-binding, broker-provided price quotes and may not have been corroborated by observable market data.

The following table sets forth the Company's financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 27, 2011:

		Fair Value Measurement at March 27, 2011		
		Quoted Prices in		
		Active Markets for		Significant
		Identical	Significant Other	Unobservable
		Assets	Observable Inputs	Inputs
		(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
		(In thousands)		
Assets				
Short-Term Investments				
Money Market Funds		\$ 842,012	\$ 842,012	\$
Municipal Notes and Bonds		104,840		104,840
US Treasury & Agencies		973	973	
Government-Sponsored Enterprises		7,268		7,268
Foreign Government Bonds		1,005		1,005
Corporate Notes and Bonds		321,371	164,885	156,486
Mortgage Backed Securities	Residential	3,978		3,978
Mortgage Backed Securities	Commercial	39,844		39,844

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Total Short-Term Investments	\$ 1,321,291	\$ 1,007,870	\$ 313,421	\$
Equities	9,266	9,266		
Mutual Funds	21,565	21,565		
Derivatives Assets	1,558		1,558	
Total	\$ 1,353,680	\$ 1,038,701	\$ 314,979	\$
Liabilities				
Derivative Liabilities	\$ 3,043	\$	\$ 3,043	\$

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The amounts in the table above are reported in the Consolidated Balance Sheet as of March 27, 2011 as follows:

Reported As:	Total	(Level 1) (In thousands)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
Cash Equivalents	\$ 843,527	\$ 842,012	\$ 1,515	\$
Short-Term Investments	312,879	973	311,906	
Restricted Cash and Investments	164,885	164,885		
Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets	30,831	30,831		
Other Assets	1,558		1,558	
Total	\$ 1,353,680	\$ 1,038,701	\$ 314,979	\$
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	\$ 3,043	\$	\$ 3,043	\$

The following table sets forth the Company's financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 27, 2010.

		Fair Value Measurement at June 27, 2010		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
		Total	(In thousands)	
Assets				
Short-Term Investments				
Money Market Funds		\$ 470,936	\$ 470,936	\$
Municipal Notes and Bonds		103,903		103,903
US Treasury & Agencies		3,447		3,447
Government-Sponsored Enterprises		6,060	6,060	
Foreign Government Bond		1,008		1,008
Corporate Notes and Bonds		289,437	169,723	119,636
Mortgage Backed Securities	Residential	6,106		6,106
Mortgage Backed Securities	Commercial	42,964		42,964
Total Short-Term Investments		\$ 923,861	\$ 646,719	\$ 277,064
Equities		7,636	7,636	
Mutual Funds		18,124	18,124	
Derivatives Assets		2,063		2,063
Total		\$ 951,684	\$ 672,479	\$ 279,127
Liabilities				
Derivative Liabilities		\$ 470	\$	\$ 470

The amounts in the table above are reported in the Consolidated Balance Sheet as of June 27, 2010 as follows:

Reported As:	Total	(Level 1) (In thousands)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
Cash Equivalents	\$ 478,286	\$ 477,279	\$ 1,007	\$

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Short-Term Investments	280,690	4,555	276,057	78
Restricted Cash and Investments	164,885	164,885		
Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets	2,063		2,063	
Other Assets	25,760	25,760		
Total	\$ 951,684	\$ 672,479	\$ 279,127	\$ 78
Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities	\$ 470	\$	\$ 470	\$

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The following tables summarize the Company's investments (in thousands):

	March 27, 2011				June 27, 2010			
	Cost	Unrealized Gain	Unrealized (Loss)	Fair Value	Cost	Unrealized Gain	Unrealized (Loss)	Fair Value
Cash	\$ 99,546	\$	\$	\$ 99,546	\$ 67,830	\$	\$	\$ 67,830
Fixed Income Money Market Funds	842,012			842,012	470,936			470,936
Municipal Notes and Bonds	103,832	1,125	(117)	104,840	102,130	1,784	(11)	103,903
US Treasury & Agencies	976	1	(4)	973	3,437	10		3,447
Government-Sponsored Enterprises	7,278	2	(12)	7,268	5,976	84		6,060
Foreign Government Bonds	1,004	1		1,005	1,007	1		1,008
Corporate Notes and Bonds	320,246	1,258	(133)	321,371	287,922	1,608	(93)	289,437
Mortgage Backed Securities Residential	3,813	202	(37)	3,978	5,825	323	(42)	6,106
Mortgage Backed Securities Commercial	39,800	205	(161)	39,844	42,765	275	(76)	42,964
Total Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 1,418,507	\$ 2,794	\$ (464)	\$ 1,420,837	\$ 987,828	\$ 4,085	\$ (222)	\$ 991,691
Publicly Traded Equity Securities	\$ 9,452	\$	\$ (186)	\$ 9,266	\$ 9,471	\$	\$ (1,835)	\$ 7,636
Mutual Funds	20,209	1,356		21,565	19,043		(919)	18,124
Total Financial Instruments	\$ 1,448,168	\$ 4,150	\$ (650)	\$ 1,451,668	\$ 1,016,342	\$ 4,085	\$ (2,976)	\$ 1,017,451
As Reported								
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 942,713	\$	\$ (3)	\$ 942,710	\$ 545,766	\$ 1	\$	\$ 545,767
Short-Term Investments	310,546	2,794	(461)	312,879	276,828	4,084	(222)	280,690
Restricted Cash and Investments	165,248			165,248	165,234			165,234
Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets	29,661	1,356	(186)	30,831	28,514		(2,754)	25,760
Total	\$ 1,448,168	\$ 4,150	\$ (650)	\$ 1,451,668	\$ 1,016,342	\$ 4,085	\$ (2,976)	\$ 1,017,451

The Company accounts for its investment portfolio at fair value. Realized gains (losses) for investments sold are specifically identified. Management assesses the fair value of investments in debt securities that are not actively traded through consideration of interest rates and their impact on the present value of the cash flows to be received from the investments. The Company also considers whether changes in the credit ratings of the issuer could impact the assessment of fair value. The Company did not recognize any losses on investments due to other-than-temporary impairments during the three and nine months ended March 27, 2011. The Company did not recognize any losses on investments due to other-than-temporary impairments during the three months ended March 28, 2010; however, the Company did recognize \$0.9 million of losses on investments due to other-than-temporary impairment during the nine months ended March 28, 2010. Additionally, the Company realized gains from sales of investments of \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million in the three and nine months ended March 27, 2011, respectively, and \$0.5 million and \$0.6 million in the three and nine months ended March 28, 2010, respectively.

The following is an analysis of the Company's fixed income securities in unrealized loss positions as of March 27, 2011 (in thousands):

	March 27, 2011 Unrealized Losses 12 Months or Greater	Total
Unrealized Losses Less Than 12 Months		

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	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Loss
Short-Term Investments						
Municipal Notes and Bonds	\$ 15,842	\$ (117)	\$	\$	\$ 15,842	\$ (117)
US Treasury & Agencies	920	(4)			920	(4)
Government-Sponsored Enterprises	5,260	(12)			5,260	(12)
Corporate Notes and Bonds	31,984	(133)			31,984	(133)
Mortgage Backed Securities Residential			300	(37)	300	(37)
Mortgage Backed Securities Commercial	16,326	(161)			16,326	(161)
Total Short-Term Investments	\$ 70,332	\$ (427)	\$ 300	\$ (37)	\$ 70,632	\$ (464)

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The amortized cost and fair value of cash equivalents, short-term investments, and restricted cash and investments with contractual maturities are as follows:

	March 27, 2011		June 27, 2010	
	Cost	Estimated Fair Value (in thousands)	Cost	Estimated Fair Value
Due in less than one year	\$ 1,118,594	\$ 1,119,260	\$ 723,143	\$ 723,707
Due in more than one year	200,367	202,031	196,855	200,154
	\$ 1,318,961	\$ 1,321,291	\$ 919,998	\$ 923,861

Management has the ability, if necessary, to liquidate any of its cash equivalents and short-term investments in order to meet the Company's liquidity needs in the next 12 months. Accordingly, those investments with contractual maturities greater than one year from the date of purchase nonetheless are classified as short-term on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Derivative Instruments and Hedging

The Company carries derivative financial instruments (derivatives) on its Consolidated Balance Sheets at their fair values. The Company enters into foreign exchange forward contracts with financial institutions with the primary objective of reducing volatility of earnings and cash flows related to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. The counterparties to these foreign exchange forward contracts are creditworthy multinational financial institutions.

Cash Flow Hedges

The Company's policy is to attempt to minimize short-term business exposure to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations using an effective and efficient method to eliminate or reduce such exposures. In the normal course of business, the Company's financial position is routinely subjected to market risk associated with foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. To protect against a reduction in value of forecasted Japanese yen-denominated revenues and forecasted Euro denominated expenses, the Company has instituted a foreign currency cash flow hedging program. The Company enters into foreign exchange forward contracts that generally expire within 12 months and no later than 24 months. These foreign exchange forward contracts are designated as cash flow hedges and are carried on the Company's balance sheet at fair value with the effective portion of the contracts' gains or losses included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) and subsequently recognized in revenue in the same period the hedged revenue is recognized.

At inception and at each quarter end, hedges are tested for effectiveness using regression testing. Changes in the fair value of foreign exchange forward contracts due to changes in time value are excluded from the assessment of effectiveness and are recognized in revenue and operating expenses in the current period. The change in forward time value was not material for all reported periods. There were no gains or losses during either the three or nine months ended March 27, 2011 or March 28, 2010 associated with ineffectiveness or forecasted transactions that failed to occur. To qualify for hedge accounting, the hedge relationship must meet criteria relating both to the derivative instrument and the hedged item. These criteria include identification of the hedging instrument, the hedged item, the nature of the risk being hedged and how the hedging instrument's effectiveness in offsetting the exposure to changes in the hedged item's fair value or cash flows will be measured.

To receive hedge accounting treatment, all hedging relationships are formally documented at the inception of the hedge, and the hedges must be highly effective in offsetting changes to future cash flows on hedged transactions. When derivative instruments are designated and qualify as effective cash flow hedges, the Company is able to defer effective changes in the fair value of the hedging instrument within accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) until the hedged exposure is realized. Consequently, with the exception of excluded time value and hedge ineffectiveness recognized, the Company's results of operations are not subject to fluctuation as a result of changes in the fair value of the derivative instruments. If hedges are not highly effective or if the Company does not believe that the underlying hedged forecasted transactions will occur, the Company may not be able to account for its derivative instruments as cash flow hedges. If this were to occur, future changes in the fair values of the Company's derivative instruments would be recognized in earnings without the benefits of offsets or deferrals of changes in fair value arising from hedge accounting treatment. At March 27, 2011, the Company expects to reclassify the entire amount associated with the \$2.3 million of losses accumulated in other comprehensive income (loss) to earnings during the next 12 months due to the recognition in earnings of the hedged forecasted transactions.

Balance Sheet Hedges

The Company also enters into foreign exchange forward contracts to hedge the effects of foreign currency fluctuations associated with foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities, primarily intercompany receivables and payables. These foreign exchange forward contracts are not designated for hedge accounting treatment. Therefore, the change in fair value of these derivatives is recorded as a component of other income (expense) and offsets the change in fair value of the foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities, recorded in other income (expense).

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As of March 27, 2011, the Company had the following outstanding foreign currency forward contracts that were entered into to hedge forecasted revenues and purchases:

	Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments:	Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments: (in thousands)
Foreign Currency Forward Contracts		
Sell JPY	\$ 47,999	\$
Sell JPY		47,432
Buy CHF		239,880
Buy TWD		81,359
Buy EUR	94,587	
Buy EUR		48,741
	\$ 142,586	\$ 417,412

The fair value of derivatives instruments in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of March 27, 2011 was as follows:

	Fair Value of Derivative Instruments			
	Asset Derivatives		Liability Derivatives	
	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value (in thousands)	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:				
Foreign exchange forward contracts	Prepaid expense and other assets	\$ 22	Accrued liabilities	\$ (2,097)
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:				
Foreign exchange forward contracts	Prepaid expense and other assets	\$ 1,536	Accrued liabilities	\$ (946)
Total derivatives		\$ 1,558		\$ (3,043)

The fair value of derivatives instruments in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of June 27, 2010 was as follows:

	Fair Value of Derivative Instruments			
	Asset Derivatives		Liability Derivatives	
	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value (in thousands)	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:				
Foreign exchange forward contracts	Prepaid expense and other assets	\$ 30	Accrued liabilities	\$ (52)
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:				
Foreign exchange forward contracts	Prepaid expense and other assets	\$ 2,033	Accrued liabilities	\$ (418)
Total derivatives		\$ 2,063		\$ (470)

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The effect of derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and nine months ended March 27, 2011 and March 28, 2010 was as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 27, 2011				Nine Months Ended March 27, 2011			
	Gain (Loss) Recognized (Effective Portion)	Gain (Loss) Recognized (Effective Portion)	Gain (Loss) Recognized (Ineffective Portion)	Gain (Loss) Recognized (Excluded from Effectiveness Testing)	Gain (Loss) Recognized (Effective Portion)	Gain (Loss) Recognized (Effective Portion)	Gain (Loss) Recognized (Ineffective Portion)	Gain (Loss) Recognized (Excluded from Effectiveness Testing)
Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments:	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	(in thousands)							
Foreign exchange forward contracts	\$ (3,570)	\$ (279)	\$	\$ 59	\$ (8,347)	\$ (6,081)	\$	\$ 246

	Three Months Ended March 28, 2010				Nine Months Ended March 28, 2010			
	Gain (Loss) Recognized (Effective Portion)	Gain (Loss) Recognized (Effective Portion)	Gain (Loss) Recognized (Ineffective Portion)	Gain (Loss) Recognized (Excluded from Effectiveness Testing)	Gain (Loss) Recognized (Effective Portion)	Gain (Loss) Recognized (Effective Portion)	Gain (Loss) Recognized (Ineffective Portion)	Gain (Loss) Recognized (Excluded from Effectiveness Testing)
Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments:	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	(in thousands)							
Foreign exchange forward contracts	\$ 194	\$ 89	\$	\$ 5	\$ (366)	\$ (561)	\$	\$ 60

- (1) Amount recognized in other comprehensive income (effective portion).
- (2) Amount of gain (loss) reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income into income (effective portion) located in revenue and operating expenses.
- (3) Amount of gain (loss) recognized in income on derivative (ineffective portion) located in other income (expense), net.
- (4) Amount of gain (loss) recognized in income on derivative (amount excluded from effectiveness testing) located in other income (expense), net.

The effect of derivative instruments not designated as cash flow hedges on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the three and nine months ended March 27, 2011 and March 28, 2010 was as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010
Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments:	Gain (Loss) Recognized (5)	Gain (Loss) Recognized (5)	Gain (Loss) Recognized (5)	Gain (Loss) Recognized (5)
	(in thousands)			
Foreign exchange forward contracts	\$ 21,617	\$ (9,289)	\$ 35,795	\$ (5,041)

- (5) Amount of gain (loss) recognized in income located in other income (expense), net.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash equivalents, short term investments, restricted cash and investments, trade accounts receivable, and derivative financial instruments used in hedging activities. Cash is placed on deposit in major financial institutions in various countries throughout the world. Such deposits may be in excess of insured limits. Management believes that the financial institutions that hold the Company's cash are financially sound and, accordingly, minimal credit risk exists with respect to these balances.

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The Company's available-for-sale securities, which are invested in taxable financial instruments, must have a minimum rating of A2 / A at the time of original purchase, as rated by two of the following three rating agencies: Moody's, Standard & Poor's (S&P), or Fitch. Available-for-sale securities that are invested in tax-exempt financial instruments must have a minimum rating of A2 / A at the time of investment, as rated by any one of the same three rating agencies. The Company's policy limits the amount of credit exposure with any one financial institution or commercial issuer.

The Company is exposed to credit losses in the event of nonperformance by counterparties on the foreign currency forward contracts that are used to mitigate the effect of exchange rate changes. These counterparties are large international financial institutions and to date, no such counterparty has failed to meet its financial obligations to the Company.

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Credit risk evaluations, including trade references, bank references and Dun & Bradstreet ratings, are performed on all new customers and the Company monitors its customers' financial statements and payment performance. In general, the Company does not require collateral on sales.

NOTE 5 INVENTORIES

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) or market. Shipments to Japanese customers, to whom title does not transfer until customer acceptance, are classified as inventory and carried at cost until title transfers. Inventories consist of the following:

	March 27, 2011	June 27, 2010
	(in thousands)	
Raw materials	\$ 223,347	\$ 159,574
Work-in-process	55,425	67,114
Finished goods	76,962	91,791
	\$ 355,734	\$ 318,479

NOTE 6 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Property and equipment, net, consists of the following:

	March 27, 2011	June 27, 2010
	(in thousands)	
Manufacturing, engineering and office equipment	\$ 323,953	\$ 253,925
Computer equipment and software	90,077	77,249
Land	14,757	15,574
Buildings	62,939	61,145
Leasehold improvements	55,146	55,300
Furniture and fixtures	14,680	14,095
	561,552	477,288
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(309,598)	(276,952)
	\$ 251,954	\$ 200,336

NOTE 7 GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS***Goodwill***

The balance of goodwill was \$169.2 million as of March 27, 2011 and June 27, 2010. Goodwill attributable to the SEZ acquisition of \$104.2 million is not tax deductible due to applicable foreign law. The remaining goodwill balance of \$65.0 million is tax deductible.

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The following table provides details of the Company's intangible assets subject to amortization as of March 27, 2011 (in thousands, except years):

	Gross	Accumulated Amortization	Net	Weighted- Average Useful Life (years)
Customer relationships	\$ 35,226	\$ (22,229)	\$ 12,997	6.90
Existing technology	61,941	(33,316)	28,625	6.68
Other intangible assets	35,216	(32,005)	3,211	4.10
Patents	20,670	(13,539)	7,131	6.11
	\$ 153,053	\$ (101,089)	\$ 51,964	6.06

The following table provides details of the Company's intangible assets subject to amortization as of June 27, 2010 (in thousands, except years):

	Gross	Accumulated Amortization	Net	Weighted- Average Useful Life (years)
Customer relationships	\$ 35,226	\$ (18,512)	\$ 16,714	6.90
Existing technology	61,598	(27,084)	34,514	6.70
Other intangible assets	35,216	(27,783)	7,433	4.10
Patents	20,270	(11,207)	9,063	6.13
	\$ 152,310	\$ (84,586)	\$ 67,724	6.07

The Company recognized \$4.5 million and \$6.0 million in intangible asset amortization expense during the three months ended March 27, 2011 and March 28, 2010, respectively. The Company recognized \$16.5 million and \$17.9 million in intangible asset amortization expense during the nine months ended March 27, 2011 and March 28, 2010, respectively.

The estimated future amortization expense of purchased intangible assets as of March 27, 2011 is as follows (in thousands):

Fiscal Year	Amount
2011 (3 months)	\$ 4,536
2012	17,997
2013	16,350
2014	10,377
2015	2,154
Thereafter	550
	\$ 51,964

NOTE 8 ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities consist of the following:

	March 27, 2011	June 27, 2010
	(in thousands)	
Accrued compensation	\$ 174,197	\$ 164,579
Warranty reserves	41,920	31,756
Income and other taxes payable	51,130	54,874
Other	61,448	58,188
	\$ 328,695	\$ 309,397

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The significant components of other income (expense), net, are as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010
	(in thousands)			
Interest income	\$ 4,457	\$ 2,863	\$ 12,081	\$ 6,919
Interest expense	(107)	(434)	(318)	(868)
Foreign exchange gains (losses)	(1,982)	650	(8,269)	(1,339)
Other, net	(705)	(1,463)	(1,772)	(3,522)
	\$ 1,663	\$ 1,616	\$ 1,722	\$ 1,190

NOTE 10 INCOME TAX EXPENSE

The Company's effective tax rate for the three and nine months ended March 27, 2011 was approximately 8.3% and 9.9%, respectively.

The differences between the U.S. federal statutory tax rate of 35% and the Company's effective tax rate for the three and nine months ended March 27, 2011 were primarily due to the geographic mix of income and research and development tax credits partially offset by the tax effect of non-deductible stock-based compensation. The effective tax rates recorded during the three and nine months ended March 27, 2011 included the tax impact of discrete items, which were recorded during the quarter in which they occurred. During the three and nine months ended March 27, 2011, discrete items primarily consisted of: (1) a tax expense of \$1.0 million and \$3.0 million, respectively, of interest related to uncertain tax positions, (2) a tax benefit of \$0 and \$4.8 million related to the retroactive extension of the U.S. federal research and development credit for part of fiscal year 2010, (3) a tax benefit of \$2.8 million and \$6.0 million, respectively, due to the recognition of previously unrecognized tax benefits and the reversal of the related interest accruals due to resolution of certain foreign uncertain tax positions, (4) a tax benefit of \$1.9 million and \$2.5 million, respectively, related to the filing of prior year federal and foreign tax returns, and (5) a tax expense of \$0 and \$2.1 million, respectively, related to the reversal of accrued restructuring expenses.

The total gross unrecognized tax benefits as of each date noted below were as follows:

	March 27, 2011	June 27, 2010
	(in millions)	
Total gross unrecognized tax benefits	\$ 204.4	\$ 190.5

If the gross unrecognized tax benefits as of March 27, 2011 were recognized in a future period, it would result in a net tax benefit of \$169.1 million and a reduction of the effective tax rate. The Company does not anticipate that the total unrecognized tax benefits will significantly change due to the expiration of statutes of limitations in the next 12 months.

The Company recognizes interest expense and penalties related to the above unrecognized tax benefits within income tax expense. As of March 27, 2011, the Company had accrued approximately \$17.8 million for the payment of gross interest and penalties, relating to unrecognized tax benefits, compared to \$18.5 million as of June 27, 2010.

The Company files U.S. federal, U.S. state, and foreign income tax returns. As of March 27, 2011, tax years 2001-2010 remain subject to examination in certain jurisdictions where the Company operates.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is examining the Company's U.S. income tax return for fiscal year 2007. The California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) is examining the Company's state tax returns for fiscal years 2005 and 2006. The Company is unable to make a reasonable estimate as to when cash settlements, if any, will occur as a result of these examinations.

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The Company believes it has made adequate tax payments and accrued adequate amounts such that the outcome of U.S. federal, state, and foreign examinations will have no material adverse effects on its results of operations or financial condition. It is reasonably possible that certain examinations may be concluded in the next twelve months and that there could be a significant charge in the total unrecognized tax benefits due to the conclusion of these examinations. Until these examinations are effectively settled, the Company cannot estimate the amount of change to the total unrecognized tax benefits within the next twelve months.

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Realization of the Company's net deferred tax assets is based upon the weight of available evidence, including such factors as the recent earnings history and expected future taxable income. The Company believes it is more likely than not that these assets will be realized, with the exception of \$37.0 million related to certain California and foreign deferred tax assets. However, realization of the assets could be negatively impacted by market conditions and other variables not known or anticipated at this time. If the valuation allowance related to deferred tax assets were released as of March 27, 2011, approximately \$37.0 million would be credited to the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

NOTE 11 NET INCOME PER SHARE

Basic net income per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per share is computed using the treasury stock method, for dilutive stock options and RSUs. The following table reconciles the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted computations for net income per share.

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010
	(in thousands, except per share data)			
Numerator:				
Net income	\$ 182,240	\$ 120,301	\$ 597,820	\$ 206,672
Denominator:				
Basic average shares outstanding	123,674	127,307	123,482	127,127
Effect of potential dilutive securities:				
Employee stock plans	1,619	1,280	1,615	1,241
Diluted average shares outstanding	125,293	128,587	125,097	128,368
Net income per share basic	\$ 1.47	\$ 0.94	\$ 4.84	\$ 1.63
Net income per share diluted	\$ 1.45	\$ 0.94	\$ 4.78	\$ 1.61

For purposes of computing diluted net income per share, weighted-average common shares do not include potentially dilutive securities that are anti-dilutive under the treasury stock method. The following potentially dilutive securities were excluded:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010
	(in thousands)			
Number of potential dilutive securities excluded	107	676	96	311

NOTE 12 COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The components of comprehensive income, on an after-tax basis where applicable, are as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010
	(in thousands)			
Net income	\$ 182,240	\$ 120,301	\$ 597,820	\$ 206,672
Foreign currency translation adjustment	26,629	(6,192)	70,724	1,656
Unrealized gain on fair value of derivative financial instruments, net	(3,012)	16	3,849	761

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Unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments, net	1,441	(371)	879	600
Reclassification adjustment for gain included in earnings	(558)	(253)	(6,924)	(1,121)
Postretirement benefit plan adjustment	(29)	51	1,123	36
Comprehensive income	\$ 206,711	\$ 113,552	\$ 667,471	\$ 208,604

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The balance of accumulated other comprehensive loss, on an after-tax basis where applicable, is as follows:

	March 27, 2011	June 27, 2010
	(in thousands)	
Accumulated foreign currency translation adjustment	\$ 4,881	\$ (65,843)
Accumulated unrealized gain (loss) on derivative financial instruments	(2,268)	(1)
Accumulated unrealized gain on financial instruments	1,296	1,225
Postretirement benefit plan adjustment	(4,107)	(5,230)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ (198)	\$ (69,849)

NOTE 13 LONG-TERM DEBT AND GUARANTEES

The Company's contractual cash obligations relating to its existing capital leases and debt as of March 27, 2011 were as follows:

	Capital Leases	Long-term Debt (in thousands)	Total
Payments due by period:			
One year	\$ 1,848	\$ 2,722	\$ 4,570
Two years	1,848	1,014	2,862
Three years	1,593		1,593
Four years	1,541		1,541
Five years	1,547		1,547
Over 5 years	9,398		9,398
Total	17,775	3,736	21,511
Interest on capital leases and long term debt	1,320		1,320
Total less interest on capital leases and long term debt	16,455	3,736	20,191
Current portion of long-term debt and capital leases	1,520	2,722	4,242
Long-term debt and capital leases	\$ 14,935	\$ 1,014	\$ 15,949

Capital Leases

Capital leases reflect building and office equipment lease obligations. The amounts in the table above include the interest portion of payment obligations.

Long-Term Debt

The Company's total long-term debt as of March 27, 2011 consisted of various bank loans and government subsidized technology loans supporting operating needs.

Operating Leases and Related Guarantees

The Company leases most of its administrative, R&D and manufacturing facilities, regional sales/service offices and certain equipment under non-cancelable operating leases, which expire at various dates through fiscal year 2016. Certain of the Company's facility leases for buildings located at its Fremont, California headquarters and certain other facility leases provide the Company with options to extend the leases for additional periods or to purchase the facilities. Certain of the Company's facility leases provide for periodic rent increases based on the general

rate of inflation.

On December 18, 2007, the Company entered into two operating leases regarding certain improved properties in Livermore, California. These leases were amended on April 3, 2008 and July 9, 2008 (as so amended, the Livermore Leases). On December 21, 2007, the Company entered into a series of four amended and restated operating leases (the New Fremont Leases, and collectively with the Livermore Leases, the Operating Leases) with regard to certain improved properties at the Company s headquarters in Fremont, California. Each of the Operating Leases is an off-balance sheet arrangement. The Operating Leases (and associated documents for each Operating Lease) were entered into by the Company and BNP Paribas Leasing Corporation (BNPPLC).

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Each Operating Lease facility has a term of approximately seven years ending on the first business day in January 2015. Under each Operating Lease, the Company may, at its discretion and with 30 days' notice, elect to purchase the property that is the subject of the Operating Lease for an amount approximating the sum required to prepay the amount of BNPPLC's investment in the property and any accrued but unpaid rent. Any such amount may also include an additional make-whole amount for early redemption of the outstanding investment, which will vary depending on prevailing interest rates at the time of prepayment.

The Company is required, pursuant to the terms of the Operating Leases and associated documents, to maintain collateral in an aggregate of approximately \$164.9 million in separate interest-bearing accounts as security for the Company's obligations under the Operating Leases. The \$164.9 million is recorded as restricted cash in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet as of as of March 27, 2011.

When the term of an Operating Lease expires, the property subject to that Operating Lease may be remarketed. The Company has guaranteed to BNPPLC that each property will have a certain minimum residual value, as set forth in the applicable Operating Lease. The aggregate guarantee made by the Company under the Operating Leases is generally no more than approximately \$141.7 million; however, under certain default circumstances, the guarantee with regard to an Operating Lease may be 100% of BNPPLC's aggregate investment in the applicable property. The amounts payable under such guarantees will be no more than \$164.9 million plus related indemnification or other obligations.

The lessor under the Operating Leases is a substantive independent leasing company that does not have the characteristics of a variable interest entity (VIE) and is therefore not consolidated by the Company.

The Company recognized at lease inception \$0.6 million in estimated liabilities related to the Operating Leases, which represents the fair value guarantee premium that would be required had the guarantee been issued in a standalone transaction. These liabilities are recorded in other long-term liabilities with the offsetting entry recorded as prepaid rent in other assets. The balances in prepaid rent and the guarantee liability are amortized to the statement of operations on a straight line basis over the life of the leases. If it becomes probable that the Company will be required to make a payment under the residual guarantee, the Company will increase its liability with a corresponding increase to prepaid rent and amortize the increased prepaid rent over the remaining lease term with no corresponding reduction in the liability. As of March 27, 2011, the unamortized portion of the fair value of the residual value guarantees remaining in other long-term liabilities and prepaid rent was \$0.3 million.

Other Guarantees

The Company has issued certain indemnifications to its lessors for taxes and general liability under some of its agreements. The Company has entered into certain insurance contracts that may limit its exposure to such indemnifications. As of March 27, 2011, the Company had not recorded any liability on its Consolidated Financial Statements in connection with these indemnifications, as it does not believe, based on information available, that it is probable that any amounts will be paid under these guarantees.

Generally, the Company indemnifies, under pre-determined conditions and limitations, its customers for infringement of third-party intellectual property rights by the Company's products or services. The Company seeks to limit its liability for such indemnity to an amount not to exceed the sales price of the products or services subject to its indemnification obligations. The Company does not believe, based on information available, that it is probable that any material amounts will be paid under these guarantees.

Warranties

The Company offers standard warranties on its systems that generally run for a period of 12 months from system acceptance. The liability amount is based on actual historical warranty spending by type of system, customer, and geographic region, modified for any known differences such as the impact of system reliability improvements.

Changes in the Company's product warranty reserves were as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	March 27,	March 28,	March 27,	March 28,
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	(in thousands)			
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 42,520	\$ 22,759	\$ 31,756	\$ 21,185
Warranties issued during the period	13,027	11,167	39,357	25,199
Settlements made during the period	(12,063)	(4,653)	(28,083)	(12,717)

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Expirations and change in liability for pre-existing warranties during the period	(1,564)	(1,668)	(1,798)	(6,487)
Changes in foreign currency exchange rates			688	425
Balance at end of period	\$ 41,920	\$ 27,605	\$ 41,920	\$ 27,605

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Prior to incurring charges under the restructuring plans discussed below, management approved and announced the specific actions to be taken under each plan. Severance packages were communicated to affected employees in sufficient detail that the employees could determine their type and amount of benefit. The termination of the affected employees occurred as soon as practical after the restructuring plans were announced. The amount of remaining future lease payments for facilities the Company ceased to use and included in the restructuring charges is based on management's estimates using known prevailing real estate market conditions at that time based, in part, on the opinions of independent real estate experts. Leasehold improvements relating to the vacated buildings were written off, as these items will have no future economic benefit to the Company and have been abandoned.

Accounting for restructuring activities, as compared to regular operating cost management activities, requires an evaluation of formally committed and approved plans. Restructuring activities have comparatively greater strategic significance and materiality and may involve exit activities, whereas regular cost containment activities are more tactical in nature and are rarely characterized by formal and integrated action plans or exiting a particular product, facility, or service.

There were no restructuring and asset impairment charges or reversals during the three months ended March 27, 2011 and March 28, 2010. The following table summarizes restructuring and asset impairment charges and reversals during the nine months ended March 27, 2011 and March 28, 2010 for all restructuring Plans. These amounts were recorded in operating expenses within the Consolidated Statements of Operations for the respective periods.

	Nine Months Ended	
	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010
December 2008 Plan	\$	\$ 105
March 2009 Plan	(5,163)	7,907
Total restructuring and asset impairment charges	\$ (5,163)	\$ 8,012

December 2008 Plan

During the December 2008 quarter the Company incurred restructuring expenses and asset impairment charges designed to better align the Company's cost structure with its business opportunities in consideration of market and economic uncertainties (December 2008 Plan). There were no restructuring and asset impairment charges incurred under the December 2008 Plan during the three or nine months ended March 27, 2011 or the three months ended March 28, 2010. During the nine months ended March 28, 2010 there were \$0.1 million of expenses incurred under the December 2008 Plan relating to severance and benefits. Below is a table summarizing activity relating to the December 2008 Plan during the nine months ended March 27, 2011:

	Severance and Benefits (in thousands)
Balance at June 27, 2010	\$ 279
Fiscal year 2011 expense	
Cash payments	(27)
Balance at March 27, 2011	\$ 252

Total charges incurred through March 27, 2011 under the December 2008 Plan were \$17.9 million.

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During the March 2009 quarter the Company incurred restructuring expenses and asset impairment charges designed to align the Company's cost structure with its outlook for the current economic environment and future business opportunities (March 2009 Plan). During the September 2010 quarter, the Company reversed certain restructuring and asset impairment charges as a result of a decision to occupy previously restructured facilities. There were no restructuring and asset impairment charges (reversals) during the three months ended March 27, 2011 or March 28, 2010. Restructuring and asset impairment charges (reversals) during the nine months ended March 27, 2011 and March 28, 2010 were as follows:

	Nine Months Ended	
	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010
Severance and benefits	\$	\$ 472
Facilities	(5,163)	6,848
Asset Impairment		587
Total restructuring and asset impairment charges	\$ (5,163)	\$ 7,907

Below is a table summarizing activity relating to the March 2009 Plan during the nine months ended March 27, 2011:

	Severance and Benefits (in thousands)	Facilities	Total
Balance at June 27, 2010	\$ 265	\$ 16,852	\$ 17,117
Fiscal year 2011 expense (reversal)		(5,163)	(5,163)
Cash payments	(222)	(540)	(762)
Balance at March 27, 2011	\$ 43	\$ 11,149	\$ 11,192

Total charges incurred through March 27, 2011 under the March 2009 Plan were \$44.3 million.

The severance and benefits-related balances are anticipated to be paid by the end of fiscal year 2011. The facilities balance consists primarily of lease payments, net of sublease income, on vacated buildings and is expected to be paid by the end of fiscal year 2015.

NOTE 15 STOCK REPURCHASE PROGRAM

On September 8, 2008, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had authorized the repurchase of up to \$250 million of Company common stock from the public market or in private purchases, using the Company's available cash. This repurchase program had no termination date and could have been suspended or discontinued at any time. The Company temporarily suspended repurchases under the program during the December 2008 quarter. On February 2, 2010, the Board of Directors authorized the resumption of the repurchase program. The Company completed the repurchase of all amounts available under this share repurchase authorization during the quarter ended September 26, 2010.

On September 10, 2010, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had authorized the repurchase of up to an additional \$250 million of Company common stock using the Company's available cash. These repurchases can be conducted on the open market or as private purchases and may include the use of derivative contracts with large financial institutions. This repurchase program has no termination date and may be suspended or discontinued at any time. On December 6, 2010 the Company entered into a structured stock repurchase arrangement using general corporate funds. This arrangement included terms that required the Company to make an up-front cash payment to the counterparty and entitled the Company to receive 1.5 million shares of Company stock or \$50.4 million in cash at the maturity of the agreement, at the option of the Company. During the quarter ended December 26, 2010, the Company prepaid \$50.0 million under its structured stock repurchase arrangement. This prepayment is recorded as a component of additional paid in capital in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet as of March 27, 2011. The structured stock repurchase arrangement expired on April 6, 2011 and was settled for the maturity cash value.

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Repurchases under the repurchase program were as follows during the periods indicated:

Period	Total Number of Shares Repurchased	Total Cost of Repurchase (in thousands, except per share data)	Average Price Paid Per Share	Amount Available Under Repurchase Program
Available balance as of June 27, 2010				\$ 130,693
Authorization of up to \$250 million September 2010				\$ 380,693
Quarter ended September 26, 2010	3,389	\$ 130,693	\$ 38.56	\$ 250,000
Quarter ended December 26, 2010		\$	\$	\$ 250,000
Quarter ended March 27, 2011		\$	\$	\$ 250,000

During the nine months ended March 27, 2011, the Company withheld approximately 270,000 shares at a total cost of \$13.5 million through net share settlements to cover tax withholding obligations upon the vesting of restricted stock unit awards granted under the Company's equity compensation plans. The shares retained by the Company through these net share settlements are not a part of the Board-authorized repurchase program but instead are authorized under the Company's equity compensation plans.

NOTE 16 LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

From time to time, the Company has received notices from third parties alleging infringement of such parties' patent or other intellectual property rights by the Company's products. In such cases, it is the Company's policy to defend the claims, or if considered appropriate, negotiate licenses on commercially reasonable terms. However, no assurance can be given that the Company will be able in the future to negotiate necessary licenses on commercially reasonable terms, or at all, or that any litigation resulting from such claims would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or operating results.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

With the exception of historical facts, the statements contained in this discussion are forward-looking statements, which are subject to the safe harbor provisions created by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Certain, but not all, of the forward-looking statements in this report are specifically identified as forward-looking, by use of phrases and words such as we believe, we anticipate, we expect, may, should, could and other future-oriented terms. The identification of certain statements as forward-looking is not intended to mean that other statements not specifically identified are not forward-looking. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements that relate to: trends in the global economic environment and the semiconductor industry; the anticipated levels of, and rates of change in, future shipments, margins, market share, capital expenditures, revenue and operating expenses generally; volatility in our quarterly results; customer requirements and our ability to satisfy those requirements; customer capital spending and their demand for our products; our ability to defend our market share and to gain new market share; anticipated growth in the industry and the total market for wafer-fabrication equipment and our growth relative to such growth; levels of research and development (R&D) expenditures; the estimates we make, and the accruals we record, in order to implement our critical accounting policies (including but not limited to the adequacy of prior tax payments, future tax liabilities and the adequacy of our accruals relating to them); our access to capital markets; our ability to manage and grow our cash position; and the sufficiency of our financial resources to support future business activities (including but not limited to operations, investments, debt service requirements and capital expenditures). Such statements are based on current expectations and are subject to risks, uncertainties, and changes in condition, significance, value, and effect, including without limitation those discussed below under the heading Risk Factors within Part II Item 1A and elsewhere in this report and other documents we file from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), such as our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 27, 2010, our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended September 26, 2010, and December 26, 2010, and our current reports on Form 8-K. Such risks, uncertainties and changes in condition, significance, value, and effect could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed in this report and in ways not readily foreseeable. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof and are based on information currently and reasonably known to us. We undertake no obligation to release the results of any revisions to these forward-looking statements, which may be made to reflect events or circumstances that occur after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence or effect of anticipated or unanticipated events.

Documents To Review In Connection With Management's Discussion and Analysis Of Financial Condition and Results Of Operations

For a full understanding of our financial position and results of operations for the three and nine months ended March 27, 2011, and the related Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations below, you should also read the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and notes presented in this Form 10-Q and the financial statements and notes in our 2010 Form 10-K.

Overview

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations consists of the following sections:

Executive Summary provides an overview of the Company's operations and a summary of certain highlights of our results of operations

Results of Operations provides an analysis of operating results

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates discusses accounting policies that reflect the more significant judgments and estimates we use to prepare our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

Liquidity and Capital Resources provides an analysis of cash flows, contractual obligations and financial position

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We design, manufacture, market, refurbish, and service semiconductor processing equipment used in the fabrication of integrated circuits and are recognized as a major provider of such equipment to the worldwide semiconductor industry. Our customers include semiconductor manufacturers that make DRAM, flash memory, and logic integrated circuits for a wide range of consumer and industrial electronics. Semiconductor wafers are subjected to a complex series of process and preparation steps that result in the simultaneous creation of many individual integrated circuits. We leverage our expertise in the areas of etch and single-wafer clean to develop processing solutions that typically benefit our customers through lower defect rates, enhanced yields, faster processing time, and/or reduced cost as well as by facilitating their ability to meet more stringent performance and design standards.

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The semiconductor capital equipment industry is cyclical in nature and has historically experienced periodic and pronounced downturns and upturns. Today's leading indicators of change in customer investment patterns may not be any more reliable than in prior years. Demand for our equipment can vary significantly from period to period as a result of various factors, including, but not limited to, economic conditions (both general and in the semiconductor and electronics industries), supply, demand, prices for semiconductors, customer capacity requirements, and our ability to develop, acquire, and market competitive products. For these and other reasons, our results of operations during any particular fiscal period are not necessarily indicative of future operating results.

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We believe that, over the long term, demand for our products will increase as customers' capital expenditures increase to meet growing demand for semiconductor devices. In calendar year 2011, we believe that the opportunity exists for expansion in the wafer fab equipment market as compared to calendar year 2010 and that our shipments over the comparable periods may increase as a result. This expansion is dependent on, among other things, world-wide GDP growth and customer adoption rates for new products such as tablet devices and high-end smart phones. Our shipment performance may vary based on customer demand and related timing of deliveries from quarter to quarter, and as a result, we may not see linear growth throughout the year. Ultimately, we cannot precisely predict the scale or timing of any macroeconomic fluctuations.

Our shipments, revenue and net income decreased in the March 2011 quarter compared to the December 2010 quarter. The following table summarizes certain key financial information for the periods indicated below (in thousands, except percentage and per share data):

	March 27, 2011	Three Months Ended December 26, 2010	March 28, 2010
Revenue	\$ 809,087	\$ 870,714	\$ 632,763
Gross margin	\$ 374,019	\$ 407,433	\$ 292,871
Gross margin as a percent of total revenue	46.2%	46.8%	46.3%
Total operating expenses	\$ 177,023	\$ 166,329	\$ 143,778
Net income	\$ 182,240	\$ 221,856	\$ 120,301
Diluted net income per share	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.78	\$ 0.94

Our results for the March 2011 quarter reflect continued investment by our customers due to ongoing demand for memory and logic chips resulting from proliferation of smartphones, tablet devices and other electronic devices.

In the quarter ended March 27, 2011, revenue, as expected, decreased as compared to the quarter ended December 26, 2010, primarily reflecting the timing of customers' investments. Gross margin as a percent of revenues decreased in the March 2011 quarter as compared to the December 2010 quarter due to a change in customer mix and factory utilization declines.

Operating expenses in the March 2011 quarter increased as compared to the quarter ended December 26, 2010. This change is primarily due to increased research and development activities and enhanced levels of sales and marketing expense associated with customer projects, and we expect that this incremental trend may continue for one or two more quarters.

Our cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, and restricted cash and investments balances totaled approximately \$1.4 billion as of March 27, 2011 compared to \$1.2 billion as of December 26, 2010. Cash generated by operations was approximately \$242 million during the March 2011 quarter. We used cash during the March 2011 quarter to purchase \$36 million of property, plant, and equipment. Employee headcount increased to approximately 3,500 as of March 27, 2011, from approximately 3,400 as of December 26, 2010.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS***Shipments***

	March 27, 2011	Three Months Ended December 26, 2010	March 28, 2010
Shipments (in millions)	\$ 813	\$ 892	\$ 735
North America	23%	11%	8%
Europe	16%	13%	5%
Japan	11%	10%	11%
Korea	19%	18%	27%
Taiwan	18%	29%	37%
Asia Pacific	13%	19%	12%

Shipments for the March 2011 quarter decreased 9% compared to the December 2010 quarter and increased 11% year over year. During the March 2011 quarter, applications at or below the 65 nanometer technology node were 92% of total systems shipments and applications at or below the 45 nanometer technology node were 79% of total systems shipments. The memory market segment, foundry segment, and

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logic/integrated device manufacturing segment were approximately 42%, 25% and 33% of system shipments, respectively.

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	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended	
	March 27, 2011	December 26, 2010	March 28, 2010	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010
Revenue (in thousands)	\$ 809,087	\$ 870,714	\$ 632,763	\$ 2,485,675	\$ 1,438,487
North America	23%	6%	10%	11%	9%
Europe	18%	13%	6%	14%	6%
Japan	13%	11%	11%	12%	14%
Korea	18%	18%	24%	24%	24%
Taiwan	14%	38%	33%	25%	33%
Asia Pacific	14%	14%	16%	14%	14%

Revenue for the March 2011 quarter decreased 7% compared to the December 2010 quarter. This decrease is related to the pace and timing of customer investments. Revenue for the three and nine months ended March 27, 2011 increased 28% and 73% year over year, respectively. These increases occurred in all product lines and were primarily due to improvement in the global business environment and in the semiconductor industry with improved leading edge foundry utilization and high levels of production of next-generation DRAM and NAND devices by our customers. Our revenue levels are generally correlated to our shipment, installation and acceptance timelines. The overall Asia region continues to account for a predominant portion of our revenues as a substantial amount of the worldwide capacity additions for semiconductor manufacturing continues to occur in this region. Our deferred revenue balance increased to \$247 million as of March 27, 2011 compared to \$223 million as of December 26, 2010. Our deferred revenue balance does not include shipments to Japanese customers, to whom title does not transfer until customer acceptance. Shipments to Japanese customers are classified as inventory at cost until the time of acceptance. The anticipated future revenue value from shipments to Japanese customers was approximately \$36 million as of March 27, 2011 compared to \$48 million as of December 26, 2010.

Gross Margin

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended	
	March 27, 2011	December 26, 2010	March 28, 2010	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010
	(in thousands, except percentages)				
Gross margin	\$ 374,019	\$ 407,433	\$ 292,871	\$ 1,158,778	\$ 648,493
Percent of total revenue	46.2%	46.8%	46.3%	46.6%	45.1%

The decrease in gross margin as a percentage of revenue during the three months ended March 27, 2011 as compared to the three months ended December 26, 2010 and March 28, 2010 is attributable to customer mix and reduced factory utilization.

The increase in gross margin as a percentage of revenue during the nine months ended March 27, 2011 as compared to the same period in the prior year was primarily due to increased factory and field utilization resulting from higher overall volume.

Research and Development

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended	
	March 27, 2011	December 26, 2010	March 28, 2010	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010
	(in thousands, except percentages)				
Research and development	\$ 96,880	\$ 90,477	\$ 81,845	\$ 273,710	\$ 235,215
Percent of total revenue	12.0%	10.4%	12.9%	11.0%	16.4%

We continue to make significant R&D investments focused on leading-edge plasma etch, single-wafer clean and other semiconductor manufacturing requirements. The increase in R&D expenses during the March 2011 quarter compared to the December 2010 quarter was primarily due to approximately \$3 million of increased salary and benefit costs related to higher headcount and \$5 million of increased costs for supplies.

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The increase in R&D expenses during the three months ended March 27, 2011 as compared to the same period in the prior year was due to approximately \$7 million of increased salary, benefit, and travel costs related to higher headcount and \$8 million of increased costs for supplies and outside services. The increase in R&D expenses during the nine months ended March 27, 2011 as compared to the same period in the prior year was due to approximately \$18 million of increased salary, benefit, employee-related other and travel costs related to higher headcount, \$8 million of higher variable compensation associated with higher revenue and profit levels, and \$11 million of increased costs for supplies and outside services.

Selling, General and Administrative

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	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended	
	March 27, 2011	December 26, 2010	March 28, 2010	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010
	(in thousands, except percentages)				
Selling, general and administrative (SG&A)	\$ 80,143	\$ 75,852	\$ 61,933	\$ 228,137	\$ 174,163
Percent of total revenue	9.9%	8.7%	9.8%	9.2%	12.1%

The sequential increase in SG&A expenses in the March 2011 quarter from the December 2010 quarter was primarily due to \$3 million of increased salary and benefits related to higher headcount and \$2 million of customer-focused projects.

The increase in SG&A expenses for the March 2011 quarter compared to the same period in the prior year was primarily due to \$4 million of higher variable compensation associated with higher revenue and profit levels, \$4 million of increased outside services, \$6 million of increased salary, benefit, and employee-related other expense and travel costs related to higher headcount, and \$5 million of customer-focused projects. The increase in SG&A expenses for the nine months ended March 27, 2011 compared to the same period in the prior year was primarily due to \$25 million of higher variable compensation associated with higher revenue and profit levels, \$16 million of increased salary, benefit, and employee-related other and travel costs related to higher headcount, \$9 million of increased costs for outside services, and \$7 million of customer-focused projects.

Restructuring and Asset Impairments

There were no restructuring and asset impairment charges or reversals during the three months ended March 27, 2011, December 26, 2010, and March 28, 2010. The following table summarizes charges and reversals under each of the plans described below for the nine-month periods indicated:

	Nine Months Ended	
	March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010
December 2008 Plan		105
March 2009 Plan	(5,163)	7,907
Total restructuring and asset impairment charges (reversals) incurred under restructuring plans	\$ (5,163)	\$ 8,012

During fiscal years 2009 and 2010, we incurred restructuring and asset impairment charges designed to better align our cost structure with our business opportunities in consideration of market and economic uncertainties (December 2008 Plan). These charges consisted primarily of severance and related benefits costs as well as certain facilities related costs and asset impairments.

During fiscal years 2009 and 2010, we also incurred restructuring and asset impairment charges designed to align our cost structure with our outlook for the economic environment and future business opportunities at that time (March 2009 Plan). These charges consisted primarily of severance and related benefits costs as well as certain facilities related costs and asset impairments. During fiscal year 2011, we recorded a reversal of \$5.2 million as a result of a decision to occupy certain previously restructured facilities.

For further details related to restructuring and asset impairment, see Note 14 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

409A Expense

Following the voluntary independent review of our historical employee stock option grant process in 2007, we considered whether Section 409A (Section 409A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (IRC) and similar provisions of state law would apply to certain stock option grants that were found to have intrinsic value at the time of their respective measurement dates. If a stock option is not considered as issued with an exercise price of at least the fair market value of the underlying stock on the date of grant, it may be subject to penalty taxes under Section 409A and similar provisions of state law. Under those circumstances, taxes may be assessed not only on the intrinsic value increase, but on the entire stock option gain as measured at various times. On March 30, 2008, our Board of Directors authorized us to assume potential tax liabilities of certain employees, including our Chief Executive Officer and certain other executive officers, relating to options that might be subject to Section 409A and similar provisions of state law. Those liabilities totaled \$51 million; \$45 million was recorded in operating expenses and \$6 million in cost of goods sold in our Consolidated Statements of Operations for fiscal year 2008. We incurred \$3 million of expense during fiscal year 2009 consisting of interest and legal fees.

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During fiscal year 2010, we reached final settlement of matters associated with our Section 409A expenses with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) resulting in a credit of \$44 million due to the reversal of Section 409A liabilities. This credit was recorded in the nine months ended March 28, 2010.

There were no expenses or reversals related to Section 409A in the three or nine months ended March 27, 2011.

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Other income (expense), net consisted of the following:

	March 27, 2011	Three Months Ended December 26, 2010 (in thousands)	March 28, 2010	Nine Months Ended March 27, 2011	March 28, 2010
Interest income	\$ 4,457	\$ 4,548	\$ 2,863	\$ 12,081	\$ 6,919
Interest expense	(107)	(110)	(434)	(318)	(868)
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	(1,982)	(3,108)	650	(8,269)	(1,339)
Other, net	(705)	(292)	(1,463)	(1,772)	(3,522)
	\$ 1,663	\$ 1,038	\$ 1,616	\$ 1,722	\$ 1,190

Interest income increased in the three and nine months ended March 27, 2011 compared with the three months ended December 26, 2010, and three and nine months ended March 28, 2010 primarily due to increases in our average cash and investment balances.

The foreign exchange losses during the three and nine months ended March 27, 2011 and the foreign exchange losses for the three and nine months ended March 28, 2010, were a result of changes in the value of our foreign currency denominated liabilities net of hedging activities.

Income Tax Expense

Our effective tax rates for the three and nine months ended March 27, 2011 were 8.3% and 9.9%, respectively. Our effective tax rates for the three and nine months ended March 28, 2010 were 20.2% and 23.7%, respectively. The decrease in the effective tax rate for the three months ended March 27, 2011 compared to the three months ended March 28, 2010 was primarily due to the geographical mix of income. The decrease in the effective tax rate for the nine months ended March 27, 2011 compared to the nine months ended March 28, 2010 was primarily due to the geographical mix of income and non-recurring tax expense related to Section 409A settlements from the IRS and California FTB audits recorded in the nine months ended March 28, 2010.

The effective tax rates of 8.3% and 9.9% for the three and nine months ended March 27, 2011, respectively, included the tax impact of the following discrete items that are recorded in the period in which they occur: (1) a tax expense of \$1.0 million and \$3.0 million, respectively, of interest related to uncertain tax positions, (2) a tax benefit of \$0 and \$4.8 million related to the retroactive extension of the U.S. federal research and development credit for part of fiscal year 2010, (3) a tax benefit of \$2.8 million and \$6.0 million, respectively, due to the recognition of previously unrecognized tax benefits and the reversal of the related interest accruals due to resolution of certain foreign uncertain tax positions, (4) a tax benefit of \$1.9 million and \$2.5 million, respectively, related to the filing of prior year federal and foreign tax returns, and (5) a tax expense of \$0 and \$2.1 million, respectively, related to the reversal of accrued restructuring expenses.

The effective tax rates of 20.2% and 23.7% for the three and nine months ended March 28, 2010 were impacted by the following discrete events that are recorded in the period in which they occur: (1) a tax expense of \$0 and \$17.7 million, respectively, related to the Section 409A settlements from the IRS and FTB audits, (2) a tax expense of \$0 and \$2.2 million, respectively, related to a change in valuation allowance on California R&D credits, (3) a tax expense of \$1.1 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, due to the unrecognized tax benefits related to research and development tax credits, (4) a tax expense of \$0.9 million and \$2.7 million, respectively, related to interest on uncertain tax positions, (5) a tax benefit of \$0 and \$3.5 million, respectively, related to the accrual of restructuring expenses, (6) a tax benefit of \$2.6 million and \$2.8 million, respectively, related to the filing of prior year federal and foreign tax returns, and (7) a tax benefit of \$0.4 million and \$3.0 million, respectively, due to the recognition of previously unrecognized tax benefits and the reversal of the related interest accruals due to the finalization of certain foreign tax positions.

Deferred Income Taxes

We had gross deferred tax assets, related primarily to reserves and accruals that are not currently deductible and tax credit carryforwards, of \$140.5 million and \$137.4 million as of March 27, 2011, and June 27, 2010, respectively. The gross deferred tax assets as of March 27, 2011 were offset by deferred tax liabilities of \$37.3 million and a valuation allowance of \$37.0 million. The gross deferred tax assets as of June 27, 2010 were offset by deferred tax liabilities of \$36.3 million and a valuation allowance of \$37.0 million.

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We record a valuation allowance to reduce our deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. Realization of our net deferred tax assets is dependent on future taxable income. We believe it is more likely than not that these assets will be realized; however, realization could be negatively impacted by market conditions and other variables not known or anticipated at this time. If we determine that we would not be able to realize all or part of our net deferred tax assets, an adjustment would be charged to earnings in the period the determination is made. Likewise, if we later determine that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets would be realized, then the previously provided valuation allowance would be reversed. Our current valuation allowance of \$37.0 million as of March 27, 2011 relates to certain California and foreign deferred tax assets.

Uncertain Tax Positions

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We reevaluate uncertain tax positions on a quarterly basis. This evaluation is based on factors including, but not limited to, changes in facts or circumstances, changes in tax law, effectively settled issues under audit, and new audit activity. A change in recognition or measurement would result in the recognition of a tax benefit or an additional charge to the tax provision.

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A critical accounting policy is defined as one that has both a material impact on our financial condition and results of operations and requires us to make difficult, complex and/or subjective judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about matters that are inherently uncertain. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make certain judgments, estimates and assumptions that could affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. We base our estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on various other assumptions we believe to be applicable and evaluate them on an ongoing basis to ensure they remain reasonable under current conditions. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates, which could have a material impact on our business, results of operations, and financial condition.

We believe that the following critical accounting policies reflect the more significant judgments and estimates we use in preparing our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Revenue Recognition: We recognize all revenue when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred and title has passed or services have been rendered, the selling price is fixed or determinable, collection of the receivable is reasonably assured, and we have completed our system installation obligations, received customer acceptance or are otherwise released from our installation or customer acceptance obligations. If terms of the sale provide for a lapsing customer acceptance period, we recognize revenue upon the expiration of the lapsing acceptance period or customer acceptance, whichever occurs first. If the practices of a customer do not provide for a written acceptance or the terms of sale do not include a lapsing acceptance provision, we recognize revenue when it can be reliably demonstrated that the delivered system meets all of the agreed-to customer specifications. In situations with multiple deliverables, we recognize revenue upon the delivery of the separate elements to the customer and when we receive customer acceptance or are otherwise released from our customer acceptance obligations. We allocate revenue from multiple-element arrangements among the separate elements based on their relative selling prices, provided the arrangement does not include a general right of return relative to the delivered item and delivery, or performance of the undelivered item(s) is considered probable and substantially in our control. The maximum revenue we recognize on a delivered element is limited to the amount that is not contingent upon the delivery of additional items. We generally recognize revenue related to sales of spare parts and system upgrade kits upon shipment. We generally recognize revenue related to services upon completion of the services requested by a customer order. We recognize revenue for extended maintenance service contracts with a fixed payment amount on a straight-line basis over the term of the contract.

Inventory Valuation: Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market using standard costs that generally approximate actual costs on a first-in, first-out basis. We maintain a perpetual inventory system and continuously record the quantity on-hand and standard cost for each product, including purchased components, subassemblies, and finished goods. We maintain the integrity of perpetual inventory records through periodic physical counts of quantities on hand. Finished goods are reported as inventories until the point of title transfer to the customer. Generally, title transfer is documented in the terms of sale. Unless specified in the terms of sale, title generally transfers when we complete physical transfer of the products to the freight carrier. Transfer of title for shipments to Japanese customers generally occurs at the time of customer acceptance.

We reassess standard costs as needed but annually at a minimum, and reflect achievable acquisition costs. Acquisition costs are generally based on the most recent vendor contract prices for purchased parts, normalized assembly and test labor utilization levels, methods of manufacturing, and normalized overhead. Manufacturing labor and overhead costs are attributed to individual product standard costs at a level planned to absorb spending at average utilization volumes. We eliminate all intercompany profits related to the sales and purchases of inventory between our legal entities from our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Management evaluates the need to record adjustments for impairment of inventory at least quarterly. Our policy is to assess the valuation of all inventories including manufacturing raw materials, work-in-process, finished goods, and spare parts in each reporting period. Obsolete inventory or inventory in excess of management's estimated usage requirements over the next 12 to 36 months is written down to its estimated market value if less than cost. Estimates of market value include, but are not limited to, management's forecasts related to our future manufacturing schedules, customer demand, technological and/or market obsolescence, general semiconductor market conditions, and possible alternative uses. If future customer demand or market conditions are less favorable than our projections, additional inventory write-downs may be required and would be reflected in cost of goods sold in the period in which we make the revision.

Warranty: Typically, the sale of semiconductor capital equipment includes providing parts and service warranty to customers as part of the overall price of the system. We provide standard warranties for our systems that generally run for a period of 12 months from system acceptance. When appropriate, we record a provision for estimated warranty expenses to cost of sales for each system when we recognize revenue. We do not maintain general or unspecified reserves; all warranty reserves are related to specific systems. The amount recorded is based on an analysis of historical activity that uses factors such as type of system, customer, geographic region, and any known factors such as tool

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reliability trends. All actual or estimated parts and labor costs incurred in subsequent periods are charged to those established reserves on a system-by-system basis.

Actual warranty expenses are accounted for on a system-by-system basis and may differ from our original estimates. While we periodically monitor the performance and cost of warranty activities, if actual costs incurred are different than our estimates, we may recognize adjustments to provisions in the period in which those differences arise or are identified. In addition to the provision of standard warranties, we offer customer-paid extended warranty services. Revenues for extended maintenance and warranty services with a fixed payment amount are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the contract. Related costs are recorded as incurred.

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Equity-based Compensation Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP) and Employee Stock Plans: GAAP requires us to recognize the fair value of equity-based compensation in net income. We determine the fair value of our restricted stock units (RSUs) based upon the fair market value of Company stock at the date of grant. We estimate the fair value of our stock options and ESPP awards using the Black-Scholes option valuation model. This model requires us to input highly subjective assumptions, including expected stock price volatility and the estimated life of each award. We amortize the fair value of equity-based awards over the vesting periods of the awards, and we have elected to use the straight-line method of amortization.

We make quarterly assessments of the adequacy of our tax credit pool related to equity-based compensation to determine if there are any deficiencies that we are required to recognize in our Consolidated Statements of Operations. We will only recognize a benefit from stock-based compensation in paid-in-capital if we realize an incremental tax benefit after all other tax attributes currently available to us have been utilized. In addition, we have elected to account for the indirect benefits of stock-based compensation on the research tax credit through the income statement (continuing operations) rather than through paid-in-capital. We have also elected to net deferred tax assets and the associated valuation allowance related to net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards for the accumulated stock award tax benefits for income tax footnote disclosure purposes. We will track these stock award attributes separately and will only recognize these attributes through paid-in-capital.

Income Taxes: Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effect of temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes, as well as the tax effect of carryforwards. We record a valuation allowance to reduce our deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. Realization of our net deferred tax assets is dependent on future taxable income. We believe it is more-likely-than-not that these assets will be realized; however, ultimate realization could be negatively impacted by market conditions and other variables not known or anticipated at the time. If we determine that we would not be able to realize all or part of our net deferred tax assets, an adjustment would be charged to earnings in the period such determination is made. Likewise, if we later determine that it is more-likely-than-not that the deferred tax assets would be realized, then the previously provided valuation allowance would be reversed.

We calculate our current and deferred tax provision based on estimates and assumptions that can differ from the actual results reflected in income tax returns filed during the subsequent year. Adjustments based on filed returns are recorded when identified.

We recognize the benefit from a tax position only if it is more-likely-than-not that the position would be sustained upon audit based solely on the technical merits of the tax position. Our policy is to include interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as a component of income tax expense. Please refer to Note 10 of these Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

In addition, the calculation of our tax liabilities involves dealing with uncertainties in the application of complex tax regulations. We recognize liabilities for uncertain tax positions based on the two-step process prescribed within the applicable guidance. The first step is to evaluate the tax position for recognition by determining if the weight of available evidence indicates that it is more-likely-than-not that the position will be sustained on audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation processes, if any. The second step requires us to estimate and measure the tax benefit as the largest amount that is more than 50% likely to be realized upon ultimate settlement. It is inherently difficult and subjective to estimate these amounts, as this requires us to determine the probability of various possible outcomes. We reevaluate these uncertain tax positions on a quarterly basis. This evaluation is based on factors including, but not limited to, changes in facts or circumstances, changes in tax law, effectively settled issues under audit, and new audit activity. A change in recognition or measurement would result in the recognition of a tax benefit or an additional charge to the tax provision in the period the determination is made.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets: Goodwill represents the amount by which the purchase price in each business combination exceeds the fair value of the net tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired. We allocate the carrying value of goodwill to our reporting units. We test goodwill and identifiable intangible assets with indefinite useful lives for impairment at least annually. We amortize intangible assets with estimable useful lives over their respective estimated useful lives to their estimated residual values, and we review for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the intangible asset may not be recoverable and the carrying amount exceeds its fair value.

We review goodwill at least annually for impairment. If certain events or indicators of impairment occur between annual impairment tests, we would perform an impairment test of goodwill at that date. In testing for a potential impairment of goodwill, we: (1) allocate goodwill to our reporting units to which the acquired goodwill relates; (2) estimate the fair value of our reporting units; and (3) determine the carrying value (book value) of those reporting units, as some of the assets and liabilities related to those reporting units are not held by those reporting units but by a corporate function. Prior to this allocation of the assets to the reporting units, we are required to assess long-lived assets for impairment. Furthermore, if the estimated fair value of a reporting unit is less than the carrying value, we must estimate the fair value of all identifiable assets and liabilities of that reporting unit, in a manner similar to a purchase price allocation for an acquired business. This can require independent valuations of certain internally generated and unrecognized intangible assets such as in-process R&D and developed technology. Only after this process is completed can the amount of goodwill impairment, if any, be determined.

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The process of evaluating the potential impairment of goodwill is subjective and requires significant judgment at many points during the analysis. We determine the fair value of our reporting units by using a weighted combination of both market and an income approach, as this combination is deemed to be the most indicative of fair value in an orderly transaction between market participants.

Under the market approach, we use information regarding the reporting unit as well as publicly available industry information to determine various financial multiples to value our reporting units. Under the income approach, we determine fair value based on estimated future cash flows

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of each reporting unit, discounted by an estimated weighted-average cost of capital, which reflects the overall level of inherent risk of a reporting unit and the rate of return an outside investor would expect to earn.

In estimating the fair value of a reporting unit for the purposes of our annual or periodic analyses, we make estimates and judgments about the future cash flows of our reporting units, including estimated growth rates and assumptions about the economic environment. Although our cash flow forecasts are based on assumptions that are consistent with the plans and estimates we are using to manage the underlying businesses, there is significant judgment involved in determining the cash flows attributable to a reporting unit. In addition, we make certain judgments about allocating shared assets to the estimated balance sheets of our reporting units. We also consider our market capitalization and that of our competitors on the date we perform the analysis. Changes in judgment on these assumptions and estimates could result in a goodwill impairment charge.

As a result, several factors could result in impairment of a material amount of our goodwill balance in future periods, including, but not limited to: (1) weakening of the global economy, weakness in the semiconductor equipment industry, or failure of the Company to reach its internal forecasts, which could impact our ability to achieve our forecasted levels of cash flows and reduce the estimated discounted cash flow value of our reporting units; and (2) a decline in our stock price and resulting market capitalization, if we determine that the decline is sustained and indicates a reduction in the fair value of our reporting units below their carrying value. In addition, the value we assign to intangible assets, other than goodwill, is based on our estimates and judgments regarding expectations such as the success and life cycle of products and technology acquired. If actual product acceptance differs significantly from our estimates, we may be required to record an impairment charge to write down the asset to its realizable value.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2009, the FASB ratified guidance from the Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) regarding revenue arrangements with multiple deliverables. This guidance addresses criteria for separating the consideration in multiple-element arrangements and requires companies to allocate the overall consideration to each deliverable by using a best estimate of the selling price of individual deliverables in the arrangement in the absence of vendor-specific objective evidence or other third-party evidence of the selling price. We adopted this guidance on June 28, 2010, on a prospective basis, and the adoption did not have a significant impact on our results of operations or financial condition.

In September 2009, the FASB also ratified guidance from the EITF regarding certain revenue arrangements that include software elements. This guidance modifies the scope of the software revenue recognition rules to exclude (a) non-software components of tangible products and (b) software components of tangible products that are sold, licensed, or leased with tangible products when the software components and non-software components of the tangible product function together to deliver the tangible product's essential functionality. We adopted this guidance on June 28, 2010, on a prospective basis, and the adoption did not have a significant impact on our results of operations or financial condition.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As of March 27, 2011, we had \$1.4 billion in cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, and restricted cash and investments (total cash and investments) compared to \$992 million as of June 27, 2010.

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities of \$682.9 million during the nine months ended March 27, 2011 consisted of (in millions):

Net income	\$ 597.8
Non-cash charges:	
Depreciation and amortization	54.8
Equity-based compensation	38.2
Restructuring charges, net	(5.2)
Net tax benefit on equity-based compensation plans	4.4
Deferred income taxes	(4.5)
Changes in operating asset and liability accounts	0.2
Other	(2.8)

\$ 682.9

Changes in operating asset and liability accounts, net of foreign exchange impact, of \$0.2 million included the following sources of cash: increases in accrued expenses and other liabilities of \$76.8 million, accounts payable of \$62.9 million, and deferred profit of \$27.1 million, and decreases in prepaid and other assets of \$16.4 million, partially offset by the following uses of cash: increases in accounts receivable of \$135.1 million and inventories of \$36.7 million. These changes in overall cash were all consistent with increased business volumes.

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

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Net cash used for investing activities during the nine months ended March 27, 2011 was \$128.5 million, primarily consisting of capital expenditures of \$92.9 million and net purchases of available-for-sale securities of \$36.7 million.

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

Net cash used for financing activities during the nine months ended March 27, 2011 was \$173.0 million, which included \$157.6 million in treasury stock repurchases, a \$50.0 million prepayment for the potential purchase of treasury stock under the structured stock repurchase arrangement (see Note 15 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements), and \$4.4 million in principal payments on long-term debt and capital leases, partially offset by net proceeds from issuance of common stock related to employee equity-based plans of \$23.9 million and the effect of excess tax benefits on equity based compensation of \$15.1 million.

Liquidity

Given the cyclical nature of the semiconductor equipment industry, we believe that maintaining sufficient liquidity reserves is important to support sustaining levels of investment in R&D and capital infrastructure. Based upon our current business outlook, we expect that our levels of cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments at March 27, 2011 will be sufficient to support our presently anticipated levels of operations, investments, debt service requirements, and capital expenditures, through at least the next 12 months.

In the longer term, liquidity will depend to a great extent on our future revenues and our ability to appropriately manage our costs based on demand for our products and services. While the company has substantial cash balances in the United States and offshore, we may require additional funding and need to raise the required funds through borrowings or public or private sales of debt or equity securities. We believe that, if necessary, we will be able to access the capital markets on terms and in amounts adequate to meet our objectives. However, given the possibility of changes in market conditions or other occurrences, there can be no certainty that such funding will be available in needed quantities or on terms favorable to us.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations

We have certain obligations to make future payments under various contracts, some of which are recorded on our balance sheet and some of which are not. Obligations are recorded on our balance sheet in accordance with GAAP and include our long-term debt which is outlined in the following table and noted below. Our off-balance sheet arrangements include contractual relationships and are presented as operating leases and purchase obligations in the table below. Our contractual cash obligations and commitments as of March 27, 2011, relating to these agreements and our guarantees are included in the following table. The amounts in the table below exclude \$116.9 million of liabilities related to uncertain tax benefits as we are unable to reasonably estimate the ultimate amount or time of settlement.

	Operating Leases	Capital Leases	Purchase Obligations (in thousands)	Long-term Debt and Interest Expense	Total
Payments due by period:					
Less than 1 year	\$ 10,517	\$ 1,848	\$ 172,123	\$ 2,767	\$ 187,255
1-3 years	16,483	3,441	65,128	1,017	86,069
3-5 years	149,155	3,088	30,855		183,098
Over 5 years	851	9,398	1,548		11,797
Total	\$ 177,006	\$ 17,775	\$ 269,654	\$ 3,784	\$ 468,219

Operating Leases and Related Guarantees

We lease most of our administrative, R&D and manufacturing facilities, regional sales/service offices and certain equipment under non-cancelable operating leases, which expire at various dates through fiscal year 2016. Certain of our facility leases for buildings located at our Fremont, California headquarters and certain other facility leases provide us with options to extend the leases for additional periods or to purchase the facilities. Certain of our facility leases provide for periodic rent increases based on the general rate of inflation.

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Included in the Operating Leases 3-5 years section of the table above is \$141.7 million in guaranteed residual values for lease agreements relating to certain properties at our Fremont, California campus and properties in Livermore, California. The remaining operating lease balances primarily relate to non-cancelable facility-related operating leases.

Capital Leases

Capital leases reflect building and office equipment lease obligations. The amounts in the table above include the interest portion of payment obligations.

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Purchase Obligations

Purchase obligations consist of significant contractual obligations either on an annual basis or over multi-year periods related to our outsourcing activities or other material commitments, including vendor-consigned inventories. We continue to enter into new agreements and maintain existing agreements to outsource certain activities, including elements of our manufacturing, warehousing, logistics, facilities maintenance, certain information technology functions, and certain transactional general and administrative functions. The contractual cash obligations and commitments table presented above contains our obligations at March 27, 2011 under these arrangements and others. Actual expenditures will vary based on the volume of transactions and length of contractual service provided. In addition to these obligations, certain of these agreements include early termination provisions and/or cancellation penalties which could increase or decrease amounts actually paid.

Long-Term Debt

Our remaining total long-term debt as of March 27, 2011 consisted of various bank loans and government subsidized technology loans supporting operating needs.

Other Guarantees

We have issued certain indemnifications to our lessors for taxes and general liability under some of our agreements. We have entered into certain insurance contracts that may limit our exposure to such indemnifications. As of March 27, 2011, we had not recorded any liability on our Consolidated Financial Statements in connection with these indemnifications, as we do not believe, based on information available, that it is probable that we will pay any amounts under these guarantees.

Generally, we indemnify, under pre-determined conditions and limitations, our customers for infringement of third-party intellectual property rights by our products or services. We seek to limit our liability for such indemnity to an amount not to exceed the sales price of the products or services subject to its indemnification obligations. We do not believe, based on information available, that it is probable that we will pay any material amounts under these guarantees.

Warranties

We offer standard warranties on its systems that run generally for a period of 12 months from system acceptance. The liability amount is based on actual historical warranty spending activity by type of system, customer, and geographic region, modified for any known differences such as the impact of system reliability improvements.

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ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

For financial market risks related to changes in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates, refer to Part II, Item 7A, Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk, in our 2010 Form 10-K.

Our exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates primarily to our investment portfolio, long-term debt, and operating leases. We maintain a conservative investment policy, which focuses on the safety and preservation of our invested funds by limiting default risk, market risk, and reinvestment risk. We mitigate default risk by investing in high credit quality securities and by positioning our portfolio to respond appropriately to a significant reduction in a credit rating of any investment issuer or guarantor. The portfolio includes only marketable securities with active secondary or resale markets to achieve portfolio liquidity and maintain a prudent amount of diversification.

We believe that maintaining sufficient liquidity reserves is important to support sustaining levels of investment in our business activities. Anticipated cash flows from operations based on our current business outlook, combined with our current levels of cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments at March 27, 2011 are expected to be sufficient to support our anticipated levels of operations, investments, debt service requirements, and capital expenditures, through at least the next 12 months. However, uncertainty in the global economy and the semiconductor industry, as well as disruptions in credit markets have in the past, and could in the future, impact customer demand for our products, as well as our ability to manage normal commercial relationships with our customers, suppliers, and creditors.

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As required by Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(b), as of March 27, 2011, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rule 13a-15(e). Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer, along with our Chief Financial Officer, concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective at the reasonable assurance level.

We intend to review and evaluate the design and effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures on an ongoing basis and to correct any material deficiencies that we may discover. Our goal is to ensure that our senior management has timely access to material information that could affect our business.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting during our most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Effectiveness of Controls

While we believe the present design of our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting is effective, future events affecting our business may cause us to modify our disclosure controls and procedures or internal control over financial reporting. The effectiveness of controls cannot be absolute because the cost to design and implement a control to identify errors or mitigate the risk of errors occurring should not outweigh the potential loss caused by the errors that would likely be detected by the control. Moreover, we believe that a control system cannot be guaranteed to be 100% effective all of the time. Accordingly, a control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we have received notices from third parties alleging infringement of such parties' patent or other intellectual property rights by our products. In such cases it is our policy to defend the claims, or if considered appropriate, negotiate licenses on commercially reasonable terms. However, no assurance can be given that we will be able in the future to negotiate necessary licenses on commercially reasonable terms, or at all, or that any litigation resulting from such claims would not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or operating results.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

In addition to the other information in this Form 10-Q, the following risk factors should be carefully considered in evaluating the Company and its business because such factors may significantly impact our business, operating results, and financial condition. As a result of these risk factors, as well as other risks discussed in our other SEC filings, our actual results could differ materially from those projected in any forward-looking statements. No priority or significance is intended, nor should be attached, to the order in which the risk factors appear.

The Semiconductor Equipment Industry is Subject to Major Fluctuations and, as a Result, We Face Risks Related to Our Strategic Resource Allocation Decisions

The business cycle in the semiconductor equipment industry has historically been characterized by frequent periods of rapid change in demand that challenge our management to adjust spending and other resources allocated to operating activities. During periods of rapid growth or decline in demand for our products and services, we face significant challenges in maintaining adequate financial and business controls, management processes, information systems, procedures for training, managing, and appropriately sizing our supply chain, our work force, and other components of our business on a timely basis.

If we do not adequately meet these challenges during periods of demand decline, our gross margins and earnings may be impaired. In late 2008 and throughout 2009, the semiconductor industry experienced a general decline in demand, leading to a steep decline in demand for our products and services. In response to that industry demand decline and in an effort to minimize the disruptive effects of the deteriorating economic conditions on our business operating results, we made difficult resource allocation decisions, including layoffs and restructurings.

During 2010 we transitioned into a period of demand growth, although the duration and intensity of the growth through the remainder of 2011 is still uncertain. This demand growth has been fueled in large part by increased investment by customers who, during the downturn, reduced or eliminated their spending on our products.

We continuously reassess our strategic resource allocation choices in response to the changing business environment. If we do not adequately adapt to the changing business environment, we may lack the infrastructure and resources to scale up our business to meet customer expectations and compete successfully during this period of growth, or we may expand our capacity too rapidly and/or beyond what is appropriate for the actual demand environment.

Especially during transitional periods, resource allocation decisions can have a significant impact on our future performance, particularly if we have not accurately anticipated industry changes. Our success will depend, to a significant extent, on the ability of our executive officers and other members of our senior management to identify and respond to these challenges effectively.

Future Declines in the Semiconductor Industry, and the Overall World Economic Conditions on Which it is Significantly Dependent, Could Have a Material Adverse Impact on Our Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Our business depends on the capital equipment expenditures of semiconductor manufacturers, which in turn depend on the current and anticipated market demand for integrated circuits. The semiconductor industry is cyclical in nature and historically experiences periodic downturns. Global economic and business conditions, which are often unpredictable, have historically impacted customer demand for our products and normal commercial relationships with our customers, suppliers, and creditors. Additionally, in times of economic uncertainty, some of our customers' budgets for our products, or their ability to access credit to purchase them, could be adversely affected. This would limit their ability to purchase our products and services. As a result, economic downturns can cause material adverse changes to our results of operations

and financial condition including, but not limited to:

a decline in demand for our products;

an increase in reserves on accounts receivable due to our customers' inability to pay us;

an increase in reserves on inventory balances due to excess or obsolete inventory as a result of our inability to sell such inventory;

valuation allowances on deferred tax assets;

restructuring charges;

asset impairments including the potential impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets;

a decline in the value of our investments;

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exposure to claims from our suppliers for payment on inventory that is ordered in anticipation of customer purchases that do not come to fruition;

a decline in the value of certain facilities we lease to less than our residual value guarantee with the lessor; and

challenges maintaining reliable and uninterrupted sources of supply.

Fluctuating levels of investment by semiconductor manufacturers may materially affect our aggregate shipments, revenues and operating results. Where appropriate, we will attempt to respond to these fluctuations with cost management programs aimed at aligning our expenditures with anticipated revenue streams, which sometimes result in restructuring charges. Even during periods of reduced revenues, we must continue to invest in research and development (R&D) and maintain extensive ongoing worldwide customer service and support capabilities to remain competitive, which may temporarily harm our profitability and other financial results.

Our Quarterly Revenues and Operating Results Are Unpredictable

Our revenues and operating results may fluctuate significantly from quarter to quarter due to a number of factors, not all of which are in our control. We manage our expense levels based in part on our expectations of future revenues. Because our operating expenses are based in part on anticipated future revenues, and a certain amount of those expenses are relatively fixed, a change in the timing of recognition of revenue and/or the level of gross profit from a small number of transactions can unfavorably affect operating results in a particular quarter. Factors that may cause our financial results to fluctuate unpredictably include, but are not limited to:

economic conditions in the electronics and semiconductor industries in general and specifically the semiconductor equipment industry;

the size and timing of orders from customers;

procurement shortages;

the failure of our suppliers or outsource providers to perform their obligations in a manner consistent with our expectations;

manufacturing difficulties;

customer cancellations or delays in shipments, installations, and/or customer acceptances;

the extent that customers continue to purchase and use our products and services in their business;

changes in average selling prices, customer mix, and product mix;

our ability in a timely manner to develop, introduce and market new, enhanced, and competitive products;

our competitors' introduction of new products;

legal or technical challenges to our products and technology;

transportation, communication, demand, information technology or supply disruptions based on factors outside our control such as acts of God, wars, terrorist activities, and natural disasters, including the current situation in Japan caused by the recent earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster;

natural, physical, logistical or other events or disruptions affecting our principal facilities (including labor disruptions, facility relocations or expansions, earthquakes, and power failures);

legal, tax, accounting, or regulatory changes (including but not limited to change in import/export regulations) or changes in the interpretation or enforcement of existing requirements;

changes in our estimated effective tax rate; and

foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

We Derive Our Revenues Primarily from a Relatively Small Number of High-Priced Systems

System sales constitute a significant portion of our total revenue. Our systems are priced up to approximately \$6 million per unit, and our revenues in any given quarter are dependent upon the acceptance of a limited number of systems. As a result, the inability to recognize revenue on even a few systems can cause a significantly adverse impact on our revenues for that quarter.

We Have a Limited Number of Key Customers

Sales to a limited number of large customers constitute a significant portion of our overall revenue, shipments and profitability. As a result, the actions of even one customer may subject us to variability in those areas that are difficult to predict. In addition, large customers may be able to negotiate requirements that result in increased costs and/or lower margins for us. Similarly, significant portions of our credit risk may, at any given time, be concentrated among a limited number of customers, so that the failure of even one of these key customers to pay its obligations to us could significantly impact our financial results.

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Variations in the Amount of Time it Takes for Our Customers to Accept Our Systems May Cause Fluctuation in Our Operating Results

We generally recognize revenue for new system sales on the date of customer acceptance or the date the contractual customer acceptance provisions lapse. As a result, the fiscal period in which we are able to recognize new systems revenues is typically subject to the length of time that our customers require to evaluate the performance of our equipment after shipment and installation, which may vary from customer to customer and tool to tool. Such variations could cause our quarterly operating results to fluctuate.

We Depend on New Products and Processes for Our Success. Consequently, We are Subject to Risks Associated with Rapid Technological Change

Rapid technological changes in semiconductor manufacturing processes subject us to increased pressure to develop technological advances that enable those processes. We believe that our future success depends in part upon our ability to develop and offer new products with improved capabilities and to continue to enhance our existing products. If new products have reliability, quality, or design problems, our performance may be impacted by reduced orders, higher manufacturing costs, delays in acceptance of and payment for new products, and additional service and warranty expenses. We may be unable to develop and manufacture new products successfully, or new products that we introduce may fail in the marketplace. Our failure to commercialize these new products in a timely manner could result in unanticipated costs and inventory obsolescence, which would adversely affect our financial results.

In order to develop new products and processes, we expect to continue to make significant investments in R&D and to pursue joint development relationships with customers, suppliers or other members of the industry. We must manage product transitions and joint development relationships successfully, as the introduction of new products could adversely affect our sales of existing products. Moreover, future technologies, processes or product developments may render our current product offerings obsolete, leaving us with non-competitive products, or obsolete inventory, or both.

We are Subject to Risks Relating to Product Concentration and Lack of Product Revenue Diversification

We derive a substantial percentage of our revenues from a limited number of products, and we expect our etch and clean products to continue to account for a large percentage of our revenues in the near term. Continued market acceptance of these products is, therefore, critical to our future success. Our business, operating results, financial condition, and cash flows could therefore be adversely affected by:

a decline in demand for even a limited number of our products;

a failure to achieve continued market acceptance of our key products;

export restrictions or other regulatory or legislative actions that could limit our ability to sell those products to key customer or market segments;

an improved version of products being offered by a competitor in the market in which we participate;

increased pressure from competitors that offer broader product lines;

technological changes that we are unable to address with our products; or

a failure to release new or enhanced versions of our products on a timely basis.

In addition, the fact that we offer limited product lines creates the risk that our customers may view us as less important to their business than our competitors that offer additional products as well. This may impact our ability to maintain or expand our business with certain customers.

Such product concentration may also subject us to additional risks associated with technology changes. Since we are a provider of etch and clean equipment, our business is affected by our customers' use of etching and clean steps in their processes. Should technologies change so that the manufacture of semiconductor chips requires fewer etching or clean steps, this could have a larger impact on our business than it would on the business of our less concentrated competitors.

Strategic Alliances May Have Negative Effects on Our Business

Increasingly, semiconductor companies are entering into strategic alliances with one another to expedite the development of processes and other manufacturing technologies. Often, one of the outcomes of such an alliance is the definition of a particular tool set for a certain function or a series of process steps that use a specific set of manufacturing equipment. While this could work to our advantage if our equipment becomes the basis for the function or process, it could work to our disadvantage if a competitor's tools or equipment become the standard equipment for such function or process. In the latter case, even if our equipment was previously used by a customer, that equipment may be displaced in current and future applications by the tools standardized by the alliance.

Similarly, our customers may team with, or follow the lead of, educational or research institutions that establish processes for accomplishing various tasks or manufacturing steps. If those institutions utilize a competitor's equipment when they establish those processes, it is likely that customers will tend to use the same equipment in setting up their own manufacturing lines. These actions could adversely impact our market share and financial results.

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We are Dependent On a Limited Number of Key Suppliers

We obtain certain components and sub-assemblies included in our products from a single supplier or a limited group of suppliers. We have established long-term contracts with many of these suppliers. These long-term contracts can take a variety of forms. We may renew these contracts periodically. In some cases, these suppliers have sold us products for a substantial period of time, and we expect that we and they will continue to renew these contracts in the future or that we will otherwise replace them with competent alternative suppliers. However, certain of our suppliers are relatively new providers to us so that our experience with them and their performance is limited. Where practical, we intend to establish alternative sources to mitigate the risk that the failure of any single supplier will adversely affect our business. Nevertheless, a prolonged inability to obtain certain components could impair our ability to ship products and generate revenues, which could adversely affect our operating results and damage to our customer relationships.

Our Outsource Providers May Fail to Perform as We Expect

Outsource providers have played and will continue to play a key role in our manufacturing operations and in many of our transactional and administrative functions, such as information technology, facilities management, and certain elements of our finance organization. Although we attempt to select reputable providers and secure their performance on terms documented in written contracts, it is possible that one or more of these providers could fail to perform as we expect and such failure could have an adverse impact on our business.

In addition, the expansive role of our outsource providers has required and may continue to require us to implement changes to our existing operations and to adopt new procedures to deal with and manage the performance of these outsource providers. Any delay or failure in the implementation of our operational changes and new procedures could adversely affect our customer and/or employee relationships, which could have a negative effect on our operating results.

Once a Semiconductor Manufacturer Commits to Purchase a Competitor's Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment, the Manufacturer Typically Continues to Purchase that Competitor's Equipment, Making it More Difficult for Us to Sell Our Equipment to that Customer

Semiconductor manufacturers must make a substantial investment to qualify and integrate wafer processing equipment into a semiconductor production line. We believe that once a semiconductor manufacturer selects a particular supplier's processing equipment, the manufacturer generally relies upon that equipment for that specific production line application for an extended period of time. Accordingly, we expect it to be more difficult to sell our products to a given customer if that customer initially selects a competitor's equipment for the same product line application.

We Face a Challenging and Complex Competitive Environment

We face significant competition from multiple competitors. Other companies continue to develop systems and products that are competitive to ours and may introduce new products, which may affect our ability to sell our existing products. We face a greater risk if our competitors enter into strategic relationships with leading semiconductor manufacturers covering products similar to those we sell or may develop, as this could adversely affect our ability to sell products to those manufacturers.

We believe that to remain competitive we must devote significant financial resources to offer a broad range of products, to maintain customer service and support centers worldwide, and to invest in product and process R&D. Certain of our competitors, especially those that are created and financially backed by foreign governments, have substantially greater financial resources and more extensive engineering, manufacturing, marketing, and customer service and support resources than we do and therefore have the potential to increasingly dominate the semiconductor equipment industry. These competitors may deeply discount or give away products similar to those that we sell, challenging or even exceeding our ability to make similar accommodations and threatening our ability to sell those products. We also face competition from our own customers, who in some instances have established affiliated entities that manufacture equipment similar to ours. For these reasons, we may fail to continue to compete successfully worldwide.

In addition, our competitors may be able to develop products comparable or superior to those we offer or may adapt more quickly to new technologies or evolving customer requirements. In particular, while we continue to develop product enhancements that we believe will address future customer requirements, we may fail in a timely manner to complete the development or introduction of these additional product enhancements successfully, or these product enhancements may not achieve market acceptance or be competitive. Accordingly, competition may intensify and we may be unable to continue to compete successfully in our markets, which could have a material adverse effect on our revenues, operating results, financial condition, and/or cash flows.

Our Future Success Depends Heavily on International Sales and the Management of Global Operations

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Non-U.S. sales accounted for approximately 89% of total revenue for the nine months ended March 27, 2011, 91% of total revenue in fiscal year 2010, 85% of total revenue in fiscal year 2009, and 83% in fiscal year 2008. We expect that international sales will continue to account for a substantial portion of our total revenue in future years.

We are subject to various challenges related to international sales and the management of global operations including, but not limited to:

trade balance issues;

global economic and political conditions;

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changes in currency controls;

differences in the enforcement of intellectual property and contract rights in varying jurisdictions;

our ability to respond to customer demands for locally sourced systems, spare parts and services and develop the necessary relationships with local suppliers;

compliance with U.S. and international laws and regulations affecting foreign operations, including U.S. export restrictions;

fluctuations in interest and foreign currency exchange rates;

the need for technical support resources in different locations;

our ability to secure and retain qualified people in all necessary locations for the successful operation of our business; and

risks to the sales of our products and services and supply chain operations caused by the recent earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster in Japan.

Certain international sales depend on our ability to obtain export licenses from the U.S. government. Our failure or inability to obtain such licenses would substantially limit our markets and severely restrict our revenues. Many of the challenges noted above are applicable in China, which is a fast developing market for the semiconductor equipment industry and therefore an area of potential significant growth for our business. As the business volume between China and the rest of the world grows, there is inherent risk, based on the complex relationships among China, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, and the United States, that political and diplomatic influences might lead to trade disruptions; this would adversely affect our business with China and/or Taiwan and perhaps the entire Asia Pacific region. A significant trade disruption in these areas could have a materially adverse impact on our future revenue and profits.

We are potentially exposed to adverse as well as beneficial movements in foreign currency exchange rates. The majority of our sales and expenses are denominated in U.S. dollars. However, we are exposed to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations related to certain of our revenues denominated in Japanese yen and Euros, as well as certain of our spares and service contracts, Euro denominated expenses, and expenses related to our non-U.S. sales and support offices that are denominated in the related countries' local currency.

We currently enter into foreign exchange forward contracts to minimize the short-term impact of the foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations on Japanese yen-denominated revenue and monetary assets and liabilities, Euro-denominated expenses and monetary assets and liabilities, as well as monetary assets and liabilities denominated in Swiss francs and Taiwanese dollars. We believe these are our primary exposures to currency rate fluctuation. We expect to continue to enter into hedging transactions, for the purposes outlined, for the foreseeable future. However, these hedging transactions may not achieve their desired effect because differences between the actual timing of customer acceptances and our forecasts of those acceptances may leave us either over- or under-hedged on any given transaction. Moreover, by hedging these foreign currency denominated revenues, monetary assets and liabilities with foreign exchange forward contracts, we may miss favorable currency trends that would have been advantageous to us but for the hedges. Additionally, we are exposed to short-term foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations on non-U.S. dollar-denominated assets and liabilities (other than those currency exposures previously discussed) and currently we do not enter into foreign exchange forward contracts to hedge these other foreign currency exposures. Therefore, we are subject to both favorable and unfavorable foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations to the extent that we transact business (including intercompany transactions) in other currencies.

Our Ability To Attract, Retain and Motivate Key Employees Is Critical To Our Success.

Our ability to compete successfully depends in large part on our ability to attract, retain and motivate key employees. This is an ongoing challenge due to intense competition for top talent, as well as fluctuations in industry economic conditions that may require cycles of hiring

activity and workforce reductions. Our success in hiring depends on a variety of factors, including the attractiveness of our compensation and benefit programs and our ability to offer a challenging and rewarding work environment. We periodically evaluate our overall compensation programs and make adjustments, as appropriate, to maintain or enhance their competitiveness. If we are not able to successfully attract, retain and motivate key employees, we may be unable to capitalize on market opportunities and our operating results may be materially and adversely affected.

We Rely Upon Certain Critical Information Systems for the Operation of Our Business

We maintain and rely upon certain critical information systems for the effective operation of our business. These information systems include telecommunications, the internet, our corporate intranet, various computer hardware and software applications, network communications, and e-mail. These information systems may be owned and maintained by us, our outsource providers or third parties such as vendors and contractors. These information systems are subject to attacks, failures, and access denials from a number of potential sources including viruses, destructive or inadequate code, power failures, and physical damage to computers, hard drives, communication lines, and networking equipment. Confidential information stored on these information systems could be compromised. To the extent that these information systems are under our control, we have implemented security procedures, such as virus protection software and emergency recovery processes, to mitigate the outlined risks. However, security procedures for information systems cannot be guaranteed to be failsafe and our inability to use or access these information systems at critical points in time, or unauthorized releases of confidential information, could unfavorably impact the timely and efficient operation of our business.

Our Financial Results May be Adversely Impacted by Higher than Expected Tax Rates or Exposure to Additional Tax Liabilities

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As a global company, our effective tax rate is highly dependent upon the geographic composition of worldwide earnings and tax regulations governing each region. We are subject to income taxes in the United States and various foreign jurisdictions, and significant judgment is required to determine worldwide tax liabilities. Our effective tax rate could be adversely affected by changes in the split of earnings between countries with differing statutory tax rates, in the valuation of deferred tax assets, in tax laws, or by material audit assessments. These factors could affect our profitability. In particular, the carrying value of deferred tax assets, which are predominantly in the United States, is dependent on our ability to generate future taxable income in the United States. In addition, the amount of income taxes we pay is subject to ongoing audits in various jurisdictions, and a material assessment by a governing tax authority could affect our profitability.

A Failure to Comply with Environmental Regulations May Adversely Affect Our Operating Results

We are subject to a variety of governmental regulations related to the handling, discharge, and disposal of toxic, volatile or otherwise hazardous chemicals. We believe that we are generally in compliance with these regulations and that we have obtained (or will obtain or are otherwise addressing the need for) all environmental permits necessary to conduct our business. These permits generally relate to the handling and disposal of hazardous wastes. Nevertheless, the failure to comply with present or future regulations could result in fines being imposed on us, require us to suspend production, or cease operations or cause our customers to not accept our products. These regulations could require us to alter our current operations, to acquire significant additional equipment or to incur substantial other expenses to comply with environmental regulations. Any failure to comply with regulations governing the use, handling, sale, transport or disposal of hazardous substances could subject us to future liabilities.

If We Choose to Acquire or Dispose of Product Lines and Technologies, We May Encounter Unforeseen Costs and Difficulties That Could Impair Our Financial Performance

An important element of our management strategy is to review acquisition prospects that would complement our existing products, augment our market coverage and distribution ability, or enhance our technological capabilities. As a result, we may make acquisitions of complementary companies, products or technologies, such as our March 2008 acquisition of SEZ Holding AG (SEZ), or we may reduce or dispose of certain product lines or technologies that no longer fit our long-term strategies. Managing an acquired business, disposing of product technologies or reducing personnel entail numerous operational and financial risks, including difficulties in assimilating acquired operations and new personnel or separating existing business or product groups, diversion of management's attention away from other business concerns, amortization of acquired intangible assets and potential loss of key employees or customers of acquired or disposed operations. There can be no assurance that we will be able to achieve and manage successfully any such integration of potential acquisitions, disposition of product lines or technologies, or reduction in personnel or that our management, personnel, or systems will be adequate to support continued operations. Any such inabilities or inadequacies could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition, and cash flows.

In addition, any acquisition could result in changes such as potentially dilutive issuances of equity securities, the incurrence of debt and contingent liabilities, the amortization of related intangible assets, and goodwill impairment charges, any of which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations and/or the price of our Common Stock.

The Market for Our Common Stock is Volatile, Which May Affect Our Ability to Raise Capital or Make Acquisitions

The market price for our Common Stock is volatile and has fluctuated significantly over the past years. The trading price of our Common Stock could continue to be highly volatile and fluctuate widely in response to a variety of factors, many of which are not within our control or influence. These factors include but are not limited to the following:

general market, semiconductor, or semiconductor equipment industry conditions;

economic or political events and trends occurring globally or in any of our key sales regions;

variations in our quarterly operating results and financial condition, including our liquidity;

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variations in our revenues, earnings or other business and financial metrics from forecasts by us or securities analysts, or from those experienced by other companies in our industry;

announcements of restructurings, reductions in force, departure of key employees, and/or consolidations of operations;

government regulations;

developments in, or claims relating to, patent or other proprietary rights;

technological innovations and the introduction of new products by us or our competitors;

commercial success or failure of our new and existing products; or

disruptions of relationships with key customers or suppliers.

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In addition, the stock market experiences significant price and volume fluctuations. Historically, we have witnessed significant volatility in the price of our Common Stock due in part to the actual or anticipated movement in interest rates and the price of and markets for semiconductors. These broad market and industry factors have and may again adversely affect the price of our Common Stock, regardless of our actual operating performance. In the past, following volatile periods in the price of their stock, many companies became the object of securities class action litigation. If we are sued in a securities class action, we could incur substantial costs, and it could divert management's attention and resources and have an unfavorable impact on our financial performance and the price for our Common Stock.

Intellectual Property, Indemnity and Other Claims Against Us Can be Costly and We Could Lose Significant Rights That are Necessary to Our Continued Business and Profitability

Third parties may assert infringement, unfair competition, product liability, breach of contract, or other claims against us. From time to time, other parties send us notices alleging that our products infringe their patent or other intellectual property rights. In addition, law enforcement authorities may seek criminal charges relating to intellectual property issues. We also face risks of claims arising from commercial and other relationships. In addition, our Bylaws and indemnity obligations provide that we will indemnify officers and directors against losses that they may incur in legal proceedings resulting from their service to Lam Research. In such cases, it is our policy either to defend the claims or to negotiate licenses or other settlements on commercially reasonable terms. However, we may be unable in the future to negotiate necessary licenses or reach agreement on other settlements on commercially reasonable terms, or at all, and any litigation resulting from these claims by other parties may materially adversely affect our business and financial results, and we may be subject to substantial damage awards and penalties. Moreover, although we have insurance to protect us from certain claims and cover certain losses to our property, such insurance may not cover us for the full amount of any losses, or at all, and may be subject to substantial exclusions and deductibles.

We May Fail to Protect Our Critical Proprietary Technology Rights, Which Could Affect Our Business

Our success depends in part on our proprietary technology and our ability to protect key components of that technology through patents, copyrights and trade secret protection. Protecting our key proprietary technology helps us to achieve our goals of developing technological expertise and new products and systems that give us a competitive advantage; increasing market penetration and growth of our installed base; and providing comprehensive support and service to our customers. As part of our strategy to protect our technology we currently hold a number of United States and foreign patents and pending patent applications. However, other parties may challenge or attempt to invalidate or circumvent any patents the United States or foreign governments issue to us or these governments may fail to issue patents for pending applications. Additionally, even when patents are issued, the legal systems in certain of the countries in which we do business do not enforce patents and other intellectual property rights as rigorously as the United States. The rights granted or anticipated under any of our patents or pending patent applications may be narrower than we expect or, in fact, provide no competitive advantages. Any of these circumstances could have a material adverse impact on our business.

Compliance with Federal Securities Laws, Rules and Regulations, as well as NASDAQ Requirements, has Become Increasingly Complex, and the Significant Attention and Expense We Must Devote to those Areas May Have an Adverse Impact on Our Business

Federal securities laws, rules and regulations, as well as NASDAQ rules and regulations, require companies to maintain extensive corporate governance measures, impose comprehensive reporting and disclosure requirements, set strict independence and financial expertise standards for audit and other committee members and impose civil and criminal penalties for companies and their chief executive officers, chief financial officers and directors for securities law violations. In addition, certain provisions of the recently enacted Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act may soon require us to report on certain designated conflict minerals that we use in our products and establish a due diligence plan to track whether those metals originate from the Democratic Republic of Congo. These laws, rules and regulations have increased, and in the future are expected to continue to increase, the scope, complexity and cost of our corporate governance, reporting and disclosure practices, which could harm our results of operations and divert management's attention from business operations. A failure to comply with these regulations could also have a material adverse effect on our business.

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Repurchases of Company Shares

On September 8, 2008, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had authorized the repurchase of up to \$250 million of Company common stock from the public market or in private purchases. This repurchase program had no termination date and could have been be suspended or discontinued at any time and was funded using the Company's available cash. The Company temporarily suspended repurchases under the program during the December 2008 quarter. On February 2, 2010, the Board of Directors authorized the resumption of the repurchase program. The Company completed the repurchase of all amounts available under this share repurchase authorization during the quarter ended September 26, 2010.

On September 10, 2010, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had authorized the repurchase of up to an additional \$250 million of Company common stock using the Company's available cash. These repurchases can be conducted on the open market or as private purchases and may include the use of derivative contracts with large financial institutions. This repurchase program has no termination date and may be suspended or discontinued at any time. On December 6, 2010 the Company entered into a structured stock repurchase arrangement using general corporate funds. This arrangement included terms that required the Company to make an up-front cash payment to the counterparty and entitled the Company to receive 1.5 million shares of Company stock or \$50.4 million in cash at the maturity of the agreement, at the option of the Company. During the quarter ended December 26, 2010, the Company prepaid \$50.0 million under its structured stock repurchase arrangement. This prepayment is recorded as a component of additional paid in capital in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet as of March 27, 2011. The structured stock repurchase arrangement expired on April 6, 2011 and was settled for the maturity cash value. Repurchases under the repurchase program and net share settlements were as follows during the periods indicated:

Period	Total Number of Shares Repurchased (1)	Average Price Paid Per Share (in thousands, except per share data)	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plan or Program	Amount Available Under Repurchase Program
Amount available at June 27, 2010				\$ 130,693
Quarter Ending September 26, 2010	3,408	\$ 38.56	3,389	\$
Authorization of up to \$250 million September 2010				\$ 250,000
Quarter Ending December 26, 2010	91	\$ 45.20		\$ 250,000
December 27, 2010 January 23, 2011	32	\$ 51.98		\$ 250,000
January 24, 2011 February 20, 2011	2	\$ 52.84		\$ 250,000
February 21, 2011 March 27, 2011	126	\$ 54.46		\$ 250,000
Total	3,659	\$ 39.39	3,389	

- (1) In addition to shares repurchased under Board authorized repurchase program and included in this column are 270,000 shares at a total cost of \$13.5 million which the Company withheld through net share settlements during the nine months ended March 27, 2011 to cover tax withholding obligations upon the vesting of restricted stock unit awards granted under the Company's equity compensation plans. The shares retained by the Company through these net share settlements are not a part of the Board-authorized repurchase program but instead are authorized under the Company's equity compensation plans.

ITEM 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

ITEM 4. (Removed and Reserved)

ITEM 5. Other Information

None.

ITEM 6. Exhibits

See the Exhibit Index following the signature page to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a list of exhibits filed or furnished with this report, which Exhibit Index is incorporated herein by reference.

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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.

Date: May 3, 2011

LAM RESEARCH CORPORATION

(Registrant)

/s/ ERNEST E. MADDOCK

Ernest E. Maddock

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
31.1	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification (Principal Executive Officer)
31.2	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification (Principal Financial Officer)
32.1	Section 1350 Certification (Principal Executive Officer)
32.2	Section 1350 Certification (Principal Financial Officer)
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document