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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 November 28, 2009

OR

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

to

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_

**Commission File Number: 0-32113** 

# **RESOURCES CONNECTION, INC.** (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE33-0832424(State or Other Jurisdiction(I.R.S. Employerof Incorporation or Organization)Identification No.)17101 Armstrong Avenue, Irvine, California 92614(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)(714) 430-6400(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 b No o 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 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes o No o

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. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer b Accelerated filer o Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company o Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

As of December 30, 2009, 46,393,295 shares of the registrant s common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, were outstanding.

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# PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION ITEM 1. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS RESOURCES CONNECTION, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

# (amounts in thousands, except par value per share)

	November 28, 2009		Γ	May 30, 2009
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	117,491	\$	143,247
Short-term investments		18,252		20,494
Trade accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$5,586				
and \$5,597 as of November 28, 2009 and May 30, 2009, respectively		72,560		68,157
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		4,269		4,057
Income taxes receivable		3,650		10,687
Deferred income taxes		10,162		10,162
Total current assets		226,384		256,804
Goodwill		176,224		111,084
Intangible assets, net		16,246		6,259
Property and equipment, net		32,244		34,934
Deferred income taxes		28,442		1,364
Other assets		1,833		1,574
Total assets	\$	481,373	\$	412,019
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY Current liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued expenses Accrued salaries and related obligations Other current liabilities	\$	16,865 34,647 5,711	\$	15,267 48,753 4,431
Total current liabilities		57,223		68,451
Other long-term liabilities, including estimated contingent consideration of		57,225		06,431
\$57,800 and \$0 as of November 28, 2009 and May 30, 2009		59,952		2,411
Deferred income taxes		1,464		3,240
Total liabilities		118,639		74,102
Commitments and contingencies Stockholders equity: Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 5,000 shares authorized; zero shares issued and outstanding Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 70,000 shares authorized; 53,880 and 53,474				
shares issued; and 46,374 and 45,140 outstanding as of November 28, 2009 and May 30, 2009, respectively Additional paid-in capital		539 295,390		535 282,769

Accumulated other comprehensive gains (losses) Retained earnings Treasury stock at cost, 7,506 shares and 8,334 shares at November 28, 2009	4,243 234,685	(307) 248,269
and May 30, 2009, respectively	(172,123)	(193,349)
Total stockholders equity	362,734	337,917
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 481,373	\$ 412,019

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

# RESOURCES CONNECTION, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited) (in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months EndedNovemberNovember28,29,20092008		N	Six Mon ovember 28, 2009	nths Ended November 29, 2008		
Revenue Direct cost of services, primarily payroll and related taxes for professional services	\$	121,526	\$ 190,233	\$	239,789	\$	397,538
employees		75,172	116,122		148,296		242,588
Gross profit Selling, general and administrative expenses		46,354 44,243	74,111 54,380		91,493 95,880		154,950 110,893
Amortization of intangible assets		438	275		831		657
Depreciation expense		2,171	2,263		4,371		4,603
(Loss) income from operations		(498)	17,193		(9,589)		38,797
Interest income		(167)	(380)		(346)		(896)
(Loss) income before (benefit) provision for income taxes		(331)	17,573		(9,243)		39,693
(Benefit) provision for income taxes		1,581	8,097		(145)		17,725
Net (loss) income	\$	(1,912)	\$ 9,476	\$	(9,098)	\$	21,968
Net (loss) income per common share:							
Basic	\$	(0.04)	\$ 0.21	\$	(0.20)	\$	0.49
Diluted	\$	(0.04)	\$ 0.21	\$	(0.20)	\$	0.48
Weighted average common shares outstanding: Basic		45,540	45,061		45,420		45,015
Diluted		45,540	45,859		45,420		45,945

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# RESOURCES CONNECTION, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY (Unaudited) (amounts in thousands)

		onths Ended ember 28, 2009
COMMON STOCK SHARES:		52 474
Balance at beginning of period		53,474 190
Exercise of stock options Issuance of common stock under Employee Stock Purchase Plan		190 216
issuance of common stock under Employee Stock I dichase I fair		210
Balance at end of period		53,880
COMMON STOCK PAR VALUE:		
Balance at beginning of period	\$	535
Exercise of stock options		2
Issuance of common stock under Employee Stock Purchase Plan		2
Balance at end of period	\$	539
ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL:		
Balance at beginning of period	\$	282,769
Exercise of stock options		2,100
Stock-based compensation expense related to employee stock options and employee stock		
purchases		9,424
Tax shortfall from employee stock option plans		(1,386)
Issuance of treasury stock for Sitrick Brincko Group purchase		(496)
Issuance of treasury stock under employment agreements		(19)
Issuance of common stock under Employee Stock Purchase Plan		2,998
Balance at end of period	\$	295,390
ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE GAINS (LOSSES):		
Balance at beginning of period	\$	(307)
Currency translation adjustment		4,550
Balance at end of period	¢	4,243
Balance at end of period	Ф	4,243
RETAINED EARNINGS:		
Balance at beginning of period	\$	248,269
Issuance of treasury stock for Sitrick Brincko Group purchase		(4,486)
Net loss		(9,098)
Balance at end of period	\$	234,685
TREASURY STOCK SHARES:		
Balance at beginning of period		8,334
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Issuance of treasury stock for Sitrick Brincko Group purchase Issuance of treasury stock under employment agreements		(822) (6)
Balance at end of period		7,506
TREASURY STOCK COST:		
Balance at beginning of period	\$	(193,349)
Issuance of treasury stock for Sitrick Brincko Group purchase		21,119
Issuance of treasury stock under employment agreements		107
Balance at end of period	\$	(172,123)
COMPREHENSIVE LOSS:		
Net loss	\$	(9,098)
Currency translation adjustment		4,550
Total comprehensive loss	\$	(4,548)

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

# RESOURCES CONNECTION, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited) (amounts in thousands)

	No	Six Mon ovember	ths Ended		
		28, 2009	Nov	ember 29, 2008	
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net (loss) income	\$	(9,098)	\$	21,968	
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization		5,202		5,260	
Stock-based compensation expense related to employee stock options and					
employee stock purchases		9,424		9,599	
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation		(176)		(349)	
Provision for uncollectible accounts receivable				1,281	
Deferred income tax benefit		(5,240)		(2,178)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisitions:					
Trade accounts receivable		3,507		15,099	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		293		1,351	
Income taxes receivable		5,731		(5,466)	
Other assets		14		185	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		897		99	
Accrued salaries and related obligations		(16,054)		(9,436)	
Other liabilities		3		(6,270)	
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities		(5,497)		31,143	
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Redemption of short-term investments		25,744		46,000	
Purchase of short-term investments		(23,502)		(35,000)	
Acquistion of Sitrick Brincko Group, net of cash acquired		(28,541)			
Purchases of property and equipment		(1,164)		(3,500)	
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities		(27,463)		7,500	
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		2,102		4,020	
Proceeds from issuance of common stock under Employee Stock Purchase					
Plan		3,000		4,481	
Purchase of common stock				(6,288)	
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation		176		349	
Net cash provided by financing activities		5,278		2,562	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		1,926		(3,362)	

Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	(25,756) 143,247	37,843 80,814
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 117,491	\$ 118,657

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

## RESOURCES CONNECTION, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

## Three and six months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008

## 1. Description of the Company and its Business

Resources Connection, Inc. ( Resources Connection ) was incorporated on November 16, 1998. Resources Connection is an international professional services firm; its operating entities provide services under the name Resources Global Professionals ( Resources Global or the Company ). The Company provides clients with experienced professionals specializing in accounting, finance, risk management and internal audit, corporate advisory and strategic communications, information management, human capital, supply chain management, actuarial and legal and regulatory services in support of client-led projects and initiatives. The Company has offices in the United States ( U.S. ), Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe and Mexico. Resources Connection is a Delaware corporation.

The Company s fiscal year consists of 52 or 53 weeks, ending on the last Saturday in May. The second quarters of both fiscal 2010 and 2009 consisted of 13 weeks.

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

# **Interim Financial Information**

The financial information as of and for the three and six months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008 is unaudited but includes all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) that the Company considers necessary for a fair statement of its financial position at such dates and the operating results and cash flows for those periods. The year-end balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements, and certain information and note disclosures normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ) have been condensed or omitted pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) rules or regulations; however, the Company believes the disclosures made are adequate to make the information presented not misleading.

In connection with the preparation of these condensed interim financial statements, the Company has evaluated subsequent events through January 7, 2010, which is the date the financial statements were issued. The results of operations for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations to be expected for the fiscal year. These condensed interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended May 30, 2009, which are included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year then ended (File No. 0-32113).

## **Contingent Consideration**

The Company estimates and records the acquisition date fair value of contingent consideration as part of purchase price consideration for acquisitions occurring subsequent to May 30, 2009. Additionally, each reporting period, the Company estimates changes in the fair value of contingent consideration and any change in fair value is recognized in the statement of operations. The estimate of the fair value of contingent consideration requires very subjective assumptions to be made of future operating results, discount rates and probabilities assigned to various potential operating result scenarios. Future revisions to these assumptions could materially change the estimate of the fair value of contingent consideration and therefore materially affect the Company s future financial results.

Under the terms of our acquisition agreements for the Sitrick Brincko Group (see Note 5 *Acquisitions*), up to 20% of the contingent consideration is payable to employees of the acquired business at the end of the measurement period to the extent certain growth targets are achieved. The Company will record the estimated fair value of the contractual obligation to pay the employee portion of the contingent consideration as compensation expense over the service period as it is deemed probable that such amount is payable. The estimate of the fair value of the employee portion of contingent consideration requires very subjective assumptions to be made of future operating results, discount rates and probabilities assigned to various potential operating result scenarios. Future revisions to these assumptions could materially change our estimate of the fair value of the employee portion and therefore materially affect the Company s future financial results.

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Short-Term Investments

The Company considers cash on hand, deposits in banks, and short-term investments purchased with an original maturity date of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents. The carrying amounts reflected in the consolidated balance sheets for cash and cash equivalents approximate the fair values due to the short maturities of these instruments.

The Company accounts for its marketable securities in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 115, Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities, as codified in ASC topic 320, Investments Debt and Equity Securities (ASC 320). Accordingly, securities that the Company has the ability and positive intent to hold to maturity are carried at amortized cost. Cost closely approximates fair value which is based on quoted prices in active markets.

## **Stock-Based Compensation**

The Company calculates stock-based compensation expense in accordance with SFAS No. 123 revised, *Share-Based Payment*, as codified in FASB ASC topic 718, *Compensation Stock Compensation* (ASC 718), which requires the measurement and recognition of compensation expense for all share-based payment awards made to employees and directors, including employee stock options and employee stock purchases made via the Company s Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the ESPP ), to be based on estimated fair value at the date of grant.

ASC 718 requires companies to estimate the fair value of share-based payment awards on the date of grant using an option-pricing model. The value of the portion of the award that is ultimately expected to vest is recognized as an expense over the requisite service periods. Stock options vest over four years and restricted stock award vesting is determined on an individual grant basis under the Company s 2004 Performance Incentive Plan. Under ASC 718, the Company determines the estimated value of stock options using the Black-Scholes valuation model. ASC 718 requires the Company to recognize expense over the service period for options that are expected to vest and record adjustments to compensation expense at the end of the service period if actual forfeitures differ from original estimates. The Company recognizes stock-based compensation expense on a straight-line basis.

See Note 9 Stock-Based Compensation Plans for further information on stock-based compensation.

# Client Reimbursements of Out-of-Pocket Expenses

In accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force No. 01-14, *Income Statement Characterization of Reimbursements Received for Out-of-Pocket Expenses Incurred* (EITF 01-14), as codified in the Financial Accounting Standards Board s (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) subtopic 605-45, *Revenue Recognition: Principal Agent Considerations* (ASC 605-45), the Company recognizes all reimbursements received from clients for out-of-pocket expenses as revenue and all expenses as direct cost of services. Reimbursements received from clients were \$2.1 million and \$4.5 million for the three months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008, respectively and \$4.1 million and \$9.9 million for the six months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008, respectively. **Use of Estimates** 

# Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure and recording of contingent assets and liabilities, such as contingent consideration, at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Although management believes these estimates and assumptions are reasonable, actual results could differ significantly from the estimates and assumptions used.

# 3. Stockholders Equity

In July 2007, the Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program, authorizing the repurchase, at the discretion of our Company s senior executives, of our common stock for an aggregate dollar limit not to exceed \$150 million. The Company did not purchase any shares during the second quarter of fiscal 2010 and purchased approximately 392,000 shares of our common stock at an average price of \$16.04 per share for approximately \$6.3 million during the second quarter of fiscal 2009. As of November 28, 2009, approximately \$35.6 million remains available under the repurchase program.

On November 20, 2009, the Company issued 822,060 of treasury shares in conjunction with the acquisition of Sitrick Brincko Group (see Note 5 *Acquisitions*).

# 4. Net Income Per Share

The Company presents both basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS) amounts in accordance with SFAS No. 128, *Earnings Per Share*, as codified in FASB ASC topic 260, *Earnings Per Share* (ASC 260). This pronouncement establishes standards for the computation, presentation and disclosure requirements for EPS for entities with publicly held common shares and potential common shares. Basic EPS is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is based upon the weighted average number of common and common equivalent shares outstanding during the period, calculated using the treasury stock method for stock options. Under the treasury stock method, exercise proceeds include the amount the employee must pay for exercising stock options, the amount of compensation cost for future services that the Company has not yet recognized and the amount of tax benefits that would be recorded in additional paid-in capital when the award becomes deductible. Common equivalent shares are excluded from the computation in periods in which they have an

anti-dilutive effect. As a result of the Company s net losses in the first and second quarters of fiscal 2010, all common equivalent shares have been excluded from computing diluted earnings per share as their effect is anti-dilutive. Stock options for which the exercise price exceeds the average market price over the period are also anti-dilutive and are excluded from the calculation.

The following table summarizes the calculation of net income per share for the periods indicated (in thousands, except per share amounts):

Three Months Ended						nded				
	November 28, 2009		29,		28, 29, 28,				November 29, 2008	
Net (loss) income	\$	(1,912)	\$	9,476	\$	(9,098)	\$	21,968		
Basic:										
Weighted average shares		45,540		45,061		45,420		45,015		
Diluted:										
Weighted average shares		45,540		45,061		45,420		45,015		
Potentially dilutive shares				798				930		
Total dilutive shares		45,540		45,859		45,420		45,945		
Net (loss) income per share:										
Basic	\$	(0.04)	\$	0.21	\$	(0.20)	\$	0.49		
Diluted	\$	(0.04)	\$	0.21	\$	(0.20)	\$	0.48		

The potentially dilutive shares presented above do not include the anti-dilutive effect of approximately 5,570,000 and 5,362,000 potential common shares for the three months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008, respectively and approximately 5,767,000 and 5,319,000 potential common shares for the six months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008, respectively.

# 5. Acquisitions

# Acquisition of Sitrick Brincko Group

On November 20, 2009, the Company acquired certain assets of Sitrick And Company, (Sitrick Co) a strategic communications firm, and Brincko Associates, Inc., (Brincko) a corporate advisory and restructuring firm through the purchase of all of the outstanding membership interests in Sitrick Brincko Group, LLC (Sitrick Brincko Group), a Delaware limited liability company, pursuant to a Membership Interest Purchase Agreement by and among the Company, Sitrick Co, Michael S. Sitrick, an individual, Brincko and John P. Brincko, an individual. In addition, on the same date, the Company acquired the personal goodwill of Mr. Sitrick pursuant to a Goodwill Purchase Agreement by and between the Company and Mr. Sitrick. Sitrick Brincko Group is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company and its acquisition will allow the Company to expand its service offering to include corporate advisory and restructuring services.

The Company paid cash aggregating approximately \$28.6 million and issued an aggregate of 822,060 shares of restricted common stock valued at approximately \$16.1 million to Sitrick Co, Brincko and Mr. Sitrick (collectively, the Sellers) for the acquisition. In addition, the Sellers are entitled to receive contingent consideration provided that Sitrick Brincko Group s average annual earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) over a period of four years from the date of closing exceeds \$11.3 million. The Company may, in its sole discretion, pay up to 50% of any earn-out payments in restricted stock of the Company. The range of the undiscounted amounts the Company could be obligated to pay as contingent consideration under the earn-out arrangement is between \$0 and an unlimited amount. The estimated fair value of the contractual obligation to pay the contingent consideration to pay contingent consideration based on probability-weighted projections of the average EBITDA during the four year earn-out measurement period. The resultant probability-weighted average EBITDA amounts were then multiplied by 3.15 as specified in the purchase agreement and then discounted using a discount rate of 1.9%. Each reporting period, the Company will estimate changes in the fair value of contingent consideration and any change in fair value will be

recognized in the Company s consolidated statements of operations. The estimate of the fair value of contingent consideration requires very subjective assumptions to be made of various potential operating result scenarios and discount rates. Future revisions to these assumptions could materially change the estimate of the fair value of contingent consideration and therefore materially affect the Company s future financial results.

In addition, under the terms of the Membership Interest Purchase Agreement and Goodwill Purchase Agreement, up to 20% of the contingent consideration is payable to the employees of the acquired business at the end of the measurement period to the extent certain EBITDA growth targets are met. The Company will record the estimated fair value of the contractual obligation to pay the employee portion of contingent consideration as compensation expense over the service period as it is deemed probable that such amount is payable. The estimate of the fair value of the employee portion of contingent consideration payable requires very subjective assumptions to be made of future operating results, discount rates and probabilities assigned to various potential operating results scenarios. Future revisions to these assumptions could materially change the estimate of the fair value of the employee portion of contingent consideration and therefore materially affect the Company s future financial results.

Sitrick Brincko Group s contribution to revenues and pre-tax earnings was insignificant to the Company for the period from November 20, 2009 (date of acquisition) through November 28, 2009.

The following table presents unaudited pro forma revenue and net income for the six months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008 as if the acquisition of Sitrick Brincko Group and the personal goodwill of Michael Sitrick had occurred on June 1, 2008 for each period presented. The pro forma financial information presented in the following table is for informational purposes only and is not indicative of the results of operations that would have been achieved if the acquisition had taken place at the beginning of the earliest period presented, nor does it intend to be a projection of future results (in thousands).

	Мо	Pro Forma Six Months Ended November 28, 2009		Forma Six nths Ended vember 29, 2008
Revenue Net (loss) income	\$ \$	252,594 (7,659)	\$ \$	409,735 23,574
iver (1055) income	ψ	(7,057)	Ψ	23,374

Due to differences in the reporting periods of the Company and the Sitrick Brincko Group, the preceeding unaudited pro forma financial information combines the Company s financial results for the six months ended November 28, 2009 with the financial results of Sitrick Brincko Group (which incorporated Sitrick Co and Brincko) for the six months ended September 30, 2009 and the Company s financial results for the six months ended November 29, 2008 with the financial results of Sitrick Brincko Group for the six months ended September 30, 2008. Certain of the assets and liabilities of Sitrick Co and Brincko were retained by Sitrick Co and Brincko and not contributed to Sitrick Brincko Group. These assets and liabilities include 1) certain property and equipment of Sitrick Co and Brincko. The pro forma financial information presented above has been reported after applying the Company s accounting policies and adjusting the results of Sitrick Brincko Group (which incorporated the results of Sitrick Co and Brincko) to reflect the elimination of these assets and liabilities and related expenses.

In accordance with GAAP, the Company allocated the purchase price based on the fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed, with the residual recorded as goodwill. As a result of the contingent consideration, the Company recorded a deferred tax asset on the temporary difference between the book and tax treatment of the contingent consideration. The total intangible assets acquired include approximately \$63.8 million of goodwill, \$23.7 million of long-term deferred tax asset, \$5.7 million for customer relationships, \$1.3 million for trade names, \$3.1 million for non-competition agreements and \$250,000 for customer backlog. The backlog will be amortized over 13 months, the customer relationships over two years, and the trade names and non-competition agreements over five years. The goodwill related to this transaction is expected to be deductible for tax purposes over 15 years, except any contingent over 15 years. The allocation of estimated fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed is provisional and based on information available as of the acquisition date. The Company believes this information provides a reasonable basis for estimating the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed, including the assignment of amortizable lives, but the Company is waiting for additional information necessary to finalize those fair

value estimates. Thus, the provisional measurements of fair value reflected are subject to change and such changes could be significant. The Company expects to finalize the valuation and complete the purchase price allocation as soon as practicable but no later than one-year from the acquisition date.

The Company incurred approximately \$600,000 of transaction related costs during the quarter ended November 28, 2009; these expenses are included in general and administrative expense in the Company s consolidated statement of operations.

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The following table summarizes the consideration transferred to acquire Sitrick Brincko Group and the amounts of the identified assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date: Fair Value of Consideration Transferred (in thousands, except share amounts):

Cash Common stock - 822,060 shares @ \$19.63 (closing price on acquisition date) Contingent consideration, net of amount allocable to Sitrick Brincko Group employees	\$ 28,564 16,137 57,820
Total	\$ 102,521
Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed (in thousands):	
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Prepaid expenses and other current assets Intangible assets Property and equipment, net Other assets	\$ 23 6,498 563 10,350 120 124
Total identifiable assets	17,678
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Accrued salaries and related obligations Other current liabilities	250 1,578 780
Total liabilities assumed	2,608
Net identifiable assets acquired Goodwill, other intangible assets and deferred tax assets	15,070 87,451
Net assets acquired	\$ 102,521

# Other acquisitions in fiscal 2009

The Company has acquired certain intangible assets or stock of companies that it believes complement or augment the Company s service offerings in the territories it serves. Those acquisitions include:

- On May 12, 2009, the Company acquired certain intangible assets comprising the Ohio-based professional services business of Kenwood Cooper LLC operated under the name Xperianz (Xperianz). The Company paid cash of approximately \$900,000 for these assets.
- 2) On January 16, 2009, the Company acquired Limbus Holding B.V. (Limbus), a Netherlands-based provider of risk and compliance and process improvement consultancy services to financial institutions and the public sector. The Company paid approximately \$2.0 million for the acquisition, consisting of \$1.0 million in cash and \$1.0 million (68,459 shares) of the Company s treasury stock.
- 3) On December 1, 2008, the Company acquired Kompetensslussen X-tern Personalfunktion AB (Kompetensslussen), a Sweden-based provider of human capital services. The Company paid approximately \$1.0 million for the acquisition, consisting of \$745,000 in cash and \$274,000 (18,302 shares) of the Company s treasury stock.

Assuming the above fiscal 2009 acquisitions had been consummated on May 27, 2007, the pro forma impact on the Company s revenue and net income would be insignificant for the second quarter ended November 29, 2008. Each of the purchase agreements for the aforementioned transactions may require additional contingent consideration payments which are not recorded in the accompanying financial statements. For Xperianz, the Company is required to pay up to \$1.1 million in additional cash in fiscal years 2010, 2011 and 2012, provided certain revenue and gross margin milestones are met. For Limbus, the Company is required to pay additional purchase price payments in fiscal years 2011 and 2012, provided certain revenue and gross margin milestones are met. Future payments will consist of a combination of cash and stock of up to 1.5 million Euros. Stock earned will be restricted and non-transferrable until December 31, 2012. For Kompetensslussen, the Company is required to make earn-out payments based on Kompetensslussen s achievement of certain financial results for calendar year 2010. The earn-out is two-tiered, and is subject to gross margin goals. The first tier earn-out may be up to 8.0 million SEK, payable in cash. If earned, payments are to be made no later than March 31, 2011.

## 6. Intangible Assets and Goodwill

The following table presents details of our intangible assets, estimated lives and related accumulated amortization (amounts in thousands):

		November 28, 2 Accumulated	2009	As of Ac	)9	
	Gross A	Amortization	Net	Gross Ar	nortization	Net
Customer relationships (2 7 years)	\$ 18,974	\$ (7,636) \$	5 11,338	\$ 12,492	\$ (6,874)	\$ 5,618
Consultant and customer database (1 5 years)	2,416	(2,021)	395	2,378	(1,938)	440
Non-compete agreements (1 5 years)	3,340	(208)	3,132	211	(92)	119
Trade name and trademark (5 years)	1,381		1,381	82		82

Total

\$ 26,111 \$ (9,865) \$ 16,246 \$ 15,163 \$ (8,904) \$ 6,259

In accordance with SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*, as codified in FASB ASC topic 350, *Intangibles Goodwill and Other* (ASC 350), goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives are not subject to amortization but are tested for impairment annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. Intangible assets with finite lives continue to be subject to amortization, and any impairment is determined in accordance with SFAS No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*, as codified in FASB ASC topic 360, *Property, Plant & Equipment* (ASC 360). There were no indicators of impairment as of November 28, 2009.

The Company recorded amortization expense of \$438,000 and \$275,000 for the three months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008, respectively, and \$831,000 and \$657,000 for the six months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008, respectively. Estimated intangible asset amortization expense (based on existing intangible assets, including \$10.3 million ascribed to the acquisition of Sitrick Brincko Group during the second quarter of fiscal 2010) for the years ending May 29, 2010, May 28, 2011, May 26, 2012, May 31, 2013 and May 30, 2014 is \$3.5 million, \$5.2 million, \$3.5 million, \$1.8 million and \$1.8 million, respectively. These estimates do not incorporate the impact that currency fluctuations may cause when translating the financial results of our international operations that have amortizable intangible assets into U.S. dollars.

The following is a summary of the change in the goodwill balance through the second quarter of fiscal 2010 (amounts in thousands):

Goodwill, as of May 30, 2009	\$ 111,084
Acquisition	63,751
Impact of foreign currency exchange rate changes	1,389
Goodwill, as of November 28, 2009	\$ 176,224

# 7. Selling, general and administrative expenses and restructuring

During the first quarter of fiscal 2010, the Company announced the resignation of two senior executives from the Company. In connection with those resignations, the Company incurred \$4.8 million in severance costs and \$2.2 million of compensation expense related to the acceleration of vesting of certain stock option grants. These charges are included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations for the six months ended November 28, 2009.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009, the Company announced a restructuring plan involving a reduction in 77 management and administrative positions as well as the consolidation of seven offices into existing locations within a reasonable proximity. The Company recorded approximately \$2.8 million for severance and approximately \$814,000 for leasehold related write-offs and lease termination costs, which were recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses in the Company s Consolidated Statements of Income for the year ended May 30, 2009. Remaining accrual amounts are included in accounts payable and accrued expenses. Payments related to severance are expected to be paid by the end of fiscal 2010, while payments related to lease abandonment are expected to be paid through fiscal 2013.

The following table summarizes the restructuring activities for the three months ended November 28, 2009 (amounts in thousands):

	Red Pers	Lease Abandonment		Total		
Accrual balance as of August 29, 2009 Change in estimate Cash payments Exchange rate fluctuations	\$	115 (10) (66) 4	\$	409 (32)	\$	524 (10) (98) 4
Accrual balance as of November 28, 2009	\$	43	\$	377	\$	420

# 8. Segment Reporting

In accordance with the requirements of SFAS No. 131, *Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information*, as codified in FASB ASC topic 280, *Segment Reporting* (ASC 280), the Company discloses information regarding operations outside of the U.S. The Company operates in one segment. The accounting policies for the domestic and international operations are the same as those described in Note 2- *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies* in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company s 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 30, 2009. Summarized financial information regarding the Company s domestic and international operations is shown in the following table (amounts in thousands):

	Reven	ue fo	or the	Revenue for the			Long Livo	d Assats as		
	Three M	Three Months Ended			Six Months Ended			Long-Lived Assets as of		
	November	November		November No		lovember	November			
	28, 2009		29, 2008	28, 2009		29, 2008	28, 2009 (1)	May 30, 2009 (1)		
United States	\$ 87,420	\$	134,361	\$175,427	\$	280,556	\$ 187,215	\$ 115,458		
The Netherlands	11,623		21,597	22,968		44,770	32,111	31,129		
Other	22,483		34,275	41,394		72,212	5,388	5,690		
Total	\$ 121,526	\$	190,233	\$ 239,789	\$	397,538	\$ 224,714	\$ 152,277		

(1) Long-lived

assets are comprised of goodwill, intangible assets, building and land, computers, equipment, software, furniture and leasehold improvements.

## 9. Stock-Based Compensation Plans

Stock Options and Restricted Stock

As of November 28, 2009, the Company had outstanding grants under the following share-based compensation plans: 2004 Performance Incentive Plan (2004 Plan) The 2004 Plan serves as the successor to the 1999 Long Term Incentive Plan (1999 Plan). A total of 7,500,000 new shares of common stock were made available for awards to employees and non-employee directors, including 2,000,000 additional shares following an amendment to the 2004 Plan approved by our stockholders on October 17, 2008. Awards under the 2004 Plan may include, but are not limited to, stock options and restricted stock grants. Stock options generally vest in equal annual installments over four years and terminate ten years from the dates of grant. Restricted stock award vesting is determined on an individual grant basis. As of November 28, 2009, 2,641,000 shares were available for future award grants under the 2004 Plan.

The 1999 Plan was terminated in 2004, except as to the outstanding options. Such options vest in equal annual installments over four years and terminate ten years from the dates of grant. Outstanding awards under the 1999 Plan that expire or terminate without having become vested or exercised roll over to the 2004 Plan. The following table summarizes the stock option activity for the six months ended November 28, 2009 (number of

The following table summarizes the stock option activity for the six months ended November 28, 2009 (number of options and intrinsic value in thousands):

	Number of	V	Veighted-	Weighted- Average Remaining			
	Shares Subject to Options		Average Exercise Price	Contractual Term (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value		
Outstanding at May 30, 2009	8,518	\$	20.63	6.67	\$	18,866	
Granted, at fair market value	23	\$	17.23				
Exercised	(190)	\$	11.02				
Forfeited	(307)	\$	23.95				
Outstanding at November 28, 2009	8,044	\$	20.72	6.23	\$	19,594	
Exercisable at November 28, 2009	5,392	\$	20.57	5.25	\$	14,136	

## Stock-Based Compensation Expense

The Company s (loss) income before (benefit) provision for income taxes included compensation expense for the three months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008 of \$3.5 million and \$4.6 million, respectively, and for the six months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008 of \$9.4 million and \$9.6 million, respectively, related to stock-based compensation arrangements (including employee stock options, restricted stock grants and employee stock purchases made via the ESPP). Included in the \$9.4 million for the six months ended November 28, 2009 is the acceleration of an additional \$2.2 million of compensation expense related to the resignation of two senior executives during the first quarter of fiscal 2010. There were no capitalized share-based compensation costs for the three and six months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008.

Gross excess tax benefits resulting from the exercise of stock options are reflected as financing cash flows in the Company s statements of cash flows. For the six months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008, gross excess tax benefits totaled \$176,000 and \$349,000, respectively.

The aggregate intrinsic value in the table above represents the total pretax intrinsic value, which is the difference between the Company s closing stock price on the last trading day of the second quarter of fiscal 2010 and the exercise price times the number of shares that would have been received by the option holders if they had exercised their in the money options on November 28, 2009. This amount will change based on the fair market value of the Company s common stock. The aggregate intrinsic value of stock options exercised for the six months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008 was \$1.3 million and \$3.2 million, respectively. As of November 28, 2009, there was \$16.7 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to stock-based compensation arrangements. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 25 months.

Net cash proceeds from stock option exercises and issuance of common stock under the ESPP for the six months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008 were \$5.1 million and \$8.5 million, respectively. The Company s policy is to issue shares from its authorized shares upon the exercise of stock options.

# Employee Stock Purchase Plan

The Company s stockholders approved the ESPP in October 2000. Under the terms of the ESPP, as amended on October 17, 2008, a total of 4,400,000 shares of common stock may be issued. The ESPP allows for qualified employees (as defined in the ESPP) to participate in the purchase of designated shares of the Company s common stock at a price equal to 85% of the lesser of the fair market value of common stock at the beginning or end of each semi-annual stock purchase period. The Company issued 216,000 and 545,000 shares of common stock pursuant to this plan for the six months ended November 28, 2009 and the year ended May 30, 2009, respectively. There were 2,146,000 shares of common stock available for issuance under the ESPP as of November 28, 2009.

# **10. Supplemental Cash Flow Information**

The Statement of Cash Flows for the six months ended November 28, 2009 does not include under the caption cash flows from investing activities the non-cash issuance of 822,060 shares of the Company s common stock held in treasury, representing \$16.1 million of the \$102.5 million purchase price of the Sitrick Brincko Group. The Statement of Cash Flows for the six months ended November 28, 2009 also does not include under the caption cash flows from investing activities the recognition of \$57.8 million for the estimated fair value of the contractual obligation to pay contingent consideration or the recognition of \$23.7 million of deferred tax assets for the estimate of the temporary difference between book and tax treatment of the contingent consideration related to the purchase of the Sitrick Brincko Group (see Note 5 for further information).

# **11. Recently Adopted Accounting Standards**

In June 2009, the FASB issued SFAS No. 168, *The FASB Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* a replacement of FAS No. 162, as codified in FASB ASC topic 105, *Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* (ASC 105). This statement establishes that the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (Codification) will become the authoritative source of U.S. GAAP and that rules and interpretive releases of the SEC will also be sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. Following this statement, the FASB will not issue new standards in the form of Statements, FASB Staff Positions or Emerging Issues Task Force Abstracts. Instead, it will issue Accounting Standards Updates. We adopted this statement effective for our first quarter of fiscal 2010 and there was no impact on the Company s results of operations, financial condition or liquidity.

In May 2009, the FASB issued SFAS No. 165, *Subsequent Events*, as codified in FASB ASC topic 855, *Subsequent Events* (ASC 855). This statement establishes the accounting for and disclosure required for events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. It requires the disclosure of the date through which an entity has evaluated subsequent events and the basis for that date (that is, whether that date represents the date the financial statements were issued or were available to be issued). We adopted ASC 855 on May 31, 2009, the first day of our fiscal 2010 year.

In April 2009, the FASB issued FSP No. FAS 141(R)-1, Accounting for Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed in a Business Combination That Arise from Contingencies, as codified in FASB ASC topic 805, Business Combinations

(ASC 805). ASC 805 requires that the acquiring entity recognize assets or liabilities that arise from contingencies if the acquisition date fair value of that asset or liability can be determined during the measurement period. If it cannot be determined during the measurement period, then the asset or liability should be recognized at the acquisition date, consistent with SFAS No. 5, *Accounting for Contingencies*, as codified in FASB ASC topic 450, *Contingencies* (ASC 450), if the following criteria are met: (1) information available before the end of the measurement period indicates that it is probable that an asset existed or that a liability had been incurred at the acquisition date, and (2) the amount of the asset or liability can be reasonably estimated. The adoption did not have any impact on the Company s results of operations, financial condition or liquidity.

In April 2009, the FASB issued FSP FAS No. 115-2 and FAS No. 124-2, *Recognition and Presentation of Other-Than-Temporary Impairments*, as codified in FASB ASC topic 320, *Investments Debt and Equity Securities* (ASC 320). This statement modifies the other-than-temporary impairment guidance for debt securities through increased consistency in the timing of impairment recognition and enhanced disclosures related to the credit and noncredit components of impaired debt securities regarding expected to be sold. In addition, increased disclosures are required for both debt and equity securities regarding expected cash flows, credit losses and securities with unrealized losses. We adopted ASC 320 as of May 31, 2009, the first day of our fiscal 2010 year. The adoption did not have any impact on the Company s results of operations, financial condition or liquidity.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS No. 142-3, *Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets*, as codified in FASB ASC subtopic 350-30, *Intangibles Goodwill and Other: General Intangibles Other than Goodwill* (ASC 350-30) and ASC topic 275, *Risks and Uncertainties* (ASC 275), which amends the factors that must be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life over which to amortize the cost of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*, as codified in FASB ASC topic 350, *Intangibles Goodwill and Other* (ASC 350). ASC 350-30 requires an entity to consider its own assumptions about renewal or extension of the term of the arrangement, consistent with its expected use of the asset, and is an attempt to improve consistency between the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under ASC 350 and the period of expected cash flows used to measure the fair value of the asset under ASC 805, *Business Combinations*. We adopted ASC 350-30 on May 31, 2009, the first day of our fiscal 2010 year. The adoption of ASC 350-30 did not have a material impact on the Company s results of operations, financial condition or liquidity.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements, an amendment of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51*, as codified in FASB ASC topic 810, *Consolidation* (ASC 810). ASC 810 requires (a) that noncontrolling (minority) interest be reported as a component of shareholders equity; (b) that net income attributable to the parent and to the noncontrolling interest be separately identified in the consolidated statement of operations; (c) that changes in a parent s ownership interest while the parent retains its controlling interest be accounted for as equity transactions; (d) that any retained noncontrolling equity investment upon the deconsolidation of the subsidiary be initially measured at fair value; and (e) that sufficient disclosures are provided that clearly identify and distinguish between the interest of the parent and the interests of the noncontrolling owners. We adopted ASC 810 on May 31, 2009, the first day of our fiscal 2010 year. The Company currently has no noncontrolling interests that would require application of the pronouncement.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (revised 2007), *Business Combinations*, as codified in FASB ASC topic 805, *Business Combinations* (ASC 805). ASC 805 significantly changes how business combinations are accounted for and is effective for all future business combinations consummated by the Company. Under ASC 805, an acquiring entity is required to recognize, with limited exceptions, all the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a transaction at their fair value on the acquisition date. ASC 805 changes the accounting treatment for certain specific acquisition-related items including, among other items: (1) expensing acquisition-related costs as incurred, (2) valuing noncontrolling interests at fair value at the acquisition date, (3) expensing restructuring costs associated with an acquired business and (4) goodwill. ASC 805 also includes a substantial number of new disclosure requirements to enhance the evaluation of the nature and financial effects of the business combination.

# **12. Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Other recent accounting pronouncements issued by the FASB (including its Emerging Issues Task Force), the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the SEC did not, or are not expected to, have a material effect on the Company s results of operations or financial position.

# ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and related notes. This discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements, within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements relate to expectations concerning matters that are not historical facts. Such forward-looking statements may be identified by words such as anticipates, believes,

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continue, could, estimates, expects, intends, plans, potential, predicts, should, or will may, terms or other comparable terminology. These statements, and all phases of our operations, are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, some of which are identified in Part II Item 1A Risk Factors below and in our report on Form 10-K for the year ended May 30, 2009 (File No. 0-32113). Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements and those of our industry may be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to update the forward-looking statements in this filing. References in this filing to Resources Connection, Resources Resources Global, the Company, Global Professionals, us, and our refer to Resources Connection, Inc we, subsidiaries.

## Overview

Resources Global is an international professional services firm that provides experienced finance, accounting, risk management and internal audit, corporate advisory and strategic communications, information management, human capital, supply chain management and legal and regulatory professionals in support of client-led projects and initiatives. We assist our clients with discrete projects requiring specialized expertise in:

finance and accounting services, such as financial analyses (e.g., product costing and margin analyses), budgeting and forecasting, audit preparation, public-entity reporting, tax-related projects, merger and acquisition due diligence, initial public offering assistance and assistance in the preparation or restatement of financial statements;

information management services, such as financial system/enterprise resource planning implementation and post implementation optimization;

corporate advisory, strategic communications and restructuring services;

risk management and internal audit services (provided via our subsidiary Resources Audit Solutions), including compliance reviews, internal audit co-sourcing and assisting clients with their compliance efforts under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Sarbanes);

supply chain management services, such as strategic sourcing efforts, contracts negotiations and purchasing strategy;

actuarial services for pension and life insurance companies;

human capital services, such as change management and compensation program design and implementation; and

legal and regulatory services, such as providing attorneys, paralegals and contract managers to assist clients (including law firms) with project-based or peak period needs.

We were founded in June 1996 as a division of Deloitte & Touche and operated as Resources Connection, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Deloitte & Touche, from January 1997 until April 1999. In November 1998, our management formed RC Transaction Corp., renamed Resources Connection, Inc., to raise capital for an intended management-led buyout. In April 1999, we completed the management-led buyout in partnership with several investors. In December 2000, we completed our initial public offering of common stock and began trading on the NASDAQ Stock Market. We currently trade on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. In January 2005, we announced the change of our operating entity name to Resources Global Professionals to better reflect the Company s international capabilities.

We operated solely in the United States until fiscal year 2000, when we began to expand geographically to meet the demand for project professional services across the world and opened our first three international offices. Our most significant international transaction was the acquisition of our Netherlands practice in fiscal year 2004. As of November 28, 2009, the Company served clients through 55 offices in the United States including three Sitrick Brincko Group offices acquired November 20, 2009 and 30 offices abroad.

# **Critical Accounting Policies**

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (GAAP). The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

The following represents a summary of our critical accounting policies, defined as those policies that we believe: (a) are the most important to the portrayal of our financial condition and results of operations and (b) involve inherently uncertain issues that require management s most difficult, subjective or complex judgments.

*Valuation of long-lived assets* We assess the potential impairment of long-lived tangible and intangible assets periodically or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Our goodwill and certain other intangible assets are not subject to periodic amortization. These assets are considered to have an indefinite life and their carrying values are required to be assessed by us for impairment at least annually. Depending on future market values of our stock, our operating performance and other factors, these assessments could potentially result in impairment reductions of these intangible assets in the future and this adjustment may materially affect the Company s future financial results.

Allowance for doubtful accounts We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from our clients failing to make required payments for services rendered. We estimate this allowance based upon our knowledge of the financial condition of our clients (which may not include knowledge of all significant events), review of historical receivable and reserve trends and other pertinent information. While such losses have historically been within our expectations and the provisions established, we cannot guarantee that we will continue to experience the same credit loss rates that we have in the past. A significant change in the liquidity or financial position of our clients could cause unfavorable trends in receivable collections and additional allowances may be required. These additional allowances could materially affect the Company s future financial results.

*Income taxes* In order to prepare our consolidated financial statements, we are required to make estimates of income taxes, if applicable, in each jurisdiction in which we operate. The process incorporates an assessment of any current tax exposure together with temporary differences resulting from different treatment of transactions for tax and financial statement purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities that are included in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. The recovery of deferred tax assets from future taxable income must be assessed and, to the extent recovery is not likely, we will establish a valuation allowance. An increase in the valuation allowance results in recording additional tax expense and any such adjustment may materially affect the Company s future financial results. If the ultimate tax liability differs from the amount of tax expense we have reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Operations, an adjustment of tax expense may need to be recorded and this adjustment may materially affect the Company s future financial results.

*Revenue recognition* We primarily charge our clients on an hourly basis for the professional services of our consultants. We recognize revenue once services have been rendered and invoice the majority of our clients in the United States on a weekly basis. Some of our clients served by our international operations are billed on a monthly basis. Our clients are contractually obligated to pay us for all hours billed. To a much lesser extent, we also earn revenue if a client hires one of our consultants. This type of contractually non-refundable revenue is recognized at the time our client completes the hiring process.

*Contingent Consideration* We estimate and record the acquisition date fair value of contingent consideration as part of purchase price consideration for acquisitions occurring subsequent to May 30, 2009. Additionally, each reporting period, we will estimate changes in the fair value of contingent consideration and any change in fair value will be recognized in our statement of operations. Our estimate of the fair value of contingent consideration requires very subjective assumptions to be made of future operating results, discount rates and probabilities assigned to various potential operating result scenarios. Future revisions to these assumptions could materially change our estimate of the fair value of contingent consideration and therefore materially affect the Company s future financial results.

Under the terms of the Membership Interest Purchase Agreement and Goodwill Purchase Agreement of Sitrick Brincko Group and the personal goodwill of Michael Sitrick, up to 20% of the contingent consideration is payable to employees of the acquired business at the end of the measurement period to the extent certain growth targets are achieved. We will record the estimated fair value of the contractual obligation to pay the employee portion of the contingent consideration as compensation expense over the service period as it is deemed probable that such amount is payable. Our estimate of the fair value of the employee portion of contingent consideration requires very subjective assumptions to be made of future operating results, discount rates and probabilities assigned to various potential operating result scenarios. Future revisions to these assumptions could materially change our estimate of the fair value of the employee portion and therefore materially affect the Company s future financial results.

*Stock-based compensation* Under our 2004 Performance Incentive Plan, officers, employees, and outside directors have received or may receive grants of restricted stock, stock units, options to purchase common stock or other stock or stock-based awards. Under our ESPP, eligible officers and employees may purchase our common stock in accordance with the terms of the plan. Effective May 28, 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123 (revised), Share-Based Payment, as codified in FASB ASC topic 718- *Compensation Stock Compensation* (ASC 718), using the modified prospective transition method; accordingly, prior periods have not been restated. Under the previously accepted accounting standards, there was no stock-based compensation expense related to employee stock options and employee stock

purchases recognized during prior periods.

The accounting required by ASC 718 requires that the Company estimate a value for employee stock options on the date of grant using an option-pricing model. We have elected to use the Black-Scholes option-pricing model which takes into account assumptions regarding a number of highly complex and subjective variables. These variables include the expected stock price volatility over the term of the awards and actual and projected employee stock option exercise behaviors. Additional variables to be considered are the expected term and risk-free interest rate over the expected term of our employee stock options. In addition, because stock-based compensation expense recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Operations is based on awards ultimately expected to vest, it is reduced for estimated forfeitures. ASC 718 requires forfeitures to be estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates. Forfeitures are estimated based on historical experience. If facts and circumstances change and we employ different assumptions in the application of ASC 718 in future periods, the compensation expense recorded may differ materially from the amount recorded in the current period.

The weighted average estimated value per share of employee stock options granted during the three months ended November 28, 2009 was \$7.05 using the Black-Scholes model with the following assumptions:

	Three months ended November 28, 2009
Expected volatility	44.1%
Risk-free interest rate	2.2%
Expected dividends	0%
Expected life	5.1 years

The risk-free interest rate assumption is based upon observed interest rates appropriate for the term of our employee stock options. The dividend yield assumption is based on our previous history of not paying dividends and our expectation that the special dividend paid in August 2007 was an isolated event and not the commencement of a regular dividend. The Company s historical expected life of stock option granted by the Company during the second quarter of fiscal 2010 is approximately 5.1 years for non-officers. There were no grants to officers during the second quarter of fiscal 2010. As permitted under Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 107, the Company uses its historical volatility over the expected life of the stock option award to estimate the expected volatility of the price of its common stock.

We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

# Three Months Ended November 28, 2009 Compared to Three Months Ended November 29, 2008

Computations of percentage change period over period are based upon our results, as rounded and presented herein. *Revenue*. Revenue decreased \$68.7 million, or 36.1%, to \$121.5 million for the three months ended November 28, 2009 from \$190.2 million for the three months ended November 29, 2008. Our revenue was adversely affected by a decline in the number of hours worked by our consultants in comparison to the prior year comparable quarter. We believe the primary cause of the decrease in hours worked by our consultants is client uncertainty about the global economic environment, which is causing our clients to approach their business more cautiously and to either defer, downsize or eliminate projects. The revenue recognized during the quarter for Sitrick Brincko Group, acquired on November 20, 2009, was not significant.

The number of hours worked in the second quarter of fiscal 2010 declined about 35.7% from the comparable period in the prior year, while average bill rates were relatively flat compared to the prior year. The number of consultants on assignment as of November 28, 2009 was 2,019 compared to 2,854 consultants engaged as of November 29, 2008. Although we believe we have improved the awareness of our service offerings with clients and prospective clients through our previously completed engagements (including Sarbanes or related internal accounting control services), and that the significant changes taking place in the capital markets may present new opportunities going forward, there can be no assurance about the timing of such opportunities or whether we can successfully capitalize on them, especially given the current uncertain economic climate in the United States and international markets.

We operated 85 and 89 offices as of November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008, respectively; the number of offices as of November 28, 2009 includes three Sitrick Brincko Group offices, located in Century City, California; Santa Monica, California; and New York City, New York. Our clients do not sign long-term contracts with us. As such, there can be no assurance as to future demand levels for the services that we provide or that future results can be reliably predicted by considering past trends.

Revenue for the Company s major practice areas across the globe consisted of the following (in thousands):

		Revenue f Montl				% of Total			
	N	ovember 28, 2009	Ν	ovember 29, 2008	% Change	November 28, 2009	November 29, 2008		
North America Europe Asia Pacific	\$	90,100 25,231 6,195	\$	138,282 42,231 9,720	(34.8)% (40.3)% (36.3)%	74.1% 20.8% 5.1%	72.7% 22.2% 5.1%		
Total	\$	121,526	\$	190,233	(36.1)%	100.0%	100.0%		

Our financial results are subject to fluctuations in the exchange rates of foreign currencies in relation to the United States dollar. Revenues denominated in foreign currencies are translated into United States dollars at the monthly

average exchange rates in effect during the quarter. Thus, as the value of the United States dollar fluctuates relative to the currencies in our non-U.S. based operations, our revenue can be impacted. Using the comparable fiscal 2009 and fiscal 2008 conversion rates, international revenues would have been lower than reported under GAAP by \$2.0 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2010 but higher than reported under GAAP by \$3.9 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2009.

We believe our revenues in the near-term will continue to be impacted by the global economic environment which has reduced our clients demand for the services we provide.

*Direct Cost of Services.* Direct cost of services decreased \$40.9 million, or 35.2%, to \$75.2 million for the three months ended November 28, 2009 from \$116.1 million for the three months ended November 29, 2008. Direct cost of services declined because of a 35.7% decrease in hours worked compared to the prior year second quarter and a 2.3% decrease in the average pay rate to our consultants. The direct cost of services as a percentage of revenue (the direct cost of services percentage) was 61.9% and 61.0% for the three months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008, respectively. The increase in the direct cost of services percentage results from deleveraging of certain consultant benefit costs, such as health care, partially offset by an improvement in the ratio of consultant salary expense to hourly revenue. The trend in deleveraging of consultant benefit costs may continue if revenues remain at current levels or decline.

The cost of compensation and related benefits offered to the consultants of our international offices has been greater as a percentage of revenue than our domestic operations. In addition, international offices use independent contractors more extensively. Thus, the direct cost of services percentage of our international offices has slightly exceeded our domestic operation s targeted direct cost of services percentage of 60%.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.* Selling, general and administrative expenses (S, G & A) as a percentage of revenue were 36.4% and 28.6% for the quarters ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008, respectively. S, G & A decreased \$10.2 million, or 18.8%, to \$44.2 million for the three months ended November 28, 2009 from \$54.4 million for the three months ended November 29, 2008. Management and administrative headcount decreased from 887 at the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2009 to 759 at the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2010.

The decrease in S, G & A quarter-over-quarter was primarily the result of the restructuring actions taken by the Company in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009, including the termination of 77 management and administrative personnel and the closing of seven offices. S, G & A decreases in the second quarter of fiscal 2010 also included: a reduction in marketing expenses; a reduction in recruiting and related expenses; reductions in salary, benefit and related costs (primarily related to the actions taken in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009); a reduction in bonus expense (the Company s bonus program is tied to revenue levels); and a reduction in stock based compensation expense. In addition, the Company incurred approximately \$600,000 in legal fees and other acquisition costs related to the acquisition of Sitrick Brincko Group during the second quarter of fiscal 2010. Under new accounting rules required for business acquisitions, the Company is now required to expense such fees as incurred. The Company did not increase its allowance for doubtful accounts after an evaluation of the Company s client base and receivable balances in the second quarter of fiscal 2010 whereas there was a provision of \$628,000 in the prior year s second quarter.

*Amortization and Depreciation Expense.* Amortization of intangible assets increased to \$438,000 in the second quarter of fiscal 2010 compared to \$275,000 in the prior year s second quarter as a result of amortization related to identifiable intangible assets acquired in fiscal 2009 in connection with the Limbus, Kompetensslussen and Xperianz acquisitions. Based upon unamortized identified intangible assets recorded at November 28, 2009, including identified intangible assets related to the acquisition of Sitrick Brincko Group, the Company anticipates amortization expense related to identified intangible assets to be approximately \$3.5 million during the fiscal year ending May 29, 2010. Depreciation expense decreased slightly from \$2.3 million for the three months ended November 29, 2008 to \$2.2 million for the three months ended November 28, 2009.

*Interest Income*. Interest income was \$167,000 in the second quarter of fiscal 2010 compared to \$380,000 in the second quarter of fiscal 2009. The decrease in interest income in the second quarter of fiscal 2010 is primarily the result of declining interest rates as compared to the prior year s second quarter.

The Company has invested available cash in certificates of deposit, money market investments and government-agency bonds that have been classified as cash equivalents due to the short maturities of these investments. As of November 28, 2009, the Company also has \$18.3 million of investments in commercial paper, government-agency bonds and certificates of deposit with maturity dates between three months and one year from the balance sheet date classified as short-term investments and considered held-to-maturity securities.

*Income Taxes.* The provision for income taxes decreased from \$8.1 million for the three months ended November 29, 2008 to \$1.6 million for the three months ended November 28, 2009. The effective tax rate was 46.1% for the second quarter of fiscal 2009 and (477.6%) for the second quarter of fiscal 2010.

In addition, under current accounting rules, the Company cannot recognize a tax benefit for the stock compensation expense related to certain incentive stock options (ISOs) unless and until the holder exercises his or her option and then sells the shares within a certain period of time. In addition, the Company can only recognize a potential tax benefit for employees acquisition and subsequent sale of shares purchased through the ESPP if the sale occurs within a certain defined period. As a result, the Company s provision for income taxes is likely to fluctuate from historical rates for the foreseeable future. Further, those tax benefits associated with ISO grants fully vested at the date of adoption of current accounting rules for stock based compensation will be recognized as additions to paid-in capital when and if those options are exercised and not as a reduction to the Company s tax provision. The Company recognized a benefit of approximately \$845,000 and \$898,000 related to stock-based compensation for nonqualified stock options expensed and for eligible disqualifying ISO exercises cannot be predicted. The Company predominantly grants nonqualified stock options to employees in the United States.

The tax provision in the second quarter of fiscal 2010 primarily results from taxes on income in the U.S. and certain other foreign jurisdictions, a lower benefit from the U.S. statutory rate for losses in certain foreign jurisdictions and no benefit for losses in jurisdictions with a valuation allowance on the loss carryforwards. Also, the unpredictability of the timing and amount of eligible disqualifying ISO exercise impacts the Company s effective tax rate as described above. Given these factors, we expect our tax rate to continue to be volatile in future reporting periods.

#### Six Months Ended November 28, 2009 Compared to Six Months Ended November 29, 2008

Computations of percentage change period over period are based upon our results, as rounded and presented herein. *Revenue*. Revenue decreased \$157.7 million, or 39.7%, to \$239.8 million for the six months ended November 28, 2009 from \$397.5 million for the six months ended November 29, 2008. Our revenue was adversely affected by a decline in the number of hours worked by our consultants, and to a lesser extent, a decrease in the average bill rate per hour in comparison to the prior year comparable period. We believe the primary cause of the decrease in hours worked by our consultants is client uncertainty about the global economic environment, which is causing our clients to approach their business more cautiously and to either defer, downsize or eliminate projects. The number of hours worked in the first six months of fiscal 2010 declined about 36.9% from the comparable period in the prior year, while average bill rates decreased by 3.8% compared to the prior year. The revenue recognized during the fiscal 2010 period for the Sitrick Brincko Group, acquired on November 20, 2009, was not significant.

Revenue for the Company s major practice areas across the globe consisted of the following (in thousands):

		Revenue	e for t	he Six			
		Mont	hs En	ded		% of Total	
	November 28,		November 29,		%	November 28,	November 29,
		2009		2008	Change	2009	2008
North America	\$	180,427	\$	288,121	(37.4)%	75.2%	72.5%
Europe		46,699		87,780	(46.8)%	19.5%	22.1%
Asia Pacific		12,663		21,637	(41.5)%	5.3%	5.4%
Total	\$	239,789	\$	397,538	(39.7)%	100.0%	100.0%

Our financial results are subject to fluctuations in the exchange rates of foreign currencies in relation to the United States dollar. Revenues denominated in foreign currencies are translated into United States dollars at the monthly average exchange rates in effect during the applicable period. Thus, as the value of the United States dollar fluctuates relative to the currencies in our non-U.S. based operations, our revenue can be impacted. Using the comparable fiscal 2009 and fiscal 2008 conversion rates, international revenues would have been higher than reported under GAAP by \$0.8 million for the first six months of fiscal 2010 and lower than reported under GAAP by \$0.5 million in the first six months of fiscal 2009.

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*Direct Cost of Services.* Direct cost of services decreased \$94.3 million, or 38.9%, to \$148.3 million for the six months ended November 28, 2009 from \$242.6 million for the six months ended November 29, 2008. Direct cost of services declined because of a 36.9% decrease in hours worked compared to the prior year s first six months and a 4.7% decrease in the average pay rate to our consultants. The direct cost of services as a percentage of revenue (the

direct cost of services percentage ) was 61.8% and 61.0% for the six months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008, respectively. The increase in the direct cost of services percentage results from deleveraging of certain consultant benefit costs, such as health care, partially offset by an improvement in the ratio of consultant salary expense to hourly revenue.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.* S, G & A as a percentage of revenue was 40.0% and 27.9% for the six months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008, respectively. S, G & A decreased \$15.0 million, or 13.5%, to \$95.9 million for the six months ended November 28, 2009 from \$110.9 million for the six months ended November 29, 2008.

The decrease in S, G & A year-over-year was primarily the result of the restructuring actions taken by the Company in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009. S, G & A decreases in the six months ended November 28, 2009 included: a reduction in marketing expenses; a reduction in recruiting and related expenses; reductions in salary, benefit and related costs (primarily related to the actions taken in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009); and a reduction in bonus expense (the Company s bonus program is tied to revenue levels). These reductions were partially offset by \$7.0 million in severance costs and compensation expense during the six months ended November 28, 2009 for accelerated vesting of certain stock options grants related to the resignation of two senior executives from the Company during the first quarter of fiscal 2010. The Company did not increase its allowance for doubtful accounts after an evaluation of the Company s client base and receivable balances during the six months ended November 28, 1009 whereas there was a doubtful accounts provision of \$1.3 million in the prior year s first six months.

*Amortization and Depreciation Expense.* Amortization of intangible assets increased to \$831,000 in the six months ended November 28, 2009 compared to \$657,000 in the prior year s comparable period as a result of amortization related to identifiable intangible assets acquired in fiscal 2009 in connection with the Limbus, Kompetensslussen and Xperianz acquisitions.

Depreciation expense decreased slightly from \$4.6 million for the six months ended November 29, 2008 to \$4.4 million for the six months ended November 28, 2009.

*Interest Income*. Interest income was \$346,000 in the first six months of fiscal 2010 compared to \$896,000 in the first six months of fiscal 2009. The decrease in interest income in fiscal 2010 is primarily the result of declining interest rates as compared to the prior year s comparable period.

*Income Taxes.* The provision for income taxes decreased from \$17.7 million for the six months ended November 29, 2008 to a benefit of \$145,000 for the six months ended November 28, 2009. The Company recorded a benefit in the first six months of fiscal 2010 as a result of the pretax loss incurred during the six months ended November 28, 2009. The effective tax rate was 44.6% for the six months ended November 29, 2008 and 1.6% for the six months ended November 28, 2009.

The statutory tax rates in several of our foreign jurisdictions, including jurisdictions with a valuation allowance on loss carry forwards, are significantly lower than our historical U.S. combined federal and state rates. Therefore, the overall tax benefit on worldwide losses in the first six months of fiscal 2010 is significantly lower than our historical rate.

*Comparability of Quarterly Results*. Our quarterly results have fluctuated in the past and we believe they will continue to do so in the future. Certain factors that could affect our quarterly operating results are described in Part II, Item 1A Risk Factors. Due to these and other factors, we believe that quarter-to-quarter comparisons of our results of operations may not be meaningful indicators of future performance.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary source of liquidity is cash provided by our operations. On an annual basis, we have generated positive cash flows from operations since inception.

The Company has a \$3.0 million unsecured revolving credit facility with Bank of America (the Credit Agreement ). The Credit Agreement allows the Company to choose the interest rate applicable to advances. The interest rate options are Bank of America s prime rate and a London Inter-Bank Offered rate (LIBOR) plus 2.25%. Interest, if any, is payable monthly. The Credit Agreement expires November 29, 2010. As of November 28, 2009, the Company had \$2.4 million available under the terms of the Credit Agreement as Bank of America has issued \$600,000 of outstanding letters of credit in favor of third parties related to operating leases. The Company was in compliance with all covenants included in the Credit Agreement.

Operating activities used \$5.5 million in cash for the six months ended November 28, 2009 compared to cash provided of \$31.1 million for the six months ended November 29, 2008. Cash used in operations in the first six months of fiscal 2010 resulted from a net loss of \$9.1 million, offset by favorable non-cash items of \$9.2 million, less net cash changes in operating assets and liabilities of \$5.6 million. In the first six months of fiscal 2009, cash provided by operations resulted from net income of \$22.0 million, increased by non-cash items of \$13.6 million, less net cash used by changes in operating assets and liabilities of \$4.5 million. The primary cause of the unfavorable change in operating cash flows between the two years was the Company s net loss in the first six months of fiscal 2010. Non-cash items include expense for stock-based compensation; these charges do not reflect an actual cash outflow from the Company but are an estimate of the fair value of the services provided by employees and directors in exchange for stock option grants and purchase of stock through the Company s ESPP. As of November 28, 2009, the Company had \$135.7 million of cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$27.5 million for the first six months of fiscal 2010 compared to net cash provided by investing activities of \$7.5 million in the first six months of fiscal 2009. The primary reason was the use of approximately \$28.5 million in cash to acquire Sitrick Brincko Group. Cash received from the redemption of short-term investments (primarily commercial paper and government agency bonds), net of cash used to purchase short-term investments, resulted in a net source of \$2.2 million in the first six months of fiscal 2010 compared to a net source from the redemption of short-term investments of \$11.0 million in the first six months of fiscal 2009. The Company spent approximately \$2.3 million less on property and equipment in the first six months of fiscal 2010 compared to the first six months of fiscal 2009.

Net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$5.3 million for the six months ended November 28, 2009, compared to \$2.6 million for the six months ended November 29, 2008. Cash provided by financing activities increased primarily between the two periods because the Company did not purchase any of its common stock on the open market during the first six months of fiscal 2010, while it used \$6.3 million to acquire shares of its common stock in the first six months of the previous year.

Our ongoing operations and potential growth in the geographic markets we currently serve will require us to continue to make investments in capital equipment, primarily leasehold improvements and technology hardware and software. In addition, we may consider making strategic acquisitions. We anticipate that our current cash and the ongoing cash flows from our operations will be adequate to meet our working capital and capital expenditure needs for at least the next 12 months. If we require additional capital resources to grow our business, either internally or through acquisition, we may seek to sell additional equity securities or to secure debt financing. The sale of additional equity securities or certain forms of debt financing could result in dilution to our stockholders. We may not be able to obtain financing arrangements in amounts or on terms acceptable to us in the future. In the event we are unable to obtain additional financing when needed, we may be compelled to delay or curtail our plans to develop our business, which could have a material adverse effect on our operations, market position and competitiveness.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Information regarding recent accounting pronouncements is contained in Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the three and six months ended November 28, 2009 and November 29, 2008.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

*Interest Rate Risk.* At November 28, 2009, we had approximately \$135.7 million of cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments. Securities that the Company has the ability and positive intent to hold to maturity are carried at amortized cost. These securities consist of commercial paper and government-agency bonds. Cost approximates fair value for these securities. The earnings on these investments are subject to changes in interest rates; however, assuming a constant balance available for investment, a 10% decline in interest rates would reduce our interest income but would not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operation.

*Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk.* For the quarter ended November 28, 2009, approximately 28.1% of the Company s revenues were generated outside of the United States. As a result, our operating results are subject to fluctuations in the exchange rates of foreign currencies in relation to the United States dollar. Revenues and expenses denominated in foreign currencies are translated into United States dollars at the monthly average exchange rates during the period. Thus, as the value of the United States dollar fluctuates relative to the currencies in our non-U.S. based operations, our reported results may vary.

Assets and liabilities of our non-U.S. based operations are translated into United States dollars at the exchange rate effective at the end of each monthly reporting period. Approximately 77.3% of our balances of cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments as of November 28, 2009 were denominated in U.S. dollars. The remainder of our cash was comprised primarily of cash balances translated from Japanese Yen, Euros, Hong Kong Dollars or British Pound Sterling. The difference resulting from the translation each period of assets and liabilities of our non-U.S. based operations are recorded in stockholders equity as a component of accumulated other comprehensive gains.

Although we intend to monitor our exposure to foreign currency fluctuations, we do not currently use financial hedging techniques to mitigate risks associated with foreign currency fluctuations and we cannot assure you that exchange rate fluctuations will not adversely affect our financial results in the future.

#### **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

As required by Rule 13a-15(b) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company s management, including the Company s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company s disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of November 28, 2009. Based on that evaluation, the Company s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company s disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of November 28, 2009. There was no change in the Company s internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) promulgated under the Exchange Act, during the Company s quarter ended November 28, 2009 that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company s internal control over financial reporting. On November 20, 2009 we completed the acquisition of certain assets of Sitrick and Company and Brincko Associates, Inc. through the purchase of all of the outstanding membership interests in Sitrick Brincko Group, LLC. We continue to integrate the historical internal controls over financial reporting of these entities into our own internal controls over financial reporting. Accordingly, certain changes have been made and will continue to be made to our internal controls over financial reporting until such time as this integration is complete. Except as described above, there was no change in the Company s internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) promulgated under the Exchange Act, during the Company s quarter ended November 28, 2009 that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company s internal control over financial reporting.

#### PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

#### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

We are not a party to any material legal proceedings.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes in our risk factors from those disclosed in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 30, 2009, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 29, 2009, except for the addition of a risk factor related to the requirement that we estimate the value of contingent consideration as noted in the acquisition risk factor below. For convenience, our updated risk factors are included below in this Item 1A. The order in which the risks appear is not intended as an indication of their relative weight or importance.

## A continuation of the economic downturn or change in the use of outsourced professional services consultants could adversely affect our business.

Beginning in fiscal 2008, the United States economy deteriorated significantly, resulting in a reduction in our revenue as clients delayed, down-sized or cancelled initiatives that required the use of professional services. In addition, during fiscal 2009 several European and Asia Pacific countries reported significant contraction in their economies. Continued deterioration of the United States and international economies, coupled with tight credit markets, could result in a further reduction in the demand for our services and adversely affect our business in the future. In addition, the use of professional services consultants on a project-by-project basis could decline for non-economic reasons. In the event of a reduction in the demand for our consultants, our financial results would suffer.

The economic downturn may also affect our allowance for doubtful accounts. Our estimate of losses resulting from our clients failure to make required payments for services rendered has historically been within our expectations and the provisions established. However, we cannot guarantee that we will continue to experience the same credit loss rates that we have in the past, especially given the deterioration in the global economy. A significant change in the liquidity or financial position of our clients could cause unfavorable trends in receivable collections and cash flows and additional allowances may be required. These additional allowances could materially affect the Company s future financial results.

In addition, we are required to periodically assess the recoverability of certain assets, including deferred tax assets and long-lived assets. Continued softening of the United States economy and the downturn in international economies could adversely affect our evaluation of the recoverability of such assets, requiring us to record additional tax valuation allowances or consider long-lived asset impairment.

## The market for professional services is highly competitive, and if we are unable to compete effectively against our competitors, our business and operating results could be adversely affected.

We operate in a competitive, fragmented market, and we compete for clients and consultants with a variety of organizations that offer similar services. The competition is likely to increase in the future due to the expected growth of the market and the relatively few barriers to entry. Our principal competitors include:

consulting firms;

local, regional, national and international accounting firms;

independent contractors;

traditional and Internet-based staffing firms; and

the in-house resources of our clients.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to compete effectively against existing or future competitors. Many of our competitors have significantly greater financial resources, greater revenues and greater name recognition, which may afford them an advantage in attracting and retaining clients and consultants. In addition, our competitors may be able to respond more quickly to changes in companies needs and developments in the professional services industry.

## Our business depends upon our ability to secure new projects from clients and, therefore, we could be adversely affected if we fail to do so.

We do not have long-term agreements with our clients for the provision of services. The success of our business is dependent on our ability to secure new projects from clients. For example, if we are unable to secure new client projects because of improvements in our competitors service offerings, or because of a change in government regulatory requirements, or because of an economic downturn decreasing the demand for outsourced professional services, our business is likely to be materially adversely affected. New impediments to our ability to secure projects from clients may develop over time, such as the increasing use by large clients of in-house procurement groups that manage their relationship with service providers.

## We may be legally liable for damages resulting from the performance of projects by our consultants or for our clients mistreatment of our consultants.

Many of our engagements with our clients involve projects that are critical to our clients businesses. If we fail to meet our contractual obligations, we could be subject to legal liability or damage to our reputation, which could adversely affect our business, operating results and financial condition. While we have not been subject to a legal claim filed by a client, it remains possible, because of the nature of our business, that we will be sued in the future. Claims brought against us could have a serious negative effect on our reputation and on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Because we are in the business of placing our consultants in the workplaces of other companies, we are subject to possible claims by our consultants alleging discrimination, sexual harassment, negligence and other similar activities by our clients. We may also be subject to similar claims from our clients based on activities by our consultants. The cost of defending such claims, even if groundless, could be substantial and the associated negative publicity could adversely affect our ability to attract and retain consultants and clients.

#### We may not be able to grow our business, manage our growth or sustain our current business.

Historically, we have grown by opening new offices and by increasing the volume of services provided through existing offices. During the recent economic slow-down, our revenue declined for four consecutive quarters through the first quarter of fiscal 2010. There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain or expand our market presence in our current locations or to successfully enter other markets or locations. Our ability to continue to grow our business will depend upon a number of factors, including our ability to:

grow our client base;

expand profitably into new cities;

provide additional professional services offerings;

hire qualified and experienced consultants;

maintain margins in the face of pricing pressures;

manage costs; and

maintain or grow revenues and increase other service offerings from existing clients.

Even if we are able to resume growth in our revenue, the growth will result in new and increased responsibilities for our management as well as increased demands on our internal systems, procedures and controls, and our administrative, financial, marketing and other resources. Failure to adequately respond to these new responsibilities and demands may adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operation.

## The increase in our international activities will expose us to additional operational challenges that we might not otherwise face.

As we increase our international activities, we will have to confront and manage a number of risks and expenses that we would not face if we conducted our operations solely in the United States. Any of these risks or expenses could cause a material negative effect on our operating results. These risks and expenses include:

difficulties in staffing and managing foreign offices as a result of, among other things, distance, language and cultural differences;

less flexible labor laws and regulations;

expenses associated with customizing our professional services for clients in foreign countries;

foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations when we sell our professional services in denominations other than United States dollars;

protectionist laws and business practices that favor local companies;

political and economic instability in some international markets;

multiple, conflicting and changing government laws and regulations;

trade barriers;

reduced protection for intellectual property rights in some countries; and

potentially adverse tax consequences.

#### We have acquired, and may continue to acquire, companies, and these acquisitions could disrupt our business.

We have acquired several companies and we may continue to acquire companies in the future. Entering into an acquisition entails many risks, any of which could harm our business, including:

diversion of management s attention from other business concerns;

failure to integrate the acquired company with our existing business;

failure to motivate, or loss of, key employees from either our existing business or the acquired business;

potential impairment of relationships with our employees and clients;

additional operating expenses not offset by additional revenue;

incurrence of significant non-recurring charges;

incurrence of additional debt with restrictive covenants or other limitations;

dilution of our stock as a result of issuing equity securities; and

#### assumption of liabilities of the acquired company.

Additionally, in accordance with GAAP, we estimate and record the acquisition date fair value of contingent consideration as part of purchase price consideration for acquisitions occurring subsequent to May 30, 2009. Each reporting period, we will estimate changes in the fair value of contingent consideration and any change in fair value

will be recognized in our statement of operations. Our estimate of the fair value of contingent consideration requires very subjective assumptions to be made of various potential operating result scenarios and discount rates. Future revisions to these assumptions could materially change our estimate of the fair value of contingent consideration and therefore materially affect the Company s future financial results and our financial condition.

Under the terms of our acquisition agreements for Sitrick Brincko Group, up to 20% of the contingent consideration is payable to employees of the acquired business at the end of the measurement period to the extent certain growth targets are achieved. We will record the estimated fair value of the contractual obligation to pay the employee portion of the contingent consideration as compensation expense over the service period as it is deemed probable that such amount is payable. Our estimate of the fair value of the employee portion of contingent consideration requires very subjective assumptions to be made of future operating results, probabilities assigned to various potential operating result scenarios and discount rates. Future revisions to these assumptions could materially change our estimate of the fair value of the employee materially affect the Company s future financial results and our financial condition.

#### We must provide our clients with highly qualified and experienced consultants, and the loss of a significant number of our consultants, or an inability to attract and retain new consultants, could adversely affect our business and operating results.

Our business involves the delivery of professional services, and our success depends on our ability to provide our clients with highly qualified and experienced consultants who possess the skills and experience necessary to satisfy their needs. At various times, such professionals can be in great demand, particularly in certain geographic areas. Our ability to attract and retain consultants with the requisite experience and skills depends on several factors including, but not limited to, our ability to:

provide our consultants with either full-time or flexible-time employment;

obtain the type of challenging and high-quality projects that our consultants seek;

pay competitive compensation and provide competitive benefits; and

provide our consultants with flexibility as to hours worked and assignment of client engagements.

We cannot assure you that we will be successful in accomplishing any of these factors and, even if we are, that we will be successful in attracting and retaining the number of highly qualified and experienced consultants necessary to maintain and grow our business.

#### *Decreased effectiveness of equity compensation could adversely affect our ability to attract and retain employees.* We have historically used stock options as a key component of our employee compensation program in order to align employees interests with the interests of our stockholders, encourage employee retention and provide competitive compensation packages. As a result of our adoption of FASB ASC topic 718 *Compensation Stock Compensation* (ASC 718) in the first quarter of fiscal 2007, the use of stock options and other stock-based awards to attract and retain employees has become more limited due to the possible impact on our results of operations. This could make it more difficult to attract, retain and motivate employees. In addition, many of our options outstanding are priced at more than the current per share market valuation of our stock, further reducing existing option grants as an incentive

to retain employees.

# *Our computer hardware and software and telecommunications systems are susceptible to damage and interruption.* The management of our business is aided by the uninterrupted operation of our computer and telecommunication systems. These systems are vulnerable to security breaches, natural disasters, computer viruses, or other interruptions or damage stemming from power outages, equipment failure or unintended usage by employees. System-wide or local failures of these systems could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

#### Our cash and short-term investments are subject to economic risk.

The Company invests its cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments in United States treasuries and government agencies, bank deposits, money market funds, commercial paper and certificates of deposit. Certain of these investments are subject to general credit, liquidity, market and interest rate risks. In the event these risks caused a decline in value of any of the Company s investments, it could adversely affect the Company s financial condition.

#### Our business could suffer if we lose the services of one or more key members of our senior management.

Our future success depends upon the continued employment of Donald B. Murray, our chief executive officer. The departure of Mr. Murray or other members of our senior management team could significantly disrupt our operations.

## Our quarterly financial results may be subject to significant fluctuations that may increase the volatility of our stock price.

Our results of operations could vary significantly from quarter to quarter. Factors that could affect our quarterly operating results include:

our ability to attract new clients and retain current clients;

the mix of client projects;

the announcement or introduction of new services by us or any of our competitors;

the failure or bankruptcy of one or more of our significant clients;

the expansion of the professional services offered by us or any of our competitors into new locations both nationally and internationally;

changes in the demand for our services by our clients;

the entry of new competitors into any of our markets;

the number of consultants eligible for our offered benefits as the average length of employment with the Company increases;

the amount of vacation hours used by consultants or number of holidays in a quarter, particularly the day of the week on which they occur;

changes in the pricing of our professional services or those of our competitors;

variation in foreign exchange rates from one quarter to the next used to translate the financial results of our international operations;

the amount and timing of operating costs and capital expenditures relating to management and expansion of our business;

the timing of acquisitions and related costs, such as compensation charges that fluctuate based on the market price of our common stock; and

the periodic fourth quarter consisting of 14 weeks, which occurred during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2008.

Due to these factors, we believe that quarter-to-quarter comparisons of our results of operations are not meaningful indicators of future performance. It is possible that in some future periods, our results of operations may be below the expectations of investors. If this occurs, the price of our common stock could decline.

## If our internal control over financial reporting does not comply with the requirements of Sarbanes, our business and stock price could be adversely affected.

Section 404 of Sarbanes requires us to evaluate periodically the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, and to include a management report assessing the effectiveness of our internal controls as of the end of each fiscal year. Our management report on internal controls is contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended May 30, 2009. Section 404 also requires our independent registered public accountant to report on our internal control over financial reporting.

Our management does not expect that our internal control over financial reporting will prevent all errors or acts of fraud. 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. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, involving us have been, or will be, detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty and that breakdowns can occur because of simple errors or mistakes. Controls can also be circumvented by individual acts of a person, or by collusion among two or more people, or by management override of controls. The design of any system of controls is based in part on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and we cannot assure you that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or deterioration in the degree of compliance with policies and procedures. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to errors or fraudulent acts may occur and not be detected.

Although our management has determined, and our independent registered public accountant has attested, that internal control over financial reporting was effective as of May 30, 2009, we cannot assure you that we or our independent registered public accountant will not identify a material weakness in our internal controls in the future. A material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting may require management and our independent registered public accountant to evaluate our internal controls as ineffective. If our internal control over financial reporting is not considered adequate, we may experience a loss of public confidence, which could have an adverse effect on our

business and our stock price. Additionally, if our internal control over financial reporting otherwise fails to comply with the requirements of Sarbanes, our business and stock price could be adversely affected.

## We may be subject to laws and regulations that impose difficult and costly compliance requirements and subject us to potential liability and the loss of clients.

In connection with providing services to clients in certain regulated industries, such as the gaming and energy industries, we are subject to industry-specific regulations, including licensing and reporting requirements. Complying with these requirements is costly and, if we fail to comply, we could be prevented from rendering services to clients in those industries in the future. Additionally, changes in these requirements, or in other laws applicable to us, could increase our costs of compliance in the future.

In addition, we may face challenges from certain state regulatory bodies governing the provision of certain professional services, like legal services or audit services. The imposition of such regulations could require additional financial and operational burdens on our business.

#### It may be difficult for a third party to acquire our Company, and this could depress our stock price.

Delaware corporate law and our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that could delay, defer or prevent a change of control of our Company or our management. These provisions could also discourage proxy contests and make it difficult for you and other stockholders to elect directors and take other corporate actions. As a result, these provisions could limit the price that future investors are willing to pay for your shares. These provisions:

authorize our board of directors to establish one or more series of undesignated preferred stock, the terms of which can be determined by the board of directors at the time of issuance;

divide our board of directors into three classes of directors, with each class serving a staggered three-year term. Because the classification of the board of directors generally increases the difficulty of replacing a majority of the directors, it may tend to discourage a third party from making a tender offer or otherwise attempting to obtain control of us and may make it difficult to change the composition of the board of directors;

prohibit cumulative voting in the election of directors which, if not prohibited, could allow a minority stockholder holding a sufficient percentage of a class of shares to ensure the election of one or more directors;

require that any action required or permitted to be taken by our stockholders must be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting of stockholders and may not be effected by any consent in writing;

state that special meetings of our stockholders may be called only by the chairman of the board of directors, by our chief executive officer, by the board of directors after a resolution is adopted by a majority of the total number of authorized directors, or by the holders of not less than 10% of our outstanding voting stock;

establish advance notice requirements for submitting nominations for election to the board of directors and for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at a meeting;

provide that certain provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws can be amended only by supermajority vote (a 66 2 / 3 % majority) of the outstanding shares. In addition, our board of directors can amend our bylaws by majority vote of the members of our board of directors;

allow our directors, not our stockholders, to fill vacancies on our board of directors; and

provide that the authorized number of directors may be changed only by resolution of the board of directors. The Company s board of directors has adopted a stockholder rights plan, which is described further in Note 11 *Stockholders Equity* of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 30, 2009. The existence of this rights plan may also have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change of control of our Company or our management by deterring acquisitions of our stock not approved by our board of directors.

We are required to recognize compensation expense related to employee stock options and our employee stock purchase plan. There is no assurance that the expense that we are required to recognize measures accurately the value of our share-based payment awards, and the recognition of this expense could cause the trading price of our common stock to decline.

We account for the measurement and recognition of compensation expense for all stock-based compensation based on estimated values. Thus, our operating results contain a non-cash charge for stock-based compensation expense related to employee stock options and our employee stock purchase plan. The application of ASC 718 *Compensation Stock Compensation* generally requires the use of an option-pricing model to determine the value of share-based payment awards. This determination of value is affected by our stock price as well as assumptions regarding a number of highly complex and subjective variables. These variables include, but are not limited to, our expected stock price volatility over the term of the awards, and actual and projected employee stock option exercise behaviors. Option-pricing models were developed for use in estimating the value of traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. Because our employee stock options have certain characteristics that are significantly different from traded options, and because changes in the subjective assumptions can materially affect the estimated value, in management s opinion the existing valuation models may not provide an accurate measure of the value of our employee stock options. Although the value of employee stock options is determined in accordance with ASC 718 and Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 107 using an option-pricing model, that value may not be indicative of the fair value observed in a willing buyer/willing seller market transaction.

As a result of the adoption of ASC 718, our earnings are lower than they would have been had we not been required to adopt ASC 718. There also is variability in our net income due to the timing of the exercise of options that trigger disqualifying dispositions which impact our tax provision. This will continue to be the case for future periods. We cannot predict the effect that this adverse impact on our reported operating results will have on the trading price of our common stock.

## We may be unable to adequately protect our intellectual property rights, including our brand name. If we fail to adequately protect our intellectual property rights, the value of such rights may diminish and our results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected.

We believe that establishing, maintaining and enhancing the Resources Global Professionals brand name is essential to our business. We have applied for United States and foreign registrations on this service mark. We have previously obtained United States registrations on our Resources Connection service mark and puzzle piece logo, Registration No. 2,516,522 registered December 11, 2001; No. 2,524,226 registered January 1, 2002; and No. 2,613,873, registered September 3, 2002, as well as certain foreign registrations. We had been aware from time to time of other companies using the name Resources Connection or some variation thereof and this contributed to our decision to adopt the operating company name of Resources Global Professionals. We obtained United States registration on our Resources Global Professionals service mark, Registration No. 3,298,841 registered September 25, 2007. However, our rights to this service mark are not currently protected in some of our foreign registrations, and there is no guarantee that any of our pending applications for such registration (or any appeals thereof or future applications) will be successful. Although we are not aware of other companies using the name Resources Global Professionals at this time, there could be potential trade name or service mark infringement claims brought against us by the users of these similar names and marks and those users may have service mark rights that are senior to ours. If these claims were successful, we could be forced to cease using the service mark Resources Global Professionals even if an infringement claim is not brought against us. It is also possible that our competitors or others will adopt service names similar to ours or that our clients will be confused by another company using a name, service mark or trademark similar to ours, thereby impeding our ability to build brand identity. We cannot assure you that our business would not be adversely affected if confusion did occur or if we were required to change our name.

#### **Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds** None.

#### Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities

None.

#### Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

On October 22, 2009, the Company held its annual meeting of stockholders. The following matters were presented to stockholders for approval:

1. The election of four directors. The vote for each director was as follows:

Nominee	Shares For	Shares Withheld
Donald B. Murray	42,338,017	597,294
A. Robert Pisano	42,642,759	292,552
Susan J. Crawford	42,679,794	255,517
Michael H. Wargotz	42,681,202	254,109

The continuing directors, whose terms of office did not expire at the meeting, are Neil Dimick, Jolene Sykes-Sarkis, Robert F. Kistinger, Anne Shih and Anthony Cherbak.

2. The ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm.

Shares For	Against	Abstain	Broker Non-Votes
42,576,520 Item 5. Other Information None.	353,407	5,383	0

#### Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit No. 2.1	Description Membership Interest Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 29, 2009, by and among Resources Connection, Inc., Sitrick And Company, Michael S. Sitrick, Brincko Associates, Inc., and John P. Brincko (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of Resources Connection Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on October 29, 2009).
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\* Filed herewith.

#### 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.

	Resources Connection, Inc.
Date: January 7, 2010	/s/ Donald B. Murray
	Donald B. Murray
	Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
	(Principal Executive Officer)
Date: January 7, 2010	/s/ Nathan W. Franke
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	Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice
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	(Principal Financial Officer)
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