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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 10-Q**

**(Mark One)**

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

**For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2007**

**or**

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

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Commission file number: 001-13178**

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**MDC Partners Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Canada**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**98-0364441**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**45 Hazelton Avenue  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**M5R 2E3**  
(Zip Code)

**(416) 960-9000**

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer" and "large accelerated filer" in Rule 12(b)-2 of the Exchange Act (check one)

Large Accelerated Filer  Accelerated Filer  Non-Accelerated Filer

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

Yes  No

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APPLICABLE ONLY TO REGISTRANTS INVOLVED IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS:

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Section 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Act subsequent to the distributions of securities under a plan confirmed by a court. Yes  No

The numbers of shares outstanding as of October 31, 2007 were: 26,202,811 Class A subordinate voting shares and 2,503 Class B multiple voting shares.

**Website Access to Company Reports**

MDC Partners Inc.'s internet website address is [www.mdc-partners.com](http://www.mdc-partners.com). The Company's annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K, and any amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, will be made available free of charge through the Company's website as soon as reasonably practical after those reports are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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## Item 1. Financial Statements

**MDC PARTNERS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (unaudited)**  
(thousands of United States dollars, except share and per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended September		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	30, 2006	2007	2006
Revenue:				
Services	\$ 140,050	\$ 101,122	\$ 394,838	\$ 299,333
Operating Expenses:				
Cost of services sold (1)	90,853	57,150	257,225	177,790
Office and general expenses (2)	36,633	36,666	106,777	97,672
Depreciation and amortization	10,496	6,696	22,741	18,595
Goodwill impairment	—	—	4,475	—
	137,982	100,512	391,218	294,057
Operating profit	2,068	610	3,620	5,276
Other Income (Expense):				
Other income (expense)	(3,146)	625	(4,913)	1,697
Interest expense	(3,691)	(3,351)	(10,182)	(8,244)
Interest income	219	171	1,448	429
	(6,618)	(2,555)	(13,647)	(6,118)
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes, equity in affiliates and minority interests				
	(4,550)	(1,945)	(10,027)	(842)
Income tax recovery	2,816	685	6,596	1,751
Income/(loss) from continuing operations before equity in affiliates and minority interests				
	(1,734)	(1,260)	(3,431)	909
Equity in earnings of non-consolidated affiliates	124	129	134	630
Minority interests in income of consolidated subsidiaries	(5,163)	(1,780)	(14,873)	(9,965)
Loss from continuing operations				
	(6,773)	(2,911)	(18,170)	(8,426)
Loss from discontinued operations	—	(9,998)	—	(20,120)
Net Loss	\$ (6,773)	\$ (12,909)	\$ (18,170)	\$ (28,546)
Loss Per Common Share:				
Basic:				
Continuing operations	\$ (0.27)	\$ (0.12)	\$ (0.74)	\$ (0.35)
Discontinued operations	—	(0.42)	—	(0.84)
Net Loss	\$ (0.27)	\$ (0.54)	\$ (0.74)	\$ (1.19)
Diluted:				

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Continuing operations	\$	(0.27)	\$	(0.12)	\$	(0.74)	\$	(0.35)
Discontinued operations		—		(0.42)		—		(0.84)
Net loss	\$	(0.27)	\$	(0.54)	\$	(0.74)	\$	(1.19)

Weighted Average Number of  
Common Shares Outstanding:

Basic	24,957,704	23,911,327	24,664,159	23,849,571
Diluted	24,957,704	23,911,327	24,664,159	23,849,571

(1) *Includes non cash stock-based compensation of \$299 and \$134 and \$802 and \$2,975, respectively, in each of the three month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, and in each of the nine month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006.*

(2) *Includes non cash stock-based compensation of \$1,574 and \$1,515 and \$4,540 and \$4,006, respectively, in each of the three month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, and in each of the nine month periods ended September 30, 2007 and 2006.*

See notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**MDC PARTNERS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

(thousands of United States dollars)

	<b>September 30, 2007</b>	<b>December 31, 2006</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,089	\$ 6,591
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$886 and \$1,633	148,124	125,744
Expenditures billable to clients	14,167	28,077
Prepaid expenses	7,609	4,816
Other current assets	2,005	1,248
Total Current Assets	178,994	166,476
Fixed assets, at cost, less accumulated depreciation of \$62,203 and \$52,359	46,428	44,425
Investment in equity accounted for affiliates	394	2,058
Goodwill	219,709	203,693
Other intangibles assets, net	40,132	48,933
Deferred tax asset	14,493	13,332
Other assets	16,938	14,584
Total Assets	\$ 517,088	\$ 493,501
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Short-term debt	\$ —	\$ 4,910
Revolving credit facility	—	45,000
Accounts payable	68,172	90,588
Accruals and other liabilities	68,229	75,315
Advance billings	47,339	51,804
Current portion of long-term debt	1,777	1,177
Deferred acquisition consideration	320	2,721
Total Current Liabilities	185,837	271,515
Revolving credit facility	25,631	—
Long-term debt	79,258	5,754
Convertible notes	45,235	38,613
Other liabilities	7,068	5,512
Deferred tax liabilities	5,282	1,140
Total Liabilities	348,311	322,534
Minority interests	48,093	46,553
Commitments, contingencies and guarantees (Note 12)		
Shareholders' Equity:		
Preferred shares, unlimited authorized, none issued	—	—
Class A Shares, no par value, unlimited authorized, 25,236,366 and 23,923,522 shares issued in 2007 and 2006	194,454	184,698
Class B Shares, no par value, unlimited authorized, 2,503 and 2,502 shares issued in 2007 and 2006, each convertible into one Class A share	1	1
Additional paid-in capital	25,792	26,216

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Accumulated deficit	(104,784)	(86,614)
Treasury stock, at cost; 93,848 Class A shares at September 30, 2007	(765)	—
Stock subscription receivable	(251)	(643)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	6,237	756
Total Shareholders' Equity	120,684	124,414
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 517,088	\$ 493,501

See notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.



**MDC PARTNERS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited)**  
(thousands of United States dollars)

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (18,170)	\$ (28,546)
Loss from discontinued operations	—	(20,120)
Loss from continuing operations	(18,170)	(8,426)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss from continuing operations to cash provided by (used in) operating activities		
Depreciation	11,793	9,712
Amortization of intangibles	10,948	8,883
Non-cash stock-based compensation	4,749	6,363
Goodwill impairment	4,475	—
Foreign exchange	8,214	592
Amortization of deferred finance charges	1,980	1,598
Deferred income taxes	(1,819)	(3,342)
Gain on sale of assets	(2,173)	—
Earnings of non-consolidated affiliates	(134)	(630)
Minority interest and other	1,433	(786)
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	(20,241)	(17,355)
Expenditures billable to clients	14,223	(23,334)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(2,604)	(1,166)
Accounts payable, accruals and other liabilities	(30,547)	14,423
Advance billings	(5,930)	17,059
Cash flows provided by (used in) continuing operating activities	(23,803)	3,591
Discontinued operations	—	2,073
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(23,803)	5,664
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(14,970)	(18,791)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(12,534)	(5,176)
Proceeds from sale of assets	8,348	604
Other investments	(389)	—
Distributions received from non-consolidated affiliates	—	499
Discontinued operations	—	(1,641)
Net cash used in investing activities	(19,545)	(24,505)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
(Decrease) Increase in bank indebtedness	(4,910)	479
(Payments) Proceeds under old revolving credit facility	(45,000)	11,800
Proceeds from new revolving credit facility	25,631	—
Proceeds from term loans	75,000	—
Repayment of long-term debt	(5,718)	(1,228)
Proceeds from note payable	2,471	—
Deferred financing costs	(3,946)	—
Issuance of share capital	2,125	535
Proceeds from stock subscription receivable	392	—
Purchase of treasury shares	(765)	—
Discontinued operations	—	(702)

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Net cash provided by financing activities	45,280	10,884
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(1,434)	(374)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	498	(8,331)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	6,591	12,923
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 7,089	4,592
Supplemental disclosures:		
Cash paid to minority partners	\$ 16,310	\$ 14,475
Cash income taxes paid	\$ 1,205	\$ 940
Cash interest paid	\$ 9,133	\$ 6,345
Non-cash transactions:		
Share capital issued on acquisitions	\$ 2,497	\$ 4,459
Capital leases	\$ 1,531	\$ 915
Note receivable exchanged for shares in subsidiary	\$ —	\$ 1,155

See notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**MDC PARTNERS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
(thousands of United States dollars, unless otherwise stated)

**1. Basis of Presentation**

MDC Partners Inc. (the "Company") has prepared the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements included herein pursuant to the rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") of the United States of America ("US GAAP") have been condensed or omitted pursuant to these rules.

The accompanying financial statements reflect all adjustments, consisting of normally recurring accruals, which in the opinion of management are necessary for a fair presentation, in all material respects, of the information contained therein. Results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of annual results.

These statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.

On November 14, 2006, the Company completed the sale of its Secure Products International Group ("SPI") and accordingly has reclassified its 2006 financial results to reflect SPI as discontinued operations.

**2. Significant Accounting Policies**

The Company's significant accounting policies are summarized as follows:

*Principles of Consolidation* . The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of MDC Partners Inc. and its domestic and international controlled subsidiaries that are not considered variable interest entities, and variable interest entities for which the Company is the primary beneficiary. Intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

*Use of Estimates*. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities including goodwill, intangible assets, valuation allowances for receivables and deferred tax assets, and the reporting of variable interest entities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. The estimates are evaluated on an ongoing basis and estimates are based on historical experience, current conditions and various other assumptions believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Concentration of Credit Risk* . The Company provides marketing communications services to clients who operate in most industry sectors. Credit is granted to qualified clients in the ordinary course of business. Due to the diversified nature of the Company's client base, the Company does not believe that it is exposed to a concentration of credit risk. However, one client accounted for approximately 10% of accounts receivable at September 30, 2007. This same client accounted for approximately 17% and 15% of revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively, and 13% and 14% of revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents*. The Company's cash equivalents are primarily comprised of investments in overnight interest-bearing deposits, commercial paper and money market instruments and other short-term investments with original maturity dates of three months or less at the time of purchase. Included in cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, is approximately \$189 and \$172, respectively, of cash restricted as to its

use by the Company.

*Revenue Recognition.* The Company's revenue recognition policies are in compliance with the SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin 104, "Revenue Recognition" ("SAB 104"), and accordingly, revenue is generally recognized when services are earned or upon delivery of the products when ownership and risk of loss has transferred to the customer, the selling price is fixed or determinable and collection of the resulting receivable is reasonably assured.

The Company earns revenue from agency arrangements in the form of retainer fees or commissions; from short-term project arrangements in the form of fixed fees or per diem fees for services; and from incentives or bonuses.

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Non-refundable retainer fees are generally recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the specific customer contract. Commission revenue is earned and recognized upon the placement of advertisements in various media when the Company has no further performance obligations. Fixed fees for services are recognized upon completion of the earnings process and acceptance by the client. Per diem fees are recognized upon the performance of the Company's services. In addition, for certain service transactions, which require delivery of a number of service acts, the Company uses the Proportional Performance model, which generally results in revenue being recognized based on the straight-line method due to the acts being non-similar and there being insufficient evidence of fair value for each service act provided.

Fees billed to clients in excess of fees recognized as revenue are classified as advance billings.

A small portion of the Company's contractual arrangements with clients includes performance incentive provisions, which allow the Company to earn additional revenues as a result of its performance relative to both quantitative and qualitative goals. The Company recognizes the incentive portion of revenue under these arrangements when specific quantitative goals are achieved, or when the Company's clients determine performance against qualitative goals has been achieved. In all circumstances, revenue is only recognized when collection is reasonably assured.

The Company follows EITF No. 99-19, "Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent" ("EITF 99-19"). This Issue summarized the EITF's views on when revenue should be recorded at the gross amount billed because revenue has been earned from the sale of goods or services, or the net amount retained because a fee or commission has been earned. The Company's businesses at times act as an agent and records revenue equal to the net amount retained, when the fee or commission is earned. The Company also follows EITF No. 01-14 for reimbursement received for out-of-pocket expenses. This Issue summarized the EITF's views that reimbursements received for out-of-pocket expenses incurred should be characterized in the income statement as revenue. Accordingly, the Company has included in revenue such reimbursed expenses.

*Stock-Based Compensation* . The fair value method is applied to all awards granted, modified or settled on or after January 1, 2003. Under the fair value method, compensation cost is measured at fair value at the date of grant and is expensed over the service period; that is the award's vesting period. When awards are exercised, share capital is credited by the sum of the consideration paid together with the related portion previously credited to additional paid-in capital when compensation costs were charged against income or acquisition consideration. The Company uses its historical volatility derived over the expected term of the award, to determine the volatility factor used in determining the fair value of the award. The Company uses the "simplified" method to determine the term of the award.

Stock-based awards that are settled in cash or may be settled in cash at the option of employees are recorded as liabilities. The measurement of the liability and compensation cost for these awards is based on the fair value of the award, and is recorded into operating income over the service period; that is the vesting period of the award. Changes in the Company's payment obligation subsequent to vesting of the award and prior to the settlement date are recorded as compensation cost in operating profit in the period of the change. The final payment amount for such awards is established on the date of the exercise of the award by the employee.

Stock-based awards that are settled in cash or equity at the option of the Company are recorded at fair value on the date of grant and recorded as additional paid-in capital. The fair value measurement of the compensation cost for these awards is based on using the Black-Scholes option pricing-model and is recorded in operating income over the service period; that is the vesting period of the award. Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted SFAS 123(R) and has opted to use the modified prospective application transition method. Under this method the Company has not restated its prior year's financial statements. Instead, the Company applies SFAS 123(R) for new awards granted or modified after January 1, 2006, any portion of awards that were granted after December 15, 1994 and have not vested as of January 1, 2006, and any outstanding liability awards. It is the Company's policy for issuing shares upon the exercise of an equity incentive award to verify the amount of shares to be issued, as well as the amount of proceeds to be

collected (if any) and delivery of new shares to the exercising party.

Measurement of compensation cost for awards that are outstanding and classified as equity at January 1, 2006, will be based on the original grant-date fair value calculations of those awards. The Company has adopted the straight-line attribution method for determining the compensation cost to be recorded during each accounting period. However, awards based on performance conditions are recorded as compensation expense when the performance conditions are expected to be met.

On June 1, 2007, the Company's shareholders approved an additional 1,000,000 authorized Class A shares to be added to the Company's 2005 Stock Incentive Plan for a total of 3,000,000 authorized Class A shares.

In March 2007, the Company issued 165,114 Class A shares of financial performance-based restricted stock, and 388,615 financial performance-based restricted stock units, to its employees under the 2005 Stock Incentive Plan. The Class A shares underlying each grant of restricted stock or restricted stock units will vest at 66% based upon achievement by the Company of specified financial performance criteria in 2007, 2008 and 2009. The remaining 34% will vest on the third anniversary date of grant, subject to acceleration if certain financial performance targets are achieved in 2007 and 2008. Based on the Company's expected financial performance in 2007, the Company currently believes that 34% of the 2007 financial performance-based awards to employees will vest on March 15, 2008. Accordingly, the Company will be recording a non-cash stock based compensation charge of \$1,803 from the date of grant through March 15, 2008.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2007, the Company has recorded stock based compensation of \$1,048 relating to these equity incentive grants. The value of the awards was determined based on the fair market value of the underlying stock on the date of grant. The 165,114 Class A shares of restricted stock granted to employees are included in the Company's calculation of Class A shares outstanding as of September 30, 2007.

### 3. Loss Per Common Share

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted loss per common share from continuing operations.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
<b>Numerator</b>				
Numerator for basic loss per common share - loss from continuing operations	\$ (6,733)	\$ (2,911)	\$ (18,170)	\$ (8,426)
Effect of dilutive securities:	—	—	—	—
Numerator for diluted loss per common share - loss from continuing operations plus assumed conversion	\$ (6,733)	\$ (2,911)	\$ (18,170)	\$ (8,426)
<b>Denominator</b>				
Denominator for basic loss per common share - weighted average common shares	24,957,704	23,911,327	24,664,159	23,849,571
Effect of dilutive securities:	—	—	—	—
Denominator for diluted loss per common share - adjusted weighted shares and assumed conversions	24,957,704	23,911,327	24,664,159	23,849,571
Basic loss per common share from continuing operations	\$ (0.27)	\$ (0.12)	\$ (0.74)	\$ (0.35)
Diluted loss per common share from continuing operations	\$ (0.27)	\$ (0.12)	\$ (0.74)	\$ (0.35)

The 8% convertible debentures, options and other rights to purchase 6,893,847 shares of common stock, which includes 371,614 shares of non-vested restricted stock, were outstanding during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, but were not included in the computation of diluted loss per common share because their effect would be antidilutive. Similarly, during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, the 8% convertible debentures, options and other rights to purchase 8,492,018 shares of common stock, which includes 263,500 shares of non-vested restricted stock, were outstanding but were not included in the computation of diluted loss per common share because their effect would be antidilutive.

### 4. Acquisitions

#### 2007 Acquisitions

On August 17, 2007, the Company purchased an additional 16% of the equity interests of VitroRobertson LLC ("Vitro"). This 16% represents one of the founders' remaining equity interest in Vitro. This founder initially had a put option right to the Company for this 16%, which was to become exercisable in 2011. However, the Company agreed to purchase this 16% for an initial payment of \$650, together with the potential of two additional payments of \$75 each based upon client retention targets. The allocation of the cost of the acquisition to the fair value of net assets

acquired resulted in identifiable intangible assets of \$190 and goodwill of \$385. The identifiable intangibles will be amortized on a straight line basis over five years. The intangibles and goodwill are tax deductible in future years.

On June 15, 2007, the Company acquired a 60% membership interest in Redscout, LLC (“Redscout”). Redscout is a brand development and innovation consulting firm. Redscout is expected to expand the Company’s strategic consultancy services within the Strategic Marketing Services segment. The purchase price consisted of \$4,021 in cash and \$641 was paid in the form of 76,340 newly issued Class A shares of the Company. In addition, the Company may be required to make additional payments which are contingent on the results of Redscout’s operations through December 2008. In addition, the Company incurred approximately \$35 of transaction related costs for a total purchase price of \$4,697. The allocation of the cost of the acquisition to the fair value of net assets acquired resulted in amortizable intangible assets of \$1,275 and goodwill of \$2,706 and is based on estimates of fair values and certain assumptions that the Company believes are reasonable. The intangibles and goodwill are tax deductible in future years.

On May 1, 2007, the Company’s 70.1% owned subsidiary, Northstar Research Holdings USA LP, acquired a 51% membership interest in Trend Core LLC (“TC”). TC is a qualitative research firm with a specialty in the understanding of the merger of cultural trends and consumer needs with product innovation. TC is expected to expand the Company’s research capabilities within the Specialized Communication Services segment. The purchase price consisted of \$103 in cash and related closing costs. In addition, the Company may be required to pay up to an additional \$900 in cash to the sellers if TC achieves specified financial targets at certain specified times over the period ending April 30, 2011. The allocation of the cost of the acquisition to the fair value of net assets acquired resulted in an amortizable intangible asset of approximately \$96 based on estimates of fair values and certain assumptions that the Company believes are reasonable. The intangible is tax deductible in future years.



On April 4, 2007, the Company acquired a 59% membership interest in HL Group Partners LLC (“HL”). The Company intends to use up to 8% of the membership interests acquired for purposes of entering into a profits interest arrangement with other key executives of HL, or “Gen II” management. Gen II management will also have liquidity rights based on any appreciation of value over the original purchase price attributable to the profits interest. HL is a marketing strategy and corporate communications firm with a specialty in high end fashion and luxury goods. HL is expected to expand the Company’s creative talent within the Strategic Marketing Services segment. The purchase price consisted of \$4,813 in cash, of which \$4,493 was paid and \$320 will be paid on April 4, 2008, and \$1,000 was paid in the form of 128,550 newly-issued Class A shares of the Company. In addition, the Company incurred transaction costs of approximately \$30 for a total purchase price of \$5,843. The allocation of the cost of the acquisition to the fair value of net assets acquired resulted in amortizable intangible assets of \$2,154 and goodwill of \$3,442 and is based on estimates of fair values and certain assumptions that the Company believes are reasonable. The intangibles and goodwill are tax deductible in future years.

On February 2, 2007, the Company, through its subsidiary Bryan Mills Group Ltd. (“Bryan Mills”), acquired 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of Iradesso Communications Corp., a Canadian financial communications firm. This acquisition provides the Company an opportunity to expand its business, in terms of productive talent, service offerings and geographic presence. The purchase price for this transaction included a cash payment equal to \$342 and the issuance of shares in Bryan Mills representing 11.85% of the equity ownership in Bryan Mills, valued at \$815. The Company incurred transaction costs of \$40 for a total purchase price of \$1,197. This cost has been assigned to an intangible asset relating to the value of the new employment agreement with the former owner of Iradesso Communications Corp. and will be amortized over a five year term. The intangible asset is tax deductible in future years.

## **2006 Acquisitions**

During 2006, the Company did not complete any material acquisitions. However, the Company did complete the following transactions:

On February 7, 2006, the Company purchased the remaining outstanding membership interests of 12.33% of Source Marketing LLC (“Source”) pursuant to an exercise of a put option notice delivered in October 2005. The purchase price of \$2,287 consisted of cash of \$1,830 and the delivery of 1,063,516 shares of LifeMed Media Inc. (“LifeMed”) valued at \$457. The Company’s carrying value of these LifeMed shares was \$27, thus the Company recorded a gain on the disposition of these shares of \$430, which has been included in other income.

On February 15, 2006, Source issued 15% of its membership interests to certain members of management. The purchase price for these membership interests was \$1,540, which consisted of \$385 cash and recourse notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to \$1,155. In addition, the purchaser also received a fully vested option to purchase an additional 5% of Source at an exercise price based upon the price paid above. This call option was exercised by the management members in October 2006. An amended and restated LLC agreement was entered into with these new members. The agreement also provides these members with an option to put to the Company these membership interests from December 2008-2012. During the quarter ended March 31, 2006, the Company recorded a non-cash stock based compensation charge of \$2,338 relating to the price paid for the membership interests, which was less than the fair value of such membership interests and the fair value of the option granted. The 5% call option exercise resulted in a dilution loss of \$626 and reduced the Company’s equity ownership in Source down to 80%.

On July 1, 2006, the Company and Mono Advertising, LLC amended its operating agreement to eliminate certain governance limitations that the Company had on its ability to exercise control of Mono Advertising, LLC. Effective July 1, 2006 the Company has consolidated Mono Advertising, LLC, which had previously been accounted for under the equity method.

On July 27, 2006, the Company settled a put option obligation for a fixed amount equal to \$1,492, relating to the purchase of 4.3% of additional equity interests of Accent Marketing, LLC. The settlement of this put was satisfied by a cash payment of \$424, plus the cancellation of an outstanding promissory note to the Company in a principal amount equal to \$1,068. The purchase price was allocated as follows: \$403 to identified intangibles, amortized over eight years and the balance of \$1,089 as additional goodwill. The goodwill and intangibles are deductible for tax purposes. Following this transaction, the Company owns 93.7% of Accent Marketing, LLC.

On November 14, 2006, the Company purchased an additional 20% interest in Northstar Research Partners Inc. ("Northstar") for \$3,405 in cash, increasing the Company's ownership interest in Northstar to 70%. This transaction resulted in an allocation of the purchase price to goodwill of \$2,989 and identifiable intangible assets of \$415. In February 2007, Northstar acquired an additional 18% of Northstar Research (UK) Limited for approximately \$27. This cost has been assigned to goodwill. Northstar now owns 82% of Northstar Research (UK) Limited.

On November 14, 2006, the Company through its subsidiary Zig Inc. purchased a 65% interest in Hadrian's Wall Advertising, LLC for \$550. Hadrian's Wall Advertising, LLC is a creative advertising firm that was acquired to facilitate the expansion of the Zig Canada business into the US market. In addition the Company purchased an additional 0.2% of Zig Inc. for cash of \$18 and 30,000 of the Company's Stock Appreciation Rights ("SARs"), valued at \$104, increasing the Company's ownership interest in Zig, Inc. to 50.1%. The purchase price was allocated to goodwill of \$18 and the value of the SARs was considered to be compensation expense and will be amortized over the vesting period of the SARs. Effective November 17, 2006, as a result of the additional share purchase, the Company has consolidated Zig Inc., which had previously been accounted for under the equity method.

On December 15, 2006, the Company and Accumark Communications Inc. amended its operating agreement to eliminate certain minority rights. As a result of this amendment, effective December 15, 2006, the Company has consolidated Accumark Communications Inc., which had previously been accounted for under the equity method.

## **5. Accrued and Other Liabilities**

At September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, accrued and other liabilities included amounts due to minority interest holders, for their share of profits, which will be distributed within the next twelve months of \$10,538 and \$11,129, respectively.

In August 2006, one of the entities in the Strategic Marketing Services segment closed an office on the West Coast. The Company incurred a charge to operations of \$2,624 resulting primarily from lease termination costs and the write off of the related leasehold improvements. The liability is expected to be paid out over the next five years.

## **6. Discontinued Operations**

In June 2006, the Company's Board of Directors made the decision to sell or otherwise divest the Company's Secure Paper Businesses and Secure Card Businesses (collectively, "Secure Products International" or "SPI").

On November 14, 2006, the Company completed its sale of SPI, resulting in net proceeds of approximately \$27,000. Consideration was received in the form of cash of \$20,000 and five additional annual payments of \$1,000. In addition, the Company received a 7.5% equity interest in the newly formed entity acquiring SPI. The Company had initially recorded the present value of the five additional payments of \$3,724 as other assets. In July 2007, the Company received an accelerated payment of \$2,000 representing amounts originally due in 2010 and 2011. As a result of the receipt of this payment, the Company recorded interest income of \$733 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. Also included in Other Assets is the estimated value of the 7.5% equity interest received of \$1,924. The results of operations of SPI during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 was a loss of \$9,998 and \$20,120, respectively. Included in such losses is an impairment charge of \$11,607 and \$19,498, respectively, which was based on the estimated net proceeds from the sale of SPI.

Based on the net proceeds and average borrowing rate, the Company has allocated interest expense to discontinued operations of \$364 and \$1,029 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively.

Included in discontinued operations in the Company's consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 was the following:

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2006</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006</b>
Revenue	\$ 20,860	\$ 56,799
Depreciation expense and impairment charge	\$ 11,607	\$ 21,799
Operating loss	\$ (9,268)	\$ (18,008)
Other expense	\$ (491)	\$ (1,958)
Income tax expense	\$ (239)	\$ (154)
Net loss from discontinued operations	\$ (9,998)	\$ (20,120)

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## 7. Comprehensive Loss

Total comprehensive loss and its components were:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Net loss for the period	\$ (6,773)	\$ (12,909)	\$ (18,170)	\$ (28,546)
Foreign currency cumulative translation adjustment	\$ 2,574	\$ (2,241)	\$ 5,481	\$ (159)
Comprehensive loss for the period	\$ (4,199)	\$ (15,150)	\$ (12,689)	\$ (28,705)

## 8. Short-Term Debt, Long-Term Debt and Convertible Debentures

Debt consists of:

	September 30, 2007	December 31, 2006
Short-term debt	\$ —	\$ 4,910
Revolving credit facility	25,631	45,000
8% convertible debentures (1)	45,235	38,613
Term loans	75,000	—
Notes payable and other bank loans	3,285	5,206
	149,151	93,729
Obligations under capital leases	2,750	1,725
	151,901	95,454
Less:		
Revolving credit facility	—	45,000
Short-term debt	—	4,910
Current portions	1,777	1,177
Long term portion	\$ 150,124	\$ 44,367

Short-term debt represents outstanding checks at the end of the reporting periods.

(1) The 8% convertible debentures are due and payable in Canadian dollars and as such the balance due will fluctuate with foreign currency movements.

### New Financing Agreement

On June 18, 2007, MDC Partners Inc. (the "Company") and its material subsidiaries entered into a new \$185,000 senior secured financing agreement (the "Financing Agreement") with Fortress Credit, an affiliate of Fortress Investment Group, as collateral agent and Wells Fargo Bank, as administrative agent, and a syndicate of lenders. This facility replaced the Company's existing \$96,500 credit facility that was originally expected to mature on September 21, 2007. Proceeds from the Financing Agreement were used to repay in full the outstanding balances on the Company's existing credit facility. All of these repaid credit facilities have been terminated.

The new Financing Agreement consists of a \$55,000 revolving credit facility, a \$60,000 term loan and a \$70,000 delayed draw term loan. Borrowings under the Financing Agreement will bear interest as follows: (a) LIBOR Rate Loans bear interest at applicable interbank rates and Reference Rate Loans bear interest at the rate of interest publicly announced by the Reference Bank in New York, New York, plus (b) a percentage spread ranging from 0% to a maximum of 4.75% depending on the type of loan and the Company's Senior Leverage Ratio. In addition, the

Company is required to pay a facility fee of 50 basis points.

The new Financing Agreement is guaranteed by the material subsidiaries of the Company and matures on June 17, 2012. The Financing Agreement is subject to various covenants, including a senior leverage ratio, fixed charges ratio, limitations on debt incurrence, limitation on liens and limitation on dividends and other payments. At September 30, 2007, the unused portion of the total facility was \$77,891.

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At September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, the aggregate amount of outstanding checks (disclosed as “Short-term debt” in Current Liabilities on the balance sheet) was zero and \$4,910, respectively.

The Company has classified the revolving credit facility of the Financing Agreement as a long term liability in accordance with EITF 95-22, “Balance Sheet Classification of Borrowings Outstanding under Revolving Credit Agreements that include both a Subjective Acceleration Clause and a Lock-Box Agreement”. Management believes that no conditions have occurred that would result in subjective acceleration by the lenders under the Financing Agreement, and management believes that no such conditions will exist over the next twelve months. The weighted average interest rate on the outstanding debt under the Financing Agreement was 9.59% at September 30, 2007. The weighted average interest rate on the prior credit facility was 8.13% at December 31, 2006.

As of September 30, 2007, and December 31, 2006, \$1,847 and \$2,414 of the consolidated cash position is held by subsidiaries, which, although available for the subsidiaries’ use, does not represent cash that is available for use to reduce the Company’s indebtedness.

### **8% Convertible Unsecured Subordinated Debentures**

On June 28, 2005, the Company completed an offering in Canada of convertible unsecured subordinated debentures amounting to C\$45,000 (\$36,723) (the “Debentures”). The Debentures mature on June 30, 2010 and bear interest at an annual rate of 8.00% payable semi-annually, in arrears, on June 30 and December 31 of each year. The Company did not have an effective resale registration statement filed with the SEC on December 31, 2005, and as a result the rate of interest increased by an additional 0.50% for the first six month period following December 31, 2005. As of April 19, 2006, the Company had an effective resale registration statement and as a result the interest rate returned to 8.0% effective July 1, 2006. Unless an event of default has occurred and is continuing, the Company may elect, from time to time, subject to applicable regulatory approval, to issue and deliver Class A subordinate voting shares to the Debenture trustee in order to raise funds to satisfy all or any part of the Company’s obligations to pay interest on the Debentures in accordance with the indenture in which holders of the Debentures will be entitled to receive a cash payment equal to the interest payable from the proceeds of the sale of such Class A subordinate voting shares by the Debenture trustee.

The Debentures are convertible at the holder’s option into fully-paid, non-assessable and freely tradable Class A subordinate voting shares of the Company, at any time prior to maturity or redemption, subject to the restrictions on transfer, at a conversion price of C\$14.00 (\$14.07 as of September 30, 2007) per Class A subordinate voting share being a ratio of approximately 71.4286 Class A subordinate voting shares per C\$1,000.00 (\$1,005 as of September 30, 2007) principal amount of Debentures.

The Debentures may not be redeemed by the Company on or before June 30, 2008. Thereafter, but prior to June 30, 2009, the Debentures may be redeemed, in whole or in part from time to time, at a price equal to the principal amount of the Debenture plus accrued and unpaid interest, provided that the volume weighted average trading price of the Class A subordinate voting shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange during a specified period is not less than 125% of the conversion price. From July 1, 2009 until the maturity of the Debentures, the Debentures may be redeemed by the Company at a price equal to the principal amount of the Debenture plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any. The Company may elect to satisfy the redemption consideration, in whole or in part, by issuing Class A subordinate voting shares of the Company to the holders, the number of which will be determined by dividing the principal amount of the Debenture by 95% of the current market price of the Class A subordinate voting shares on the redemption date. Upon the occurrence of a change of control of the Company involving the acquisition of voting control or direction over 50% or more of the outstanding Class A subordinate voting shares prior to June 30, 2008, the Company shall be required to make an offer to purchase all of the then outstanding Debentures at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus an amount equal to the interest payments not yet received on the Debentures calculated from the date of the change of control to June 30, 2008, discounted at a specified rate. Upon the occurrence of a change of

control on or after June 30, 2008, the Company shall be required to make an offer to purchase all of the then outstanding Debentures at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Debentures plus accrued and unpaid interest to the purchase date.



## 9. Shareholders' Equity

During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, Class A share capital increased by \$9,756, as the Company issued 999,767 Class A shares related to the exercise of stock options, vested restricted stock, and stock appreciation right awards. Additionally, during the nine months ended September 30, 2007, the Company issued 313,077 Class A shares, valued at \$2,496 in connection with acquisitions and the settlement of a deferred acquisition consideration payment. During the nine months ended September 30, 2007 "Additional paid-in capital" decreased by \$424, of which \$5,135 related to the exercise of stock appreciation right awards and stock options and \$38 related to the resolution of a contingency based on the Company's share price relating to a previous acquisition, offset by \$4,749 related to an increase from stock-based compensation that was expensed during the same period.

In March 2007, the Company purchased 83,253 Class A shares for \$660 from employees in connection with the required tax withholding resulting from the vesting of restricted stock. In addition, during the third quarter of 2007, the Company received 10,595 Class A shares valued at \$105 in connection with a partial repayment of a note receivable from the Company's Chief Executive Officer.

## 10. Other Income (Expense)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Other income	\$ 495	\$ 98	\$ 334	\$ 417
Foreign currency transaction losses (b)	(3,629)	(400)	(7,070)	(99)
Gain (loss) on sale/recovery of assets				
(a)	(12)	927	1,823	1,379
	\$ (3,146)	\$ 625	\$ (4,913)	\$ 1,697

(a) On April 17, 2007, the Company sold the plane that was acquired in connection with the Zyman acquisition for consideration equal to \$6,368. In connection with the sale, the Company repaid the loan relating to the plane in an amount equal to \$5,001 and recorded a gain on the sale of \$1,846.

(b) During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, the Company has recorded unrealized foreign currency transaction losses of \$3,629 and \$7,070, respectively, representing the weakening in the US dollar compared to the Canadian dollar primarily on its intercompany balances. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, the Company had recorded unrealized foreign currency transaction losses of \$400 and \$99, respectively, representing the weakening in the US dollar compared to the Canadian dollar primarily on its intercompany balances.

## 11. Segmented Information

During the fourth quarter of 2006, the Company assessed its reportable operating segments and reclassified Margeotes Fertitta Powell, LLC ("MFP") from the Strategic Marketing Services ("SMS") segment to the Specialized Communication Services segment, as MFP's performance currently and for the foreseeable future is not consistent with the performance of the operating units in the SMS segment. The Company has recast its prior year disclosures to conform to the current year presentation. The Company reports in three segments plus corporate. The segments are as follows:

- The *Strategic Marketing Services* ("SMS") segment includes Crispin Porter & Bogusky, kirshenbaum bond + partners, and Zyman Group LLC, among others. This segment consists of integrated marketing consulting services firms that offer a complement of marketing consulting services including advertising and media, marketing communications including direct marketing, public relations, corporate communications, market research, corporate identity and branding,

interactive marketing and sales promotion. Each of the entities within SMS share similar economic characteristics, specifically related to the nature of their respective services, the manner in which the services are provided and the similarity of their respective customers. Due to the similarities in these businesses, they exhibit similar long term financial performance and have been aggregated together.

- The *Customer Relationship Management* (“CRM”) segment provides marketing services that interface directly with the consumer of a client’s product or service. These services include the design, development and implementation of a complete customer service and direct marketing initiative intended to acquire, retain and develop a client’s customer base. This is accomplished using several domestic and two foreign-based customer contact facilities.
- The *Specialized Communication Services* (“SCS”) segment includes all of the Company’s other marketing services firms that are normally engaged to provide a single or a few specific marketing services to regional, national and global clients. These firms provide niche solutions by providing world class expertise in select marketing services.

In March 2007, due to continued operating and client losses, the Company ceased MFP's current operations and spun off a new operating business and as a result incurred a goodwill impairment charge of \$4,475. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, the Company incurred operating losses, excluding the goodwill impairment charge, of \$808 and \$4,256, respectively, relating to MFP.

The significant accounting policies of these segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies included in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

The SCS segment is an "Other" segment pursuant SFAS 131 "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information".

Summary financial information concerning the Company's operating segments is shown in the following tables:

**Three Months Ended September 30, 2007**

(thousands of United States dollars)

	Strategic Marketing Services	Customer Relationship Management	Specialized Communication Services	Corporate	Total
Revenue	\$ 79,110	\$ 29,885	\$ 31,055	\$ —	140,050
Cost of services sold	47,252	21,841	21,760	—	90,853
Office and general expense	18,358	5,224	6,079	6,972	36,633
Depreciation and amortization	7,143	1,680	1,429	244	10,496
Operating Profit/(Loss)	6,357	1,140	1,787	(7,216)	2,068
<b>Other Expense:</b>					
Other expense, net					(3,146)
Interest expense, net					(3,472)
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes, equity in affiliates and minority interests					
					(4,550)
Income tax recovery					
					2,816
Income from continuing operations before equity in affiliates and minority interests					
					(1,734)
Equity in earnings of non-consolidated affiliates					
					124
Minority interests in income of consolidated subsidiaries					
	(4,172)	(42)	(949)	—	(5,163)
Net Loss					
				\$	(6,773)

Supplemental Segment Information:

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Non cash stock based compensation	\$	306	\$	–	\$	(7)	\$	1,574	\$	1,873
Capital expenditures	\$	3,355	\$	3,835	\$	297	\$	19	\$	7,506
Goodwill and intangibles	\$	187,823	\$	29,385	\$	42,633	\$	–	\$	259,841
Total assets	\$	326,502	\$	72,126	\$	102,807	\$	15,653	\$	517,088

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**Three Months Ended September 30, 2006**

(thousands of United States dollars)

	<b>Strategic Marketing Services (recasted)</b>	<b>Customer Relationship Management</b>	<b>Specialized Communication Services (recasted)</b>	<b>Corporate</b>	<b>Total</b>
Revenue	\$ 58,890	\$ 20,934	\$ 21,298	\$ —	101,122
Cost of services sold	26,948	15,147	15,055	—	57,150
Office and general expenses	22,053	4,549	5,103	4,961	36,666
Depreciation and amortization	4,945	1,240	449	62	6,696
Operating Profit/(Loss)	4,944	(2)	691	(5,023)	610
<b>Other Income (Expense):</b>					
Other income					625
Interest expense, net					(3,180)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes, equity in affiliates and minority interests					(1,945)
Income tax recovery					685
Loss from continuing operations before equity in affiliates and minority interests					(1,260)
Equity in earnings of non-consolidated affiliates					129
Minority interests in income of consolidated subsidiaries	(1,370)	11	(421)	—	(1,780)
Loss from continuing operations					(2,911)
Loss from discontinued operations					(9,998)
Net Loss					\$ (12,909)
<b>Supplemental Segment Information:</b>					
Non cash stock based compensation	\$ 128	\$ 6	\$ —	\$ 1,515	\$ 1,649
Capital expenditures	\$ 1,860	\$ 5,307	\$ 249	\$ 78	\$ 7,494

**Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007**

(thousands of United States dollars)

	Strategic Marketing Services	Customer Relationship Management	Specialized Communication Services	Corporate	Total
Revenue	\$ 228,117	\$ 79,134	\$ 87,587	\$ —	\$ 394,838
Cost of services sold	136,328	57,712	63,185	—	257,225
Office and general expenses	54,685	14,429	17,600	20,063	106,777
Depreciation and amortization	14,740	4,759	2,813	429	22,741
Goodwill impairment	—	—	4,475	—	4,475
Operating Profit/(Loss)	22,364	2,234	(486)	(20,492)	3,620
<b>Other Expense:</b>					
Other expense, net					(4,913)
Interest expense, net					(8,734)
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes, equity in affiliates and minority interests					(10,027)
Income tax recovery					6,596
Loss from continuing operations before equity in affiliates and minority interests					(3,431)
Equity in earnings of non-consolidated affiliates					134
Minority interests in income of consolidated subsidiaries	(12,138)	(68)	(2,667)	—	(14,873)
Net Loss				\$	(18,170)
<b>Supplemental Segment Information:</b>					
Non cash stock based compensation	\$ 797	\$ 5	\$ —	\$ 4,540	\$ 5,342
Capital expenditures	\$ 6,841	\$ 6,350	\$ 1,592	\$ 187	\$ 14,970

**Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006**

(thousands of United States dollars)

	<b>Strategic Marketing Services (recasted)</b>	<b>Customer Relationship Management</b>	<b>Specialized Communication Services (recasted)</b>	<b>Corporate</b>	<b>Total</b>
Revenue	\$ 171,415	\$ 60,747	\$ 67,171	\$ —	299,333
Cost of services sold	85,336	44,554	47,900	—	177,790
Office and general expenses	54,186	11,882	14,257	17,347	97,672
Depreciation and amortization	13,697	3,429	1,310	159	18,595
Operating Profit/(Loss)	18,196	882	3,704	(17,506)	5,276
<b>Other Income (Expense):</b>					
Other income					1,697
Interest expense, net					(7,815)
<b>Loss from continuing operations before income taxes, equity in affiliates and minority interests</b>					
					(842)
Income tax recovery					1,751
<b>Income from continuing operations before equity in affiliates and minority interests</b>					
					909
<b>Equity in earnings of non-consolidated affiliates</b>					
					630
<b>Minority interests in income of consolidated subsidiaries</b>					
	(8,047)	(27)	(1,891)	—	(9,965)
<b>Loss from continuing operations</b>					
					(8,426)
<b>Loss from discontinued operations</b>					
					(20,120)
<b>Net Loss</b>					
					\$ (28,546)
<b>Supplemental Segment Information:</b>					
Non cash stock based compensation	\$ 619	\$ 18	\$ 2,338	\$ 4,006	6,981
Capital expenditures	\$ 7,774	\$ 9,926	\$ 820	\$ 271	18,791

A summary of the Company's revenue by geographic area, based on the location in which the services originated, is set forth in the following table:

	<b>United States</b>	<b>Canada</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Revenue				
Three Months Ended September 30,				
2007	\$ 112,225	\$ 24,524	\$ 3,301	\$ 140,050
2006	\$ 85,215	\$ 13,655	\$ 2,252	\$ 101,122
Nine Months Ended September 30,				
2007	\$ 319,556	\$ 66,531	\$ 8,751	\$ 394,838
2006	\$ 253,879	\$ 41,275	\$ 4,179	\$ 299,333

## 12. Commitments, Contingencies and Guarantees

*Put Options.* Owners of interests in certain subsidiaries have the right in certain circumstances to require the Company to acquire the remaining ownership interests held by them. The owners' ability to exercise any such "put option" right is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including conditions requiring notice in advance of exercise. In addition, these rights cannot be exercised prior to specified staggered exercise dates. The exercise of these rights at their earliest contractual date would result in obligations of the Company to fund the related amounts during the period 2007 to 2013. It is not determinable, at this time, if or when the owners of these rights will exercise all or a portion of these rights.

The amount payable by the Company in the event such rights are exercised is dependent on various valuation formulas and on future events, such as the average earnings of the relevant subsidiary through the date of exercise, the growth rate of the earnings of the relevant subsidiary during that period, and, in some cases, the currency exchange rate at the date of payment.

Management estimates, assuming that the subsidiaries owned by the Company at September 30, 2007, perform over the relevant future periods at their trailing twelve-months earnings levels, that these rights, if all exercised, could require the Company, in future periods, to pay an aggregate amount of \$143,044 to the owners of such rights to acquire such ownership interests in the relevant subsidiaries. Of this amount, the Company is entitled, at its option, to fund approximately \$28,132 by the issuance of share capital. The ultimate amount payable relating to these transactions will vary because it is dependent on the future results of operations of the subject businesses and the timing of when these rights are exercised. In October and November 2007, the Company and the other equity holders of kirshenbaum bond + partners LLC and Crispin Porter & Bogusky LLC agreed to an accelerated exercise of the Company's existing call options that were otherwise exercisable in December 2007 and 2008. These call options represent approximately \$70,113 of the aggregate estimate above. See Note 14.

*Deferred Acquisition Consideration.* In addition to the consideration paid by the Company in respect of certain of its acquisitions at closing, additional consideration may be payable, or may be potentially payable based on the achievement of certain threshold levels of earnings. Should the current level of earnings be maintained by these acquired companies, no additional consideration, in excess of the deferred acquisition consideration reflected on the Company's balance sheet at September 30, 2007, would be owed by the Company in 2007.

*Natural Disasters.* Certain of the Company's operations are located in regions of the United States which typically are subject to hurricanes. During the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, these operations did not incur any costs related to damages resulting from hurricanes.



*Guarantees.* In connection with certain dispositions of assets and/or businesses in 2001, 2003 and 2006, the Company has provided customary representations and warranties whose terms range in duration and may not be explicitly defined. The Company has also retained certain liabilities for events occurring prior to sale, relating to tax, environmental, litigation and other matters. Generally, the Company has indemnified the purchasers in the event that a third party asserts a claim against the purchaser that relates to a liability retained by the Company. These types of indemnification guarantees typically extend for a number of years.

In connection with the sale of the Company's investment in Custom Direct Inc. ("CDI"), the amounts of indemnification guarantees were limited to the total sale price of approximately \$84,000. For the remainder, the Company's potential liability for these indemnifications are not subject to a limit as the underlying agreements do not always specify a maximum amount and the amounts are dependent upon the outcome of future contingent events.

Historically, the Company has not made any significant indemnification payments under such agreements and no amount has been accrued in the accompanying consolidated financial statements with respect to these indemnification guarantees. The Company continues to monitor the conditions that are subject to guarantees and indemnifications to identify whether it is probable that a loss has occurred, and would recognize any such losses under any guarantees or indemnifications in the period when those losses are probable and estimable.

For guarantees and indemnifications entered into after January 1, 2003, in connection with the sale of SPI and the Company's investment in CDI, the Company has estimated the fair value of its liability, which was insignificant.

*Legal Proceedings.* The Company's operating entities are involved in legal proceedings of various types. While any litigation contains an element of uncertainty, the Company has no reason to believe that the outcome of such proceedings or claims will have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company.

*Commitments.* The Company has commitments to fund \$322 in two investment funds over a period of up to two years. At September 30, 2007, the Company has issued \$6,478 of undrawn outstanding letters of credit.

On April 27, 2007, the Company entered into a new Management Services Agreement (the "Services Agreement") with Miles Nadal and with Nadal Management, Inc. to set forth the terms and conditions on which Mr. Nadal will continue to provide services to the Company as its Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Nadal's prior services agreement with the Company was scheduled to expire on October 31, 2007, subject to two-year annual renewals. If the Company were not going to enter into a new agreement with Mr. Nadal and did not intend to allow the prior agreement to renew, it would have been required to give Mr. Nadal notice of such non-renewal by April 30, 2007.

The Services Agreement has a three-year term with automatic one-year extensions. Pursuant to the Services Agreement, the base compensation for Mr. Nadal's services will continue through 2007 at the current rate of \$950, with annual increases of \$25 in each of 2008 and 2009. The Services Agreement also provides for an annual bonus with a targeted payout of up to 250% of the base compensation. The Company will also make an annual cash payment of \$500 in respect of retirement benefits, employee health benefits and perquisites. In addition, in the discretion of the Compensation Committee, the Company may grant equity incentives with a targeted grant-date value of up to 300% of the then current base retainer.

As an incentive to enter into the Services Agreement, the Company paid a one-time non-renewal fee of \$3,500 upon execution of the Services Agreement, which was expensed during the second quarter of 2007. Mr. Nadal used a portion of the proceeds of this fee to repay to the Company the \$2,678 (C\$3,000) note receivable due on November 1, 2007 from Nadal Management, Inc. The Company had previously reserved the principal amount of this note receivable; the collection of this receivable resulted in a one-time recovery of \$2,678, which was included in operating income in the second quarter of 2007. In addition, during July and September 2007, Mr. Nadal repaid an additional \$236 of other previously reserved notes receivable. As a result of these transactions above, operating income for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was adversely impacted by \$586.

### **13. New Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes". This Interpretation clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. This Interpretation is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006, with earlier application permitted. The Company has adopted this interpretation, the adoption of which did not have a material effect on its financial statements.

In September 2006, FASB issued SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements". This statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This statement is effective for all fiscal year beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. Earlier application is encouraged. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this statement on its financial statements.

In February 2007, FASB issued SFAS No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities" ("SFAS 159"). This statement permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. This statement expands the use of fair value measurement and applies to entities that elect the fair value option. The fair value option established by this Statement permits all entities to choose to measure eligible items at fair value at specified election dates. SFAS 159 is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this statement on its financial statements.

#### **14. Subsequent Events**

On October 18, 2007, the Company acquired the remaining 40% equity interest in kirshenbaum bond + partners LLC, ("KBP") from KBP Management Partners LLC ("Minority Holder"). The purchase price consisted of an initial payment of approximately \$12,254 in cash and the issuance of 269,389 newly-issued shares of the Company's Class A subordinated voting stock valued at approximately \$2,901. In addition, the Company expects to pay a contingent amount to the Minority Holder in 2009 and 2010, based on KBP's financial performance in 2008 and 2009. These additional contingent payments will be calculated in accordance with KBP's existing limited liability company agreement. In connection with this acquisition, certain key executives of KBP agreed to extend the terms of their existing employment agreements and received grants of restricted stock of the Company valued at \$250 in the aggregate. These equity grants vest over a three year period. This acquisition represented an accelerated exercise of the Company's existing call option that was otherwise exercisable in 2008. The allocation of the cost of this acquisition to the fair value of net assets acquired is estimated to result in 100% of the cost being allocated to identifiable intangible assets. Approximately \$2,711 of the cost is expected to be amortized over a six and one-half month period, and the balance of approximately \$11,783 is expected to be amortized over a five year period. The value of the restricted stock grants will be amortized over a three year period. In addition, in October 2007, the Company will incur a non-cash stock based compensation charge of approximately \$2,627 resulting from a portion of the purchase price being paid by the Minority Holder to certain employees of KBP pursuant to an existing phantom equity plan between those employees and the Minority Holder. A similar type of charge will be incurred if and when any contingent payments are made in 2009 and 2010.

On November 1, 2007, the Company acquired an additional 28% of Crispin Porter & Bogusky LLC, ("CPB") from certain minority holders. The purchase price consisted of a payment of approximately \$22,561 in cash and the issuance of 514,025 newly-issued shares of the Company's Class A subordinated voting stock valued at approximately \$5,600. This acquisition represented an accelerated exercise of the Company's existing call option that was otherwise exercisable in December 2007 and in April 2008. The Company currently consolidates CPB as a Variable Interest Entity ("VIE"). As a result of this step acquisition, the Company will now consolidate CPB as a majority owned subsidiary. The allocation of the cost of this acquisition to the fair value of net assets acquired is estimated to result in 100% of the cost being allocated to identifiable intangible assets. Approximately \$2,000 of the cost is expected to be amortized over a five month period and the balance of approximately \$2,796 is expected to be amortized over a five year period.

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

Unless otherwise indicated, references to the "Company" and "MDC" mean MDC Partners Inc. and its subsidiaries, and references to a fiscal year means the Company's year commencing on January 1 of that year and ending December 31 of that year (e.g., fiscal 2007 means the period beginning January 1, 2007, and ending December 31, 2007).

The Company reports its financial results in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") of the United States of America ("US GAAP"). However, the Company has included certain non-US GAAP financial measures and ratios, which it believes, provide useful information to both management and readers of this report in measuring the financial performance and financial condition of the Company. One such term is "organic revenue growth" which means growth in revenues from sources other than acquisitions or foreign exchange impacts. These measures do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by US GAAP and, therefore, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other publicly traded companies, nor should they be construed as an alternative to other titled measures determined in accordance with US GAAP.

The following discussion focuses on the operating performance of the Company for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, and the financial condition of the Company as of September 30, 2007. This analysis should be read in conjunction with the interim condensed consolidated financial statements presented in this interim report and the annual audited consolidated financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis presented in the Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2006 as reported on Form 10-K. All amounts are in U.S. dollars unless otherwise stated.

## Executive Summary

The Company's objective is to create shareholder value by building market-leading subsidiaries and affiliates that deliver innovative, value-added marketing communications and strategic consulting to their clients. Management believes that shareholder value is maximized with an operating philosophy of "Perpetual Partnership" with proven committed industry leaders in marketing communications.

MDC manages the business by monitoring several financial and non-financial performance indicators. The key indicators that we review focus on the areas of revenues and operating expenses. Revenue growth is analyzed by reviewing the components and mix of the growth, including: growth by major geographic location; existing growth by major reportable segment (organic); growth from currency changes; and growth from acquisitions.

MDC conducts its businesses through the Marketing Communications Group. Within the Marketing Communications Group, there are three reportable operating segments: Strategic Marketing Services ("SMS"), Customer Relationship Management ("CRM") and Specialized Communication Services ("SCS"). In addition, MDC has a "Corporate Group" which provides certain administrative, accounting, financial and legal functions. During the fourth quarter of 2006, the Company reclassified Margeotes Fertitta Powell, LLC ("MFP") from the SMS segment to the SCS segment because MFP's performance was not consistent with the other operating units of the SMS group. All prior periods have been recast to conform to the current year presentation.

### Marketing Communications Group

Through its operating "partners", MDC provides advertising, consulting and specialized communication services to clients throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica and Europe.

The operating companies earn revenue from agency arrangements in the form of retainer fees or commissions; from short-term project arrangements in the form of fixed fees or per diem fees for services; and from incentives or bonuses. Additional information about revenue recognition appears in Note 2 "Significant Accounting Policies" of the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

MDC measures operating expenses in two distinct cost categories: cost of services sold, and office and general expenses. Cost of services sold is primarily comprised of employee compensation related costs and direct costs related primarily to providing services. Office and general expenses are primarily comprised of rent and occupancy costs and administrative service costs including related employee compensation costs. Also included in operating expenses is depreciation and amortization.

MDC management monitors these costs referred to above on a percentage of revenue basis. Cost of services sold tend to fluctuate in conjunction with changes in revenues, whereas office and general expenses and depreciation and amortization, which are not directly related to servicing clients, tend to decrease as a percentage of revenue as revenues increase because a significant portion of these expenses are relatively fixed in nature.

### Certain Factors Affecting Our Business

*Acquisitions and Dispositions.* MDC's strategy includes acquiring ownership stakes in well-managed businesses with strong reputations in the industry. MDC has entered into acquisition and disposal transactions during the 2006 to 2007 period, which affected revenues, expenses, operating income and net income. Additional information regarding acquisitions is provided in Note 4 "Acquisitions" and information on dispositions is provided in Note 6 "Discontinued Operations" in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

*Foreign Exchange Fluctuations.* MDC's financial results and competitive position are primarily affected by fluctuations in the exchange rate between the US dollar and non-US dollars, primarily the Canadian dollar. See also "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk—Foreign Exchange."

*Seasonality.* Historically, with some exceptions, the fourth quarter generates the highest quarterly revenues in a year. The fourth quarter has historically been the period in the year in which the highest volumes of media placements and retail related consumer marketing occur.

Other important factors that could affect our results of operations are set forth in "Item 1A Risk Factors" of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.

## Summary of Key Transactions

### *Sale of Secure Products International*

On November 14, 2006, MDC completed the sale of its Secure Products International Group for consideration equal to approximately \$27 million. Consideration was received in the form of cash of \$20 million and additional \$1 million annual payments over the next five years. In addition, MDC received a 7.5% equity interest in the newly formed entity acquiring the Secure Products International Group ("SPI"). During 2006, the Company recorded an impairment loss of \$19.5 million and a gain on a sale of \$1.8 million. The results of operations of the SPI have been included in discontinued operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006.

### *Management Services Agreement*

On April 27, 2007, the Company entered into a new Management Services Agreement (the "Services Agreement") with Miles Nadal and with Nadal Management, Inc. to set forth the terms and conditions on which Mr. Nadal will continue to provide services to the Company as its Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Nadal's prior services agreement with the Company was scheduled to expire on October 31, 2007, subject to two-year annual renewals. If the Company were not going to enter into a new agreement with Mr. Nadal and did not intend to allow the prior agreement to renew, it would have been required to give Mr. Nadal notice of such non-renewal by April 30, 2007.

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As an incentive to enter into the Services Agreement, the Company paid a one-time non-renewal fee of \$3.5 million upon execution of the Services Agreement, which was expensed during the second quarter of 2007. Mr. Nadal used a portion of the proceeds to repay to the Company the \$2.7 million (C\$3.0 million) note receivable due on November 1, 2007 from Nadal Management, Inc. The Company had previously reserved the principal amount of this note receivable; the collection of this receivable resulted in a one-time recovery of \$2.7 million, which was included in operating income in the nine months ended September 30, 2007. In addition, during July and September 2007, Mr. Nadal repaid an additional \$0.2 million of other previously reserved notes receivable. As a result of these transactions above, operating income was adversely impacted by \$0.6 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

### *New Financing Agreement*

On June 18, 2007, MDC and its material subsidiaries entered into a new \$185 million senior secured financing agreement (the "Financing Agreement") with Fortress Credit, an affiliate of Fortress Investment Group, as collateral agent and Wells Fargo Bank, as administrative agent, and a syndicate of lenders. This facility replaced the Company's existing \$96.5 million credit facility that was originally expected to mature on September 21, 2007. Proceeds from the Financing Agreement were used to repay in full the outstanding balances on the Company's existing credit facility. The obligations repaid totaled approximately \$73.7 million. All of these repaid credit facilities have been terminated.

The new Financing Agreement consists of a \$55 million revolving credit facility, a \$60 million term loan and a \$70 million delayed draw term loan. Borrowings under the Financing Agreement will bear interest as follows: (a) LIBOR Rate Loans bear interest at applicable interbank rates and Reference Rate Loans bear interest at the rate of interest publicly announced by the Reference Bank in New York, New York, plus (b) a percentage spread ranging from 0% to

a maximum of 4.75% depending on the type of loan and the Company's Senior Leverage Ratio. In addition, the Company is required to pay a facility fee of 50 basis points.

***Separation Agreement***

On July 23, 2007, the Company entered into a separation agreement and release with its former President and Chief Financial Officer. In connection with this agreement and related matters, the Company incurred charges of approximately \$1.9 million in the third quarter of 2007. This charge represents all costs and expenses incurred as a consequence of this separation and for the hiring of a new CFO.



**Results of Operations:**  
**For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2007**  
(thousands of United States dollars)

	Strategic Marketing Services	Customer Relationship Management	Specialized Communication Services	Corporate	Total
Revenue	\$ 79,110	\$ 29,885	\$ 31,055	\$ —	140,050
Cost of services sold	47,252	21,841	21,760	—	90,853
Office and general expenses	18,358	5,224	6,079	6,972	36,633
Depreciation and amortization	7,143	1,680	1,429	244	10,496
Operating Profit/(Loss)	6,357	1,140	1,787	(7,216)	2,068
Other Income (Expense):					
Other expense, net					(3,146)
Interest expense, net					(3,472)
Loss from operations before income taxes, equity in affiliates and minority interests					
					(4,550)
Income tax recovery					2,816
Loss from operations before equity in affiliates and minority interests					
					(1,734)
Equity in earnings of non-consolidated affiliates					124
Minority interests in income of consolidated subsidiaries	(4,172)	(42)	(949)	—	(5,163)
Net loss				\$	(6,773)
Supplemental Segment Information:					
Non cash stock based compensation	\$ 306	\$ —	(7)	\$ 1,574	\$ 1,873
Capital expenditures:	3,355	3,835	297	19	7,506

**Results of Operations:**  
**For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2006**

(thousands of United States dollars)

	Strategic Marketing Services (recasted)	Customer Relationship Management	Specialized Communication Services (recasted)	Corporate	Total
Revenue	\$ 58,890	\$ 20,934	21,298	—	\$ 101,122
Cost of services sold	26,948	15,147	15,055	—	57,150
Office and general expenses	22,053	4,549	5,103	4,961	36,666
Depreciation and amortization	4,945	1,240	449	62	6,696
Operating Profit/(Loss)	4,944	(2)	691	(5,023)	610
<b>Other Income (Expense):</b>					
Other income					625
Interest expense, net					(3,180)
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes, equity in affiliates and minority interests					
					(1,945)
Income tax recovery					685
Loss from continuing operations before equity in affiliates and minority interests					
					(1,260)
Equity in earnings of non-consolidated affiliates					129
Minority interests in income of consolidated subsidiaries	(1,370)	11	(421)	—	(1,780)
Loss from continuing operations					
					(2,911)
Loss from discontinued operations					
					(9,998)
Net Loss					
					\$ (12,909)
<b>Supplemental Segment Information:</b>					
Non cash stock based compensation	\$ 128	\$ 6	\$ —	\$ 1,515	\$ 1,649
Capital expenditures	\$ 1,860	\$ 5,307	\$ 249	\$ 78	\$ 7,494

**Results of Operations:**  
**For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007**

(thousands of United States dollars)

	Strategic Marketing Services	Customer Relationship Management	Specialized Communication Services	Corporate	Total
Revenue	\$ 228,117	\$ 79,134	\$ 87,587	\$ —	\$ 394,838
Cost of services sold	136,328	57,712	63,185	—	257,225
Office and general expenses	54,685	14,429	17,600	20,063	106,777
Depreciation and amortization	14,740	4,759	2,813	429	22,741
Goodwill impairment	—	—	4,475	—	4,475
Operating Profit/(Loss)	22,364	2,234	(486)	(20,492)	3,620
<b>Other Income (Expense):</b>					
Other expense, net					(4,913)
Interest expense, net					(8,734)
Loss from operations before income taxes, equity in affiliates and minority interests					(10,027)
Income tax recovery					6,596
Loss from operations before equity in affiliates and minority interests					(3,431)
Equity in earnings of non-consolidated affiliates					134
Minority interests in income of consolidated subsidiaries	(12,138)	(68)	(2,667)	—	(14,873)
Net Loss					\$ (18,170)
<b>Supplemental Segment Information:</b>					
Non cash stock based compensation	\$ 797	\$ 5	\$ —	\$ 4,540	\$ 5,342
Capital expenditures	6,841	6,350	1,592	187	14,970

**Results of Operations:**  
**For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006**

(thousands of United States dollars)

	<b>Strategic Marketing Services (recasted)</b>	<b>Customer Relationship Management</b>	<b>Specialized Communication Services (recasted)</b>	<b>Corporate</b>	<b>Total</b>
Revenue	\$ 171,415	\$ 60,747	\$ 67,171	\$ —	299,333
Cost of services sold	85,336	44,554	47,900 14,257	—	177,790
Office and general expenses	54,186	11,882		17,347	97,672
Depreciation and amortization	13,697	3,429	1,310	159	18,595
Operating Profit/(Loss)	18,196	882	3,704	(17,506)	5,276
<b>Other Income (Expense):</b>					
Other income					1,697
Interest expense, net					(7,815)
<b>Loss from continuing operations before income taxes, equity in affiliates and minority interests</b>					
					(842)
Income tax recovery					1,751
<b>Income from continuing operations before equity in affiliates and minority interests</b>					
					909
Equity in earnings of non-consolidated affiliates					630
Minority interests in income of consolidated subsidiaries	(8,047)	(27)	(1,891)	—	(9,965)
<b>Loss from continuing operations</b>					
					(8,426)
<b>Loss from discontinued operations</b>					
					(20,120)
<b>Net Loss</b>					
				\$	(28,546)
<b>Supplemental Segment Information:</b>					
Non cash stock based compensation	\$ 619	\$ 18	\$ 2,338	\$ 4,006	\$ 6,981
Capital expenditures	\$ 7,774	\$ 9,926	\$ 820	\$ 271	\$ 18,791

**Three Months Ended September 30, 2007 Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2006**

Revenue was \$140.1 million for the third quarter of 2007, representing an increase of \$38.9 million or 38.5%, compared to revenue of \$101.1 million in the third quarter of 2006. This revenue increase relates primarily to organic growth of \$26.7 million, primarily resulting from net new business wins and additional revenues from existing clients in the United States. In addition, there was an increase of \$5.2 million related to the consolidation of two entities in the third quarter of 2007, that were previously accounted for on the equity method of accounting in the third quarter of 2006. Acquisition related revenue growth was \$5.3 million. In addition, a weakening of the U.S. dollar versus the Canadian dollar and British pound during the third quarter of 2007, as compared to the third quarter of 2006, resulted in increased revenues of approximately \$1.7 million.

Operating profit for the third quarter of 2007 was \$2.1 million, compared to an operating profit of \$0.6 million for the same quarter of 2006. The increase in operating profit was primarily the result of a \$1.4 million increase in operating profit in the Strategic Marketing Services segment, as compared to the prior year quarter. In addition, operating profit in the Customer Relationship Management segment increased by \$1.1 million and operating profit in the Specialized Communication Services segment increased by \$1.1 million. This was partially offset by an increase in corporate operating expenses of \$2.2 million during the quarter ended September 30, 2007, as compared to the quarter ended September 30, 2006. This increase was primarily due to approximately \$1.9 million of costs associated with the separation agreement with the Company's former President and CFO and the hiring of a new CFO, as well as an increase in corporate depreciation and amortization of \$0.2 million.

The net loss from continuing operations for the third quarter of 2007 increased from \$2.9 million in 2006 to \$6.8 million in 2007. This increase in net loss of \$3.9 million was primarily the result of an increase in other expenses of \$3.8 million which includes a \$2.8 million increase in unrealized losses on foreign currency transactions, increased minority interest of \$3.4 million, additional net interest expense of \$0.3 million. This was offset in part by increased operating profits of \$1.5 million and an additional income tax recovery of \$2.1 million.

***Marketing Communications Group***

Revenues for the third quarter of 2007 attributable to the Marketing Communications Group, which consists of three reportable segments - Strategic Marketing Services ("SMS"), Customer Relationship Management ("CRM"), and Specialized Communication Services ("SCS"), were \$140.1 million compared to \$101.1 million in the third quarter of 2006, representing an increase of \$38.9 million or 38.5%.

The components of revenue growth for the Marketing Communications Group for the third quarter of 2007 are shown in the following table:

	<b>Revenue</b>	
	<b>(in thousands)</b>	<b>%</b>
Three months ended September 30, 2006	\$ 101,122	
Organic	26,740	26.4%
Acquisitions	5,343	5.3%
Effect of accounting change	5,163	5.1%
Foreign exchange impact	1,682	1.7%
Three months ended September 30, 2007	\$ 140,050	38.5%

The Marketing Communications Group had organic revenue growth of \$26.7 million, or 26.4%, for the third quarter of 2007, primarily attributable to net new business wins and additional revenues from existing clients, particularly in the United States. The consolidation of two entities in the third quarter of 2007, which was previously accounted for under the equity method of accounting in the third quarter of 2006, accounted for \$5.2 million of the revenue increase

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in the third quarter of 2007. Acquisitions accounted for \$5.3 million of revenue growth in the third quarter of 2007. In addition, a weakening of the U.S. dollar versus the Canadian dollar and British pound during the third quarter of 2007, as compared to the third quarter of 2006, resulted in increased revenues of approximately \$1.7 million.

The percentage of revenue by geographic region remained relatively consistent with the prior year quarter and is demonstrated in the following table:

	<b>Revenue</b>	
	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	<b>Three Months Ended</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>September 30,</b>
	<b>30, 2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
US	80%	84%
Canada	18%	14%
UK and other	2%	2%

The operating profit of the Marketing Communications Group for the third quarter of 2007 increased by approximately \$3.7 million, or 64.8%, to \$9.3 million from \$5.6 million. Operating margins were 6.6% for 2007 as compared to 5.6% for the third quarter of 2006. The increase in operating margin was primarily related to a decrease in office and general expenses (excluding staff costs) as a percentage of revenue from 16.6% in 2006 to 11.7% in 2007. This margin improvement was partially offset by an increase in direct costs as a percentage of revenue to 26.7% in 2007 from 23.1% in 2006, primarily attributable to increased reimbursed client related direct costs and an increase in depreciation and amortization as a percentage of revenue from 6.6% in 2006 to 7.3% in 2007. Included in 2006 office and general expenses was a charge of \$1.9 million relating to the closure of one of our West Coast facilities and a \$1.0 million write-off of related leasehold improvements which is included in depreciation and amortization. Excluding these charges, office and general expenses and depreciation and amortization as a percentage of revenue for the third quarter of 2006 would have been 14.7% and 5.5%, respectively.

## **Marketing Communications Businesses**

### ***Strategic Marketing Services (“SMS”)***

Revenues attributable to SMS for the third quarter of 2007 were \$79.1 million compared to \$58.9 million in the third quarter of 2006. This increase of \$20.2 million, or 34.3%, included organic revenue growth of approximately \$13.0 million resulting from new client business wins, which was partially offset by client losses. In addition, revenue increased by \$1.9 million relating to the consolidation of Zig Inc. in the third quarter of 2007 as compared to the third quarter of 2006, when it was accounted for on the equity method of accounting. Acquisition related revenue contributed \$4.8 million during the third quarter of 2007. In addition, a weakening of the U.S. dollar versus the Canadian dollar and British pound during the third quarter of 2007, as compared to the third quarter of 2006, resulted in increased revenues of approximately \$0.4 million.

The operating profit of SMS for the third quarter of 2007 was \$6.4 million, compared to 2006 operating profit of \$4.9 million. Operating margins were 8.0% for the third quarter of 2007, as compared to 8.4% for the third quarter of 2006. Office and general expenses (excluding staff costs) decreased as a percentage of revenue to 12.5% in the third quarter of 2007, from 18.9% in the prior year quarter. Depreciation and amortization increased as a percentage of revenue from 8.4% in 2006 to 9.0% in 2007. The increase in depreciation and amortization resulted from a change in the estimated amortization rate of customer lists. Included in 2006 office and general expenses was a charge of \$1.9 million relating to the closure of one of our West Coast facilities and a \$1.0 million write-off of related leasehold improvements, which is included in depreciation and amortization. Excluding these charges, office and general expenses and depreciation and amortization as a percentage of revenue for the third quarter of 2006 would have been 15.7% and 6.7%, respectively. Total staff costs as a percentage of revenue increased from 53.0% in 2006 to 56.1% in 2007, primarily from increased headcount. In addition, other direct costs increased as a percentage of revenue to 12.2% in 2007 as compared to 8.9% in 2006, primarily from an increase in reimbursed client related direct costs as a percentage of revenue.

### ***Customer Relationship Management (“CRM”)***

Revenues reported by the CRM segment for the third quarter of 2007 were \$29.9 million, an increase of \$9.0 million or 43%, compared to \$20.9 million reported for the third quarter of 2006. This growth was entirely organic and was due primarily to additional business from existing clients, in part as a result of the opening of a new customer care center in September 2007 and the opening of three additional customer care centers during 2006, offset by the closure of one customer care center, in August 2006.

The operating profit of CRM was approximately \$1.1 million for the third quarter of 2007, as compared to nil in the third quarter of 2006. Operating margins were 3.8% for the third quarter of 2007 as compared to 0% in the third quarter of 2006. The increase in operating margin was primarily due to a decrease in total staff costs as a percentage of

revenue from 21.3% in 2006, to 19.8% in 2007, and a decrease in office and general expenses as a percentage of revenue from 12.6% to 9.4%. This was partially offset by an increase in other direct costs as a percentage of revenue from 58.7% in 2006 to 59.7% in 2007.

***Specialized Communication Services (“SCS”)***

SCS generated revenues of \$31.1 million for the third quarter of 2007, \$9.8 million or 46% higher than revenue of \$21.3 million in the third quarter of 2006. This was primarily due to organic revenue growth of \$4.8 million as a result of new business wins, offset by the closure of MFP. In addition, revenue increased by \$3.2 million relating to the consolidation of an entity, Accumark Communications, Inc., previously accounted for on the equity basis. In addition, a weakening of the U.S. dollar versus the Canadian dollar and British pound during the third quarter of 2007, as compared to the third quarter of 2006, resulted in increased revenues of approximately \$1.3 million. Acquisition related revenue accounted for \$0.5 million of the revenue growth.

The operating profit of SCS increased by \$1.1 million to \$1.8 million in the third quarter of 2007 from an operating profit of \$0.7 million in the third quarter of 2006. Operating margins were 5.8% for the third quarter of 2007, as compared to 3.2% in the prior year period. The increase in operating margins results primarily from a decrease in total staff costs as a percentage of revenue from 51.8% in 2006 to 44.7% in 2007, coupled with a decrease in office and general expenses (excluding staff costs) as a percentage of revenue from 14.1% in 2006 to 11.8% in 2007. These positive impacts on operating margin were offset in part by an increase in other direct costs as a percentage of revenue to 32.0% in 2007 from 27.6% in 2006, as well as an increase in depreciation and amortization as a percentage of revenue to 4.6% in 2007 as compared to 2.1% in 2006. Excluding the results of MFP in 2007 and 2006, operating income would have been \$2.6 million and \$1.6 million, respectively, and operating margins would have been 8.4% and 7.4%, respectively.

**Corporate**

Corporate operating expenses for the third quarter of 2007 increased by \$2.2 million to \$7.2 million from \$5.0 million in the prior year quarter. The increase in corporate expenses is primarily due to \$1.9 million of costs associated with the Company’s separation agreement with its former President and CFO and the hiring of a new CFO. In addition, depreciation and amortization increased by \$0.2 million and the prior year quarter included a capital tax refund of \$0.2 million. These increases in corporate costs were partially offset by a \$0.2 million partial repayment of a note receivable from the Company’s Chief Executive Officer that the Company had previously provided a reserve against.



### **Net Interest Expense**

Net interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2007 was \$3.5 million, \$0.3 million higher than the \$3.2 million incurred during the same period of 2006. This increase was due to higher interest rates and higher average outstanding debt in 2007 relating to continuing operations. Interest income was \$0.2 million for both the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006.

### **Other Income (Expense)**

Other expense was \$3.1 million in the third quarter of 2007, as compared to other income of \$0.6 million in the third quarter of 2006. This \$3.8 million decrease in income was due primarily to foreign currency transaction losses of \$3.6 million in 2007 as compared to \$0.4 million in 2006. In addition, in 2006 other income included a \$1 million gain on the recovery of an asset as compared to a recovery of assets of \$0.5 million in 2007.

### **Income Tax Recovery**

The income tax recovery recorded in the third quarter of 2007 was \$2.8 million as compared to a \$0.7 million income tax recovery recorded in the third quarter of 2006. The Company's 2007 and 2006 effective tax rate was different than the statutory tax rate due to minority interest income which is not subject to tax and non-deductible non-cash stock based compensation charges.

The Company's US operating units are generally structured as limited liability companies, which are treated as partnerships for tax purposes. The Company is only taxed on its share of profits, while minority interest holders are responsible for taxes on their share of the operating units' profits.

### **Minority Interests**

Minority interest in income of consolidated subsidiaries was \$5.2 million for the third quarter of 2007, an increase of \$3.4 million from the \$1.8 million of minority interest in income of consolidated subsidiaries incurred during the third quarter of 2006. This increase was due primarily to an increase in profitability in subsidiaries within the SMS and SCS operating segments that are not owned 100%.

### **Discontinued Operations**

Loss from discontinued operations was \$10.0 million for the third quarter of 2006 and relates to the operations of SPI, which was sold in 2006. Included in the loss was a \$11.6 million impairment charge, which was based on the net proceeds from the sale of SPI compared to the Company's carrying value of SPI.

### **Net Loss**

As a result of the foregoing, the net loss recorded for the third quarter of 2007 was \$6.8 million, or a loss of \$ (0.27) per diluted share, compared to the net loss of \$12.9 million, or \$ (0.54) per diluted share, reported for the third quarter of 2006.

### **Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006**

Revenue was \$394.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, representing an increase of \$95.5 million or 31.9%, compared to revenue of \$299.3 million in the nine months ended September, 2006. This revenue increase relates primarily to organic growth of \$70.3 million, primarily resulting from net new business wins and additional revenues from existing clients in the United States. There was also an increase of \$15.8 million related to the

consolidation of three entities in the nine months ended September 30, 2007 that were previously accounted for on the equity method of accounting in the nine months ended September 30, 2006. In addition, acquisitions accounted for \$7.3 million of the revenue increase, and a weakening of the U.S. dollar versus the Canadian dollar and British pound during the nine months ended September 30, 2007, as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2006, resulted in increased revenues of approximately \$2.1 million.

Operating profit for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was \$3.6 million, compared to an operating profit of \$5.3 million for the same period of 2006. The decrease in operating profit was primarily the result of an operating loss of \$0.5 million in the Specialized Communication Services segment for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 as compared to an operating profit of \$3.7 million in the prior year period. This operating loss of \$0.5 million in the SCS segment for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was due primarily to a goodwill impairment charge of \$4.5 million. Corporate operating expenses increased by \$3.0 million to \$20.5 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 from \$17.5 million during the same prior year period, primarily due to approximately \$1.9 million of costs associated with the separation agreement with the Company's former President and Chief Financial Officer and the hiring of a new Chief Financial Officer, as well as a net \$0.6 million charge relating to the new management services agreement with the Company's CEO and increased non-cash stock based compensation of \$0.5 million. This was partially offset by a \$4.2 million increase in operating profit in the Strategic Marketing Services Segment, as compared to the prior year. In addition, operating profit in the Customer Relationship Management Segment increased by \$1.4 million.

The net loss from continuing operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 increased from \$8.4 million in 2006 to \$18.2 million in 2007, primarily the result of an increase in other expenses of \$6.6 million, which includes an increase in unrealized foreign currency transaction losses of \$6.2 million, increased interest expense of \$1.9 million, decreased operating profit of \$1.7 million, and increased minority interest expense of \$4.9 million offset in part by an increase in the income tax recovery of \$4.8 million.

### ***Marketing Communications Group***

Revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 attributable to the Marketing Communications Group, which consists of three reportable segments - Strategic Marketing Services (“SMS”), Customer Relationship Management (“CRM”), and Specialized Communication Services (“SCS”), were \$394.8 million compared to \$299.3 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006, representing an increase of \$95.5 million or 31.9%.

The components of revenue growth for the Marketing Communications Group, for the first nine months of 2007 are shown in the following table:

	<b>Revenue</b>	
	<b>(in thousands)</b>	<b>%</b>
Nine months ended September 30, 2006	\$ 299,333	
Organic	70,284	23.5%
Acquisitions	7,287	2.4%
Effect of accounting change	15,830	5.3%
Foreign exchange impact	2,104	0.7%
Nine months ended September 30, 2007	\$ 394,838	31.9%

The Marketing Communications Group had organic revenue growth of \$70.3 million, or 23.5%, for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, primarily attributable to net new business wins and additional revenues from existing clients, particularly in the United States. The consolidation of three entities in the nine months ended September 30, 2007, which were previously accounted for under the equity method of accounting in the nine months ended September 30, 2006, accounted for \$15.8 million of the increase. Acquisitions accounted for \$7.3 million of revenue growth in the nine months ended September 30, 2007. In addition, a weakening of the U.S. dollar versus the Canadian dollar and British pound during the nine months ended September 30, 2007, as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2006, resulted in increased revenues of approximately \$2.1 million.

The percentage of revenue by geographic region remained relatively consistent with the prior year period and is demonstrated in the following table:

	<b>Revenue</b>	
	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006</b>
US	81%	85%
Canada	17%	14%
UK and other	2%	1%

The operating profit of the Marketing Communications Group for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 increased by approximately \$1.3 million, or 5.8%, to \$24.1 million from \$22.8 million. Operating margins decreased by 1.5% and were 6.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 as compared to 7.6% for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. A goodwill impairment charge of \$4.5 million accounted for 1.1% of the decrease in operating margin. Included in operating profits in 2006 was a termination payment of \$5.3 million received in connection with the termination by a client of their engagement with a subsidiary of the Company. In addition, 2006 included a non-cash stock based compensation charge of \$2.3 million relating to the price paid for membership interests, which was less than fair value of such membership interests and the fair value of an option granted to certain members of management of Source Marketing LLC. These two items had a net positive impact on operating margins of 0.9% in 2006. Staff costs as a percentage of revenues decreased from 47.9% in 2006 to 46.9% in 2007. In addition, occupancy and administrative costs decreased from 11.6% of revenue in 2006 to 8.7% of revenue in 2007,

## **Marketing Communications Businesses**

### ***Strategic Marketing Services (“SMS”)***

Revenues attributable to SMS for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 were \$228.1 million compared to \$171.4 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006. This increase of \$56.7 million or 33.1% included organic revenue growth of approximately \$42.0 million resulting from new client business wins which was partially offset by client losses. In December 2005, one of the SMS’ businesses client’s terminated their engagement, and as a result, that business received \$5.3 million in termination payments during the nine months ended September 30, 2006. In addition, revenue also increased by \$7.5 million relating to the consolidation of two entities, Zig Inc. and Mono Advertising, LLC, previously accounted for on the equity basis. Acquisitions accounted for \$6.8 million of revenue growth in the nine months ended September 30, 2007.

The operating profit of SMS for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 was \$22.4 million and \$18.2 million, respectively, while operating margins were 9.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 as compared to 10.6% in the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Excluding the receipt of the termination payment noted above, 2006 operating profit would have been \$12.9 million with operating margins of 7.9%. Total staff costs as a percentage of revenue increased from 55.0% in 2006 to 55.6% in 2007. Excluding the termination payment, staff costs as a percentage of revenue in 2006 would have been 56.8%. Office and general expenses increased due to additional occupancy and administrative costs relating to the expansion of operations in Boulder, Colorado and expansions and office moves of other business units but as a percentage of revenue occupancy and administrative costs decreased from 17.6% in 2006 to 13.8% in 2007. Depreciation and amortization represented 8.0% and 6.5% of revenue during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2007, respectively, as certain intangibles resulting from the Zyman acquisition were fully amortized during 2006. During 2007, amortization expense increased from a change in the estimated amortization rate of customer lists. These positive impacts to operating margin were offset in part by an increase in reimbursed client related direct costs as a percentage of revenue.

### ***Customer Relationship Management (“CRM”)***

Revenues reported by the CRM segment for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 were \$79.1 million, an increase of \$18.4 million or 30.3% compared to the \$60.7 million reported for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. This growth was entirely organic and was due primarily to additional business from existing clients, in part as a result of opening a new customer care center in September 2007 and the opening of three additional customer care centers during 2006, offset by the closure of one customer care center, in August 2006.

The operating profit of CRM was approximately \$2.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 as compared to \$0.9 million in 2006. Operating margins were 2.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 1.5% for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The increase in operating margins is due primarily to a decrease

in cost of services sold due to reduced employee turnover.

***Specialized Communication Services (“SCS”)***

SCS generated revenues of \$87.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, \$20.4 million or 30.4% higher than revenue of \$67.2 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006. This increase was primarily due to revenue of \$9.9 million relating to organic growth as a result of new business wins offset by the loss of several significant clients, primarily at MFP, and revenue of \$8.3 million relating to the consolidation of an entity, Accumark Communications, Inc., previously accounted for on the equity basis. In addition, a weakening of the US dollar versus the Canadian dollar and British pound during the nine months ended September 30, 2007, as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2006, resulted in increased revenues of approximately \$1.6 million. Acquisition related revenue growth was \$0.5 million.

The operating profit of SCS decreased by \$4.2 million to an operating loss of \$0.5 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2007, from an operating profit of \$3.7 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006. This decrease was due primarily to a goodwill impairment charge of \$4.5 million in 2007 offset by a non-cash stock based compensation charge of \$2.3 million in 2006 relating to the price paid for membership interests, which was less than fair value of such membership interests and the fair value of an option granted to certain members of management of Source Marketing LLC (“Source”). Excluding the operating results of MFP and the related goodwill impairment, 2007 operating income would have been \$8.2 million with operating margins of 9.7%. Excluding the operating results of MFP and the Source non-cash stock based compensation charge, 2006 operating income would have been \$8.5 million with operating margins of 14.7%. Staff costs excluding MFP and the Source non-cash stock based compensation charge as a percentage of revenue decreased to 45.6% in 2007 from 46.3% in 2006. The decrease in operating margins is primarily a result of the timing of when expected client projects will begin and when they will be completed. Additionally, the decrease in operating margins were negatively impacted by increases in other direct costs as a percentage of revenue, primarily increased reimbursed client related direct costs as a percentage of revenue.

## **Corporate**

Operating expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 increased by \$3.0 million to \$20.5 million from \$17.5 million in the prior year period. The increase in corporate expenses is primarily due to the \$1.9 million of costs associated with the Company's separation agreement with its former President and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") and the hiring of a new CFO, and the net \$0.6 million impact of the renewal of the CEO management services agreement. In addition, non-cash stock based compensation increased by \$0.5 million and depreciation and amortization increased by \$0.3 million. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in cash compensation and benefits of \$0.3 million.

## **Net Interest Expense**

Net interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was \$8.7 million, \$0.9 million higher than the \$7.8 million incurred during the same period of 2006. Interest expense increased \$1.9 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2007 compared to the same period of 2006 due to the write-off of deferred financing costs of \$0.6 million relating to the Company's prior credit facility, as well as higher interest rates and higher average outstanding debt in 2007. Interest income was \$1.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 as compared to \$0.4 million in the same period of 2006. This increase was primarily due to the interest income recognized from the acceleration of payments received in July 2007 related to the sale of SPI, originally due to be received in 2010 and 2011.

## **Other Income (Expense)**

Other (expense) increased by \$6.6 million and was an expense of \$4.9 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2007 as compared to other income of \$1.7 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006, due primarily to an increase in foreign currency transaction losses of \$7.1 million in 2007 as compared to \$0.1 million in 2006. In addition, during the nine months ended September 30, 2007, the Company recognized a gain on the sale/recovery of assets of \$1.8 million, primarily related to the sale of a plane acquired in the Zyman acquisition, as compared to a gain on the sale/recovery of assets of \$1.4 million in 2006.

## **Income Tax Recovery**

The income tax recovery recorded in the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was \$6.6 million as compared to \$1.8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The Company's effective tax rate was different than the statutory tax rate due to minority interest income which is not subject to tax and non-deductible non-cash stock based compensation charges in both the 2007 and 2006 first quarter.

The Company's US operating units are generally structured as limited liability companies, which are treated as partnerships for tax purposes. The Company is only taxed on its share of profits, while minority interest holders are responsible for taxes on their share of the profits.

## **Minority Interests**

Minority interest in income of consolidated subsidiaries was \$14.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, up \$4.9 million from the \$10.0 million of minority interest in income of consolidated subsidiaries incurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2006, due primarily to an increase in profitability in the subsidiaries within the SMS and SCS operating segments who are not 100% owned.

## **Discontinued Operations**

Loss from discontinued operations was \$20.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and relates to the operations of SPI, which was sold in 2006. Included in the \$20.1 million loss was a \$19.5 million impairment charge which was based on the expected net proceeds from the sale of SPI compared to the Company's carrying value of SPI.

**Net Loss**

As a result of the foregoing, the net loss recorded for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was \$18.2 million, or a loss of \$ (0.74) per diluted share, compared to the net loss of \$28.5 million, or \$ (1.19) per diluted share, reported for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources:****Liquidity**

The following table provides summary information about the Company's liquidity position:

	<b>As of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 (000's)</b>	<b>As of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 (000's)</b>	<b>As of and for the year ended December 31, 2006 (000's)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,089	\$ 4,592	\$ 6,591
Working capital (deficit)	\$ (6,843)	\$ (107,183)	\$ (105,039)
Cash (used in) provided by operating activities	\$ (23,803)	\$ 5,664	\$ 39,705
Cash used in investing activities	\$ (19,545)	\$ (24,505)	\$ (14,315)
Cash (provided by) used in financing activities	\$ 45,280	\$ (10,884)	\$ (31,597)
Long-term debt to shareholders' equity ratio	1.26	1.04	0.37
Fixed charge coverage ratio	N/A	1.07	1.31
Fixed charge coverage deficiency	\$ 9,759	N/A	N/A

As of September 30, 2007, and December 31, 2006, \$1.8 million and \$2.4 million of the consolidated cash position was held by subsidiaries, which, although available for the subsidiaries' use, does not represent cash that is distributable as earnings to MDC Partners for use to reduce its indebtedness.

**Working Capital**

At September 30, 2007, the Company had a working capital deficit of \$6.8 million, compared to a deficit of \$105.0 million at December 31, 2006. The increase in working capital is primarily due to seasonal shifts in the amounts billed to clients, and paid to suppliers, primarily media outlets, as well as classification of the revolving credit facility under the new Financing Agreement as a long-term liability as of September 30, 2007 as compared to a short-term liability at December 31, 2006.

At December 31, 2006, included in current liabilities is the outstanding borrowings under the Company's former credit facility of \$45.0 million. See Long-term Debt below.

The Company intends to maintain sufficient availability of funds under the new Financing Agreement at any particular time to adequately fund such working capital deficits should there be a need to do so from time to time.

**Cash Flows***Operating Activities*

Cash flow used in operations, including changes in non-cash working capital, for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was \$23.8 million. This was attributable primarily to a net operating loss of \$18.2 million, payments of accounts payable and accrued liabilities, which resulted in a cash use from operations of \$30.5 million, an increase in accounts receivable of \$20.2 million, a decrease in advance billings of \$5.9 million and an increase in prepaid and other current assets of \$2.6 million. This use of cash was partially offset by depreciation and amortization, a goodwill impairment charge and non-cash stock compensation of \$33.9 million, a decrease in expenditures billable to clients of \$14.2 million and a foreign exchange impact of \$8.2 million. Cash provided by continuing operations was \$3.6



million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and was primarily reflective of a net loss from continuing operations of \$8.4 million plus non-cash depreciation and amortization and stock based compensation of \$26.6 million, an increase in accounts payable, accruals and other liabilities of \$14.4 million and an increase in advance billings of \$17.1 million, partially offset by an increase in accounts receivable of \$17.4 million, expenditures billable to clients of \$23.3 million and \$3.3 million in deferred income taxes. Discontinued operations provided cash of \$2.1 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

*Investing Activities*

Cash flows used in investing activities were \$19.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, compared with \$24.5 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

Expenditures for capital assets in the nine months ended September 30, 2007 were \$15.0 million. Of this amount, \$6.8 million was incurred by the SMS segment, \$6.4 million was incurred by the CRM segment and \$1.6 million was incurred by the SCS segment. These expenditures consisted primarily of computer equipment, leasehold improvements, furniture and fixtures, and \$0.2 million related to the purchase of corporate assets, primarily software. In the nine months ended September 30, 2006, capital expenditures totaled \$18.8 million, of which \$7.8 million was incurred by the SMS segment, \$9.9 million was incurred by the CRM segment and \$0.8 million was incurred by the SCS segment, which expenditures consisted primarily of leasehold improvements, computer and switching equipment, and \$0.3 million related to the purchase of corporate assets.

Cash flow used in acquisitions was \$12.5 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2007, and primarily related to the Company's investments in the HL Group, Redscout, Iradesso Communications Corp. and payments for deferred acquisition consideration. The Company also received proceeds from the sale of assets of \$8.4 million in 2007, primarily related to the sale of a plane acquired in the acquisition of Zyman. In the nine months ended September 30, 2006, cash flow used in acquisitions was \$5.2 million and primarily related to the settlement of put obligations and deferred acquisition consideration.

Distributions received from non-consolidated affiliates amounted to \$0.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

Discontinued operations used cash of \$1.6 million in 2006 relating to capital asset purchases.

### *Financing Activities*

During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, cash flows provided by financing activities amounted to \$45.3 million, and primarily consisted of \$100.6 million of proceeds from the new Financing Agreement, which was partially offset by the \$45.0 million repayment of the old credit facility, \$10.6 million of net repayments of long-term debt and bank borrowings, and the payment of \$3.9 million of deferred financing costs relating to the new Financing Agreement. The Company also received proceeds from a forgivable note payable amounting to \$2.5 million relating to the opening of a new customer care center. In addition, the Company received \$2.1 million of proceeds from the issuance of share capital resulting from the exercise of stock options. During the nine months ended September 30, 2006, cash flows provided from financing activities amounted to \$10.9 million, and consisted primarily of borrowings under the prior credit facility of \$11.8 million and proceeds from the issuance of share capital of \$0.5 million, which was partially offset by repayments of long-term debt and bank borrowings of \$0.7 million.

Discontinued operations used cash of \$0.7 million in 2006, relating to payments under capital leases.

### **Long-Term Debt**

On June 18, 2007, the Company and its material subsidiaries entered into a new \$185 million senior secured financing agreement (the "Financing Agreement") with Fortress Credit, an affiliate of Fortress Investment Group, as collateral agent, and Wells Fargo Bank, as administrative agent, and a syndicate of lenders. This facility replaced the Company's existing \$96.5 million credit facility that was originally expected to mature on September 21, 2007. Proceeds from the Financing Agreement were used to repay in full the outstanding balances on the Company's existing credit facility. The obligations repaid totaled approximately \$73.65 million. All of these repaid credit facilities have been terminated.

This new Financing Agreement consists of a \$55 million revolving credit facility, a \$60 million term loan and a \$70 million delayed draw term loan. Borrowings under the Financing Agreement will bear interest as follows: (a) LIBOR Rate Loans bear interest at applicable interbank rates and Reference Rate Loans bear interest at the rate of interest publicly announced by the Reference Bank in New York, New York, plus (b) a percentage spread ranging from 0% to a maximum of 4.75% depending on the type of loan and the Company's Senior Leverage Ratio. In addition, the Company is required to pay a facility fee of 50 basis points.

The new Financing Agreement is guaranteed by the material subsidiaries of the Company and matures on June 17, 2012. The Financing Agreement is subject to various covenants, including a senior leverage ratio, fixed charges ratio, limitations on debt incurrence, limitation on liens and limitation on dividends and other payments.

Long-term debt (including the current portion of long-term debt and the Financing Agreement) as of September 30, 2007 was \$151.9 million, an increase of \$56.4 million compared with the \$95.5 million outstanding at December 31, 2006. The increase was primarily the result of borrowings under the Financing Agreement due primarily to seasonal

shifts in the amounts billed to clients, and paid to suppliers, primarily media outlets and payments made for acquisitions and deferred acquisition payments and an increase in the Company's 8% convertible debentures (payable in Canadian dollars) of \$6.6 million due to the weakening of the US dollar compared to the Canadian dollar.

Pursuant to the Financing Agreement, the Company must comply with certain financial covenants including, among other things, covenants for (i) total debt ratio, (ii) fixed charges ratio, (iii) minimum earnings before interest, taxes and depreciation and amortization, and (iv) limitations on capital expenditures, in each case as such term is specifically defined in the Financing Agreement. For the period ended September 30, 2007, the Company's calculation of each of these covenants, and the specific requirements under the Financing Agreement, respectively, were as follows:

	<b>September 30, 2007</b>
	<b>(000's, except ratios)</b>
<b>Total Senior Leverage Ratio</b>	<b>2.34</b>
<b>Maximum per covenant</b>	<b>3.25</b>
<b>Fixed Charges Coverage Ratio</b>	<b>2.08</b>
<b>Minimum per covenant</b>	<b>1.20</b>
<b>Minimum earnings before interest, taxes and depreciation and amortization</b>	<b>\$ 44,787</b>
<b>Minimum per covenant</b>	<b>\$ 30,000</b>

These ratios are not based on generally accepted accounting principles and are not presented as alternative measures of operating performance or liquidity. They are presented here to demonstrate compliance with the covenants in the Company's Financing Agreement, as noncompliance with such covenants could have a material adverse effect on the Company.

### **Capital Resources**

At September 30, 2007 the Company had utilized approximately \$107.1 million of its Financing Agreement in the form of drawings and letters of credit. Cash and drawn available bank credit facilities to support the Company's future cash requirements, as at September 30, 2007 was approximately \$83.1 million.

The Company expects to use approximately \$15.0 million net of landlord and other reimbursements for capital expenditures during 2007. Such capital expenditures are expected to include leasehold improvements and computer hardware and software at certain of the Company's operating subsidiaries. The Company intends to maintain and expand its business using cash from operating activities, together with funds available under the Financing Agreement and, if required, by raising additional funds through the incurrence of bridge or other debt or the issuance of equity. Management believes that the Company's cash flow from operations and funds available under the Financing Agreement will be sufficient to meet its ongoing working capital, capital expenditures and other cash needs over the next eighteen months. If the Company has significant organic growth, the Company may need to obtain additional financing in the form of debt and/or equity financing upon fluctuations in working capital.

### *Deferred Acquisition Consideration (Earnouts)*

Acquisitions of businesses by the Company may include commitments to contingent deferred purchase consideration payable to the seller. These contingent purchase obligations are generally payable within a one to three-year period following the acquisition date, and are based on achievement of certain thresholds of future earnings and, in certain cases, also based on the rate of growth of those earnings. The contingent consideration is recorded as an obligation of the Company when the contingency is resolved and the amount is reasonably determinable. At September 30, 2007, there was \$0.3 million of deferred consideration included in the Company's balance sheet. Based on the various assumptions as to future operating results of the relevant entities, management estimates that approximately \$1.8 million of additional deferred purchase obligations could be triggered during 2007 or thereafter, which includes approximately \$0.2 million which may be paid in the form of issuance by the Company of its Class A shares. The actual amount that the Company pays in connection with the obligations may differ materially from this estimate.

In October 2007, the Company and the owners of kirshenbaum bond + partners LLC agreed to an accelerated exercise of the Company's call option that was otherwise exercisable in 2008. As a result, based on the various assumptions as to future operating results, management estimates that approximately \$26.5 million of additional deferred purchase obligations could be triggered in 2009 and 2010, including approximately \$6.6 million, which may be paid in the form of issuance by the Company of its Class A shares. See Note 14 in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

### *Off-Balance Sheet Commitments*

#### **Put Rights of Subsidiaries' Minority Shareholders**

Owners of interests in certain subsidiaries have the right in certain circumstances to require the Company to acquire the remaining ownership interests held by them. The owners' ability to exercise any such "put option" right is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including conditions requiring notice in advance of exercise. In addition, these rights cannot be exercised prior to specified staggered exercise dates. The exercise of these rights at their earliest contractual date would result in obligations of the Company to fund the related amounts during the period of 2007 to 2013. It is not determinable, at this time, if or when the owners of these put option rights will exercise all or a portion

of these rights.

The amount payable by the Company in the event such put option rights are exercised is dependent on various valuation formulas and on future events, such as the average earnings of the relevant subsidiary through that date of exercise, the growth rate of the earnings of the relevant subsidiary during that period, and, in some cases, the currency exchange rate at the date of payment.

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Management estimates, assuming that the subsidiaries owned by the Company at September 30, 2007, perform over the relevant future periods at their trailing twelve-month earnings level, that these rights, if all exercised, could require the Company, in future periods, to pay an aggregate amount of approximately \$143.0 million to the owners of such rights to acquire such ownership interests in the relevant subsidiaries. Of this amount, the Company is entitled, at its option, to fund approximately \$28.1 million by the issuance of the Company's Class A subordinate voting shares. The Company intends to finance the cash portion of these contingent payment obligations using available cash from operations, borrowings under its credit facility (and refinancings thereof) and, if necessary, through incurrence of additional debt. The ultimate amount payable and the incremental operating income in the future relating to these transactions will vary because it is dependent on the future results of operations of the subject businesses and the timing of when these rights are exercised. Approximately \$10.4 million of the estimated \$143.0 million that the Company would be required to pay subsidiaries minority shareholders' upon the exercise of outstanding put option rights, relates to rights exercisable within 2007. Upon the settlement of the total amount of such put options, the Company estimates that it would receive incremental operating income before depreciation and amortization of \$23.3 million.

In October and November 2007, the Company and the owners of interest of kirshenbaum bond + partners LLC and Crispin Porter & Bogusky LLC agreed to an accelerated exercise of the Company's existing call options that were otherwise exercisable in December 2007 and 2008. As a result of this call approximately \$70.1 million of the aggregate amount noted above has been exercised. See Note 14 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

The following table summarizes the potential timing of the consideration and incremental operating income before depreciation and amortization based on assumptions as described above.

Consideration (4)	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011 & Thereafter	Total
	(\$ Millions)					
Cash	\$ 9.4	\$ 34.0	\$ 14.4	\$ 38.2	\$ 18.9	\$ 114.9
Shares	1.0	8.3	4.4	10.4	4.0	28.1
	\$ 10.4	\$ 42.3	\$ 18.8	\$ 48.6	\$ 22.9	\$ 143.0(1)
Operating income before depreciation and amortization to be received(2)	\$ 3.0	\$ 9.7	\$ 1.8	\$ 3.6	\$ 5.2	\$ 23.3
Cumulative operating income before depreciation and amortization(3)	\$ 3.0	\$ 12.7	\$ 14.5	\$ 18.1	\$ 23.3	(5)

(1) Of this, approximately \$43.3 million has been recognized in Minority Interest on the Company's balance sheet as of September 22, 2004 in conjunction with the consolidation of CPB as a variable interest entity.

(2) This financial measure is presented because it is the basis of the calculation used in the underlying agreements relating to the put rights and is based on estimated 2007 operating results. This amount represents amounts to be received in the year the put is exercised.

(3) Cumulative operating income before depreciation and amortization represents the cumulative amounts to be received by the company.

(4) The timing of consideration to be paid varies by contract and does not necessarily correspond to the date of the exercise of the put.

(5) Amounts are not presented as they would not be meaningful due to multiple periods included.

## **Critical Accounting Policies**

The following summary of accounting policies has been prepared to assist in better understanding the Company's consolidated financial statements and the related management discussion and analysis. Readers are encouraged to consider this information together with the Company's consolidated financial statements and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements as included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for a more complete understanding of accounting policies discussed below.

*Estimates.* The preparation of the Company's financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America, or "US GAAP", requires management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities including goodwill, intangible assets, valuation allowances for receivables and deferred income tax assets, stock-based compensation, and the reporting of variable interest entities at the date of the financial statements. The statements are evaluated on an ongoing basis and estimates are based on historical experience, current conditions and various other assumptions believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results can differ from those estimates, and it is possible that the differences could be material.

*Revenue Recognition.* The Company's revenue recognition policies are in compliance with the SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin 104, "Revenue Recognition" ("SAB 104"), and accordingly, revenue is generally recognized when services are earned or upon delivery of the products when ownership and risk of loss has transferred to the customer, the selling price is fixed or determinable and collection of the resulting receivable is reasonably assured.

The Company earns revenue from agency arrangements in the form of retainer fees or commissions; from short-term project arrangements in the form of fixed fees or per diem fees for services; and from incentives or bonuses.

Non-refundable retainer fees are generally recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the specific customer contract. Commission revenue is earned and recognized upon the placement of advertisements in various media when the Company has no further performance obligations. Fixed fees for services are recognized upon completion of the earnings process and acceptance by the client. Per diem fees are recognized upon the performance of the Company's services. In addition, for certain service transactions, which require delivery of a number of service acts, the Company uses the Proportional Performance model, which generally results in revenue being recognized based on the straight-line method due to the acts being non-similar and there being insufficient evidence of fair value for each service provided.

Fees billed to clients in excess of fees recognized as revenue are classified as advance billings.

A small portion of the Company's contractual arrangements with clients includes performance incentive provisions, which allow the Company to earn additional revenues as a result of its performance relative to both quantitative and qualitative goals. The Company recognizes the incentive portion of revenue under these arrangements when specific quantitative goals are achieved, or when the Company's clients determine performance against qualitative goals has been achieved. In all circumstances, revenue is only recognized when collection is reasonably assured.

The Company follows EITF No. 99-19, "Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent" ("EITF 99-19"). This Issue summarized the EITF's views on when revenue should be recorded at the gross amount billed because revenue has been earned from the sale of goods or services, or the net amount retained because a fee or commission has been earned. The Company's businesses at times act as an agent and records revenue equal to the net amount retained, when the fee or commission is earned. The Company also follows EITF No. 01-14 for reimbursement received of out-of-pocket expenses. This Issue summarized the EITF's views that reimbursements received for out-of-pocket expenses incurred should be characterized in the income statement as revenue. Accordingly, the Company has included in revenue such reimbursed expenses.

*Acquisitions, Goodwill and Other Intangibles.* A fair value approach is used in testing goodwill for impairment under SFAS 142 to determine if other than temporary impairment has occurred. One approach utilized to determine fair values is a discounted cash flow methodology. When available and as appropriate, comparative market multiples are used. Numerous estimates and assumptions necessarily have to be made when completing a discounted cash flow valuation, including estimates and assumptions regarding interest rates, appropriate discount rates and capital structure. Additionally, estimates must be made regarding revenue growth, operating margins, tax rates, working capital requirements and capital expenditures. Estimates and assumptions also need to be made when determining the appropriate comparative market multiples to be used. Actual results of operations, cash flows and other factors used in a discounted cash flow valuation will likely differ from the estimates used and it is possible that differences and changes could be material. The Company incurred a goodwill impairment charge of \$4.5 million in 2007.

The Company has historically made and expects to continue to make selective acquisitions of marketing communications businesses. In making acquisitions, the price paid is determined by various factors, including service offerings, competitive position, reputation and geographic coverage, as well as prior experience and judgment. Due to the nature of advertising, marketing and corporate communications services companies; the companies acquired frequently have significant identifiable intangible assets, which primarily consist of customer relationships. The



Company has determined that certain intangibles (trademarks) have an indefinite life, as there are no legal, regulatory, contractual, or economic factors that limit the useful life.

A summary of the Company's deferred acquisition consideration obligations, sometimes referred to as earnouts, and obligations under put rights of subsidiaries' minority shareholders to purchase additional interests in certain subsidiary and affiliate companies is set forth in the "Liquidity and Capital Resources" section of this report. The deferred acquisition consideration obligations and obligations to purchase additional interests in certain subsidiary and affiliate companies are primarily based on future performance. Contingent purchase price obligations are accrued, in accordance with GAAP, when the contingency is resolved and payment is determinable.

*Allowance for doubtful accounts.* Trade receivables are stated less allowance for doubtful accounts. The allowance represents estimated uncollectible receivables usually due to customers' potential insolvency. The allowance includes amounts for certain customers where risk of default has been specifically identified.

*Income tax valuation allowance.* The Company records a valuation allowance against deferred income tax assets when management believes it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred income tax assets will not be realized. Management considers factors such as the reversal of deferred income tax liabilities, projected future taxable income, the character of the income tax asset, tax planning strategies, changes in tax laws and other factors. A change to these factors could impact the estimated valuation allowance and income tax expense.

*Stock-based compensation.* The fair value method is applied to all awards granted, modified or settled on or after January 1, 2003. Under the fair value method, compensation cost is measured at fair value at the date of grant and is expensed over the service period that is the award's vesting period. When awards are exercised, share capital is credited by the sum of the consideration paid together with the related portion previously credited to additional paid-in capital when compensation costs were charged against income or acquisition consideration. Stock-based awards that are settled in cash or may be settled in cash at the option of employees are recorded as liabilities. The measurement of the liability and compensation cost for these awards is based on the fair value of the award, and is recorded into operating income over the service period, that is the vesting period of the award. Changes in the Company's payment obligation subsequent to vesting of the award and prior to the settlement date are recorded as compensation cost over the service period in operating income. The final payment amount for Share Appreciation Rights is established on the date of the exercise of the award by the employee.

Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted SFAS 123(R) and has opted to use the modified prospective application transition method. Under this method the Company will not restate its prior financial statements. Instead, the Company will apply SFAS 123(R) for new awards granted or modified after the adoption of SFAS 123(R), any portion of awards that were granted after December 15, 1994 and have not vested as of January 1, 2006, and any outstanding liability awards.

*Variable Interest Entities.* The Company evaluates its various investments in entities to determine whether the investee is a variable interest entity and if so whether MDC is the primary beneficiary. Such evaluation requires management to make estimates and judgments regarding the sufficiency of the equity at risk in the investee and the expected losses of the investee and may impact whether the investee is accounted for on a consolidated basis.

### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes". This Interpretation clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements in accordance with FASB Statement No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. This Interpretation is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006, with earlier application permitted. The Company has adopted this interpretation, the adoption of which did not have a material effect on its financial statements.

In September 2006, FASB issued SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements". This statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This statement is effective for all fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. Earlier application is encouraged. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this statement on its financial statements.

In February 2007, FASB issued SFAS No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities" ("SFAS 159"). This statement permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. This statement expands the use of fair value measurement and applies to entities that elect the fair value option. The fair value option established by this Statement permits all entities to choose to measure eligible items at fair value at specified election dates. SFAS 159 is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this statement on its financial

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## Risks and Uncertainties

This document contains forward-looking statements. The Company's representatives may also make forward-looking statements orally from time to time. Statements in this document that are not historical facts, including statements about the Company's beliefs and expectations, recent business and economic trends, potential acquisitions, estimates of amounts for deferred acquisition consideration and "put" option rights, constitute forward-looking statements. These statements are based on current plans, estimates and projections, and are subject to change based on a number of factors, including those outlined in this section. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly any of them in light of new information or future events, if any.

Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. A number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Such risk factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- risks associated with effects of national and regional economic conditions;
- the Company's ability to attract new clients and retain existing clients;
- the financial success of the Company's clients;
- the Company's ability to remain in compliance with its debt agreements and the Company's ability to finance its contingent payment obligations when due and payable, including but not limited to those relating to "put" options rights;
- the Company's ability to retain and attract key employees;
- the successful completion and integration of acquisitions which complement and expand the Company's business capabilities;
- foreign currency fluctuations; and
- risks arising from the Company's historical stock option grant practices.

The Company's business strategy includes ongoing efforts to engage in material acquisitions of ownership interests in entities in the marketing communications services industry. The Company intends to finance these acquisitions by using available cash from operations and through incurrence of bridge or other debt financing, either of which may increase the Company's leverage ratios, or by issuing equity, which may have a dilutive impact on existing shareholders proportionate ownership. At any given time, the Company may be engaged in a number of discussions that may result in one or more material acquisitions. These opportunities require confidentiality and may involve negotiations that require quick responses by the Company. Although there is uncertainty that any of these discussions will result in definitive agreements or the completion of any transactions, the announcement of any such transaction may lead to increased volatility in the trading price of the Company's securities.

Investors should carefully consider these risk factors, the risk factors specified in Item 1A of this Form 10-Q, and in the additional risk factors outlined in more detail in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K under the caption "Risk Factors" and in the Company's other SEC filings.

### **Item 3. *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk***

The Company is exposed to market risk related to interest rates and foreign currencies.

**Debt Instruments.** At September 30, 2007, the Company's debt obligations consisted of amounts outstanding under a revolving credit facility and term loan. This facility bears interest at variable rates based upon the Eurodollar rate, US bank prime rate, and US base rate, at the Company's option. The Company's ability to obtain the required bank syndication commitments depends in part on conditions in the bank market at the time of syndication. Given the existing level of debt of \$100.6 million under the financing agreement, as of September 30, 2007, a 1.0% increase or decrease in the weighted average interest rate, which was 9.59% during the three months ended September 30, 2007, would have an interest impact of approximately \$1.0 million annually.

**Foreign Exchange.** The Company conducts business in five currencies, the US dollar, the Canadian dollar, Jamaican dollar, the Mexican Peso and the British Pound. Our results of operations are subject to risk from the translation to the US dollar of the revenue and expenses of our non-US operations. The effects of currency exchange rate fluctuations on the translation of our results of operations are discussed in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Result of Operations". For the most part, our revenues and expenses incurred related to our non-US operations are denominated in their functional currency. This minimizes the impact that fluctuations in exchange rates will have on profit margins. The Company does not enter into foreign currency forward exchange contracts or other derivative financial instruments to hedge the effects of adverse fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates.

Effective June 28, 2005, the Company entered into a cross currency swap contract ("Swap"), a form of derivative, in order to mitigate the risk of currency fluctuations relating to interest payment obligations. The Swap contract provided for a notional amount of debt fixed at C\$45.0 million and at \$36.5 million, with the interest rates fixed at 8% per annum for the Canadian dollar amount and fixed at 8.25% per annum for the US dollar amount. On June 22, 2006, the Company settled this Swap.

### **Item 4. *Controls and Procedures***

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be included in our SEC reports is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the applicable time periods specified by the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. There are inherent limitations to the effectiveness of any system of disclosure controls and procedures, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of the controls and procedures. Accordingly, even effective disclosure controls and procedures can only provide reasonable assurance of achieving their control objectives. However, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurances of achieving the Company's control objectives.

We conducted an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our CEO, our CFO and our management Disclosure Committee, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report pursuant to Rule 13a-15(b) of the Exchange Act. Based on that evaluation, the Company has concluded that its disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2007.

#### **Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the foregoing evaluation that occurred during the first nine months of 2007 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

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

The Company's operating entities are involved in legal proceedings of various types. While any litigation contains an element of uncertainty, the Company has no reason to believe that the outcome of such proceedings or claims will have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company.

### **Item 1A. *Risk Factors***

There are no material changes in the risk factors set forth in Part I, Item 1A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2006.

### **Item 2. *Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.***

(a) The information provided below describe a transaction that occurred during the third quarter of 2007 in which the Company issued shares of its Class A subordinate voting shares ("Class A Shares") that were not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").

- (1) During the third quarter of 2007, the Company issued 41,747 Class A Shares to the minority equity holder of Bruce Mau Holdings Ltd., an Ontario corporation, as part of a deferred payment in respect of the acquisition by the Company of a 50.1% ownership interest in Bruce Mau Holdings Ltd. in May 2004. The Class A Shares were issued by the Company without registration in reliance on Section 4(2) under the Securities Act and Regulation D thereunder, based on the sophistication of the sellers and their status as an "accredited investors" within the meaning of Rule 501(a) of Regulation D. Sellers of Bruce Mau Holdings Ltd. had access to all the documents filed by the Company with the SEC.

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

None.

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**Item 6. Exhibits**

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\* Filed electronically 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.

MDC PARTNERS INC.

/s/ Michael Sabatino  
Michael Sabatino  
Chief Accounting Officer

November 8, 2007

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