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

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**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

- QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2010
- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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**Avid Technology, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**04-2977748**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**75 Network Drive**  
**Burlington, Massachusetts 01803**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

**(978) 640-6789**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes  No

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

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Non-accelerated Filer <input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller Reporting Company <input type="checkbox"/>

(Do not check if smaller reporting company)

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

Yes  No

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's Common Stock as of November 1, 2010 was 38,136,389.

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AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC.

FORM 10-Q

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

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This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act. For this purpose, any statements contained in this quarterly report regarding our strategy, future plans or operations, financial position, future revenues, projected costs, prospects, and objectives of management, other than statements of historical facts, may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. Without limiting the foregoing, the words "believes," "anticipates," "plans," "expects" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. We cannot guarantee that we actually will achieve the plans, intentions or expectations expressed or implied in forward-looking statements. There are a number of factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those indicated or implied by such forward-looking statements, many of which are beyond our control, including the factors discussed in Part I - Item 1A under the heading "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, and as referenced in Part II - Item 1A of this report. In addition, the forward-looking statements contained herein represent our estimates only as of the date of this filing and should not be relied upon as representing our estimates as of any subsequent date. While we may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, we specifically disclaim any obligation to do so, whether to reflect actual results, changes in assumptions, changes in other factors affecting such forward-looking statements or otherwise.

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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(in thousands except per share data, unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
<b>Net revenues:</b>				
Products	\$ 134,231	\$ 123,522	\$ 397,044	\$ 369,075
Services	30,828	28,597	86,131	85,216
Total net revenues	165,059	152,119	483,175	454,291
<b>Cost of revenues:</b>				
Products	64,421	57,097	193,527	176,774
Services	14,194	13,586	41,373	43,515
Amortization of intangible assets	745	519	2,657	1,465
Restructuring costs	—	—	—	799
Total cost of revenues	79,360	71,202	237,557	222,553
<b>Gross profit</b>	85,699	80,917	245,618	231,738
<b>Operating expenses:</b>				
Research and development	28,929	29,262	89,348	90,974
Marketing and selling	43,199	44,705	129,419	127,480
General and administrative	19,698	12,093	48,179	39,765
Amortization of intangible assets	2,283	2,782	7,557	7,779
Restructuring and other costs, net	185	7,891	5,532	17,132
(Gain) loss on sales of assets	(1,527)	3,398	(1,527)	3,398
Total operating expenses	92,767	100,131	278,508	286,528
<b>Operating loss</b>	(7,068)	(19,214)	(32,890)	(54,790)
Interest income	82	177	222	680
Interest expense	(175)	(406)	(636)	(641)
Other income (expense), net	63	(11)	282	(68)
<b>Loss before income taxes</b>	(7,098)	(19,454)	(33,022)	(54,819)
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes, net	2,897	(2,246)	3,361	(4,385)
<b>Net loss</b>	\$ (9,995)	\$ (17,208)	\$ (36,383)	\$ (50,434)
Net loss per common share – basic and diluted	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.46)	\$ (0.96)	\$ (1.35)
Weighted-average common shares outstanding – basic and diluted	38,045	37,341	37,826	37,251

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

**AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(in thousands, unaudited)

	<b>September 30, 2010</b>	<b>December 31, 2009</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 34,361	\$ 91,517
Marketable securities	—	17,360
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$15,733 and \$16,347 at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively	89,674	79,741
Inventories	96,306	77,243
Deferred tax assets, net	2,292	770
Prepaid expenses	8,232	7,789
Other current assets	17,258	22,516
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>248,123</b>	<b>296,936</b>
Property and equipment, net	65,088	37,217
Intangible assets, net	32,564	29,235
Goodwill	244,282	227,195
Other assets	9,859	20,455
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 599,916</b>	<b>\$ 611,038</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>Current liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 45,250	\$ 30,230
Accrued compensation and benefits	28,501	25,281
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	31,878	55,591
Income taxes payable	6,391	3,228
Deferred revenues	46,822	39,107
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>158,842</b>	<b>153,437</b>
Long-term liabilities	22,116	14,483
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>180,958</b>	<b>167,920</b>
<b>Contingencies (Note 13)</b>		
<b>Stockholders' equity:</b>		
Common stock	423	423
Additional paid-in capital	1,001,891	992,489
Accumulated deficit	(494,927)	(444,661)
Treasury stock at cost, net of reissuances	(92,355)	(112,389)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	3,926	7,256
<b>Total stockholders' equity</b>	<b>418,958</b>	<b>443,118</b>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 599,916</b>	<b>\$ 611,038</b>

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

**AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(in thousands, unaudited)

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net loss	\$ (36,383)	\$ (50,434)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	25,026	24,058
Provision for doubtful accounts	285	1,654
Non-cash provision for restructuring	291	2,098
(Gain) loss on sales of assets	(1,527)	3,398
(Gain) loss on disposal of fixed assets	(70)	46
Compensation expense from stock grants and options	10,614	9,908
Changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities, excluding initial effects of acquisitions	(1,393)	(2,015)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, excluding initial effects of acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable	(6,337)	19,322
Inventories	(15,344)	3,313
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	6,420	7,459
Accounts payable	13,832	(6,732)
Accrued expenses, compensation and benefits and other liabilities	(25,021)	(27,812)
Income taxes payable	2,290	(6,721)
Deferred revenues	6,763	(9,549)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(20,554)</b>	<b>(32,007)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Purchases of property and equipment	(25,926)	(9,631)
Increase in other long-term assets	(82)	(1,584)
Payments for business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(27,008)	(4,413)
Purchases of marketable securities	(2,250)	(52,592)
Proceeds from sales of marketable securities	19,605	53,676
Proceeds from sales of assets	1,000	—
Proceeds from notes receivable	—	1,989
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(34,661)</b>	<b>(12,555)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Payments related to stock option purchase	—	(526)
(Payments related to) proceeds from the issuance of common stock under employee stock plans, net	(61)	111
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(61)</b>	<b>(415)</b>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(1,880)	1,303
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(57,156)	(43,674)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	91,517	121,792
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 34,361</u>	<u>\$ 78,118</u>
<b>Supplemental information:</b>		
Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds	\$ 2,761	\$ 3,469
<b>Non-cash investing activities:</b>		
Landlord allowance for leasehold improvements	\$ 6,036	\$ —
Issuance of common stock for business acquisition	\$ 5,000	\$ —

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

**AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC.**  
**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
(unaudited)

**1. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Avid Technology, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries (collectively, "Avid" or the "Company"). These financial statements are unaudited. However, in the opinion of management, the condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all normal and recurring adjustments necessary for their fair statement. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results expected for a full year. The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions for Form 10-Q and therefore do not include all information and footnotes necessary for a complete presentation of operations, financial position and cash flows of the Company in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2009 was derived from the Company's audited consolidated financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Company filed audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 in its 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K, which included all information and footnotes necessary for such presentation. The financial statements contained in this Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements in the Form 10-K.

The Company's preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported periods. The most significant estimates reflected in these financial statements include revenue recognition, stock-based compensation, accounts receivable and sales allowances, inventory valuation, goodwill and intangible asset valuations, fair value measurements and income tax asset valuation allowances. Actual results could differ from the Company's estimates.

During the three months ended June 30, 2010, the Company determined it was appropriate to revise the way it classifies certain portions of its inventory. As a result, approximately \$3.1 million of inventory previously reported as work in process at December 31, 2009 has been included as finished goods inventory for the current presentation. See Note 8 for the presentation of the inventory classifications at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009.

In the later part of 2009, the Company completed the reorganization of its business around functional groups rather than product categories. The Company's evaluation of the discrete financial information that is regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision makers determined that the Company now has only one reportable segment. Effective January 1, 2010, the Company began reporting based on a single reportable segment and has reclassified its 2009 segment reporting to conform to the 2010 presentation. The change to the current presentation did not affect the Company's consolidated operating results. See Note 15 for the Company's segment reporting for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009.

The Company evaluated subsequent events to determine if any event since September 30, 2010, the date of these financial statements, required disclosure in these statements. The evaluation determined that a credit agreement entered into by the Company on October 1, 2010 should be disclosed in these financial statements (see Note 18). The Company further determined that no other recognized or unrecognized subsequent events required recognition or disclosure.

**2. NET LOSS PER COMMON SHARE**

Net loss per common share is presented for both basic loss per share ("Basic EPS") and diluted loss per share ("Diluted EPS"). Basic EPS is based on the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period, excluding non-vested restricted stock held by employees. Diluted EPS is based on the weighted-average number of common shares and potential common shares outstanding during the period.

The following table sets forth (in thousands) potential common shares, on a weighted-average basis, that were considered anti-dilutive securities and excluded from the Diluted EPS calculations either because the sum of the exercise price per share and the unrecognized compensation cost per share was greater than the average market price of the Company's common stock for the relevant period, or because they were considered contingently issuable. The contingently issuable potential common shares result from certain stock options and restricted stock units granted to the Company's executive officers that vest based on performance and market conditions.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Options	5,321	4,376	4,994	4,303
Non-vested restricted stock and restricted stock units	439	639	365	804
Anti-dilutive potential common shares	5,760	5,015	5,359	5,107

During periods of net loss, certain potential common shares that would otherwise be included in the Diluted EPS calculation are excluded because the effect would be anti-dilutive. The following table sets forth (in thousands) common stock equivalents that were excluded from the calculation of Diluted EPS due to the net loss for the relevant period.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Options	4	16	9	13
Non-vested restricted stock and restricted stock units	16	19	32	9
Anti-dilutive common stock equivalents	20	35	41	22

### 3. FOREIGN CURRENCY FORWARD CONTRACTS

The Company has significant international operations and, therefore, the Company's revenues, earnings, cash flows and financial position are exposed to foreign currency risk from foreign-currency-denominated receivables, payables and sales transactions, as well as net investments in foreign operations. The Company derives more than half of its revenues from customers outside the United States. This business is, for the most part, transacted through international subsidiaries and generally in the currency of the end-user customers. Therefore, the Company is exposed to the risks that changes in foreign currency could adversely affect its revenues, net income and cash flow. The Company uses derivatives in the form of foreign currency forward contracts to manage its short-term exposures to fluctuations in the foreign currency exchange rates that exist as part of its ongoing international business operations. The Company does not enter into any derivative instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

As required by Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification ("FASB ASC") Topic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, the Company records all derivatives on the balance sheet at fair value. The accounting for changes in the fair value of derivatives depends on the intended use of the derivative, whether the Company has elected to designate a derivative in a hedging relationship and apply hedge accounting, and whether the hedging relationship has satisfied the criteria necessary to apply hedge accounting. Derivatives designated and qualifying as hedges of the exposure to changes in the fair value of an asset, liability or firm commitment attributable to a particular risk are considered fair value hedges. Derivatives designated and qualifying as hedges of the exposure to variability in expected future cash flows, or other types of forecasted transactions, are considered cash flow hedges. Derivatives may also be designated as hedges of the foreign currency exposure of a net investment in a foreign operation. Hedge accounting generally provides for the matching of the timing of gain or loss recognition on the hedging instrument with the recognition of the changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk in a fair value hedge or the earnings effect of the hedged forecasted transactions in a cash flow hedge. Under hedge accounting, the determination of hedge effectiveness is dependent upon whether the gain or loss on the hedging derivative is highly effective in offsetting the gain or loss in the value of the item being hedged. The Company may enter into derivative contracts that are intended to economically hedge certain of its risks, even though the Company elects not to apply hedge accounting under FASB ASC Topic 815.

During the three months ended September 30, 2010, the Company executed foreign currency forward contracts to hedge the foreign exchange currency risk associated with certain forecasted euro-denominated sales transactions. These contracts are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges under the criteria of FASB ASC Topic 815. The effective portion of the changes in the fair value of derivatives designated and qualifying as cash flow hedges is initially reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in stockholders' equity and subsequently reclassified into revenues at the time the hedged transactions affect earnings. The ineffective portion of the change in fair value is recognized directly into earnings. To date no amounts have been recorded as a result of hedging ineffectiveness.

At September 30, 2010, the Company had foreign currency forward contracts outstanding with notional values of \$30.5 million as hedges against forecasted foreign-currency-denominated sales transactions. The following table sets forth the balance sheet locations and fair values of the Company's foreign currency forward contracts at September 30, 2010 (in thousands):

<b>Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments under ASC Topic 815</b>	<b>Balance Sheet Location</b>	<b>Fair Value at September 30, 2010</b>
<b>Financial liabilities:</b>		
Foreign currency forward contracts	Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	\$2,314

The following tables set forth the effect of the Company's foreign currency forward contracts designated as hedging instruments on the Company's statements of operations or stockholders' equity during the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 (in thousands):

<b>Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments under ASC Topic 815</b>	<b>Amount of Loss Recognized in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) on Derivatives (Effective Portion) Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010</b>
Foreign currency forward contracts	(\$2,314)

<b>Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments under ASC Topic 815</b>	<b>Amount of Loss Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) into Revenues (Effective Portion) Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010</b>
Foreign currency forward contracts	(\$35)

The net loss of \$2.3 million remaining in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) as of September 30, 2010 is subject to change as foreign currency exchange rates fluctuate and is expected to be recognized into earnings within the next 3 months.

As a hedge against the foreign exchange exposure of certain forecasted receivables, payables and cash balances of foreign subsidiaries, the Company enters into short-term foreign currency forward contracts. The changes in fair value of the foreign currency forward contracts intended to offset foreign currency exchange risk on forecasted cash flows and net monetary assets are recorded as gains or losses in the Company's statement of operations in the period of change, because they do not meet the criteria of FASB ASC Topic 815 to be treated as hedges for accounting purposes. There are two objectives of the Company's foreign currency forward contract program: (1) to offset any foreign exchange currency risk associated with cash receipts expected to be received from the Company's customers and cash payments expected to be made to the Company's vendors over the next 30-day period and (2) to offset the impact of foreign currency exchange on the Company's net monetary assets denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the legal entity. These forward contracts typically mature within 30 days of execution.

At September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the Company had foreign currency forward contracts outstanding with notional values of \$27.3 million and \$46.2 million, respectively, as hedges against forecasted foreign-currency-denominated receivables, payables and cash balances. The following table sets forth the balance sheet locations and fair values of the Company's foreign currency forward contracts at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

<b>Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments under ASC Topic 815</b>	<b>Balance Sheet Location</b>	<b>Fair Value at September 30, 2010</b>	<b>Fair Value at December 31, 2009</b>
<b>Financial assets:</b>			
Foreign currency forward contracts	Other current assets	\$612	\$1,162
<b>Financial liabilities:</b>			
Foreign currency forward contracts	Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	—	\$546

The following table sets forth the net foreign exchange gains and losses recorded as marketing and selling expenses in the Company's statements of operations during the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 that resulted from the Company's foreign exchange contracts not designated as hedging instruments and the revaluation of the related hedged items (in thousands):

<b>Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments under ASC Topic 815</b>	<b>Net (Loss) Gain Recorded in Marketing and Selling Expenses</b>			
	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Foreign currency forward contracts	(\$336)	\$7	(\$55)	\$1,588

See Note 4 for additional information on the fair value measurements for all financial assets and liabilities, including derivative assets and derivative liabilities, that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

#### 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

##### *Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis*

On a recurring basis, the Company measures certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value, including cash equivalents, marketable securities and foreign currency forward contracts. At September 30, 2010, all of the Company's financial assets and liabilities were classified as either Level 1 or Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy as defined by FASB ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosure*. Instruments valued using quoted market prices in active markets and classified as Level 1 are deferred compensation investments. Instruments valued based on other observable inputs and classified as Level 2 are foreign currency forward contracts.

The following table summarizes the Company's fair value hierarchy for financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at September 30, 2010 (in thousands):

	<b>September 30, 2010</b>	<b>Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using</b>		
		<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</b>	<b>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</b>
<b>Financial Assets:</b>				
Deferred compensation plan investments	\$ 917	\$ 917	\$ —	\$ —
Foreign currency forward contracts	612	—	612	—
<b>Financial Liabilities:</b>				
Deferred compensation plan obligations	\$ 917	\$ 917	\$ —	\$ —
Foreign currency forward contracts	2,314	—	2,314	—

The fair values of our foreign currency forward contracts are measured at fair value on a recurring basis based on the changes in fair value of the foreign currency forward contracts. See Note 3 for further information on the Company's foreign currency forward contracts.

**Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis**

The following table summarizes the Company's fair value hierarchy for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis during the three-month period ended September 30, 2010 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2010	Fair Value Measurements Using			Total Related Expenses
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Facilities-related restructuring accruals	\$ 236	\$ —	\$ 236	\$ —	\$ 236

The following table summarizes the Company's fair value hierarchy for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010	Fair Value Measurements Using			Total Related Expenses
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Facilities-related restructuring accruals	\$ 1,368	\$ —	\$ 1,368	\$ —	\$ 1,368

The Company typically uses the following valuation techniques to determine fair values of assets and liabilities measured on a nonrecurring basis:

- **Goodwill:** When performing goodwill impairment tests, the Company estimates the fair value of its reporting units using an income approach, which is generally a discounted cash flow methodology that includes assumptions for, among other things, forecasted revenues, gross profit margins, operating profit margins, working capital cash flow, growth rates, income tax rates, expected tax benefits and long-term discount rates, all of which require significant judgments by management. The Company also considers comparable market data based on multiples of revenue as well as the reconciliation of the Company's market capitalization to the total fair value of its reporting units. If the estimated fair value of any reporting unit is less than its carrying value, an impairment exists.
- **Intangible Assets:** When performing an intangible asset impairment test, the Company estimates the fair value of the asset using a discounted cash flow methodology, which includes assumptions for, among other things, budgets and economic projections, market trends, product development cycles and long-term discount rates. If the estimated fair value of the asset is less than its carrying value, an impairment exists.
- **Facilities-Related Restructuring Accruals:** During the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010, the Company recorded accruals associated with exiting all or portions of certain leased facilities. The Company estimates the fair value of such liabilities, which are discounted to net present value at an assumed risk-free interest rate, based on observable inputs, including the remaining payments required under the existing lease agreements, utilities costs based on recent invoice amounts, and potential sublease receipts based on quoted market prices for similar sublease arrangements.

## 5. ACQUISITIONS

### *Euphonix, Inc.*

On April 21, 2010, the Company acquired Euphonix, Inc. (“Euphonix”), a California-based provider of large-format digital audio consoles, media controllers and peripherals, for cash, net of cash acquired, of \$10.9 million and 327,439 shares of the Company’s common stock valued at \$5.0 million. A preliminary allocation performed from the date of acquisition through September 30, 2010 allocated the purchase price as follows (in thousands):

Tangible assets acquired, net	\$	2,297
Identifiable intangible assets:		
Developed technology		2,200
Customer relationships		1,600
Trademarks and trade name		700
Non-compete agreement		200
Goodwill		8,924
Total assets acquired	\$	<u>15,921</u>

During the three months ended September 30, 2010, the Company recorded the following adjustments to the Euphonix purchase price allocation as a result of revised fair value estimates (in thousands):

Tangible assets acquired, net	\$	(390)
Identifiable intangible assets		300
Goodwill		90
Change in total assets acquired	\$	<u>—</u>

The Company used the income approach to determine the values of the identifiable intangible assets. The income approach presumes that the value of an asset can be estimated by the net economic benefit to be received over the life of the asset discounted to present value. The weighted-average discount rate (or rate of return) used to determine the value of Euphonix’s intangible assets was 23% and the effective tax rate used was 35%.

The values of the customer relationships, trademarks and trade names and non-compete agreement are being amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives of four years, two years and two years, respectively. The value of the developed technology is being amortized over the greater of the amount calculated using the ratio of current quarter revenues to the total of current quarter and anticipated future revenues, and the straight-line method, over the estimated useful life of three years. The weighted-average amortization period for these amortizable identifiable intangible assets is approximately 3.2 years. Amortization expense for Euphonix identifiable intangible assets totaled \$0.4 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010.

The goodwill, which is not deductible for tax purposes, reflects the value of the assembled workforce and the company-specific synergies the Company expects to realize by selling Euphonix’s digital audio consoles, media controllers and peripherals to its existing customers.

The Company is continuing its evaluation of the information necessary to determine the fair value of the acquired assets and liabilities of Euphonix. Once this evaluation is complete, which in no event will occur more than one year from the date of acquisition, the Company will finalize the purchase price allocation.

The results of operations of Euphonix have been included prospectively in the results of operations of the Company since the date of acquisition. The Company’s results of operations giving effect to the Euphonix acquisition as if it had occurred at the beginning of 2009 would not differ materially from reported results.

## Blue Order Solutions AG

On January 5, 2010, the Company acquired all the outstanding shares of Blue Order Solutions AG (“Blue Order”), a Germany-based developer and provider of workflow and media asset management solutions, for cash, net of cash acquired, of \$16.1 million. A preliminary allocation of the purchase price performed from the date of acquisition through September 30, 2010 allocated the purchase price as follows (in thousands):

Tangible liabilities assumed, net	\$ (1,237)
Identifiable intangible assets:	
Core technology	4,597
Customer relationships	3,160
Non-compete agreements	1,293
Trademarks and trade name	287
Goodwill	8,530
Deferred tax liabilities, net	(543)
Total assets acquired	<u>\$ 16,087</u>

During the three months ended September 30, 2010, the Company recorded the following adjustments to the Blue Order purchase price allocation as a result of revised fair value estimates (in thousands):

Tangible liabilities assumed, net	\$ (556)
Identifiable intangible assets	575
Goodwill	152
Deferred tax liabilities, net	(171)
Change in total assets acquired	<u>\$ —</u>

The Company used the cost approach to value the core technology intangible asset and the income approach to determine the values of the customer relationships, non-compete agreements and trademarks and trade names intangible assets. The cost approach measures the value of an asset by quantifying the aggregate expenditures that would be required to replace the asset. The income approach presumes that the value of an asset can be estimated by the net economic benefit to be received over the life of the asset discounted to present value. The weighted-average discount rate (or rate of return) used to determine the value of Blue Order’s intangible assets was 20% and the effective tax rate used was 30%.

The values of the customer relationships, non-compete agreements, and trademarks and trade names are being amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives of four years, three years and two years, respectively. The value of the developed technology is being amortized over the greater of the amount calculated using the ratio of current quarter revenues to the total of current quarter and anticipated future revenues, and the straight-line method, over the estimated useful life of three and one-half years. The weighted-average amortization period for these amortizable identifiable intangible assets is approximately 3.6 years. Amortization expense for Blue Order identifiable intangible assets totaled \$0.6 million and \$1.8 million, respectively, for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010.

The goodwill, which is not deductible for tax purposes, reflects the value of the assembled workforce and the customer-specific synergies the Company expects to realize by incorporating Blue Order’s workflow and media asset management technology into future solutions offered to customers.

The Company is continuing its evaluation of the information necessary to determine the fair value of the acquired assets and liabilities of Blue Order. Once this evaluation is complete, which in no event will occur more than one year from the date of acquisition, the Company will finalize the purchase price allocation.

The results of operations of Blue Order have been included prospectively in the results of operations of the Company since the date of acquisition. The Company’s results of operations giving effect to the Blue Order acquisition as if it had occurred at the beginning of 2009 would not differ materially from reported results.

**MaxT Systems Inc.**

On July 31, 2009, the Company acquired all the outstanding shares of MaxT Systems Inc. ("MaxT"), a Canada-based developer of server-based media management and editing technology, for cash, net of cash acquired, of \$4.4 million. The results of operations of MaxT have been included prospectively in the results of operations of the Company since the date of acquisition. The Company's results of operations giving effect to the MaxT acquisition as if it had occurred at the beginning of 2009 would not differ materially from reported results.

**6. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS****Goodwill**

Goodwill resulting from the Company's acquisitions consisted of the following at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

	<b>September 30, 2010 (a)</b>	<b>December 31, 2009</b>
Goodwill	\$ 416,182	\$ 399,095
Accumulated impairment losses	(171,900)	(171,900)
	<u>\$ 244,282</u>	<u>\$ 227,195</u>

(a) The \$17.1 million increase in goodwill from December 31, 2009 to September 30, 2010 was the result of the addition of \$8.5 million related to the January 2010 acquisition of Blue Order and \$8.9 million related to the April 2010 acquisition of Euphonix, partially offset by foreign currency translation adjustments of approximately \$0.3 million. See Note 5 for further information regarding the goodwill related to the Blue Order and Euphonix acquisitions.

There were no interim indicators of goodwill impairment during the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

**Identifiable Intangible Assets**

Identifiable intangible assets resulting from the Company's acquisitions consisted of the following at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

	<b>September 30, 2010</b>			<b>December 31, 2009</b>		
	<b>Gross (a)</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Net</b>
Completed technologies and patents	\$ 74,815	\$ (67,366)	\$ 7,449	\$ 68,186	\$ (64,609)	\$ 3,577
Customer relationships	68,267	(45,497)	22,770	63,653	(40,221)	23,432
Trade names	14,775	(13,506)	1,269	13,800	(11,668)	2,132
License agreements	560	(560)	—	560	(560)	—
Non-compete agreements	1,593	(517)	1,076	162	(68)	94
	<u>\$ 160,010</u>	<u>\$ (127,446)</u>	<u>\$ 32,564</u>	<u>\$ 146,361</u>	<u>\$ (117,126)</u>	<u>\$ 29,235</u>

(a) The September 30, 2010 gross amounts include the addition of \$9.3 million for intangible assets related to the January 2010 acquisition of Blue Order and \$4.7 million for intangible assets related to the April 2010 acquisition of Euphonix, partially offset by foreign currency translation adjustments of approximately \$0.4 million. See Note 5 for further information regarding the identifiable intangible assets acquired from Blue Order and Euphonix.

Amortization expense related to all intangible assets in the aggregate was \$3.0 million and \$3.3 million for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and \$10.2 million and \$9.2 million for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The Company expects amortization of these intangible assets to be approximately \$3 million for the remainder of 2010, \$11 million in 2011, \$7 million in 2012, \$5 million in 2013, \$3 million in 2014, \$2 million in 2015 and \$2 million thereafter.

## 7. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable, net of allowances, consisted of the following at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
Accounts receivable	\$ 105,407	\$ 96,088
Less:		
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(2,770)	(3,219)
Allowance for sales returns and rebates	(12,963)	(13,128)
	<u>\$ 89,674</u>	<u>\$ 79,741</u>

The accounts receivable balances at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 excluded approximately \$23.4 million and \$17.3 million, respectively, for large solution sales and certain distributor sales that were invoiced, but for which revenues had not yet been recognized and payments were not then due.

## 8. INVENTORIES

Inventories consisted of the following at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
Raw materials	\$ 12,592	\$ 14,592
Work in process	937	2,559
Finished goods	82,777	60,092
	<u>\$ 96,306</u>	<u>\$ 77,243</u>

At September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the finished goods inventory included inventory at customer locations of \$15.1 million and \$10.6 million, respectively, associated with products shipped to customers for which revenues had not yet been recognized.

During 2010, the Company determined it was appropriate to revise the way it classifies certain portions of its inventory. As a result, approximately \$3.1 million of inventory previously reported as work in process at December 31, 2009 has been included as finished goods inventory for the current presentation.

The decrease in raw materials and work in process at September 30, 2010, which is offset by an increase in finished goods, is related to our increased use of contractors to manufacture our products, components and subassemblies.

## 9. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Property and equipment, net, consisted of the following at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
Computer and video equipment and software	\$ 123,527	\$ 115,248
Manufacturing tooling and testbeds	6,996	6,428
Office equipment	2,035	3,404
Furniture and fixtures	15,350	10,378
Leasehold improvements	37,590	31,777
	185,498	167,235
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(120,410)	(130,018)
	<u>\$ 65,088</u>	<u>\$ 37,217</u>

During the first nine months of 2010, leasehold improvements, furniture and equipment related to the relocation of the Company's corporate offices to Burlington, Massachusetts were placed in service and resulted in fixed asset additions of approximately \$31.7 million, including a non-cash addition of \$6.0 million resulting from landlord leasehold improvement funding. During the same period, the Company wrote off fixed assets related to the closure of the Company's former headquarters facility with gross book values and net book values of approximately \$22.7 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

## 10. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-term liabilities consisted of the following at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
Long-term deferred tax liabilities, net	\$ 2,094	\$ 2,519
Long-term deferred revenue	8,434	7,296
Long-term deferred rent	10,241	1,974
Long-term accrued restructuring	1,347	2,694
	<u>\$ 22,116</u>	<u>\$ 14,483</u>

## 11. ACCOUNTING FOR STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

### *Stock Incentive Plans*

Under its stock incentive plans, the Company may grant stock awards or options to purchase the Company's common stock to employees, officers, directors (subject to certain restrictions) and consultants, generally at the market price on the date of grant. The options become exercisable over various periods, typically four years for employees and one year for non-employee directors, and have a maximum term of seven years. Restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards typically vest over four years. Shares available for issuance under the Company's Amended and Restated 2005 Stock Incentive Plan totaled 4,146,511 at September 30, 2010, including 882,602 shares that may alternatively be issued as awards of restricted stock or restricted stock units.

The Company records stock-based compensation cost for stock-based awards over the requisite service periods for the individual awards, which generally equal the vesting periods. Stock-compensation expense is recognized using the straight-line attribution method. The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model to estimate the fair value of stock option grants with time-based vesting. The Black-Scholes model relies on a number of key assumptions to calculate estimated fair values. The fair values of restricted stock awards with time-based vesting, including restricted stock and restricted stock units, are based on the intrinsic values of the awards at the date of grant.

The following table sets forth the weighted-average key assumptions and fair value results for stock options with time-based vesting granted during the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Expected dividend yield	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Risk-free interest rate	1.07%	1.83%	1.79%	1.94%
Expected volatility	44.5%	52.8%	45.9%	55.7%
Expected life (in years)	4.55	4.62	4.54	4.58
Weighted-average fair value of options granted	\$4.39	\$5.71	\$5.56	\$6.12

The Company also issues stock option grants or restricted stock awards with vesting based on market conditions, specifically the Company's stock price, or a combination of performance and market conditions. The compensation costs and derived service periods for such grants are estimated using the Monte Carlo valuation method. For stock option grants with vesting based on a combination of performance and market conditions, the compensation costs are also estimated using the Black-Scholes valuation method factored for the estimated probability of achieving the performance goals, and compensation costs for these grants are recorded based on the higher estimate for each vesting tranche. For restricted stock unit grants with vesting based on a combination of performance and market conditions, the compensation costs are also estimated based on the intrinsic values of the awards at the date of grant factored for the estimated probability of achieving the performance goals, and compensation costs for these grants are also recorded based on the higher estimate for each vesting tranche. For each stock option grant and restricted stock award with vesting based on a combination of performance and market conditions where vesting will occur if either condition is met, the related compensation costs are recognized over the shorter of the derived service period or implicit service period.

The following table sets forth the weighted-average key assumptions and fair value results for stock options with vesting based on market conditions or a combination of performance and market conditions granted during the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Expected dividend yield	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Risk-free interest rate	2.05%	3.23%	2.86%	3.25%
Expected volatility	44.6%	53.1%	46.4%	54.3%
Expected life (in years)	3.08	3.79	3.63	3.79
Weighted-average fair value of options granted	\$4.81	\$5.48	\$4.95	\$5.41

The following table sets forth the weighted-average key assumptions and fair value results for restricted stock units with vesting based on market conditions or a combination of performance and market conditions granted during the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2010	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010
	Expected dividend yield	0.00%
Risk-free interest rate	2.05%	4.09%
Expected volatility	44.5%	46.7%
Expected life (in years)	4.48	4.49
Weighted-average fair value of awards granted	\$8.75	\$10.71

No restricted stock units with vesting based on market conditions or a combination of performance and market conditions were granted during the three- or nine-month periods ended September 30, 2009.

During the first quarter of 2010, the Company modified the vesting terms of certain outstanding stock options that had vesting based on market conditions. The modifications, which affected 16 employees, provide that the vesting of the underlying shares can also occur based on the achievement of certain additional performance-based criteria and resulted in a total incremental compensation charge of \$0.9 million, which is being recognized over the remaining derived service period of the stock options. The incremental compensation costs for the option modifications were based on the excess fair values of the modified options immediately after the modification, which were estimated using the Black Scholes valuation method factored for the estimated probability of achieving the performance goals, compared to the fair values immediately before the modification estimated using the Monte Carlo valuation method.

The Company estimates forfeiture rates at the time awards are made based on historical turnover rates and applies these rates in the calculation of estimated compensation cost. At September 30, 2010, the Company's annualized estimated forfeiture rates were 0% for non-employee director awards, and 10% for both executive management staff and other employee awards.

The following table summarizes changes in the Company's stock options outstanding during the nine months ended September 30, 2010:

	<b>Stock Options</b>			
	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Exercise Price</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term</b>	<b>Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands)</b>
Options outstanding at December 31, 2009	4,290,422	\$21.80		
Granted	1,605,410	\$13.78		
Exercised	(28,664)	\$11.66		
Forfeited or expired	(515,785)	\$19.10		
Options outstanding at September 30, 2010 (a)	<u>5,351,383</u>	\$19.71	5.40 years	\$860
Options vested at September 30, 2010 or expected to vest	<u>4,582,045</u>	\$20.00	5.41 years	\$709
Options exercisable at September 30, 2010	<u>1,409,275</u>	\$26.18	4.74 years	\$200

(a) Options outstanding at September 30, 2010 included 1,719,905 options that had vesting based on either market conditions or a combination of performance and market conditions.

The aggregate intrinsic values of stock options exercised during the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 were approximately \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million, respectively. Cash amounts received from the exercise of stock options were \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The Company did not realize any actual tax benefit from the tax deductions for stock option exercises during the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 due to the full valuation allowance on the Company's U.S. deferred tax assets.

The following table summarizes changes in the Company's non-vested restricted stock units during the nine months ended September 30, 2010:

	<b>Non-Vested Restricted Stock Units</b>			
	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term</b>	<b>Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands)</b>
Non-vested at December 31, 2009	643,355	\$25.14		
Granted (a)	288,000	\$11.08		
Vested	(276,171)	\$25.38		
Forfeited	(62,462)	\$23.23		
Non-vested at September 30, 2010 (b)	<u>592,722</u>	\$18.40	1.92 years	\$7,765
Expected to vest	<u>490,810</u>	\$19.31	1.73 years	\$6,430

(a) Restricted stock units granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 included 238,500 units that had vesting based on either market conditions or a combination of performance and market conditions.

(b) Non-vested restricted stock units at September 30, 2010 included 243,300 units that had vesting based on either market conditions or a combination of performance and market conditions.

The following table summarizes changes in the Company's non-vested restricted stock during the nine months ended September 30, 2010:

	<b>Non-Vested Restricted Stock</b>			
	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Grant-Date Fair Value</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term</b>	<b>Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands)</b>
Non-vested at December 31, 2009	50,000	\$25.41		
Granted	—	—		
Vested	(18,750)	\$25.41		
Forfeited	—	—		
Non-vested at September 30, 2010	<u>31,250</u>	\$25.41	1.22 years	\$409

#### **Stock Option Purchase**

In June 2009, the Company completed a cash tender offer for certain employee stock options. The tender offer applied to 547,133 outstanding stock options having an exercise price equal to or greater than \$40.00 per share and granted under the Company's Amended and Restated 2005 Stock Incentive Plan, Amended and Restated 1999 Stock Option Plan (including the U.K. sub-plan), 1998 Stock Option Plan, 1997 Stock Option Plan, 1997 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, and 1994 Stock Option Plan, as amended. Members of the Company's Board of Directors, officers who file reports under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and members of the Company's executive staff were not eligible to participate in this offer. Under the offer, eligible options with exercise prices equal to or greater than \$40.00 and less than \$50.00 per share were eligible to receive a cash payment of \$1.50 per share, and eligible options with exercise prices equal to or greater than \$50.00 per share were eligible to receive a cash payment of \$1.00 per share.

Options to purchase a total of 419,042 shares of the Company's common stock, of which 366,769 shares became available for future grant, were tendered under the offer for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$0.5 million paid in exchange for the cancellation of the eligible options. As a result of the tender offer, the Company incurred stock-based compensation charges of approximately \$0.1 million in its condensed consolidated statements of operations during the second quarter of 2009. This was the first time the Company offered to purchase outstanding stock options in exchange for cash, and there is no current intent to make another such offer in the future.

#### **Employee Stock Purchase Plan**

The Company's Second Amended and Restated 1996 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP") offers the Company's shares for purchase at a price equal to 85% of the closing price on the applicable offering period termination date. Shares issued under the ESPP are considered compensatory under FASB ASC Subtopic 718-50, *Compensation-Stock Compensation: Employee Stock Purchase Plans*. Accordingly, the Company is required to assign fair value to, and record compensation expense for, shares issued from the ESPP.

The following table sets forth the weighted-average key assumptions and fair value results for shares issued under the ESPP during the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009:

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Expected dividend yield	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Risk-free interest rate	1.40%	1.25%	1.24%	1.68%
Expected volatility	47.1%	56.5%	45.7%	58.7%
Expected life (in years)	0.24	0.25	0.24	0.25
Weighted-average fair value of shares issued	\$2.11	\$2.11	\$2.19	\$1.92

Under the ESPP, the Company issued 78,889 shares at an average price per share of \$11.33 and 99,601 shares at an average price per share of \$9.38 during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. A total of 765,585 shares remained available for issuance under the ESPP at September 30, 2010.

### Stock-Based Compensation

Stock-based compensation was included in the following captions in the Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Cost of product revenues	\$ 176	\$ 163	\$ 562	\$ 666
Cost of services revenues	287	247	822	868
Research and development expenses	506	655	1,704	1,737
Marketing and selling expenses	1,078	895	3,153	2,522
General and administrative expenses	1,581	906	4,373	4,115
Total stock-based compensation	<u>\$ 3,628</u>	<u>\$ 2,866</u>	<u>\$ 10,614</u>	<u>\$ 9,908</u>

At September 30, 2010, the Company had \$26.0 million of unrecognized compensation costs before forfeitures related to non-vested stock-based compensation awards granted under its stock-based compensation plans.

## 12. STOCK REPURCHASES

In April 2007, the Company initiated a stock repurchase program that ultimately authorized the repurchase of up to \$200 million of the Company's common stock through transactions on the open market, in block trades or otherwise. At September 30, 2010, \$80.3 million remained available for future stock repurchases under the program. The stock repurchase program is funded through working capital and has no expiration date. No shares of common stock have been repurchased under this program since March 2008.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company repurchased 5,946 shares of restricted stock from an employee to pay the minimum required withholding taxes upon the vesting of restricted stock.

At September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, treasury shares held by the Company totaled 4,236,774 shares and 4,852,738 shares, respectively.

## 13. CONTINGENCIES

The Company receives inquiries from time to time claiming possible patent infringement by the Company. If any infringement is determined to exist, the Company may seek licenses or settlements. In addition, as a normal incidence of the nature of the Company's business, various claims, charges and litigation have been asserted or commenced from time to time against the Company arising from or related to matters such as contractual or employee relations, intellectual property rights and product performance. Settlements related to any such claim are generally included in the "general and administrative expenses" caption in the Company's consolidated statements of operations. Management generally does not believe these claims will have a material adverse effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Company.

On May 24, 2007, David Engelke and Bryan Engelke filed a complaint in Pinellas County (Florida) Circuit Court against our Pinnacle subsidiary claiming damages of approximately \$15 million for the alleged breach of two contracts by Pinnacle and that the Engelkes were entitled to indemnification for damages, attorneys fees and accrued interest assessed against them in litigation with a third party, Athle-Tech Computer Systems, Inc. ("Athle-Tech"). The parties reached a settlement in this matter on September 24, 2010 pursuant to which Pinnacle paid \$5.6 million, which was recorded in the Company's general and administrative expenses, and obtained a full release of claims from each of the Engelkes and Athle-Tech. The lawsuit was dismissed with prejudice on September 24, 2010.

Opengate SpA, (“Opengate”) an entity in liquidation, represented by the Trustee in Bankruptcy Dr. Marco Fiorentini, brought a claim against the Company’s subsidiary, Pinnacle Systems GmbH (“Pinnacle GmbH”), in the Varese, Italy Tribunal on July 21, 2009. The Trustee in Bankruptcy is seeking to recover €2,700,000 in payments made by Opengate to Pinnacle GmbH between 2002 and 2003, the year prior to Opengate being placed into administration. The initial Writ of Summons, dated in September 2009, was never received by the Company and was declared improperly served at a May 2010 hearing on the matter, which the Company did not attend. The Writ was later received by the Company in September 2010. A hearing is to be held in this matter on February 18, 2011, at which Pinnacle GmbH intends to submit its defense. Because the Company cannot predict the outcome of this action at this time, no costs have been accrued for any loss contingency; however, this matter is not expected to have a material effect on the Company’s financial position or results of operations.

From time to time, the Company provides indemnification provisions in agreements with customers covering potential claims by third parties of intellectual property infringement. These agreements generally provide that the Company will indemnify customers for losses incurred in connection with an infringement claim brought by a third party with respect to the Company’s products. These indemnification provisions generally offer coverage for infringement claims based upon the products covered by the agreement. The maximum potential amount of future payments the Company could be required to make under these indemnification provisions is theoretically unlimited; however, to date, the Company has not incurred material costs related to these indemnification provisions. As a result, the Company believes the estimated fair value of these indemnification provisions is minimal.

As permitted under Delaware law and pursuant to the Company’s Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, the Company is obligated to indemnify its current and former officers and directors for certain events that occur or occurred while the officer or director is or was serving in such capacity. The term of the indemnification period is for each respective officer’s or director’s lifetime. The maximum potential amount of future payments the Company could be required to make under these indemnification obligations is unlimited; however, the Company has mitigated the exposure through the purchase of directors and officers insurance, which is intended to limit the risk and, in most cases, enable the Company to recover all or a portion of any future amounts paid. As a result of this insurance coverage, the Company believes the estimated fair value of these indemnification obligations is minimal.

The Company has three standby letters of credit at a bank that are used as security deposits in connection with the Company’s Burlington, Massachusetts office space. In the event of default on the underlying leases, the landlords would, at September 30, 2010, be eligible to draw against the letters of credit to a maximum of \$2.6 million in the aggregate. The letters of credit are subject to aggregate reductions of approximately \$0.4 million at the end of each of the second, third and fifth years, provided the Company is not in default of the underlying leases and meets certain financial performance conditions. In no case will the letters of credit amounts be reduced to below \$1.3 million in the aggregate throughout the lease periods, all of which extend to May 2020. At September 30, 2010, the Company was not in default of any of the underlying leases.

The Company also has a standby letter of credit at a bank that is used as a security deposit in connection with the Company’s Daly City, California office space lease. In the event of default on this lease, the landlord would, at September 30, 2010, be eligible to draw against this letter of credit to a maximum of \$0.8 million. The letter of credit will remain in effect at \$0.8 million throughout the remaining lease period, which extends to September 2014. At September 30, 2010, the Company was not in default of this lease.

The Company has in the past, through third parties, provided lease financing options to its customers, including end users and, on a limited basis, resellers. This program was terminated by mutual agreement among the parties in the fourth quarter of 2008; however, balances outstanding as of the termination date continue to be collected by the third-party lessors as they become due. During the terms of these leases, which are generally three years, and until all remaining outstanding balances are collected, the Company may remain liable for any unpaid principal balance upon default by the customer, but such liability is limited in the aggregate based on a percentage of initial amounts funded or, in certain cases, amounts of unpaid balances. At September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the Company's maximum recourse exposure totaled a pproximately \$1.3 million and \$2.5 million, respectively. The Company recorded revenues from these transactions upon the shipment of products, provided that all other revenue recognition criteria, including collectibility being reasonably assured, were met. The Company maintains a reserve for estimated losses under this program based on historical default rates applied to the amount outstanding at period end. At September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the Company's accruals for estimated losses were \$0.8 million and \$1.3 million, respectively.

The Company provides warranties on externally sourced and internally developed hardware and software. For internally developed hardware and in cases where the warranty granted to customers for externally sourced hardware is greater than that provided by the manufacturer, the Company records an accrual for the related liability based on historical trends and actual material and labor costs. The warranty period for the Company's products is generally 30 days to one year, but can extend up to five years depending on the manufacturer's warranty or local law.

The following table sets forth activity for the Company's product warranty accrual for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (in thousands):

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Accrual balance at beginning of period	\$ 4,454	\$ 5,193
Accruals for product warranties	3,924	4,644
Cost of warranty claims	(3,941)	(5,098)
Accrual balance at end of period	<u>\$ 4,437</u>	<u>\$ 4,739</u>

#### 14. COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

Total comprehensive loss, net of taxes, consists of net loss and the net changes in foreign currency translation adjustment and net unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities, foreign-currency derivatives and other investments. The following is a summary of the Company's comprehensive loss for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Net loss	\$ (9,995)	\$ (17,208)	\$ (36,383)	\$ (50,434)
Net changes in:				
Foreign currency translation adjustment	9,241	3,722	(1,012)	5,012
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments	—	7	(4)	45
Unrealized losses on foreign-currency derivatives	(2,314)	—	(2,314)	—
Total comprehensive loss	<u>\$ (3,068)</u>	<u>\$ (13,479)</u>	<u>\$ (39,713)</u>	<u>\$ (45,377)</u>

## 15. SEGMENT INFORMATION

During 2009, the Company was organized into two business units, Video and Audio, which were also its reportable segments. As a result of the business transformation started in 2008, in the later part of 2009 the Company completed the reorganization of its business around functional groups rather than product categories. As a result, the Company's evaluation of the discrete financial information that is regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision makers determined that the Company now has one reportable segment, and, effective January 1, 2010, the Company began reporting based on a single reportable segment. The Company has reclassified its 2009 segment reporting to conform to the 2010 presentation. The change to the current presentation did not affect the Company's consolidated operating results.

The following table sets forth activity for the Company's revenues by type for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Video product revenues	\$ 70,835	\$ 65,124	\$ 195,883	\$ 186,581
Video services revenues	29,351	27,493	82,177	82,237
	<u>100,186</u>	<u>92,617</u>	<u>278,060</u>	<u>268,818</u>
Audio product revenues:	63,396	58,398	201,161	182,494
Audio services revenues	1,477	1,104	3,954	2,979
	<u>64,873</u>	<u>59,502</u>	<u>205,115</u>	<u>185,473</u>
Total net revenues	<u>\$ 165,059</u>	<u>\$ 152,119</u>	<u>\$ 483,175</u>	<u>\$ 454,291</u>

## 16. RESTRUCTURING AND OTHER COSTS AND ACCRUALS

In October 2008, the Company initiated a company-wide restructuring plan (the "Plan") that included a reduction in force of approximately 500 positions, including employees related to product line divestitures, and the closure of all or parts of some facilities worldwide. The Plan is intended to improve operational efficiencies and bring costs in line with expected revenues. In connection with the Plan, during the fourth quarter of 2008 the Company recorded restructuring charges of \$20.4 million related to employee termination costs and \$0.5 million for the closure of three small facilities. In addition, as a result of the decision to sell the PCTV product line, the Company recorded a non-cash restructuring charge of \$1.9 million in cost of revenues related to the write-down of inventory.

During the first six months of 2009, the Company recorded new restructuring charges totaling \$8.2 million under the Plan, of which \$3.1 million related to employee termination costs; \$4.3 million related to the closure of all or part of nine facilities; and \$0.8 million, recorded in cost of revenues, related to the write-down of PCTV inventory. During the third and fourth quarters of 2009, as a result of the expanded use of offshore development resources for R&D projects and our desire to better align our 2010 cost structure with revenue expectations, the Company initiated new restructuring actions under the Plan resulting in additional restructuring charges totaling \$18.9 million. The third and fourth quarter charges included \$11.7 million related to an additional reduction in force of approximately 320 positions and \$7.2 million, including non-cash charges of \$2.2 million for the write-off of fixed assets, primarily related to the closure of one floor of our Daly City, California facility. Also during 2009, the Company recorded additional charges of \$0.8 million for revised estimates of severance obligations previously recorded under the Plan and restructuring reductions of (\$0.2) million for revised estimates of previously initiated restructuring plans.

During the first quarter of 2010, the Company recorded new restructuring charges under the Plan totaling \$0.8 million as a result of the closure of all or part of four additional facilities. Also during the first nine months of 2010, the Company recorded additional charges of \$0.5 million for revised estimates of facilities costs and a reduction of (\$0.3) million for revised estimates of severance obligations previously recorded under the Plan. In connection with restructuring actions taken under the Plan, the Company has incurred total restructuring charges of approximately \$52 million.

During the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010, the Company also recorded acquisition-related restructuring charges of \$0.1 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, primarily for severance costs for approximately 24 former Euphonix employees and the closure of two Euphonix facilities. Future actions anticipated under the acquisition-related plan are limited to the closure of Euphonix facilities and are expected to result in additional 2010 restructuring charges of approximately \$1.1 million.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, also included in the Company's results of operations under the caption "restructuring and other costs, net" were costs of \$3.7 million related to the Company's exit from its Tewksbury, Massachusetts headquarters lease.

The Company recorded the employee-related restructuring charges as an ongoing benefit arrangement in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 712, *Compensation – Nonretirement Postemployment Benefits*, and the facility-related restructuring charges in accordance with the guidance of FASB ASC Topic 420, *Liabilities: Exit or Disposal Cost Obligations*. Restructuring charges and accruals require significant estimates and assumptions, including sub-lease income assumptions. These estimates and assumptions are monitored on at least a quarterly basis for changes in circumstances and any corresponding adjustments to the accrual are recorded in the Company's statement of operations in the period when such changes are known.

The following table sets forth the activity in the restructuring accruals for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 (in thousands):

	Non-Acquisition-Related Restructuring Liabilities		Acquisition-Related Restructuring Liabilities		Total
	Employee- Related	Facilities- Related	Employee- Related	Facilities- Related	
Accrual balance at December 31, 2009	\$ 9,234	\$ 7,261	\$ —	\$ 472	\$ 16,967
New restructuring charges	—	801	725	64	1,590
Revisions of estimated liabilities	(349)	503	40	—	194
Accretion	—	174	—	10	184
Cash payments for employee-related charges	(7,749)	—	(171)	—	(7,920)
Cash payments for facilities, net of sublease income	—	(3,926)	—	(424)	(4,350)
Non-cash write-offs	—	(291)	—	—	(291)
Foreign exchange impact on ending balance	(287)	(18)	8	(28)	(325)
Accrual balance at September 30, 2010	\$ 849	\$ 4,504	\$ 602	\$ 94	\$ 6,049

The employee-related accruals at September 30, 2010 represent severance and outplacement costs to former employees that will be paid out within the next twelve months and are, therefore, included in the caption "accrued expenses and other current liabilities" in the Company's consolidated balance sheet at September 30, 2010.

The facilities-related accruals at September 30, 2010 represent estimated losses, net of subleases, on space vacated as part of the Company's restructuring actions. The leases, and payments against the amounts accrued, will extend through 2017 unless the Company is able to negotiate earlier terminations. Of the total facilities-related accruals, \$3.3 million is included in the caption "accrued expenses and other current liabilities" and \$1.3 million is included in the caption "long-term liabilities" in the Company's consolidated balance sheet at September 30, 2010.

## 17. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In October 2009, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2009-13, *Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements*, an amendment to FASB ASC Topic 605, *Revenue Recognition*, and Accounting Standards Update No. 2009-14, *Certain Revenue Arrangements That Include Software Elements*, an amendment to FASB ASC Subtopic 985-605, *Software – Revenue Recognition* (the “Updates”). The Updates provide guidance on arrangements that include software elements, including tangible products that have software components that are essential to the functionality of the tangible product and will no longer be within the scope of the software revenue recognition guidance, and software-enabled products that will now be subject to other relevant revenue recognition guidance. The Updates also provide authoritative guidance on revenue arrangements with multiple deliverables that are outside the scope of the software revenue recognition guidance. Under the new guidance, when vendor-specific objective evidence or third-party evidence of fair value for deliverables in an arrangement cannot be determined, a best estimate of the selling price is required to separate deliverables and allocate arrangement consideration using the relative selling price method. The Updates also include new disclosure requirements on how the application of the relative selling price method affects the timing and amount of revenue recognition. The Updates must be adopted in the same period using the same transition method and are effective prospectively, with retrospective adoption permitted, for revenue arrangements entered into or materially modified in fiscal years beginning on or after June 15, 2010, or January 1, 2011 for Avid. Early adoption is also permitted; however, early adoption during an interim period requires retrospective application from the beginning of the fiscal year. The Company plans to adopt the Updates prospectively on January 1, 2011. While the Company is continuing its evaluation of the impact of adoption, management does not currently believe adoption will have a material impact on the Company’s financial position or results of operations.

## 18. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On October 1, 2010, Avid Technology, Inc. (“Avid Technology”) and certain of its subsidiaries entered into a Credit Agreement with Wells Fargo Capital Finance LLC (“Wells Fargo”). Pursuant to the Credit Agreement, Wells Fargo agreed to provide revolving credit facilities for Avid Technology of up to a maximum of \$40 million and for the Avid Technology International B.V. (“Avid Europe”) subsidiary of up to a maximum of an additional \$20 million. The borrowing availability under the credit facilities is based on the lesser of (1) the foregoing commitments for Avid Technology and Avid Europe (the “Borrowers”), as applicable, and (2) a borrowing base which is a percentage of the accounts receivable and inventory of the Borrowers, as applicable. The actual amount of credit available to the Borrowers will vary depending upon changes in the level of their respective accounts receivable and inventory, and is subject to other terms and conditions which are more specifically described in the Credit Agreement. The borrowing availability is also subject to other reserve requirements which may be established by Wells Fargo as provided in the Credit Agreement. The credit facilities have a maturity of four years, at which time Wells Fargo’s commitments to provide additional credit shall be terminated and all outstanding borrowings by the Borrowers must be repaid. Prior to the maturity of the credit facilities, any amounts borrowed may be repaid and, subject to the terms and conditions of the Credit Agreement, reborrowed in whole or in part without penalty. The Credit Agreement contains customary representations and warranties, covenants, mandatory prepayments, and events of default under which the Borrower’s payment obligations may be accelerated.

Interest accrues on outstanding borrowings under the credit facilities at a rate of either LIBOR (as defined in the Credit Agreement) plus 2.75% or a Base Rate (as defined in the Credit Agreement) plus 1.75%, at the option of Avid Technology or Avid Europe, as applicable. The Borrowers must also pay to Wells Fargo, on a monthly basis, an unused line fee at a rate of 0.625% per annum on an amount equal to (1) the average lending commitments under the credit facilities during the immediately preceding month less (2) the average daily amount of the outstanding borrowings plus the undrawn amount of any outstanding letters of credit under the credit facilities during the immediately preceding month. During the term of the credit facilities, the Borrowers are entitled to reduce the maximum amounts of Wells Fargo’s commitments, subject to the payment of certain fees based on the amount of any reduction.

Avid Technology and certain of its subsidiaries have provided guarantees and liens on substantially all of their assets to secure their obligations under the Credit Agreement. The Credit Agreement requires that Avid Technology maintain liquidity (comprised of unused availability under Avid Technology's portion of the credit facilities plus certain unrestricted cash and cash equivalents) of \$10 million, at least \$5 million of which must be from unused availability under Avid Technology's portion of the credit facilities. Avid Europe is required to maintain liquidity (comprised of unused availability under Avid Europe's portion of the credit facilities plus certain unrestricted cash and cash equivalents) of \$5 million, at least \$2.5 million of which must be from unused availability under Avid Europe's portion of the credit facilities.

The Company has not yet borrowed against the credit facilities and currently has no specific plans to draw against them; however, the line may be used from time-to-time to cover short-term cash requirements in certain geographies or to otherwise meet the funding needs of the business.

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

### EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

#### *Our Company*

We create digital audio and video technology used to make the most listened to, most watched and most loved media in the world – from the most prestigious and award-winning feature films, music recordings, television shows, live concert tours and news broadcasts, to music and movies made at home. Our influential and pioneering solutions include Media Composer, Pro Tools, Interplay, ISIS, VENUE, Oxygen 8, Sibelius and Pinnacle Studio. Our mission is to inspire passion, unleash creativity and enable our customers to realize their dreams in a digital world. Anyone who enjoys movies, television or music has almost certainly experienced the work of content creators who use our solutions to bring their creative visions to life.

We operate our business based on the following five customer-centric strategic principles:

- ***Drive customer success.*** We are committed to making each and every customer successful. Period. It's that simple.
- ***From enthusiasts to the enterprise.*** Whether performing live or telling a story to sharing a vision or broadcasting the news – we create products to support our customers at all stages.
- ***Fluid, dependable workflows.*** Reliability. Flexibility. Ease of Use. High Performance. We provide best-in-class workflows to make our customers more productive and competitive.
- ***Collaborative support.*** For the individual user, the workgroup, a community or the enterprise, we enable a collaborative environment for success.
- ***Avid optimized in an open ecosystem.*** Our products are innovative, reliable, integrated and best-of-breed. We work in partnership with a third-party community resulting in superior interoperability.

We are deeply committed to the long-term success of our company and that of our customers. In 2008, we initiated a significant transformation of our business that included, among other things, establishing a new management team, developing a new corporate strategy, restructuring our internal organization, improving operational efficiencies, divesting non-core product lines and reducing the size of our workforce. We have established a strategic and organizational foundation from which we are positioned to build momentum in our core business and expand our operating margins with the ultimate goal of sustainable growth. As part of our business transformation, in the later part of 2009 we completed a reorganization of our business around functional groups rather than product categories. As a result, effective January 1, 2010, we commenced reporting based on a single reportable segment.

We routinely post important information for investors on the Investors page of our website at [www.avid.com](http://www.avid.com).

#### *Financial Summary*

Our revenues for the three-month period ended September 30, 2010 were \$165.1 million, an increase of 8.5% compared to the same period last year, with revenues from video products and services increasing by 8.2%, and revenues from audio products and services increasing by 9.0%. For the three-month period, product revenues increased by 8.7% and services revenues increased by 7.8%. Our revenues for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 were \$483.2 million, an increase of 6.4% compared to the same period last year, with revenues from video products and services increasing by 3.4%, and revenues from audio products and services increasing by 10.6%. For the nine month period, product revenues increased by 7.6% and services revenues increased by 1.1%. Currency exchange rates had a negative impact on our revenues for both the three- and nine-month periods, compared to the same periods in 2009. The changes in revenues are discussed in further detail in the section titled "Results of Operations" below.

Our total gross margin percentage for the three-month period ended September 30, 2010 decreased to 51.9% from 53.2% for the comparable 2009 period. Our total gross margin percentage for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 decreased slightly to 50.8% from 51.0% for the comparable 2009 period. The decreases for both periods were driven by decreases in products gross margin percentage. Increased freight costs resulting from increased shipment volumes, including the increased use of more expensive air freight to support new product introductions and meet increased demand for certain products, were a significant factor in the percentage decreases for both periods. For the three-month period, changes in currency exchange rates also had a negative impact on our gross margin percentage compared to the 2009 period. Our services gross margin percentages improved for both periods, which was largely the result of improved utilization of services resources.

Our operating expenses for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 were \$92.8 million and \$278.5 million, respectively, compared to \$100.1 million and \$286.5 million for the same periods in 2009. The decreases for both periods are even more significant in light of the fact that our operating expenses for both 2010 periods included a legal settlement of \$5.6 million for a breach of contract claim, which is related to activities that occurred at Pinnacle Systems prior to our 2005 acquisition of that company, and operating expenses added by our 2010 Euphonix, Inc. and Blue Order Solutions AG acquisitions.

In June 2010, we relocated our corporate offices to Burlington, Massachusetts upon expiration of our lease in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. The Burlington facility was chosen after reviewing many potential sites, because we believe it will accommodate our business over the long term and provide a more employee and customer friendly environment in a cost effective manner. During the first nine months of 2010, leasehold improvements, furniture and equipment related to this relocation were placed in service and resulted in fixed asset additions of approximately \$31.7 million, of which \$15.7 million represented cash expenditures during the period. During the same period, we wrote off fixed assets with gross book values and net book values of approximately \$22.7 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, that were related to the closure of our former headquarters facility.

As a result of our business transformation, we initiated a restructuring plan in the fourth quarter of 2008. This restructuring plan resulted in 2008 and 2009 charges related to a reduction in force of approximately 820 positions, including employees associated with product line divestitures, and the closure of all or parts of 18 facilities worldwide. During the second quarter of 2010, we initiated an acquisition-related restructuring plan that has resulted in charges to date of \$0.8 million. Cash expenditures resulting from restructuring obligations totaled approximately \$12.3 million during the first nine months of 2010. We may engage in additional cost reduction programs in the future, including restructuring actions, as a result of changing economic conditions.

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

Our management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We make estimates and assumptions in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. We base our estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. However, actual results may differ from these estimates.

We believe that our critical accounting policies are those related to revenue recognition and allowances for product returns and exchanges; stock-based compensation; the valuation of business combinations, goodwill and intangible assets; divestitures; and income tax assets and liabilities. We believe these policies are critical because they most significantly affect the portrayal of our financial condition and results of operations and involve our most difficult and subjective estimates and judgments. Our critical accounting policies may be found in our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K in Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," under the heading "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates."

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### Net Revenues

Our net revenues are derived mainly from sales of computer-based digital, nonlinear media-editing and finishing systems and related peripherals, including shared-storage systems, software licenses, and related professional services and maintenance contracts.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009						
(dollars in thousands)						
	2010	% of	2009	% of		% Change
	Net Revenues	Consolidated	Net Revenues	Consolidated	Change	in Revenues
		Net Revenues		Net Revenues		
Video product revenues	\$ 70,835	42.9%	\$ 65,124	42.8%	\$ 5,711	8.8%
Video services revenues	29,351	17.8%	27,493	18.1%	1,858	6.8%
	<u>100,186</u>	<u>60.7%</u>	<u>92,617</u>	<u>60.9%</u>	<u>7,569</u>	<u>8.2%</u>
Audio product revenues	63,396	38.4%	58,398	38.4%	4,998	8.6%
Audio services revenues	1,477	0.9%	1,104	0.7%	373	33.8%
	<u>64,873</u>	<u>39.3%</u>	<u>59,502</u>	<u>39.1%</u>	<u>5,371</u>	<u>9.0%</u>
Total net revenues	<u>\$ 165,059</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 152,119</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 12,940</u>	<u>8.5%</u>

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009						
(dollars in thousands)						
	2010	% of	2009	% of		% Change
	Net Revenues	Consolidated	Net Revenues	Consolidated	Change	in Revenues
		Net Revenues		Net Revenues		
Video product revenues	\$ 195,883	40.6%	\$ 186,581	41.1%	\$ 9,302	5.0%
Video services revenues	82,177	17.0%	82,237	18.1%	(60)	(0.1%)
	<u>278,060</u>	<u>57.6%</u>	<u>268,818</u>	<u>59.2%</u>	<u>9,242</u>	<u>3.4%</u>
Audio product revenues	201,161	41.6%	182,494	40.2%	18,667	10.2%
Audio services revenues	3,954	0.8%	2,979	0.6%	975	32.7%
	<u>205,115</u>	<u>42.4%</u>	<u>185,473</u>	<u>40.8%</u>	<u>19,642</u>	<u>10.6%</u>
Total net revenues	<u>\$ 483,175</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 454,291</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 28,884</u>	<u>6.4%</u>

The overall 8.5% increase in our revenues for the three-month period was driven by increased revenues from our video and audio products, as well as from our video and audio services. For the three-month period, compared to the same period in 2009, the increase in revenues was net of a \$4.6 million decrease for the unfavorable impact of currency exchange rates.

The overall 6.4% increase in our revenues for the nine-month period was primarily driven by increased revenues from our video and audio products. For the nine-month period, compared to the same period in 2009, the increase in revenues was net of a \$1.6 million decrease for the unfavorable impact of currency exchange rates.

The increases in revenues from our video products for both the three- and nine-month periods were primarily the result of increased revenues from sales of our ISIS shared storage systems and professional editors, as well as increased revenues from our Interplay production and media-asset management products and our broadcast newsroom product lines. The release of a new version of Media Composer during the second quarter of 2010 has been a significant factor in the improvement in professional editor revenues. In both periods, these increases were partially offset by decreased revenues from our consumer editor product lines, which was in part due to overall weakness in that market. The increases in video product revenues for both periods were primarily in the Americas and APAC regions, as our EMEA revenues were impacted by unfavorable currency exchange rates.

The increases in revenues from our audio product lines for the three- and nine-month periods included revenues of \$3.6 million and \$7.2 million, respectively, related to our April 2010 acquisition of Euphonix. While this accounted for most of the increase for the three-month period, the increase for the nine-month period was also driven by increased revenues from our professional audio products and VENUE live sound product line. The increased revenues from our professional audio products largely resulted from sales promotions offered during the first six months of 2010. The increases in audio product revenues for both periods were in all geographic regions despite the impact of unfavorable currency exchange rates on our EMEA revenues.

Services revenues are derived primarily from maintenance contracts, as well as professional and integration services and training. For both the three- and nine-month periods, increased professional services revenues were partially offset by decreases in training and maintenance revenues. The decreases in maintenance revenues for both periods were largely the result of declining renewal rates for previously discontinued product lines.

Net revenues derived through indirect channels were 62% and 65% of our net revenues for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010, respectively, compared to 67% and 66% for the same periods in 2009.

Sales to customers outside the United States accounted for 56% and 57% of our net revenues for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010, respectively, compared to 59% and 57% for the same periods in 2009.

### ***Gross Margin***

Cost of revenues consists primarily of costs associated with:

- the procurement of components;
- the assembly, testing and distribution of finished products;
- warehousing;
- customer support costs related to maintenance contract revenues and other services; and
- royalties for third-party software and hardware included in our products.

Cost of revenues also includes amortization of technology, which represents the amortization of developed technology assets acquired in business combinations. Amortization of technology is described further in the “Amortization of Intangible Assets” section below. Cost of revenues for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 included a charge of \$0.8 million for the write-down of inventory during the first quarter of 2009 related to the 2008 divestiture of our PCTV product line.

Gross margins fluctuate based on factors such as the mix of products and services sold, the cost and proportion of third-party hardware and software included in the products sold, the offering of product upgrades, price discounts and other sales promotion programs, the distribution channels through which products are sold, the timing of new product introductions and currency exchange rate fluctuations.

**Three Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009**

	(dollars in thousands)				
	<b>2010</b>	<b>Gross Margin %</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Gross Margin %</b>	<b>Change in Gross Margin %</b>
Cost of products revenues	\$ 64,421	52.0%	\$ 57,097	53.8%	(1.8%)
Cost of services revenues	14,194	54.0%	13,586	52.5%	1.5%
Amortization of intangible assets	745	–	519	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 79,360</b>	<b>51.9%</b>	<b>\$ 71,202</b>	<b>53.2%</b>	<b>(1.3%)</b>

**Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009**

	(dollars in thousands)				
	<b>2010</b>	<b>Gross Margin %</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Gross Margin %</b>	<b>Change in Gross Margin %</b>
Cost of products revenues	\$ 193,527	51.3%	\$ 176,774	52.1%	(0.8%)
Cost of services revenues	41,373	52.0%	43,515	48.9%	3.1%
Amortization of intangible assets	2,657	–	1,465	–	–
Restructuring costs	–	–	799	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 237,557</b>	<b>50.8%</b>	<b>\$ 222,553</b>	<b>51.0%</b>	<b>(0.2%)</b>

Increases in products costs resulted in 1.8% and 0.8% decreases in our product gross margin percentages for the three- and nine-month periods, respectively. Increased freight costs resulting from increased shipment volumes, including the increased use of more expensive air freight to support new product introductions and meet increased demand for certain products, was a significant factor in the decreases in our product gross margin percentages for both periods. For the three-month period, changes in currency exchange rates also had a negative impact on our product gross margin percentage. For the nine-month period, a revised estimate for a royalty accrual resulting in a favorable adjustment during the second quarter of last year and sales promotions offered for our professional audio products during the first six months of 2010 were also factors in the product gross margin percentage decrease.

Our services gross margin percentages improved 1.5% and 3.1% for the three- and nine-month periods, respectively. These improvements were largely the result of improved utilization of services resources.

**Research and Development**

Research and development expenses include costs associated with the development of new products and the enhancement of existing products, and consist primarily of employee salaries and benefits, facilities costs, depreciation, costs for consulting and temporary employees, and prototype and other development expenses.

**Three Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009**

	(dollars in thousands)			
	<b>2010 Expenses</b>	<b>2009 Expenses</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Research and development	\$ 28,929	\$ 29,262	\$ (333)	(1.1%)
As a percentage of net revenues	17.5%	19.2%	(1.7%)	

**Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009**

	(dollars in thousands)			
	<b>2010 Expenses</b>	<b>2009 Expenses</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Research and development	\$ 89,348	\$ 90,974	\$ (1,626)	(1.8%)
As a percentage of net revenues	18.5%	20.0%	(1.5%)	

The decreases in research and development, or R&D, expenses for both the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010, compared to the same periods in 2009, were due to a decrease in personnel-related expenses and lower facilities and information technology infrastructure costs, partially offset by the costs resulting from our increased use of offshore development resources. For the three-month period, personnel-related expenses, including travel and entertainment costs, were lower by \$1.9 million and facilities and information technology infrastructure costs decreased by \$0.2 million, while consulting and outside services costs increased by \$1.8 million. For the nine-month period, personnel-related expenses, including travel and entertainment costs, were lower by \$3.7 million and facilities and information technology infrastructure costs decreased by \$1.8 million, while consulting and outside services costs increased by \$4.1 million. For both 2010 periods, our personnel-related expenses and facilities and information technology infrastructure costs included incremental costs resulting from our 2010 acquisitions.

The decreases in R&D expenses as a percentage of revenues for the three- and nine-month periods were the result of the increases in revenues for the 2010 periods, as well as the decreases in expenses.

### **Marketing and Selling**

Marketing and selling expenses consist primarily of employee salaries and benefits for selling, marketing and pre-sales customer support personnel; commissions; travel expenses; advertising and promotional expenses; and facilities costs.

<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009</b>				
<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>				
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Expenses</b>		
Marketing and selling	\$ 43,199	\$ 44,705	\$ (1,506)	(3.4%)
As a percentage of net revenues	26.2%	29.4%	(3.2%)	

<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009</b>				
<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>				
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Expenses</b>		
Marketing and selling	\$ 129,419	\$ 127,480	\$ 1,939	1.5%
As a percentage of net revenues	26.8%	28.1%	(1.3%)	

The decrease in marketing and selling expenses for the three-month period ended September 30, 2010, compared to the same period in 2009, was largely due to a decrease in tradeshow and other promotional expenses and lower personnel-related costs, partially offset by higher facilities and information technology infrastructure costs. Tradeshow and other promotional expenses decreased by \$2.3 million and personnel-related costs, including travel and entertainment costs, decreased by \$0.6 million. Facilities and information technology infrastructure costs increased by \$1.2 million. For the 2010 period, our personnel-related expenses and facilities and information technology infrastructure costs included incremental costs resulting from our 2010 acquisitions.

The increase in marketing and selling expenses for the nine-month period was largely due to higher personnel-related costs, increased facilities and information technology infrastructure costs and less favorable foreign exchange translations, partially offset by lower tradeshow and other promotional expenses and decreased bad debt expense. Personnel-related costs, including travel and entertainment costs, increased by \$4.9 million, primarily resulting from higher compensation and benefits costs, including salaries and benefits costs for programs reinstated in 2010 that were suspended during the 2009 periods, and the expenses added by our 2010 acquisitions, while facilities and information technology infrastructure costs increased by \$1.8 million. Also during the first nine months of 2010, net foreign exchange losses (specifically, remeasurement gains and losses on net monetary assets denominated in foreign currencies, offset by non-designated foreign currency hedging gains and losses), which are included in marketing and selling expenses, were \$0.1 million, compared to gains of \$1.6 million for the 2009 period, resulting in a \$1.7 million decrease in the offset to expense. Also during the nine-month period, tradeshow and other promotional expenses decreased by \$5.1 million, while bad debt expense decreased by \$1.4 million. The decrease in bad debt expense was primarily the result of a lease default in the first quarter of 2009, which initiated an increase in our lease recourse reserves during that period.

The decrease in marketing and selling expenses as a percentage of revenues for the three-month period ended September 30, 2010 was the result of the increases in revenues for the 2010 period, as well as the effect of the decrease in expenses. The decrease in marketing and selling expenses as a percentage of revenues for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 was the result of the increases in revenues for the 2010 periods, partially offset by the effect of the increase in expenses.

### **General and Administrative**

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of employee salaries and benefits for administrative, executive, finance and legal personnel; audit, legal and strategic consulting fees; and insurance, information systems and facilities costs. Information systems and facilities costs reported within general and administrative expenses are net of allocations to other expenses categories.

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009</b>			
	<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>			
	<b>2010 Expenses</b>	<b>2009 Expenses</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
General and administrative	\$ 19,698	\$ 12,093	\$ 7,605	62.9%
As a percentage of net revenues	11.9%	7.9%	4.0%	

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009</b>			
	<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>			
	<b>2010 Expenses</b>	<b>2009 Expenses</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
General and administrative	\$ 48,179	\$ 39,765	\$ 8,414	21.2%
As a percentage of net revenues	10.0%	8.8%	1.2%	

The increases in general and administrative expenses for both the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010, compared to the same periods in 2009, were primarily due to a \$5.6 million legal settlement during the 2010 periods, higher personnel-related expenses, increased facilities and information technology infrastructure costs and higher mergers and acquisitions costs. For the three-month period, personnel-related expenses increased by \$1.0 million and facilities, information technology infrastructure costs increased by \$0.4 million and mergers and acquisitions costs increased by \$0.1 million. For the nine-month period, personnel-related expenses increased by \$1.4 million, mergers and acquisitions costs increased by \$0.8 million and facilities and information technology infrastructure costs increased by \$0.5 million. The higher personnel-related expenses were the result of increased compensation and benefits costs, including salaries and benefits costs for programs reinstated in 2010 that were suspended during the 2009 periods, and the expenses added by our 2010 acquisitions.

The increases in general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenues for both the three- and nine-month periods were the result of the increases in expenses during the 2010 periods, partially offset by the effects of the increases in revenues.

### **Amortization of Intangible Assets**

Intangible assets result from acquisitions and include developed technology, customer-related intangibles, trade names and other identifiable intangible assets with finite lives. With the exception of developed technology, these intangible assets are amortized using the straight-line method. Developed technology is amortized using the greater of (1) the amount calculated using the ratio of current quarter revenues to the total of current quarter and anticipated future revenues over the estimated useful life of the developed technology and (2) the straight-line method, over each developed technology's remaining useful life. Amortization of developed technology is recorded within cost of revenues. Amortization of customer-related intangibles, trade names and other identifiable intangible assets is recorded within operating expenses.

**Three Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009**

	(dollars in thousands)			
	2010	2009	Change	% Change
Amortization of intangible assets recorded in cost of revenues	\$ 745	\$ 519	\$ 226	43.5%
Amortization of intangible assets recorded in operating expenses	2,283	2,782	(499)	(17.9%)
Total amortization of intangible assets	\$ 3,028	\$ 3,301	\$ (273)	(8.3%)
Total amortization of intangible assets as a percentage of net revenues	1.8%	2.2%	(0.4%)	

**Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009**

	(dollars in thousands)			
	2010	2009	Change	% Change
Amortization of intangible assets recorded in cost of revenues	\$ 2,657	\$ 1,465	\$ 1,192	81.4%
Amortization of intangible assets recorded in operating expenses	7,557	7,779	(222)	(2.9%)
Total amortization of intangible assets	\$ 10,214	\$ 9,244	\$ 970	10.5%
Total amortization of intangible assets as a percentage of net revenues	2.1%	2.0%	0.1%	

For the three-month-period ended September 30, 2010, compared to the same period in 2009, the increase in amortization of intangible assets recorded in cost of revenues was primarily the result of the amortization of intangible assets related to our acquisitions of Euphonix in April 2010 and Blue Order in January 2010. The decrease in amortization of intangible assets recorded in operating expenses for the three-month period was the result of the completion of the amortization of certain intangible assets acquired as part of prior acquisitions, partially offset by amortization of intangible assets related to our acquisitions of Euphonix, Blue Order and MaxT Systems Inc. MaxT was acquired in July 2009.

For the nine-month-period ended September 30, 2010, compared to the same period in 2009, the increase in amortization of intangible assets recorded in cost of revenues was primarily the result of the amortization of intangible assets related to our acquisitions of Euphonix, Blue Order and MaxT. The decrease in amortization of intangible assets recorded in operating expenses for the nine-month period was the result of the completion of the amortization of certain intangible assets acquired as part of prior acquisitions, partially offset by amortization of intangible assets related to our acquisitions of Euphonix, Blue Order and MaxT.

**Restructuring and Other Costs, Net**

In October 2008, we initiated a company-wide restructuring plan that included a reduction in force of approximately 500 positions, including employees related to our product line divestitures, and the closure of all or parts of some of our worldwide facilities. The restructuring plan is intended to improve operational efficiencies and bring our costs in line with expected revenues. In connection with the plan, during the fourth quarter of 2008, we recorded restructuring charges of \$20.4 million related to employee termination costs and \$0.5 million for the closure of three small facilities. In addition, as a result of the decision to sell the PCTV product line, we recorded a non-cash restructuring charge of \$1.9 million in cost of revenues related to the write-down of inventory.

During 2009, we recorded restructuring charges of \$27.7 million, consisting of charges of \$27.9 million related to this plan and a reduction of (\$0.2) million resulting from revised estimates for amounts recorded under previous restructuring plans. Charges under the plan included new restructuring charges of \$27.1 million and revisions to previously recorded estimates under the plan of \$0.8 million. The new restructuring charges included \$14.8 million related to employee termination costs, including those for approximately 320 additional employees; \$11.5 million related to the closure of all or part of eleven facilities; and \$0.8 million, recorded in cost of revenues, related to the write-down of PCTV inventory. The charges resulting from the reduction in force of 320 additional employees were recorded in the third and fourth quarters and were primarily the result of the expanded use of offshore development resources for R&D projects and our desire to better align our 2010 cost structure with revenue expectations.

During the first nine months of 2010, we recorded new restructuring charges under the plan totaling \$0.8 million as a result of the closure of all or part of four additional facilities and charges of \$0.5 million for revised estimates of facilities costs and a reduction of (\$0.3) million for revised estimates of severance obligations previously recorded under the plan.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, we also recorded acquisition-related restructuring charges of \$0.1 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, primarily for severance costs for approximately 24 former Euphonix employees and the closure of two Euphonix facilities. Future actions anticipated under the acquisition-related plan are limited to the closure of Euphonix facilities and are expected to result in additional 2010 restructuring charges of approximately \$1.1 million.

For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010, also included in our results of operations under the caption “restructuring and other costs, net” were costs of \$3.7 million related to our exit from the Tewksbury, Massachusetts headquarters lease.

***(Gain) Loss on Sales of Assets***

During the third quarter of 2010, we recorded a gain on the sales of assets of \$1.5 million. \$1.0 million of the gain related to our sale of certain intangible assets and \$0.5 million related to our sale of PCTV inventory to the purchaser of the PCTV product line.

During the third quarter of 2009, we recorded a loss on the sale of assets of \$3.2 million related to our sale of the PCTV product line. The loss resulted from the write-down of PCTV inventory classified as held-for-sale.

***Interest and Other Income (Expense), Net***

Interest and other income (expense), net, generally consists of interest income and interest expense.

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009</b>			
	<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Interest and other income (expense), net	\$ (30)	\$ (240)	\$ 210	87.5%
As a percentage of net revenues	(0.0%)	(0.2%)	0.2%	

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009</b>			
	<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>			
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Interest and other income (expense), net	\$ (132)	\$ (29)	\$ (103)	(355.2%)
As a percentage of net revenues	(0.0%)	(0.0%)	–	

The change in interest and other income (expense), net for the three-month period ended September 30, 2010, compared to the same period in 2009, was primarily the result of lower interest expense during the 2010 period, partially offset by lower rates paid on lower average cash balances.

The change in interest and other income (expense), net for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010, compared to the same period in 2009, was primarily the result of lower interest rates paid on lower average cash balances.

## *Provision for (Benefit from) Income Taxes, Net*

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009</b>		
	<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Change</b>
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes, net	\$ 2,897	\$ (2,246)	\$ 5,143
As a percentage of net revenues	1.8%	(1.5%)	3.3%

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009</b>		
	<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Change</b>
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes, net	\$ 3,361	\$ (4,385)	\$ 7,746
As a percentage of net revenues	0.7%	(1.0%)	1.7%

Our effective tax rate, which represented a tax provision as a percentage of loss before income taxes, was 10% for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010. Our effective tax rate, which represented a tax benefit as a percentage of loss before income taxes, was 8% for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009. The change from a tax benefit to a tax provision was primarily the result of favorable discrete tax benefits of \$2.8 million from the net release of income tax reserves primarily related to the completion of a foreign tax audit, \$1.6 million for cumulative adjustments of prior year tax provisions to actual tax return filings, \$1.0 million from the utilization of unused research and development tax credits and \$0.6 million from the partial release of a valuation allowance on deferred tax assets in a foreign subsidiary during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009. No tax benefit is provided for losses generated in the United States due to the full valuation allowance on our U.S. deferred tax assets.

The tax rate in each period is affected by net changes in the valuation allowance against our deferred tax assets. Excluding the impact of our valuation allowance, our effective tax rates would have been 36% and 48%, respectively, for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009. These rates differ from the Federal statutory rate of 35% primarily due to the mix of income and losses in foreign jurisdictions, which have tax rates that differ from the statutory rate, and the impact of discrete tax items.

We have significant net deferred tax assets as a result of tax credits and operating loss carryforwards. The realization of the net deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of sufficient future taxable income in the applicable tax jurisdictions. We regularly review our deferred tax assets for recoverability with consideration for such factors as historical losses, projected future taxable income and the expected timing of the reversals of existing temporary differences. Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification, or FASB ASC, Topic 740, *Income Taxes*, requires us to record a valuation allowance when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Based on our level of deferred tax assets at September 30, 2010 and our level of historical U.S. losses, we have determined that the uncertainty regarding the realization of these assets is sufficient to warrant the need for a full valuation allowance against our U.S. net deferred tax assets.

## **LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

### ***Liquidity and Sources of Cash***

We have generally funded our operations in recent years through cash flows from operations as well as from the proceeds of the issuance of common stock under our employee stock plans. At September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, our principal sources of liquidity included cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities totaling \$34.4 million and \$108.9 million, respectively.

On October 1, 2010, Avid Technology, Inc., or Avid Technology, and certain of its subsidiaries entered into a Credit Agreement with Wells Fargo Capital Finance LLC, or Wells Fargo. Pursuant to the Credit Agreement, Wells Fargo agreed to provide revolving credit facilities up to a maximum of \$40 million in domestic borrowings and up to a maximum of an additional \$20 million for our Avid Technology International B.V., or Avid Europe, subsidiary. The borrowing availability under the credit facilities is based on the lesser of (1) the foregoing commitments for Avid Technology and Avid Europe, as applicable, and (2) a borrowing base which is a percentage of our accounts receivable and inventory or that of Avid Europe, as applicable. The actual amounts available to borrow will vary depending upon changes in the level of their respective accounts receivable and inventory, and is subject to other terms and conditions which are more specifically described in the Credit Agreement. The borrowing availability is also subject to other reserve requirements which may be established by Wells Fargo as provided in the Credit Agreement. The credit facilities have a maturity of four years, at which time Wells Fargo's commitments to provide additional credit shall be terminated and all outstanding borrowings must be repaid. Prior to the maturity of the credit facilities, any amounts borrowed may be repaid and, subject to the terms and conditions of the Credit Agreement, reborrowed in whole or in part without penalty. The Credit Agreement contains customary representations and warranties, covenants, mandatory prepayments, and events of default under which the payment obligations of Avid Technology and Avid Europe may be accelerated.

Interest accrues on outstanding borrowings under the credit facilities at a rate of either LIBOR (as defined in the Credit Agreement) plus 2.75% or a Base Rate (as defined in the Credit Agreement) plus 1.75%, at the option of the borrowers. The borrowers must also pay to Wells Fargo, on a monthly basis, an unused line fee at a rate of 0.625% per annum on an amount equal to (1) the average lending commitments under the credit facilities during the immediately preceding month less (2) the average daily amount of the outstanding borrowings plus the undrawn amount of any outstanding letters of credit under the credit facilities during the immediately preceding month. During the term of the credit facilities, the borrowers are entitled to reduce the maximum amounts of Wells Fargo's commitments, subject to the payment of certain fees based on the amount of any reduction.

We have provided guarantees and liens on substantially all of our assets and those of certain of our subsidiaries to secure our obligations under the Credit Agreement. The Credit Agreement requires that Avid Technology maintain liquidity (comprised of unused availability under the domestic portion of the credit facilities plus certain unrestricted cash and cash equivalents) of \$10 million, at least \$5 million of which must be from unused availability under the domestic portion of the credit facilities. Avid Europe is required to maintain liquidity (comprised of unused availability under Avid Europe's portion of the credit facilities plus certain unrestricted cash and cash equivalents) of \$5 million, at least \$2.5 million of which must be from unused availability under Avid Europe's portion of the credit facilities.

We have not yet borrowed against the credit facilities and currently have no specific plans to draw against them; however, we may use the line from time-to-time to cover short-term cash requirements in certain geographies or to otherwise meet the funding needs of our business. Our cash requirements vary depending on factors such as the growth of our business, changes in working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions of businesses or technologies and obligations under restructuring programs. We believe that we have sufficient cash, cash equivalents, funds generated from operations and funds available under the credit facilities to meet our operational and strategic objectives for at least the next twelve months.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, there were no material changes to our contractual or commercial obligations from those disclosed in Part II - Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

The following table summarizes our cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (in thousands):

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (20,554)	\$ (32,007)
Net cash used in investing activities	(34,661)	(12,555)
Net cash used in financing activities	(61)	(415)
Effect of foreign currency exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	(1,880)	1,303
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ (57,156)</u>	<u>\$ (43,674)</u>

## ***Cash Flows from Operating Activities***

For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, net cash used in operating activities primarily reflected our net loss adjusted for depreciation and amortization and stock-based compensation expense, as well as changes in working capital items, in particular a decrease in accrued expenses and an increase in inventories, partially offset by an increase in accounts payable. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, net cash used in operating activities primarily reflected our net loss adjusted for depreciation and amortization and stock-based compensation expense, as well as changes in working capital items, in particular decreases in accrued liabilities and deferred revenues, partially offset by a decrease in accounts receivable.

Accounts receivable increased by \$10.0 million to \$89.7 million at September 30, 2010 from \$79.7 million at December 31, 2009. These balances are net of allowances for sales returns, bad debts and customer rebates, all of which we estimate and record based primarily on historical experience. Days sales outstanding in accounts receivable, or DSO, was 49 days at September 30, 2010, compared to 41 days at December 31, 2009. Our accounts receivable aging at September 30, 2010 is consistent with the December 31, 2009 aging, and we believe the DSO of 49 days is the result of the timing of revenue recognition and customer receipts.

Inventories increased by \$19.1 million to \$96.3 million at September 30, 2010 from \$77.2 million at December 31, 2009. These balances included stockroom, spares and demonstration equipment inventories at various locations, as well as inventory at customer sites related to shipments for which we had not yet recognized revenue. The increase in inventories at September 30, 2010 was primarily the result of increased stocking levels to meet increased demand, as well as a buildup of inventory related to new product introductions. During much of 2010, we have experienced certain supply chain issues that have negatively impacted our year-to-date revenues. At our current inventory levels, we believe we have improved our ability to meet product demand in the fourth quarter. At September 30, 2010, we reported decreases in raw materials and work in process, offset by an increase in finished goods, related to our increased use of contractors to manufacture our products, components and subassemblies. We review all inventory balances regularly for excess quantities or potential obsolescence and make appropriate adjustments as needed to write down the inventories to reflect their estimated realizable value. We source inventory products and components pursuant to purchase orders placed from time to time.

Accrued liabilities decreased by \$20.5 million to \$60.4 million at September 30, 2010 from \$80.9 million at December 31, 2009 as a result of cash expenditures related to restructuring obligations of \$12.3 million, as well as payments for other obligations accrued at December 31, 2009. In connection with restructuring activities during 2010 and prior periods, at September 30, 2010, we had restructuring accruals of \$1.5 million and \$4.6 million related to severance and lease obligations, respectively. Our future cash obligations for leases for which we have vacated the underlying facilities total approximately \$9.6 million. The lease accruals represent the present value of the excess of our lease commitments on the vacated space over expected payments to be received on subleases of the relevant facilities. The lease payments will be made over the remaining terms of the leases, which have varying expiration dates through 2017, unless we are able to negotiate earlier terminations. The severance payments will be made during the next twelve months. All payments related to restructuring actions are expected to be funded through working capital. See Note 16 of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1 of this report for the restructuring costs and accruals activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

Accounts payable increased by \$15.1 million to \$45.3 million at September 30, 2010 from \$30.2 million at December 31, 2009. This increase in accounts payable is primarily the result of the timing of invoices received from and cash payments to our vendors and is substantially offset by the decrease in our accrued liabilities for the same period.

Deferred revenues increased by \$7.7 million to \$46.8 million at September 30, 2010 from \$39.1 million at December 31, 2009. This increase was largely the result of deferrals related to maintenance contracts, primarily resulting from the timing of contract renewals; deferrals related to large deals; and an increase in customer deposits.

### ***Cash Flows from Investing Activities***

The net cash flow used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 primarily reflected \$27.0 million paid to acquire Blue Order and Euphonix and \$25.9 million used for the purchase of property and equipment, partially offset by net proceeds of \$17.4 million resulting from the timing of the sale and purchase of marketable securities. The net cash flow used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 primarily reflected \$9.6 million used for the purchase of property and equipment. Our purchases of property and equipment typically consist of computer hardware and software to support our R&D activities and information systems. The increase in property and equipment purchases in the 2010 period primarily resulted from leasehold improvement, furniture and equipment costs associated with the relocation of our corporate offices to Burlington, Massachusetts in June 2010. During the first nine months of 2010, leasehold improvements furniture and equipment related to this relocation were placed in service and resulted in fixed asset additions of approximately \$31.7 million, of which \$15.7 million represented cash expenditures during the period. During the same period, we wrote off fixed assets with gross book values and net book values of approximately \$22.7 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, that were related to the closure of our former headquarters facility.

### ***Cash Flows from Financing Activities***

The net cash flow used in financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 primarily reflected costs associated with tax withholding obligations resulting from the issuance of common stock under employee stock plans, partially offset by proceeds from the issuance of common stock under employee stock plans. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the cash used in financing activities reflected \$0.5 million used to repurchase stock options during the second quarter of 2009 and costs associated with tax withholding obligations resulting from the issuance of common stock under employee stock plans, partially offset by proceeds from the issuance of common stock under employee stock plans.

### ***Fair Value Measurements***

We value our cash and investment instruments using quoted market prices, broker or dealer quotations, or alternative pricing sources with reasonable levels of price transparency. See Notes 3 and 4 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in Item 1 of this report for the disclosure of the fair values and the inputs used to determine the fair values of our financial assets and financial liabilities.

### **RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

See Note 17 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in Item 1 of this report for disclosure of the impact that recent accounting pronouncements have had or may have on our consolidated financial statements.

### **ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK**

#### ***Foreign Currency Exchange Risk***

We have significant international operations and, therefore, our revenues, earnings, cash flows and financial position are exposed to foreign currency risk from foreign-currency-denominated receivables, payables, sales transactions and net investments in foreign operations. We derive more than half of our revenues from customers outside the United States. This business is, for the most part, transacted through international subsidiaries and generally in the currency of the end-user customers. Therefore, we are exposed to the risks that changes in foreign currency could adversely affect our revenues, net income and cash flow.

We use derivatives in the form of foreign currency forward contracts to manage our short-term exposures to fluctuations in the foreign currency exchange rates that exist as part of our ongoing international business operations. We do not enter into any derivative instruments for trading or speculative purposes. The success of our hedging programs depends on forecasts of transaction activity in the various currencies and contract rates versus financial statement rates. To the extent these forecasts are overstated or understated during periods of currency volatility, we could experience unanticipated currency gains or losses.

As required by FASB ASC Topic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, we record all derivatives on the balance sheet at fair value. The accounting for changes in the fair value of derivatives depends on the intended use of the derivative, whether we have elected to designate a derivative in a hedging relationship and apply hedge accounting, and whether the hedging relationship has satisfied the criteria necessary to apply hedge accounting. Derivatives designated and qualifying as hedges of the exposure to changes in the fair value of an asset, liability or firm commitment attributable to a particular risk are considered fair value hedges. Derivatives designated and qualifying as hedges of the exposure to variability in expected future cash flows, or other types of forecasted transactions, are considered cash flow hedges. Derivatives may also be designated as hedges of the foreign currency exposure of a net investment in a foreign operation. Hedge accounting generally provides for the matching of the timing of gain or loss recognition on the hedging instrument with the recognition of the changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk in a fair value hedge or the earnings effect of the hedged forecasted transactions in a cash flow hedge. We may enter into derivative contracts that are intended to economically hedge certain of its risks, even though we elect not to apply hedge accounting under FASB ASC Topic 815.

During the three months ended September 30, 2010, we executed foreign currency forward contracts to hedge the foreign exchange currency risk associated with certain forecasted euro-denominated sales transactions. These contracts are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges under the criteria of FASB ASC Topic 815. The effective portion of the changes in the fair value of derivatives designated and qualifying as cash flow hedges is initially reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in stockholders' equity and subsequently reclassified in to revenues at the time the hedged transactions affect earnings. The ineffective portion of the change in fair value is recognized directly into earnings. To date no amounts have been recorded as a result of hedging ineffectiveness.

At September 30, 2010, we had foreign currency forward contracts outstanding with an aggregate notional value of \$30.5 million, denominated in the euro, as a hedge against forecasted euro-denominated sales transactions. The mark-to-market effect associated with the cash flow hedge foreign currency forward contracts at September 30, 2010 was a net unrealized loss of \$2.3 million, which was included in other accumulated comprehensive income within stockholders' equity. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, net gains of \$35 thousand resulting from these forward contracts were included in our results of operations.

As a hedge against the foreign exchange exposure of certain forecasted receivables, payables and cash balances, we enter into short-term foreign currency forward contracts. There are two objectives of this foreign currency forward-contract program: (1) to offset any foreign exchange currency risk associated with cash receipts expected to be received from our customers and cash payments expected to be made to our vendors over the next 30-day period and (2) to offset the impact of foreign currency exchange on our net monetary assets denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the legal entity. These forward contracts typically mature within 30 days of execution. We record gains and losses associated with currency rate changes on these contracts in results of operations, offsetting gains and losses on the related assets and liabilities.

At September 30, 2010, we had foreign currency forward contracts outstanding with an aggregate notional value of \$27.3 million, denominated in the euro, British pound, Japanese yen, Canadian dollar, Singapore dollar and Danish kroner, as a hedge against actual and forecasted foreign-currency-denominated receivables, payables and cash balances. The mark-to-market effect associated with foreign currency forward contracts was a net unrealized gain of \$0.6 million at September 30, 2010. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, net gains of \$3.1 million resulting from forward contracts and \$3.2 million of net transaction and remeasurement losses on the related assets and liabilities were included in our results of operations.

As it relates to our use of foreign currency forward contracts, a hypothetical 10% change in foreign currency rates would not have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows, assuming the above-mentioned forecasts of foreign currency exposure is accurate, because the impact on the forward contracts as a result of a 10% change would at least partially offset the impact on the revenues and asset and liability positions of our foreign subsidiaries.

### **Interest Rate Risk**

At September 30, 2010, we held \$34.4 million in cash and cash equivalents. A hypothetical 10% increase or decrease in interest rates would not have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows, due to the short maturities of any instruments held.

## ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

### *Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

Our management, with the participation of our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2010. The term “disclosure controls and procedures,” as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act, means controls and other procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission’s rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the company’s management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based on the evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2010, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that, as of that date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

No change in our internal control over financial reporting occurred during the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2010 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

### ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are involved in legal proceedings from time to time arising from the normal course of business activities, including but not limited to claims of alleged infringement of intellectual property rights and commercial, employment, piracy prosecution and other matters. We do not believe these matters will have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. However, our financial position, results of operations or cash flows may be negatively affected by the unfavorable resolution of one or more of these proceedings.

### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described in Part I - Item 1A under the heading "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 in addition to the other information included or incorporated by reference in this quarterly report before making an investment decision regarding our common stock. If any of these risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition or operating results would likely suffer, possibly materially, the trading price of our common stock could decline, and you could lose part or all of your investment.

The information presented below updates and should be read in connection with the risk factors and information disclosed in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

#### ***Future debt obligations may adversely affect our cash flow and restrict our investment opportunities.***

We recently entered into a four-year asset-backed revolving credit facility (Credit Agreement) in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$60 million. We have not yet borrowed against the credit facility; however, any future indebtedness we incur could have negative consequences, including:

- increasing our vulnerability to adverse economic and industry conditions,
- limiting our ability to obtain additional financing,
- limiting our ability to complete a merger or an acquisition, and
- limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business.

Our ability to satisfy our obligations under the Credit Agreement will depend on our future operating performance and on economic, financial, competitive and other factors beyond our control. Our business may not generate sufficient cash flows to meet these obligations or to successfully execute our business strategy. If we are unable to service our debt and fund our business, we may be forced to reduce or delay capital expenditures or research and development expenditures, seek additional financing or equity capital, restructure or refinance our debt, or sell assets.

#### ***Restrictions in our Credit Agreement may limit our activities.***

The Credit Agreement contains restrictive covenants which limit our ability to engage in activities that could otherwise benefit us, including limitations on our ability to make investments, incur additional indebtedness, issue equity and create liens. We are also required to meet specified liquidity-based financial covenants under the terms of the Credit Agreement. Our failure to comply with any of these restrictions or covenants may result in an event of default under the Credit Agreement, which could permit acceleration of any outstanding debt we may have in the future and require us to repay the debt before its scheduled due date. If an event of default were to occur, we might not have sufficient funds available to make the payments required. If we are unable to repay amounts owed, our lenders may be entitled to foreclose on and sell substantially all of our assets, which we have used to secure our borrowings under the Credit Agreement.

**Our international operations expose us to significant exchange rate fluctuations, as well as regulatory, intellectual property and other risks that may adversely affect our operating results.**

We derive more than half of our revenues from customers outside of the United States. Our international sales are, for the most part, transacted through foreign subsidiaries and generally in the currency of the end-user customers. We consequently are exposed to currency exchange risks that may adversely affect our revenues, operating results and cash flow. To hedge against the international exchange exposure of certain forecasted receivables, payables and cash balances and revenues of our foreign subsidiaries, we enter into foreign currency forward-exchange contracts. The success of our hedging programs depends on the accuracy of our forecasts of transaction activity in the various currencies. To the extent that these forecasts are over- or understated during periods of currency volatility, we may experience currency gains or losses. Our hedging activities may only offset a portion of the adverse financial impact resulting from unfavorable movement in foreign currency exchange rates, which could adversely affect our financial position or results of operations.

In addition to exposing us to currency and exchange risks, our international operations require us to comply with myriad environmental, tax and export laws, as well as other business regulations. The risks associated with these laws and regulations may from time to time include, among other things, high compliance costs, rapid adoption requirements, inconsistencies among jurisdictions, and a lack of administrative or judicial interpretative guidance. We additionally tend to encounter in our international operations longer collection cycles for accounts receivable and greater difficulties in protecting our intellectual property.

**ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

***Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities***

The following table is a summary of our stock repurchases during the three months ended September 30, 2010:

<b>Period</b>	<b>Total Number of Shares Repurchased(a)</b>	<b>Average Price Paid Per Share</b>	<b>Total Number of Shares Repurchased as Part of the Publicly Announced Program</b>	<b>Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet be Purchased Under the Program(b)</b>
July 1 – July 31, 2010	–	\$ –	–	\$ 80,325,905
August 1 – August 31, 2010	–	–	–	80,325,905
September 1 – September 30, 2010	1,982	12.74	–	80,325,905
	1,982	\$ 12.74	–	\$ 80,325,905

(a) In September 2010, we repurchased 1,982 shares of restricted stock from an employee to pay required withholding taxes upon the vesting of restricted stock.

(b) In April 2007, we initiated a stock repurchase program that ultimately authorized the repurchase of up to \$200 million of our common stock through transactions on the open market, in block trades or otherwise. At September 30, 2010, \$80.3 million remained available for future stock repurchases under the program. The stock repurchase program is funded through working capital and has no expiration date. The last repurchase of shares of our common stock under this program was in March 2008.

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

The list of exhibits, which are filed or furnished with this report or which are incorporated herein by reference, is set forth in the Exhibit Index immediately preceding the exhibits and is incorporated herein by reference.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 4, 2010

By: /s/ Ken Sexton  
Ken Sexton  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative  
Officer  
*(Principal Financial Officer)*

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description	Filed with this Form 10-Q	Incorporated by Reference		
			Form or Schedule	SEC Filing Date	SEC File Number
31.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	X			
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	X			
32.1	Certifications pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	X			



## CERTIFICATION

I, Gary G. Greenfield, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Avid Technology, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 4, 2010

/s/ Gary G. Greenfield  
Gary G. Greenfield  
Chairman of the Board of Directors,  
Chief Executive Officer and President  
(Principal Executive Officer)

## CERTIFICATION

I, Ken Sexton, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Avid Technology, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 4, 2010

/s/ Ken Sexton  
Ken Sexton  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer  
and Chief Administrative Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Avid Technology, Inc. (the "Company") for the quarter ended September 30, 2010 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, Gary G. Greenfield, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company, and Ken Sexton, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer of the Company, each hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 4, 2010

/s/ Gary G. Greenfield  
Gary G. Greenfield  
Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive  
Officer and President  
*(Principal Executive Officer)*

Date: November 4, 2010

/s/ Ken Sexton  
Ken Sexton  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial  
Officer and Chief Administrative Officer  
*(Principal Financial Officer)*