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Inside the reverse-engineering lab at Rockstar, Scott Widdowson is looking for products that infringe on the company's 4,000 patents. *Photo: Rockstar*

In many ways, Scott Widdowson is your typical electrical engineer. Most days, when the weather's good, he bikes the 15 miles along the Ottawa River to his company's offices in the west end of the Canadian capital. Once there, he settles in for a day of reading technical specifications, poring over computer textbooks, or prying apart consumer electronics — logic probe in one hand and a soldering

iron in the other.

But Widdowson is a specialist. He's one of 10 reverse-engineers working full time for a stealthy company funded by some of the biggest names in technology: Apple, Microsoft, Research In Motion, Sony, and Ericsson. Called the Rockstar Consortium, the 32-person outfit has a single-minded mission: It examines successful products, like routers and smartphones, and it tries to find proof that these products infringe on a portfolio of over 4,000 technology patents once owned by one of the world's largest telecommunications companies.

When a Rockstar engineer uncovers evidence of infringement, the company documents it, contacts the manufacturer, and demands licensing fees for the patents in question. The demand is backed by the implicit threat of a patent lawsuit in federal court. Eight of the company's staff are lawyers. In the last two months, Rockstar has started negotiations with as many as 100 potential licensees. And with control of a patent portfolio covering core wireless communications technologies such as LTE (Long Term Evolution) and 3G, there is literally no end in sight.

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Rockstar has its roots in last year's high-profile auction of 6,000 [patents](#) owned by the bankrupt Canadian telco giant Nortel. Google made headlines when it cast the first bid of \$900 million for the portfolio, but the search giant was soon in a heated bidding war with a consortium of rivals led by Apple and Microsoft. The final sale price was \$4.5 billion, and Rockstar Bidco, as it was then called, was the winner.

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Since then, Rockstar Bidco has given way to a new entity, called Rockstar Consortium. And for the first time, the consortium's strategy for the Nortel patents is clear. Ownership of about 2,000 of the patents was shifted to the individual companies that won the auction: Apple, Microsoft, et al. But the remaining 4,000 have been transferred to Rockstar Consortium, which is now a pure patent exploitation operation funded by all of the winning bidders except EMC, which has dropped out of the picture, according to Veschi.

Rockstar is a special kind of company. Because it doesn't actually make anything, it can't be countersued in patent cases. That wouldn't be the case with Apple or Microsoft if they had kept the patents for themselves. And because it's independent, it can antagonize its owners' partners and customers in ways that its owner companies could not. "The principals have plausible deniability," says Thomas Ewing, an attorney and intellectual property consultant. "They can say with a straight face: 'They're an independent company. We don't control them.' And there's some truth to that."

When the Rockstar Bidco group purchased Nortel's patents, the U.S. Department of Justice took a look at the deal, as part of a broader investigation into several large technology patent sales. The DoJ was concerned that patent attacks might somehow be used to knock Rockstar's competitors out of the smartphone or tablet market. But in February, the DoJ [closed its investigation](#), in part because Microsoft and Apple had promised to license many of their core wireless patents under reasonable terms to anyone who needed them.

But the new company — Rockstar Consortium — isn't bound by the promises that its member companies made, according to Veschi. "We are separate," he says. "That does not apply to us." Rockstar owners could choose to simply recoup their investment by licensing the patents and then reselling them — much as Microsoft did recently when it bought patents from AOL and then [turned around and sold them to Facebook](#). Or Rockstar could play into the strategic interests of its owner companies by going after Google, and Android partners such as HTC, says Colleen Chien, a law professor at Santa Clara University who has made a study of the market for technology patents.

Microsoft, Ericsson and EMC declined to comment for this story. The other Rockstar owners didn't respond to messages.

To say that technology patents have become more important over the past decade is to risk comic understatement. A patent is essentially a government-sanctioned monopoly designed to give the inventor a two-decade head start to commercialize any new technology. But in practice, patents are weapons. Technology companies load up on patents like Cold War nations stockpiling nuclear bombs, hoarding them for use when an important market is at stake. And few companies have been loading up on patents as aggressively as Apple and Google, two companies that had nothing to do with the smartphone market 10 or 15 years ago when many of Nortel's wireless patents were being developed.

Many companies stockpile patents for defensive purposes, but others actively look for ways they can make money from them — big money. The kind of reverse-engineering practiced by Widdowson happens more often than most people realize. It's just not widely discussed.

"Big companies are doing this work with a combination of their own resources and outsourcing," says Fas Mosleh, senior vice president of IP transactions with Kanzatec, a Los Altos, California, company that sells the type of reverse-engineering services that Widdowson practices in Rockstar's Ottawa lab.

The companies that do this are big because the costs are big. When patent fights go to trial, the legal fees typically run into the millions of dollars. "This is the sport of kings," says Ewing. "Ordinary people can't play in this arena."

But the rewards can be great too. In 2007, a U.S. jury hit Microsoft with [\\$1.5 billion in damages](#) after finding that it violated Lucent's MP3 patents (that verdict was later appealed, and most of the case [settled out of court](#)). On Friday, the U.S. International Trade Commission [threatened to halt the import of all Motorola Mobility's Android phones](#) and tablets after finding that Motorola had violated a Microsoft patent on how to fire off meeting requests from a mobile device.

Welcome to Ground Zero

Right now, ground zero for the patent wars is the smartphone market, where everyone from Google, Oracle, Microsoft, and Apple to Motorola, HTC and Samsung are battling it out in the courts. Some companies use patents as a competitive weapon, launching legal wars of attrition against competitors. Others find that they can make big money in some areas without necessarily having to win in the marketplace. Qualcomm makes nearly \$4 billion annually licensing its mobile patents. IBM, one of the top patent-holders on the planet, makes over \$1 billion each year.

"The creation of these conglomeration of patents — what this does is create a barrier to entry for the little guy." — Julie Samuels

Veschi says that he — and not Rockstar's board of directors — is calling the shots when it comes to licensing deals. The company's mission is "to manage the patent portfolio to achieve a return on investment, probably through a combination of licensing and sales," says Veschi. "So, in some cases, we might be selling some patents, and in other cases, we might be licensing some patents." Rockstar hasn't sued anyone yet, but Veschi expects that to happen too.

Because it doesn't actually produce anything, some knock Rockstar as a straight-up patent troll. "This deal is indicative of a much larger fundamental problem that we see today," says Julie Samuels, a staff attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation. She says she hears from small companies regularly who get pressured out of the U.S. market because they simply can't defend themselves against massive patent claims, whether legitimate or not. None of them want to talk to the press, though, for fear of drawing attention — and possibly more legal troubles — to themselves. Ultimately, Samuels worries that patents — especially software patents — will hurt innovators rather than help them. And that's exactly the opposite of what patents are supposed to do.

"The creation of these conglomerations of patents ... what this does is create a barrier to entry for the little guy," Samuels says. "It makes it so much harder to break into the market if you are a creator or

an innovator.”



After surviving the Nortel meltdown, Rockstar CEO John Veschi now controls 4,000 patents. Photo: Dan Krauss/Wired

Building in the Nortel Crater

With just 32 employees, Veschi’s company is tiny, but it has a big legacy. It’s the final resting place of the patent portfolio of Canada’s most storied technology company, Nortel Networks, a telecommunications giant whose origins date back to 1882 when it was the telephone manufacture and repair department of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada. Three-quarters of Rockstar’s employees, including Veschi and Widdowson worked at Nortel and kept their jobs by helping the creditors understand and then sell Nortel’s patent portfolio.

Nortel flamed out spectacularly in 2009, in a complex international bankruptcy that cost more than 30,000 employees their jobs, left others without pension and life insurance coverage, and saw several top executives face fraud charges in a [trial that’s still ongoing](#).

“How the hell did you guys go bankrupt? Why weren’t you Google? Why weren’t you Facebook?” — John Veschi

Employee pensions were slashed in half when the company could no longer meet payment obligations. Some workers lost life insurance or medical benefits when the company’s self-funded programs collapsed. And they’re still hurting three years later, waiting for courts in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom to hammer out final bankruptcy settlements, says Anne Clark-Stewart, a spokeswoman with Nortel Retirees and Former Employees Protection Canada, a group representing more than 20,000 former Nortel employees.

But what was a tragedy for the company’s employees turned out to be an unprecedented opportunity for Rockstar’s investors. Nortel had a massive patent portfolio — nearly 9,000 patents in all — most of them related to computer networking. And according to Veschi, they were high-quality patents — the kind that you’d normally find in a Bell Labs or an IBM; the kind that would be likely to stand up in a court case. Nortel’s patents covered broad areas of wireless networking, telecom switching,

internet routers, modems, personal computers, even search and social networking.

“A lot of people are still surprised to see the quality and the diversity of the IP that was in Nortel,” he says. “And the fundamental question comes back: ‘How the hell did you guys go bankrupt? Why weren’t you Google? Why weren’t you Facebook? Why weren’t you all these things, because you guys actually had the ideas for these business models before they did?’ They were within a Bell Labs-y kind of environment, and maybe the wherewithal of turning them into businesses wasn’t necessarily there.”

Nortel went bankrupt because it was mismanaged and, ultimately, fizzled out in the marketplace. Best known as a maker of telephone-company hardware and corporate phone systems, it once boasted more than 90,000 employees. But it lost out in the data center to Cisco, and it was outmaneuvered in its traditional telecom business by China’s Huawei.

No More Friendly Canadians

When Veschi signed on in 2008, Nortel hadn’t done much work to license its intellectual property. It was run by friendly Canadians who didn’t want to antagonize partners and customers by suing them. But the company had been remarkably adept at filing patents. “We had huge patent ceremonies in the CTO group that we made a big production of every year,” says Gillian McColgan, a former Nortel technical manager who is now chief technology officer with Rockstar.

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Employees were paid bonuses, and sometimes, they’d join up with senior management at fancy award ceremonies [held at swank venues such as the five-star Adolphus Hotel in Dallas](#), home to Queen Elizabeth II whenever she’s in Texas.

Nortel had long patented its inventions, but encouraged by former CEO Mike Zafirovski, it started doing something called “defensive patenting.” Engineers were encouraged to file patents that could be used to fire back in the event that someone brought a patent suit against Nortel. “A large focus of our patenting efforts had been around in the pre-bankruptcy era, had been trying to identify what our competitors might do, and laying down inventions in those spaces to protect ourselves,” McColgan says.

“We ended up with a large portfolio of patents that are directed toward products and areas of technology that our competitors were working in, where we didn’t necessarily have products ourselves,” she adds.

When Nortel went belly up, patents representing tens of billions of dollars in research and development were suddenly made available on the open market. It was an unprecedented opportunity for patent buyers. “There had never been anything like it up to this point, not even close,” says David Descoteaux, a banker with Lazard, an investment firm that advised Nortel through the bankruptcy.

It wasn’t just the quality of the patents that attracted serious investors. It was the sheer volume. Having thousands of high-quality patents to aim at a competitor is a uniquely useful weapon in this new sport of kings.

Patent attorneys love large patent portfolios because they make negotiations easier, says Thomas Ewing, the IP consultant. “When you get to these big numbers ... you’re not talking about merits anymore. The merit discussion just goes out the window,” he says. The reason? When you’re paying lawyers between \$10,000 to \$15,000 per patent to drill down and research each patent, it’s usually less expensive to cut a licensing deal. “Anything over 200, nobody’s talking about merits,” he says. But Google, Apple, and Microsoft saw the same promise as Veschi, and soon, they marshaled forces for a bidding war over Nortel’s patent portfolio. When the dust settled, Nortel’s patents sold for \$4.5 billion — \$1.3 billion more than the combined value of all of the company’s business units.

The \$4.5 Billion Sales Job

John Veschi and his small team of former Nortel employees had front-row seats to the bidding war. In fact, they deserve a lot of the credit for driving the patent portfolio sale as high as it went. Veschi is serious and intense. A half-marathon runner who likes to talk, but with a peripatetic way of qualifying his thoughts in mid-sentence. His first job out of school was as an officer at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, the now-decommissioned Army signals facility that was once the workplace of Julius Rosenberg.

Veschi signed on to run Nortel's licensing business in the summer of 2008 — just six months before the company declared bankruptcy. He had run licensing practices at Lucent and semiconductor maker LSI before Nortel, and he saw a rare opportunity: a vast portfolio of top-quality patents that nobody had yet tried to license.

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He thought it was the perfect time to jump onboard and work on building a licensing business that rivaled Lucent or IBM. "I was getting my equity struck at a nice low point and the future was rosy and I could help make it that way," he said, because "we could be less wimpy about our IP."

What he ended up with was a quick hiring freeze and then, after bankruptcy, the job of analyzing Nortel's 8,500 patents, figuring out which ones should be sold with the company's business units, and which ones could be sold separately at auction. When this job — called the Patent Segmentation Exercise — was done, Veschi had a portfolio of 6,000 patents to put up at auction.

It's a remarkable story. Veschi and his small team ended up riding along with Nortel right through the bankruptcy, and ultimately selling Nortel executives and creditors on the idea that the patents should be split apart from the rest of company's assets and sold separately. That wasn't immediately obvious to some creditors and company executives who thought they could bump up the sale prices of Nortel's business units by rolling in more patents. "It was at the time controversial," says Michael Lasinski, an early ally of Veschi's who worked on a committee for unsecured Nortel creditors during the bankruptcy.

Lasinski was quick to see the value of Nortel's patents because, like Veschi, he'd had some experience in the patent marketplace. He'd worked at the Ocean Tomo Patent Brokerage, a company that had pioneered the idea of Sotheby's-style patent auctions.

Veschi and his team started building financial models. From his time at Lucent, he knew how to show just how much Nortel's patent portfolio could bring in. At first, some executives thought it would be less than a billion dollars. But with Lasinski's support the models showed a lot more money. The team built a database of Nortel's patents and mapped them out to current and emerging networking standards to show where they might play.

Then came the sales job of proving just how valuable these patents were to potential buyers. Google was first out of the gate, with a \$900 million stalking horse bid — a bid pre-approved by Nortel's management and creditors aimed at establishing the minimum amount that the patents would sell for in bankruptcy auction.

It didn't take long for others to jump in. At first, Apple, Intel, RIM, and others were interested, as was a patent company called RPX, which buys up patents defensively, so they cannot be used against its investors. By the time the bidding got to \$4.5 billion, there were just two groups: Rockstar, and a group called Ranger. Ranger was Intel and Google.

Does Rockstar Own 4G?

After the Rockstar group acquired the 6,000 Nortel patents, about 2,000 were transferred to the companies behind the consortium. But 4,000 remained with Rockstar the company, which is actively trying to make money from them.

It turned out that Nortel had patents that covered parts of the up-and-coming mobile data technology called Long Term Evolution. Also known as 4G, this is the standard now bringing speedier internet access to mobile phones. Many of those patents are now [owned by Rockstar](#) and

could be enforced against mobile phone companies — Google, for example — in the coming months. “You knew you were making tens or hundreds of millions of dollars’ difference.” — Scott Widdowson But Nortel’s patents also covered core networking technologies used by routers and switches and many other areas. The European Telecommunications Standards Institute, the standards body for the European telecommunications industry, has a [database](#) that lists whose patents may apply to emerging telecommunications standards, and it lists 43 standards areas, many relating to LTE, where Nortel patents — some of them now transferred to Rockstar — are in play.

Close to 25 of Rockstar’s employees are former Nortel workers, including lawyers, managers and engineers. Having longtime Nortel engineers like Widdowson and McColgan — people who know the business and the patent portfolio — is going to help Veschi do a better job in figuring out where to go looking for licensing fees. Widdowson won’t say what he’s working on, by the way, except that it’s related to consumer telecommunications technology.

But that’s not why Widdowson says he stuck it out through the bankruptcy. He was offered another job, and he turned it down.

Former coworkers might have found this a little strange, but it turned out that Widdowson liked the work he was doing. The mesh of the legal and technical work was a new challenge for him, but there was another reason he stuck with it. He felt like he was helping his former Nortel colleagues who were hurting because of the bankruptcy.

McColgan reports a similar story. Even though she had colleagues telling her she was “off her rocker,” she stuck it out with the patent work because she thought she could make a difference and increase the amount paid back to Nortel’s workers.

“You knew you were making tens or hundreds of millions of dollars’ difference,” Widdowson says, “which is not usual for someone who is an engineer.”

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What's wrong is the over the top time allowance on patents. That you're allowed to patent computer code and businesses processes which are nothing more than a description of a way to produce a desired result. They're a recipe and you can't patent a recipe.

That the USPTO doesn't do any real work in checking for infringement. They grant moronic patents left and right then leave it up to overpriced lawyers and courts to figure it out. Big companies can afford this, small, medium or individual inventors cannot. Companies are allowed to patent things they have no intention of ever producing just so they can block others who actually spend the time, money and energy to develop those things. You shouldn't be allowed to hold onto a patent without proof that you're actively developing or using that patent for something other than licensing. Before you're allowed to license you should have to at least bring a product to market or show a working, viable prototype that uses that patent. This whole process of sketching some overly simplistic idea on a napkin and getting a patent on it along with a thousand others like it just to sit on it and sue anyone who comes up with the idea and actually uses it should be illegal. Patent trolling should be illegal which is all these "rockstar" guys really are. They and the lawyers that handle these lawsuits produce nothing. They protect nothing probably 90% of the time. Protecting a patent that should have never been granted or should have long since expired is just legal extortion.

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The thing that is "wrong" with it is that many large corporations are taking advantage of the lax approval process the patent office has had for the last 15ish

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Intellectual Asset Management



blog

Rockstar CEO says he would not bet against further suits to follow those issued last week

John Veschi was not anticipating headlines about reigniting the smartphone patent wars when he gave the final sign-off on Rockstar's [first enforcement actions last week](#) and he was slightly taken aback when they appeared. For the CEO of the NPE that manages many of the patents acquired at the Nortel auction in June 2011, it was a business decision and nothing more. "I am old school when it comes to litigation," Veschi told me when I spoke to him yesterday. "I am reluctant to call in the lawyers, but eventually if you hear from enough people that you need to sue in order to get the attention of their C-suites then that is what you are going to do."

The problem, Veschi explains, is that now that patent litigation has become much more common than it once was many companies will not begin talking unless they are confronted with a suit: "Maybe I am naïve in expecting that it is the quality of the patents that you own that should get you a seat at the negotiating table, but it seems that for many businesses these days in order to be a tier one prospect you need to go to court first." That has certainly been the experience with at least some (though not all) of those that are now being sued by Rockstar in the Eastern District of Texas, he states.

What is important to remember about Rockstar is that it is essentially the continuation of what was previously the Nortel licensing operation – or the one that Veschi would have established if he had been able to see through his plans for the Canadian telecoms company before it entered bankruptcy. Veschi joined Nortel as its chief IP officer in 2008 and by 2009 had already established programmes for both its internet patent portfolio and the one relating to handsets. As a result, he and his team have actually been negotiating with parties for four or five years, not just the two since Rockstar came into being. "The real question is why it took us so long to initiate actions. We didn't and we didn't, but there comes a time when you have to. There is nothing magic about it," Veschi says.

Of course, what makes the Rockstar action last week so newsworthy is the identity of its shareholders – Apple, BlackBerry, Ericsson, Microsoft and Sony. These are five of the six companies that formed the Rockstar Bidco consortium which tabled the successful \$4.5 billion bid for the Nortel portfolio in 2011 (the other member, EMC, is not involved). Given the amount they paid and given the on-going issues at least some of them have with both Google and the Android platform, many reports have talked about the consortium going on the attack or have assumed that it is the shareholders that have driven things. This is categorically not the case, Veschi says. "It was entirely my call based on the facts in front of me," he states. "The shareholders got an email telling them what had happened after the suits were issued."

Asked to clarify what the relationship he has with Rockstar's five owners is, Veschi repeats what he told me when [I interviewed him for IAM magazine](#) earlier this year: "They are the shareholders and there is a relationship that is distant. I understand that it might be sexy to say that they are pulling the strings, but actually it is also slightly insulting to us. We are running the business. We do that job and they do their jobs and that's it."

However, Veschi does note that all five have essentially already paid large licensing fees for the Nortel IP and it would be entirely wrong for them to be disadvantaged for having done that. Others that use IP from the same portfolio should also pay

up, he says. And the fact is that as of right now, not many do. Because of this more suits could well be issued over the coming months. These may well also cover the NetStar and MobileStar franchises that Rockstar has established to cover its internet and handset portfolios, but could also extend to other areas as well – telecoms is one that Veschi mentioned. “We will always prefer not to litigate – and it is right to give people and processes a chance – but I would not bet against it happening,” Veschi states.

Where any actions are launched will be closely watched. Last week’s were all filed in the Eastern District of Texas. “We gave a lot of thought to fora and it just happened that for a variety of reasons Texas was the best place for these suits,” Veschi states (it’s worth noting that Rockstar has an office in Plano, which is actually in the Eastern District and which it inherited from Nortel). If and when other suits are filed it could well be that it happens in other parts of the US.

As for the inevitable “troll” accusations that always get thrown around when suits are filed by an NPE, Veschi is comfortable with that. “People will say what they want to say and if they want to think of us as a bad guy then they can. But the sale of the Nortel patents benefited thousands of the company’s pensioners. Had there been restrictions on how those patents could now be deployed, they would not have fetched the price they did.”

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RE: Rockstar CEO says he would not bet against further suits to follow those issued last week

"What is important to remember about Rockstar is that it is essentially the continuation of what was previously the Nortel licensing operation – or the one that Veschi would have established if he had been able to see through his plans for the Canadian telecoms company before it entered bankruptcy. "

t would be interesting to see if Nortel had already begun the deconstruction process on the Android-based cell phones *prior* to the auction. It's my understanding that Rockstar hired the reverse engineers, not Nortel.

"They are the shareholders and there is a relationship that is distant. I understand that it might be sexy to say that they are pulling the strings, but actually it is also slightly insulting to us."

a) Balderdash and b) did he say "sexy"? No one uses that term in business anymore, that's so 2005.

Just sayin',

IPTT (<http://iptrolltracker2.wordpress.com>)

Stephanie Kennedy, 898 Data on 04 Nov 2013 @ 12:29

RE: Rockstar CEO says he would not bet against further suits to follow those issued last week

Stephanie,

Most of the reverse engineers - and certainly the most senior ones - were part of the Nortel operation prior to Rockstar being launched. They played a key role in the discussions leading up to the auction in 2011. Rockstar now is essentially the Nortel IP team as was, with a few additions.

Balderdash is so 1458!!

Joff

Joff Wild, IAM Magazine on 04 Nov 2013 @ 12:36

RE: Rockstar CEO says he would not bet against further suits to follow those issued last week

"Balderdash is so 1458!!"

This from a man who misspells his own first name? KIDDING! =)

OK fine, I'll give you the engineers. But lets examine this, via FOSS:

"Almost two and a half years ago, Google lost the Nortel patents auction to a consortium of six industry leaders (Apple, BlackBerry, EMC, Ericsson, Microsoft, Sony) who just wanted to clear the market before anyone would abuse Nortel's patents, particularly its 4G/LTE patents, the way Google's Motorola Mobility still tries to abuse its standard-essential patents. The price for preventing abuse was \$4.5 billion, several times what analysts expected before the auction. "

Rockstar's not preventing abuse, it's exacting it...

Cheers,

Steph

Stephanie Kennedy, 898 Data on 04 Nov 2013 @ 13:41

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EXHIBIT 3

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ORDER AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING (A) THE SALE OF CERTAIN PATENT AND RELATED ASSETS FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL CLAIMS AND INTERESTS, (B) THE ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN EXECUTORY CONTRACTS, (C) THE REJECTION OF CERTAIN PATENT LICENSES AND (D) THE LICENSE NON-ASSIGNMENT AND NON-RENEWAL PROTECTIONS

Upon the motion, dated April 4, 2011 (the “Motion”)² of Nortel Networks Inc. (“NNI”) and its affiliated debtors, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned Chapter 11 Cases (collectively, the “Debtors”), for entry of orders under sections 105, 107(b)(1), 363 and 365 of Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, 6006, 9014 and 9018 and Local Rules 6004-1 and 9018-1 (I)(A) authorizing Debtors’ entry into the Stalking Horse Agreement, (B) authorizing and approving the Bidding Procedures and the Bid Protections, (C) approving the

¹ The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s tax identification number, are: Nortel Networks Inc. (6332), Nortel Networks Capital Corporation (9620), Nortel Altsystems Inc. (9769), Nortel Altsystems International Inc. (5596), Xros, Inc. (4181), Sonoma Systems (2073), Qtera Corporation (0251), CoreTek, Inc. (5722), Nortel Networks Applications Management Solutions Inc. (2846), Nortel Networks Optical Components Inc. (3545), Nortel Networks HPOCS Inc. (3546), Architel Systems (U.S.) Corporation (3826), Nortel Networks International Inc. (0358), Northern Telecom International Inc. (6286), Nortel Networks Cable Solutions Inc. (0567) and Nortel Networks (CALA) Inc. (4226). Addresses for the Debtors can be found in the Debtors’ petitions, which are available at <http://dm.epiq11.com/nortel>.

² Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Motion, including the proposed bidding procedures attached thereto, or if not defined in the Motion, shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Sale Agreement (as defined herein).

Notice Procedures and the Assumption and Assignment Procedures, (D) approving the License Rejection Procedures, (E) approving a Side Agreement, (F) authorizing the filing of certain documents under seal, and (G) setting a date for the sale hearing, and (II) authorizing and approving (A) the sale of substantially all of the Debtors' patents and related assets free and clear of all claims and interests, (B) the assumption and assignment of certain executory contracts, (C) the rejection of certain patent licenses and (D) the License Non-Assignment and Non-Renewal Protections (as defined below); and the Court having entered an order approving, among other things, the Bidding Procedures [D.I. 5359] (the "Bidding Procedures Order") based upon the evidence presented at the bidding procedures hearing held on May 2, 2011 (the "Bidding Procedures Hearing"); and the auction held on June 27-30, 2011 (the "Auction") having been held in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order; and at the conclusion of the Auction, the bid submitted jointly by Apple, Inc. ("Apple") and Rockstar Bidco, LP ("Rockstar" or the "Purchaser") was chosen as the Successful Bid in accordance with the Bidding Procedures; and the Court having conducted a hearing on the Motion on July 11, 2011 (the "Sale Hearing"); and all parties in interest having been heard, or having had the opportunity to be heard, regarding the asset sale agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Sale Agreement"), by and among NNI, Nortel Networks Limited ("NNL"), Nortel Networks Corporation ("NNC"), Nortel Networks UK Limited (in administration), Nortel Networks (Ireland) Limited (in administration), Nortel Networks S.A. (in administration and liquidation judiciaire), Nortel Networks France S.A.S. (in administration) and Nortel GmbH (in administration) and certain other entities identified therein as sellers (collectively, the "Sellers"), the Joint Administrators, the French Liquidator, and the Purchaser and the transactions contemplated thereby (the

“Transactions”), including³ the granting by the Sellers of any licenses contemplated thereunder; and the Court having reviewed and considered the Motion, and the arguments of counsel made, and the evidence adduced, at the Bidding Procedures Hearing and the Sale Hearing; and upon the record of the Bidding Procedures Hearing and the Sale Hearing and these Chapter 11 Cases, and after due deliberation thereon, and good cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT:⁴

A. This Court has jurisdiction over the Motion and the Transactions pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(b)(1) and 1334(b).

B. Venue of these cases and the Motion in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).

C. The statutory predicates for the relief sought in the Motion are sections 105, 107(b)(1), 363 and 365 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101, *et seq.*, as amended (the “Bankruptcy Code”), and Rules 2002, 6004, 6006, 9014 and 9018 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), and Local Rules 6004-1 and 9018-1.

D. Notice of the Motion and the Sale Hearing has been provided (a) to (i) all entities reasonably known to have expressed an interest in a transaction with respect to the Assets during the nine (9) months preceding the filing of the Motion, (ii) all entities reasonably known to have asserted any claim, lien, encumbrance or interest in the Purchased Assets, (iii) the counterparties to the Cross-License Agreements and Outbound License Agreements, (iv) the attorneys general for all states in which Purchased Assets owned by the Debtors are located, all federal and state taxing authorities, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Internal Revenue Service, and

³ For the avoidance of doubt, as used in this Order, the word “including” means “including without limitation”.

⁴ Findings of fact shall be construed as conclusions of law and conclusions of law shall be construed as findings of fact when appropriate. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7052.

the Department of Labor and similar state labor or employment agencies, (v) all parties entitled to notice pursuant to Local Rule 2002-1(b), (vi) all known creditors of the Debtors, (vii) counsel to the Committee, (viii) counsel to the Bondholder Group and (ix) the additional persons agreed between the Debtors and the Stalking Horse Purchaser to be served in accordance with the terms of the Stalking Horse Agreement; and (b) through publication of the Publication Notice, all in accordance with and as provided by the Bidding Procedures Order.

E. As evidenced by affidavits of publication filed with the Court [D.I. 5465, 5466, 5467, and 5468], notice of the Sale Hearing was published in The Wall Street Journal (National Edition), The Globe and Mail (National Edition), The New York Times (National Edition) and The Financial Times (International Edition) on May 23, 2011.

F. Based upon the affidavits of service and publication filed with the Court [D.I. 5799, 5408, 5413, 5465, 5466, 5467, 5736, 5468 and 5907]: (a) notice of the Motion, the Sale Hearing, the Auction, and the sale of the Purchased Assets (the "Sale") was adequate and sufficient under the circumstances of these Chapter 11 Cases and these proceedings and complied with the various applicable requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules and the Bidding Procedures Order, and (b) a reasonable opportunity to object and be heard with respect to the Motion and the relief requested therein was afforded to all interested persons and entities.

G. Based upon the affidavits of service and publication filed with the Court [D.I. 5408, 5413, 5465, 5466, 5467, 5468 and 5907]: (a) notice to the counterparties of the Cross-License Agreements and Outbound License Agreements of the License Non-Assignment and Non-Renewal Protections was adequate and sufficient under the circumstances of these Chapter 11 Cases and these proceedings and complied with the various applicable requirements of the

Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Bidding Procedures Order, and (b) a reasonable opportunity to object and be heard with respect to the License Non-Assignment and Non-Renewal Protections was afforded to all counterparties to the Cross-License Agreements and Outbound License Agreements.

H. The Debtors have complied with the License Rejection Procedures approved by this Court in the Bidding Procedures Order. Based upon the affidavits of service and publication filed with the Court [D.I. 5799, 5408, 5413, 5465, 5466, 5467, 5468 and 5907]: (a) notice to the counterparties to the Unknown Licenses was adequate and sufficient under the circumstances of these Chapter 11 Cases and these proceedings and complied with the various applicable requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules and the Bidding Procedures Order, (b) a reasonable opportunity to object and be heard with respect to the rejection of any Unknown License and the License Rejection Procedures was afforded to all counterparties to the Unknown Licenses and (c) a reasonable opportunity to make an election under section 365(n)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code was afforded to any counterparties to the Unknown Licenses. The following parties filed timely elections under section 365(n)(1), pursuant to the License Rejection Procedures, with respect to purported Unknown Licenses: AT&T Services, Inc. [D.I. 5584], Broadcom Corporation [D.I. 5587], Hewlett-Packard Company [D.I. 5600], EADS Secure Networks S.A.S. [D.I. 5607], Nokia Corporation [D.I. 5610], International Business Machine Corporation [D.I. 5612], Verizon Communications Inc. [D.I. 5613], Hitachi, Ltd. [D.I. 5614], Motorola Solutions, Inc.[D.I. 5616], Qwest Corporation, Qwest Communications Company, LLC, and Embarq Management Company [D.I. 5618], and Thomas & Betts Manufacturing, Inc. [D.I. 5619]. No other parties timely filed such elections.

I. No further or other notice beyond that described in the foregoing Paragraphs E, F, G and H is required in connection with the Transactions.

J. The Assets (as defined in the Sale Agreement), the licenses under the Jointly Owned Patents, Specified UK Patents, Undisclosed Patent Interests and any other Patents granted by the Sellers to the Purchaser pursuant to the Sale Agreement, and, effective upon receipt by the Sellers of the applicable Exercise Price pursuant to Section 5.19 of the Sale Agreement, any Undisclosed Patent Interest, sought to be transferred, granted and/or assigned by the Debtors to the Purchaser pursuant to the Sale Agreement (the "Purchased Assets") are property of the Debtors' estates and good and valid title thereto is vested in the Debtors' estates. Together with the other Sellers, the Debtors own all right, title and interest to the Purchased Assets.

K. As demonstrated by (a) the testimony and other evidence proffered or adduced at the Sale Hearing and (b) the representations of counsel made on the record at the Sale Hearing, the Debtors and their professionals marketed the Purchased Assets and conducted the marketing and sale process as set forth in and in accordance with the Motion. Based upon the record of these proceedings, all creditors and other parties in interest and all prospective purchasers have been afforded a reasonable and fair opportunity to bid for the Purchased Assets.

L. On or about April 4, 2011, the Sellers, the Joint Administrators, the French Liquidator and Ranger Inc. (the "Stalking Horse Purchaser") and Google Inc. entered into the Stalking Horse Agreement, subject to higher and better offers.

M. The Bidding Procedures were substantively and procedurally fair to all parties and all potential bidders. The Debtors undertook substantial marketing efforts, and conducted the sale process (including the Auction) without collusion and in accordance with the Bidding

Procedures. The Debtors (a) afforded interested potential purchasers a full, fair and reasonable opportunity to qualify as bidders and submit their highest or otherwise best offer to purchase the Purchased Assets, (b) provided potential purchasers, upon request, sufficient information to enable them to make an informed judgment on whether to bid on the Purchased Assets and (c) considered any bids submitted on or before the Bid Deadline.

N. The Purchaser submitted a bid in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order. Prior to the Auction, the Debtors, in consultation with their advisors, the Committee, the Bondholder Group, the Monitor, and the Joint Administrators, analyzed Apple's bid and Rockstar's bid and determined that each was a Qualified Bid and that each of Apple and Rockstar was a Qualified Bidder eligible to participate in the Auction. During the Auction, with the consent of the Debtors, in consultation with their advisors, the Committee, the Bondholder Group, the Monitor, and the Joint Administrators, Apple partnered with the original Rockstar Bidco, LP consortium and adopted the transaction structure of the original Rockstar Bidco, LP consortium (including using the Purchaser as the purchaser of the Purchased Assets). At the conclusion of the Auction, in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order, the Debtors determined, in consultation with their advisors, the Committee, the Bondholder Group, the Monitor, and the Joint Administrators, in a valid and sound exercise of their business judgment, that the highest and best Qualified Bid was the joint bid submitted by Apple and the original Rockstar Bidco, L.P. consortium and that the Purchaser was the Successful Bidder.

O. Subject to the entry of this Order, each Debtor that is a Seller (a) has full power and authority to execute the Sale Agreement and all other documents contemplated thereby, (b) has all of the power and authority necessary to consummate the Transactions contemplated by the Sale Agreement and (c) has taken all company action necessary to authorize and approve

the Sale Agreement and all other documents contemplated thereby, the Sale and the consummation by the Debtors of the Transactions. No consents or approvals, other than those expressly provided for in the Sale Agreement or this Order, are required for the Debtors to close the Sale and consummate the Transactions.

P. The Sale Agreement and the Transactions were negotiated and have been and are undertaken by the Debtors and the Purchaser at arm's length without collusion or fraud, and in good faith, within the meaning of section 363(m) of Bankruptcy Code. The Purchaser is purchasing the Purchased Assets in good faith and the Purchaser has otherwise proceeded in good faith in connection with these proceedings in that *inter alia*: (a) the Debtors were free to deal with any other party in connection with the sale of the Purchased Assets; (b) the Purchaser complied with the provisions in the Bidding Procedures Order; (c) the selection of the Purchaser as the Successful Bidder was the result of the competitive bidding process set forth in the Bidding Procedures Order; (d) no common identity of directors or controlling stockholders exists between the Purchaser and any of the Debtors; (e) the Purchaser in no way induced or caused the chapter 11 filings by the Debtors; and (f) all payments to be made by the Purchaser in connection with the Sale have been disclosed. As a result of the foregoing, the Debtors and the Purchaser are entitled to and shall have the protections of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Q. The total consideration provided by or on behalf of the Purchaser for the Assets and any related licenses is fair and reasonable and is the highest and best offer received by the Sellers, and the Purchase Price constitutes (a) reasonably equivalent value under the Bankruptcy Code and the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act, (b) fair consideration under the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, and (c) reasonably equivalent value, fair consideration and fair value under any other applicable laws of the United States, any state, territory or possession

thereof, or the District of Columbia, for the Assets. The sale of the Assets to the Purchaser may not be avoided under section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code or any other section of the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non-bankruptcy law. No person or entity or group of persons or entities has offered to purchase the Assets pursuant to the Bidding Procedures established by this Court in a transaction that would provide greater value to the Sellers than the Transactions. The Court's approval of the Motion, the Sale Agreement, and all other documents contemplated thereby is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors and all other parties in interest.

R. The transfer of the Debtors' right, title and interest in the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser will be a legal, valid, enforceable and effective transfer of the Purchased Assets, and, except for the Assumed Liabilities, Permitted Encumbrances, the Standards Obligations (as defined below), as provided for in the Nokia Agreement (as defined below) and as provided in Sections 2.1.1(a) and 5.21 of the Sale Agreement, will vest the Purchaser with all of the Debtors' right, title and interest of, in and to the Purchased Assets, free and clear of (i) all claims as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, including all rights or causes of action (whether in law or in equity), obligations, demands, restrictions, indemnities, consent rights, options, contract rights, covenants and interests of any kind or nature whatsoever, whether arising prior to or subsequent to the commencement of these Chapter 11 Cases, and whether imposed by agreement, understanding, law, common law, statutory law, equity or otherwise (collectively, the "Claims"), (ii) all Interests (as defined herein) of any kind or nature whatsoever and (iii) all Excluded Liabilities (as defined in the Sale Agreement).

S. The Purchaser would not have entered into the Sale Agreement and would not consummate the Transactions, thus adversely affecting the Debtors, their estates and their

creditors, if the sale of the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser and the assumption of the Assumed Liabilities set forth in the Sale Agreement by the Purchaser were not free and clear of all liens, claims and interests pursuant to section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, or if the Purchaser would, or in the future could, be liable for any of such liens, claims and interests. A sale of the Purchased Assets other than one free and clear of all liens, claims and interests would yield substantially less value for the Debtors' estates, with less certainty, than the Sale. Therefore, the Sale contemplated by the Sale Agreement is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates and creditors, and all other parties in interest.

T. The Debtors may sell the Purchased Assets free and clear of all Claims and Interests, because, with respect to each creditor asserting a Claim or Interest, one or more of the standards set forth in section 363(f)(1)-(5) of the Bankruptcy Code has been satisfied. Those holders of Claims and Interests who did not object or who withdrew their objections to the Sale or the Motion are deemed to have consented to the Motion and Sale pursuant to section 363(f)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code. Those holders of Claims or Interests that did object and the Claims and Interests held by such holders, fall within one or more of the other subsections of section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code.

U. A sale of the Purchased Assets that does not include the License Non-Assignment and Non-Renewal Protections would yield less value for the Debtors' estates, with less certainty, than the Sale. Therefore, the Sale contemplated by the Sale Agreement is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates and creditors, and all other parties in interest. The Purchaser would not have entered into the Sale Agreement, and the Purchaser would not consummate the Transactions, without the License Non-Assignment and Non-Renewal Protections.

V. Neither the Debtors nor the Purchaser, or any of their respective affiliates and representatives engaged in any conduct, or failed to take any action, that would cause or permit the Sale Agreement or the consummation of the Transactions to be avoided, or costs or damages to be imposed, or any other amounts to be recovered against any of them jointly or severally, under section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code.

W. The Sale Agreement and the agreements contemplated thereby were not entered into, and the Sale is not being consummated, for the purpose of hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors of the Debtors under the Bankruptcy Code or under the laws of the United States, any state, territory, possession thereof, or the District of Columbia, or any other applicable law. Neither the Debtors nor the Purchaser has entered into the Sale Agreement or any agreement contemplated thereby or is consummating the Sale with any fraudulent or otherwise improper purpose.

X. The Purchaser is not holding itself out to the public as a continuation of the Debtors and is not an "insider" or "affiliate" of any of the Debtors, as those terms are defined in the Bankruptcy Code, and no common identity of incorporators, directors or stockholders existed between the Purchaser and any of the Debtors. Pursuant to the Sale Agreement, the Purchaser is not purchasing all of the Debtors' assets. The conveyance of the Purchased Assets pursuant to the Transactions does not amount to a consolidation, merger or de facto merger of the Purchaser and the Debtors and/or Debtors' estates, there is not substantial continuity between the Purchaser and the Debtors, there is no continuity of enterprise between the Debtors and the Purchaser, the Purchaser is not a mere continuation of the Debtors or the Debtors' estates, and the Purchaser does not constitute a successor to the Debtors or the Debtors' estates. Upon the Closing, the Purchaser shall be deemed to have assumed only those liabilities that it agreed to assume in the

Sale Agreement. Except for such liabilities assumed by the Purchaser under the Sale Agreement, the Purchaser's acquisition of the Purchased Assets shall be free and clear of any "successor liability" claims of any nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown and whether asserted or unasserted as of the Closing, to the extent permitted by applicable law. The Purchaser's operations shall not be deemed a continuation of the Debtors' business as a result of the acquisition of the Purchased Assets. The Court finds that the Purchaser would not have acquired the Purchased Assets but for the foregoing protections against potential claims based upon "successor liability" theories.

Y. The Debtors have demonstrated that it is a good and sufficient exercise of their sound business judgment to seek the License Non-Assignment and Non-Renewal Protections and that such relief is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and all parties in interest.

Z. The Debtors have demonstrated that it is a good and sufficient exercise of their sound business judgment to have the right to assume and assign the Assumed and Assigned Contracts to the Purchaser in connection with the consummation of the Sale and therefore is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and all parties in interest. The right to assign the Assumed and Assigned Contracts to the Purchaser is an integral part of the Purchased Assets being purchased by the Purchaser, and accordingly is reasonable and enhances the value of the Debtors' estates. The Cure Costs required to be paid pursuant to section 365(b) of the Bankruptcy Code to the counterparty to the applicable Assumed and Assigned Contract, or as ordered to be paid by this Court pursuant to a final order, are deemed to be the entire cure obligations due and owing under the Assumed and Assigned Contracts under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and no further amounts will be required to be paid.

AA. The Debtors have not designated any contracts as Assumed and Assigned Contracts on or prior to the date of this Order.

BB. Each and every provision of the Assumed and Assigned Contracts or applicable non-bankruptcy law that purports to prohibit, restrict, or condition, or could be construed as prohibiting, restricting, or conditioning assignment of any Assumed and Assigned Contract has been satisfied or are otherwise unenforceable under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.

CC. The Purchaser has demonstrated adequate assurance of future performance of all Assumed and Assigned Contracts within the meaning of section 365 of Bankruptcy Code.

DD. Upon the assignment and Sale to the Purchaser, the Assumed and Assigned Contracts shall be deemed valid and binding, in full force and effect in accordance with their terms, subject to the provisions of this Order, and shall be assigned and transferred to the Purchaser, notwithstanding any provision in the Assumed and Assigned Contracts or other restrictions prohibiting assignment or transfer.

EE. Entry into the Sale Agreement, the agreements contemplated thereby and consummation of the Transactions constitute a good and sufficient exercise by the Debtors of their sound business judgment, and such acts are in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates and creditors, and all parties in interest. The Court finds that the Debtors have articulated both (a) good, sufficient, and sound business purposes and justifications and (b) compelling circumstances for the Sale of the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser pursuant to section 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code prior to, and outside of, a plan of reorganization. Additionally, (a) the Sale Agreement constitutes the highest and best offer for the Purchased Assets; (b) the Sale Agreement and the Closing will present the best opportunity to realize the value of the Purchased Assets and avoid further decline and devaluation of the Purchased Assets; (c) there is risk of

deterioration of the value of the Purchased Assets if the Sale is not consummated promptly; and (d) the Sale Agreement and the Closing will provide a greater recovery for the Debtors' creditors than would be provided by any other presently available alternative.

FF. The sale and assignment of the Purchased Assets outside of a plan of reorganization pursuant to the Sale Agreement neither impermissibly restructures the rights of the Debtors' creditors nor impermissibly dictates the terms of a liquidating plan for the Debtors. The Sale does not constitute a *sub rosa* chapter 11 plan.

GG. The Debtors have, to the extent necessary, satisfied the requirements of section 363(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, appointment of a consumer privacy ombudsman pursuant to sections 363(b)(1) or 332 of the Bankruptcy Code is not required with respect to the relief requested in the Motion.

HH. Time is of the essence in consummating the Sale. In order to maximize the value of the Debtors' assets, it is essential that the Sale occur within the time constraints set forth in the Sale Agreement. Accordingly, there is a cause to lift the stay contemplated by the Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d).

II. There is no legal or equitable reason to delay the Transactions.

JJ. The Schedules to the Sale Agreement contain substantial sensitive commercial information, which would be damaging to the Debtors and the Purchaser if such information were to be disclosed to their competitors. Filing the Schedules to the Sale Agreement under seal or refraining from filing the Schedules to the extent they are substantially similar to the Stalking Horse Agreement schedules filed under seal is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, creditors and other parties-in-interest; and it is therefore:

ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. The relief requested in the Motion is **GRANTED**.
2. All objections with regard to the relief sought in the Motion that have not been withdrawn, waived, settled or otherwise dealt with as expressly provided herein or on the record at the Sale Hearing, and all reservations of rights included therein, are hereby overruled on the merits, with prejudice. Notice of the Sale Hearing was fair and equitable under the circumstances and complied in all respects with the Bidding Procedures Order, section 102(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, and Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, and 9014.
3. Pursuant to sections 105, 363 and 365 of Bankruptcy Code, and subject to the approval of the Sale by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in the Canadian Proceedings with respect to the Canadian Debtors, the Sale Agreement, the agreements contemplated thereby, the Sale of the Purchased Assets, and consummation of the Transactions are hereby approved and the Debtors are authorized to enter into the Sale Agreement and to comply with the Sale Agreement and the ancillary agreements contemplated thereby.
4. Pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, notwithstanding any provision of any Assumed and Assigned Contracts or applicable non-bankruptcy law that prohibits, restricts, or conditions the assignment of the Assumed and Assigned Contracts, the Debtors are authorized to assume and to assign the Assumed and Assigned Contracts to the Purchaser, which assignment shall take place on and be effective as of the Closing, or as otherwise provided by order of this Court. The Debtors have met all requirements of section 365(b) of the Bankruptcy Code for each of the Assumed and Assigned Contracts. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless required by the Purchaser under the Sale Agreement, no Debtor shall be required by the Court to assume and assign any Assumed and Assigned Contracts, and, if no such assumption and

assignment occurs, no Cure Costs shall be due and no adequate assurance of future performance shall be required.

5. [Reserved]

6. The Debtors' assumption of the Assumed and Assigned Contracts is subject to the consummation of the Sale of the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser. To the extent that an objection by a counterparty to any Assumed and Assigned Contract, including an objection related to the applicable Cure Cost, is not resolved prior to the Closing Date, the Debtors, in consultation with the Purchaser, may, without any further approval of the Court or notice to any party, elect to (a) not assume such Assumed and Assigned Contract, or (b) postpone the assumption of such Assumed and Assigned Contract until the resolution of such objection. Any Cure Costs outstanding on the Closing Date shall be paid to the appropriate counterparty as a condition subsequent to such assumption and/or assumption and assignment of the relevant Assumed and Assigned Contract.

7. Effective as of the Closing, the Unknown Licenses are rejected. Counterparties to the rejected Unknown Licenses have no rights against the Purchaser or the Purchased Assets with respect to such Unknown Licenses except to the extent that both (a) such counterparty made a timely election on or before June 6, 2011 under section 365(n)(1)(B) in accordance with the License Rejection Procedures approved by this Court in the Bidding Procedures Order and (b) neither the Debtors, the Purchaser, nor any other party in interest has objected to such election or the Court has determined by Final Order that the election was proper. To the extent that a counterparty to an Unknown License retains rights under a contract with a Debtor upon the satisfaction of (a) and (b) of this paragraph, such rights shall not be greater than the rights retained under section 365(n) of the Bankruptcy Code. Any counterparty to a rejected Unknown

License that has not made an election on or before June 6, 2011 shall have the right to file a rejection damages claim against the applicable Sellers, subject to all applicable deadlines and the allowance of such claim under applicable law, and no other rights, remedies or claims, including no rights, remedies, or claims against the Purchaser or the Purchased Assets. For the avoidance of doubt, the licenses granted under the Subject Agreements (as defined in section 2 of the Commercial License Acknowledgement attached hereto as Exhibit B) shall constitute Commercial Licenses under the Sale Agreement.

8. Upon the Closing (and in the case of any Undisclosed Patent Interests, subject to receipt by the Sellers of the applicable Exercise Price pursuant to Section 5.19 of the Sale Agreement), (a) the Debtors are hereby authorized to consummate, and shall be deemed for all purposes to have consummated, the sale, transfer and assignment of the Debtors' right, title and interest in the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser free and clear of any and all Claims and interests pursuant to sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code including all liens, including any and all liens (statutory or otherwise), Lien (as defined in the Sale Agreement), mortgage, pledge, security interest, charge, right of first refusal, hypothecation, encumbrance, collateral assignment, easement, encroachment, right-of-way, restrictive covenant, rights of offset or recoupment, lease or conditional sale arrangement (collectively, the "Liens") and debts, liabilities, obligations, contractual rights and claims and labor, employment and pension claims, in each case, whether known or unknown, choate or inchoate, filed or unfiled, scheduled or unscheduled, noticed or unnoticed, recorded or unrecorded, perfected or unperfected, allowed or disallowed, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, matured or un-matured, material or non-material, disputed or undisputed, whether arising prior to or subsequent to the commencement of these chapter 11 cases, and whether imposed by agreement, understanding,

law, equity or otherwise (collectively, the “Liabilities” and together with the Liens, the “Interests”) other than (i) the Assumed Liabilities, (ii) the Permitted Encumbrances, (iii) to the extent valid and enforceable under applicable non-bankruptcy law, any promises, declarations and commitments granted, made or committed in writing by the Sellers (or made on the Sellers’ behalf by any of their Affiliates and legally binding upon the Sellers) in writing to standard-setting bodies and industry groups (including any written commitments, declarations and promises that were made by or on behalf of the Sellers to the members or participants thereof, but solely in connection with the standard-setting activities of such bodies or groups and solely to the extent legally valid and enforceable under applicable non-bankruptcy law) concerning the licensing of or the grant of rights with respect to the use of any of the Transferred Patents, Purchased Specified UK Patents, Undisclosed Patent Interests or Jointly Owned Patents acquired pursuant to the Sale Agreement (including those legally valid and enforceable commitments contained in the membership agreements, by-laws or policies of the standard-setting bodies and industry groups), whether or not listed in Section 1.1(g) of the Sellers Disclosure Schedule (the “Standards Obligations”), (iv) as provided for in that certain letter agreement dated as of the date hereof between the Sellers and the Purchaser with respect to Nokia Corporation (the “Nokia Agreement”) and (v) as provided in Sections 2.1.1(a) and 5.21 of the Sale Agreement, with such Interests to attach to the sale proceeds in the same validity, extent and priority as existed with respect to the Purchased Assets immediately prior to the Transactions, subject to any rights, claims and defenses of the Debtors and other parties in interest, and (b) except for (i) the Assumed Liabilities, (ii) the Permitted Encumbrances, (iii) the Standards Obligations, (iv) as provided for in the Nokia Agreement and (v) as provided in Sections 2.1.1(a) and 5.21 of the

Sale Agreement, all such Interests shall be and hereby are released, terminated and discharged as to the Purchaser and the Purchased Assets.

9. Except with respect to enforcing the terms of the Sale Agreement, the Bidding Procedures Order or this Order, no person shall take any action to prevent, enjoin or otherwise interfere with the consummation of the Sale of the Purchased Assets and the Transactions, including the transfer to the Purchaser of the Debtors' title to and the right to use and enjoy the Purchased Assets.

10. The transfer of the Debtors' right, title and interest in the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser pursuant to the Sale Agreement shall be, and hereby is deemed to be, a legal, valid, enforceable and effective transfer of the Debtors' right, title and interest in the Purchased Assets, and vests with or will vest in the Purchaser all right, title and interest of the Debtors in the Purchased Assets, free and clear of all Claims and Interests of any kind or nature whatsoever (other than the Permitted Encumbrances, the Standards Obligations and the Assumed Liabilities, as otherwise provided in Sections 2.1.1(a) and 5.21 of the Sale Agreement and as provided in the Nokia Agreement), with any Interests attaching to the sale proceeds in the same validity, extent and priority as existed with respect to the Purchased Assets immediately prior to the Transactions, subject to any rights, claims and defenses of the Debtors and other parties in interest.

11. Upon the Closing, and except for the Assumed Liabilities, the Permitted Encumbrances, the Standards Obligations, as otherwise provided in the Sections 2.1.1(a), 5.8(c) and 5.21 of the Sale Agreement and as provided in the Nokia Agreement, the Purchaser shall not be liable for any Claims against, Interests against or in or obligations of, the Debtors or any of the Debtors' predecessors or Affiliates, as a result of having purchased the Purchased Assets or

otherwise as a result of the Transactions. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, (a) the Purchaser shall have no liability or obligation to pay wages, bonuses, severance pay, benefits (including contributions or payments on account of any under-funding with respect to any pension plans) or make any other payment to employees of the Debtors, (b) the Purchaser shall have no liability or obligation in respect of any employee pension plan, employee health plan, employee retention program, employee incentive program or any other similar agreement, plan or program to which any Debtors are a party (including liabilities or obligations arising from or related to the rejection or other termination of any such plan, program agreement or benefit), (c) the Purchaser shall in no way be deemed a party to or assignee of any such employee benefit, agreement, plan or program, and (d) all parties to any such employee benefit, agreement, plan or program are enjoined from asserting against the Purchaser any Claims or Interests arising from or relating to such employee benefit, agreement, plan or program.

12. As of the Closing, subject to the provisions of this Order, the Purchaser shall succeed to the entirety of Debtors' rights and obligations in the Assumed and Assigned Contracts first arising and attributable to the time period occurring on or after the Closing and shall have all rights thereunder.

13. Upon Closing, (a) all defaults (monetary and non-monetary) under the Assumed and Assigned Contracts through the Closing shall be deemed cured and satisfied in full through the payment of the Cure Costs; (b) no other amounts will be owed by the Debtors, their estates or the Purchaser with respect to amounts first arising or accruing during, or attributable or related to, the period before Closing with respect to the Assumed and Assigned Contracts, and (c) any and all persons or entities shall be forever barred and estopped from asserting a claim against the Debtors, their estates, or the Purchaser or the Purchased Assets that any additional amounts are

due or defaults exist under the Assumed and Assigned Contracts that arose or accrued, or relate to or are attributable to the period before the Closing. The Purchaser's promise pursuant to the terms of the Sale Agreement to pay the Cure Costs and to perform the obligations under the Assumed and Assigned Contracts after the Closing shall constitute adequate assurance of its future performance under the Assumed and Assigned Contracts being assigned to it within the meanings of sections 365(b)(1)(C) and (f)(2)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code.

14. Upon assumption of the Assumed and Assigned Contracts by the Debtors and assignment to the Purchaser, the Assumed and Assigned Contracts shall be deemed valid and binding, in full force and effect in accordance with their terms, subject to the provisions of this Order, and shall be assigned and transferred to the Purchaser, notwithstanding any provision in the contracts or other restrictions prohibiting assignment or transfer. To the extent any executory contract or unexpired lease is assumed and assigned to the Purchaser under the Order, no executory contract or unexpired lease will be assumed and assigned pursuant to this Order until the Closing. Furthermore, other than Assumed and Assigned Contracts, no other Contract shall be deemed assumed by and assigned to the Purchaser pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code. The failure of the Debtors or Purchaser to enforce at any time one or more terms or conditions of any Assumed and Assigned Contract shall not be a waiver of such terms or conditions, or of the Debtors' and the Purchaser's rights to enforce every term and condition of the Assumed and Assigned Contracts.

15. The Transactions have been undertaken by the Purchaser in good faith and the Purchaser is a good faith purchaser of the Purchased Assets as that term is used in section 363(m) of Bankruptcy Code, and, accordingly, the reversal or modification on appeal of the authorization provided herein to consummate the Sale shall not affect the validity of the Sale to

the Purchaser. The Purchaser is entitled to all of the protections afforded by section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.

16. Pursuant to sections 105 and 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors and the Purchaser are each hereby authorized to take any and all actions, including the payment of any fee or cost, necessary or appropriate to: (a) consummate the Sale of the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser, the Transactions, including the granting of any licenses contemplated by the Sale Agreement, and the Closing in accordance with the Motion, the Sale Agreement and this Order; (b) assume and assign the Assumed and Assigned Contracts; and (c) perform, consummate, implement and close fully the Sale Agreement together with all additional instruments and documents that may be reasonably necessary or desirable to implement the Sale Agreement. The Debtors are hereby authorized to perform each of their covenants and undertakings as provided in the Sale Agreement and the agreements contemplated thereby prior to or after Closing without further order of the Court.

17. For the avoidance of doubt, the Transactions authorized herein shall be of full force and effect, regardless of any Debtor's lack of good standing in any jurisdiction in which such Debtor is formed or authorized to transact business.

18. No bulk sales law or any similar law of any state or other jurisdiction shall apply in any way to the Sale and the Transactions.

19. The Debtors have, to the extent necessary, satisfied the requirements of section 363(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, appointment of a consumer privacy ombudsman pursuant to sections 363(b)(1) or 332 of the Bankruptcy Code is not required with respect to the relief requested in the Motion.

20. The consideration provided by or on behalf of the Purchaser for the Purchased Assets under the Sale Agreement, including in respect of the granting of any related licenses, shall be deemed for all purposes to constitute reasonably equivalent value and fair consideration under the Bankruptcy Code and any other applicable law, and the Sale may not be avoided, and costs, damages, or other amounts may not be imposed, recovered or awarded, under section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code or any other provision of the Bankruptcy Code, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act or any other similar state laws.

21. From and after the Closing Date (and in the case of any Undisclosed Patent Interests, subject to receipt by the Sellers of the applicable Exercise Price pursuant to Section 5.19 of the Sale Agreement), this Order shall be construed and shall constitute for any and all purposes a full and complete general assignment, conveyance and transfer of all of the Debtors' right, title and interest in the Purchased Assets and a bill of sale transferring good, valid and marketable title in such Purchased Assets to the Purchaser on the Closing Date pursuant to the terms of the Sale Agreement and any ancillary agreements, free and clear of all Claims and Interests (other than the Assumed Liabilities, the Standards Obligations, Permitted Encumbrances, as otherwise provided in Sections 2.1.1(a) and 5.21 of the Sale Agreement and as provided in the Nokia Agreement). From and after the Closing Date, the licenses under the Jointly Owned Patents, Specified UK Patents, Undisclosed Patent Interests and any other Patents granted by the Debtors to the Purchaser or the other licenses granted by the Debtors, in either case, pursuant to the Sale Agreement and any related ancillary agreements shall be legal, valid and binding and enforceable in accordance with their terms. The Purchaser is hereby authorized in connection with the consummation of the Sale and the other Transactions or otherwise to

allocate the Purchased Assets or any licenses granted pursuant to the Sale Agreement or any related ancillary agreements among its affiliates, designees, assignees and/or successors as contemplated by the Sale Agreement or in such other manner as it in its sole discretion deems appropriate.

22. Any and all Purchased Assets in the possession or control of any person or entity, including any vendor, supplier or employee of the Debtors shall be transferred to the Purchaser free and clear of all Claims and Interests (other than the Assumed Liabilities, Permitted Encumbrances and the Standards Obligations, as otherwise provided in Sections 2.1.1(a) and 5.21 of the Sale Agreement and as provided in the Nokia Agreement) and shall be delivered and deemed delivered at the time of Closing (or such other time as provided in the Sale Agreement) to the Purchaser.

23. Upon the Closing, all holders of Claims and Interests against the Debtors or the Purchased Assets are permanently and forever barred, restrained and enjoined from asserting any Claims or Interests or enforcing remedies, or commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind, against the Purchaser or the Purchased Assets on account of any of the Claims, Interests, Excluded Liabilities or Excluded Assets (other than the Assumed Liabilities, Permitted Encumbrances and the Standards Obligations, as otherwise provided in Sections 2.1.1(a) and 5.21 of the Sale Agreement and as provided in the Nokia Agreement).

24. There is no legal or equitable reason to delay the Transactions.

25. The Transactions do not amount to a consolidation, merger or *de facto* merger of the Purchaser and the Debtors and/or the Debtors' estates, there is not substantial continuity between the Purchaser and the Debtors, there is no continuity of enterprise, business or operations between the Debtors and the Purchaser, the Purchaser is not a mere continuation of

the Debtors or the Debtors' estates or their respective or collective businesses or operations, and the Purchaser does not constitute a successor to the Debtor or the Debtors' estates for any purposes including for purposes of any liabilities, debts or obligations of or required to be paid by the Debtors for any tax, pension, labor, employment, or other law, rule or regulation (including filing requirements under any such laws, rules or regulations), or under any products liability law or doctrine with respect to the Debtors' liability under such law, rule or regulation or doctrine. Except for the Assumed Liabilities, Permitted Encumbrances and the Standards Obligations, as otherwise provided in Sections 2.1.1(a) and 5.21 of the Sale Agreement and as provided in the Nokia Agreement, the Purchaser's acquisition of the Purchased Assets shall be free and clear of any "successor liability" claims or theories of any nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown and whether asserted or unasserted as of the time of Closing to the extent permitted by applicable law. The Purchaser's business and operations shall not be deemed a continuation of the Debtors' business or operations as a result of the acquisition of the Purchased Assets or the Transactions.

26. This Order (a) is and shall be effective as a determination that, other than the Permitted Encumbrances, the Standards Obligations, the Assumed Liabilities, as otherwise provided in Sections 2.1.1(a) and 5.21 of the Sale Agreement and as provided in the Nokia Agreement, all Claims and Interests of any kind or nature whatsoever existing as to the Purchased Assets prior to the Closing have been unconditionally released, discharged and terminated, and that the conveyances described herein have been effected, and (b) is and shall be binding upon and shall authorize all persons, institutions, agencies, and entities, including, all filing agents and agencies, filing officers, title agents, title companies, recorders of mortgages, recorders of deeds, registrars of deeds, administrative agencies or units (including the U.S. Patent

and Trademark Office and similar patent agencies of any jurisdiction), governments and governmental departments or units, secretaries of state, federal, state and local officials and all other persons institutions, agencies, and entities who may be required by operation of law, the duties of their office, or contract, to accept, file, register or otherwise record or release any documents or instruments, or who may be required to report or insure any title or state of title in or to the Purchased Assets conveyed to the Purchaser. All such entities described above in this paragraph are authorized and specifically directed to strike all recorded Interests against the Purchased Assets from their records, official and otherwise.

27. If any person or entity which has filed statements or other documents or agreements evidencing Interests in the Purchased Assets shall not have delivered to the Debtors before the Closing, in proper form for filing and executed by the appropriate parties, termination statements, instruments of satisfaction, releases of liens and easements, and any other documents necessary for the purpose of documenting the release of all Interests which the person or entity has or may assert with respect to the Purchased Assets, the Debtors and the Purchaser are each acting singly hereby authorized to execute and file such statements, instruments, releases and other documents on behalf of such person or entity with respect to the Purchased Assets without further order of the Court.

28. In furtherance of the sale of the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser, effective from and after the Closing,

- a. the Debtors shall be deemed to have affirmatively and reasonably refused to give consent (including any consent of any Debtor that may be deemed to be given as a result of inaction by such Debtor) to any renewal, extension, assignment, amendment, waiver or modification of any license under the Transferred Patents,

Specified UK Patents or Jointly Owned Patents pursuant to any Cross-License Agreement or Outbound License Agreement (excluding (i) the Commercial Licenses, (ii) the transition services agreements (the “TSAs”) and intellectual property license agreements (the “IPLAs”) that the Debtors entered into with the purchasers of their various business units after the Petition Date in connection with their divestitures, (iii) any intercompany Contracts with the Sellers (the “Intercompany Licenses”) and (iv) the Technology License Contract between Northern Telecom Limited and Guangdong-Nortel Telecommunications Switching Equipment Ltd., dated November 8, 1994, as amended (the “GDNT License”)) (collectively, the “License Agreements”, and any one, a “License Agreement”) that requires the consent of any Debtor pursuant to the terms of such License Agreement and that would have the practical effect of expanding the scope or term of the licenses to the Transferred Patents, Specified UK Patents or Jointly Owned Patents thereunder (regardless of whether such renewal, extension, assignment, amendment, waiver or modification is sought prior to or after the Debtors dissolve or otherwise cease to exist), in each case unless the Purchaser shall otherwise agree in writing, in its sole discretion,

- b. the Debtors shall be deemed to have affirmatively and reasonably refused to give consent (including any consent of any Debtor that may be deemed to be given as a result of inaction by such Debtor) (i) to any amendment, modification or waiver to the GDNT License that would have the practical effect of expanding the scope or the term of the licenses under the Transferred Patents, Specified UK Patents or Jointly Owned Patents thereunder and (ii) to any assignment of the GDNT

License or any rights or obligations thereunder other than to Ericsson (as defined in the Sale Agreement) or another purchaser of all or substantially all of the assets of or all of the outstanding shares of Guangdong Nortel Telecommunication Equipment Company Ltd., in each case, unless the Purchaser shall otherwise agree in writing, in its sole discretion,

- c. the Debtors shall be deemed to have affirmatively and reasonably refused to give consent (including any consent of any Debtor that may be deemed to be given as a result of inaction by such Debtor) (i) to any amendment, or modification to the IPLAs that would have the practical effect of expanding the scope or the term of the licenses under the Transferred Patents, Specified UK Patents or Jointly Owned Patents thereunder and (ii) to any assignment of any IPLA by the license counterparty or any rights or obligations of the license counterparty under any IPLA, in each case, unless the Purchaser shall otherwise agree in writing, in its sole discretion,
- d. the Debtors shall be deemed to have affirmatively and reasonably refused to give consent (including any consent of any Debtor that may be deemed to be given as a result of inaction by such Debtor) to any amendment, modification, renewal or extension to the TSAs that would have the practical effect of expanding the scope or the term of the licenses under the Transferred Patents, Specified UK Patents or Jointly Owned Patents thereunder beyond June 30, 2012 unless the Purchaser shall otherwise agree in writing, in its sole discretion,
- e. the Debtors shall be deemed to have affirmatively and reasonably refused to give consent (including any consent of any Debtor that may be deemed to be given as a

result of inaction by such Debtor) to any amendment or modification of any Commercial License that would have the practical effect of expanding the scope or the term of the licenses under the Transferred Patents, Specified UK Patents or Jointly Owned Patents thereunder except (i) to the extent such licenses, as amended or modified, would be permitted to be granted under the Closing Date License Agreement or (ii) to the extent the Purchaser shall otherwise agree in writing, in its sole discretion,

- f. the Debtors shall be deemed to have affirmatively and reasonably refused to give consent (including any consent of any Debtor that may be deemed to be given as a result of inaction by such Debtor) (i) to any amendment or modification of any Intercompany License that would have the practical effect of expanding the scope or the term of the licenses under the Transferred Patents, Specified UK Patents or Jointly Owned Patents thereunder except to the extent such licenses, as amended or modified, would be permitted to be granted under the Closing Date License Agreement, and (ii) to any assignment of any Intercompany License by the license counterparty or any rights or obligations of the license counterparty under any Intercompany License, in each case, unless the Purchaser shall otherwise agree in writing, in its sole discretion,
- g. no Debtor shall have the right or power to transfer any of its obligations, right, title or interest in the licenses under the Transferred Patents, Specified UK Patents and Jointly Owned Patents under

- (1) any License Agreement,
- (2) the GDNT License,

- (3) any Intercompany License,
- (4) (other than in connection with the consolidation, wind-down, reorganization or restructuring of the Debtors and their affiliates (including to reorganized Debtors under confirmed plan(s) of reorganization)) any IPLA or
- (5) (other than the transfer by the Debtors of Retained Contracts (as defined in the Sale Agreement) or contracts relating to the disposal of Inventory (as defined in the Sale Agreement), in each case to the extent a sublicense to the assignee of such contract is permitted by the Closing Date License Agreement) any Commercial License,

in each case, to any other person from and after the Closing, and any purported renewal, extension, assignment, amendment, waiver, transfer or modification of a License Agreement, Intercompany License, TSA, IPLA, GDNT License or Commercial License that would contravene the provisions of subparagraphs 28(a) through 28(g) hereof shall be null and void ab initio and unenforceable and of no force or effect and

- h. the Purchaser is hereby irrevocably appointed (such appointment being coupled with an interest) as each Debtor's attorney-in-fact, with full authority in the place and stead of such Debtor and in the name of such Debtor, from time to time from and after the Closing, in the Purchaser's sole discretion, subject to the provisions of paragraph 5.25 of the Sale Agreement, (x) to take any and all action and to execute and deliver any and all instruments that the Purchaser may deem necessary or advisable to accomplish the purposes of subparagraphs 28(a) through 28(g) hereof and (y) regardless of whether or not any Debtor party to the applicable License Agreement is then in existence, to terminate the license under the Transferred Patents, Specified UK Patents or Jointly Owned Patents in any License Agreement (including by delivering a notice of termination on behalf of a Debtor party thereto, regardless of whether such Debtor is then in existence) upon

the occurrence of any specific date or event or the existence of any specific circumstance to the extent that the occurrence of such date or event or the existence of such circumstance gives any Debtor (regardless of whether such Debtor is then in existence) a right to terminate such License Agreement pursuant to the terms thereof (the provisions of this sentence set forth in subparagraphs 28(a) through 28(h) hereof collectively, the “License Non-Assignment and Non-Renewal Protections”).

- i. For the avoidance of doubt, the License Non-Assignment and Non-Renewal Protections shall not limit in any way the applicable Debtors’ obligations to comply with the provisions of Section 5.13(b) of the Sale Agreement. Each counterparty to a License Agreement, Intercompany License, TSA, IPLA, GDNT License or Commercial License has been provided adequate notice of and opportunity to object to the License Non-Assignment and Non-Renewal Protections and is hereby bound thereby.

29. The License Non-Assignment and Non-Renewal Protections shall not constitute the assignment of the License Agreements, Intercompany Licenses, TSAs, IPLAs, GDNT License or Commercial Licenses to, or assumption of the License Agreements, Intercompany Licenses, TSAs, IPLAs, GDNT License or Commercial Licenses by, the Purchaser.

30. In the event that any Debtor or any of their Affiliates owns any Undisclosed Patent Interest, no Debtor shall directly or indirectly sell, transfer, assign, convey, license or sublicense such Undisclosed Patent Interest to a Third Party (as defined in the Sale Agreement), other than the Purchaser, including by operation of law, in any transaction, series of related transactions or otherwise, except as expressly permitted by Section 5.19 of the Sale Agreement,

and any attempted sale, transfer, assignment, conveyance, license or sublicense not expressly permitted by Section 5.19 of the Sale Agreement shall be null and void *ab initio* and of no force or legal effect.

31. All counterparties to the Assumed and Assigned Contracts shall cooperate and expeditiously execute and deliver, upon the reasonable request of the Purchaser, and shall not charge the Debtors or the Purchaser for, any instruments, applications, consents, or other documents which may be required or requested by any public or quasi-public authority or other party or entity to effectuate the applicable transfers in connection with the Transactions.

32. Each and every federal, state and governmental agency or department, and any other person or entity, is hereby authorized to accept any and all documents and instruments in connection with or necessary to consummate the Transactions.

33. No governmental unit may revoke or suspend any lawful right, license, trademark or other permission relating to the use of the Purchased Assets sold, transferred or conveyed to the Purchaser on account of the filing or pendency of these Chapter 11 Cases or the consummation of the Sale or other Transactions.

34. To the extent this Order is inconsistent with any prior order or pleading in these Chapter 11 Cases, the terms of this Order shall govern. To the extent there is any inconsistency between the terms of this Order and the terms of the Sale Agreement (including all ancillary documents executed in connection therewith), the terms of the Order shall govern.

35. Except as expressly provided in this Order, the Sale Agreement or the ancillary agreements contemplated thereby, nothing in this Order shall be deemed to waive, release, extinguish or estop the Debtors or their estates from asserting or otherwise impair or diminish

any right (including any right of recoupment), claim, cause of action, defense, offset or counterclaim in respect of any asset that is not a Purchased Asset.

36. This Order shall not be modified by any chapter 11 plan confirmed in these Chapter 11 Cases by any dismissal or conversion of these Chapter 11 Cases, by the appointment of or any action or inaction by any trustee, examiner, responsible person, or foreign representative, or otherwise by any subsequent order of this Court unless expressly consented to in writing by the Purchaser.

37. This Order and the Sale Agreement shall be binding in all respects upon all creditors and interest holders of any of the Debtors (whether known or unknown), all non-debtor parties to the Assumed and Assigned Contracts, all license counterparties, the Committee, the Bondholder Group, all successors and assigns of the Debtors and their Affiliates and subsidiaries, and any trustees, examiners, "responsible persons," foreign representatives, or other fiduciaries appointed in the Debtors' bankruptcy cases or upon a conversion to chapter 7 under the Bankruptcy Code, and the Sale Agreement shall not be subject to rejection or avoidance under any circumstances.

38. The failure specifically to include or make reference to any particular provisions of the Sale Agreement or any ancillary agreement contemplated thereby in this Order shall not diminish or impair the effectiveness of such provision, it being the intent of the Court that the Sale Agreement and the ancillary agreements contemplated thereby are authorized and approved in their entirety.

39. The Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Order, including the authority to: (a) interpret, implement and enforce the terms and provisions of this Order (including the injunctive relief provided in this Order) and

the terms of the Sale Agreement, the ancillary agreements contemplated thereby, all amendments thereto and any waivers and consents thereunder; (b) protect the Purchaser, or the Purchased Assets, from and against any Claims, Interests or Excluded Liabilities; (c) compel delivery of all Purchased Assets to the Purchaser; (d) compel the Purchaser and the Debtors to perform all of their obligations under the Sale Agreement; (e) resolve any disputes arising under or related to the Sale Agreement, the ancillary agreements contemplated thereby, the Sale or the Transactions; and (f) provide any further relief that is necessary or appropriate in furtherance of this Order or the Transactions.

40. The Sale Agreement, the ancillary agreements contemplated thereby and any related agreements, documents or other instruments may be modified, amended, or supplemented through a written document signed by the parties in accordance with the terms thereof without further order of the Court; provided, however, that any such modification, amendment or supplement is neither material nor materially changes the economic substance of the transactions contemplated hereby (it being understood, for the sake of clarity, for the purposes of this paragraph, that no such modification, amendment or supplement shall be deemed to be material or shall be deemed to materially change the economic substance of the transactions to the extent that the impact does not exceed two percent of the Purchase Price); and provided further that no such modifications, amendments, or supplements may be made except following two (2) days written notice to, or with the prior consent of, the Committee, c/o Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, New York, NY 10036 (Attention: Fred S. Hodara, Stephen Kuhn, and Kenneth Davis). The Debtors are hereby authorized to perform each of their covenants and undertakings as provided in the Sale Agreement and the ancillary agreements thereto prior to or after Closing without further order of the Court.

41. Notwithstanding any provision in the Bankruptcy Rules or the Local Rules to the contrary, (a) the terms of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry, (b) the Debtors are not subject to any stay in the implementation, enforcement or realization of the relief granted in this Order, and (c) the Debtors may, in their discretion and without further delay, take any action and perform any act authorized under this Order.

42. The provisions of this Order are nonseverable and mutually dependent.

43. The Purchaser is not and will not become obligated to pay any fee or commission or like payment to any broker, finder or financial advisor as a result of the consummation of the Transactions contemplated by the Sale Agreement based upon any arrangement made by or on behalf of the Debtors.

44. This Order applies only to Assets owned by the Debtors or in which the Debtors, individually or collectively, have any right, title or interest, to the extent of the Debtors' right title and interest in such Assets. Consequently, notwithstanding any other provision of this Order or the Sale Agreement to the contrary, the portions of this Order that approve the transfer of the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser free and clear of all Claims and Interests, or that modify, enjoin, release or otherwise limit the rights of creditors of entities transferring Purchased Assets, apply only to Purchased Assets owned by the Debtors or in which the Debtors, individually or collectively, have any right, title or interest (to the extent of such right, title and interest) and do not apply to any assets owned solely by non-debtor entities and/or in which the Debtors, individually or collectively, have no right, title or interest.

45. The Purchaser shall deposit proceeds of the Sale less the Good Faith Deposit and any applicable transfer or value-added taxes incurred by the Sellers, and, to the extent agreed by the Sellers, any transaction costs, into an Escrow Account (as defined in the Interim Funding and

Settlement Agreement, dated June 9, 2009 (the “IFSA”). In accordance with this Court’s order approving and authorizing the transactions contemplated by the IFSA, the proceeds in the Escrow Account shall not be distributed in advance of either (a) agreement of all of the Selling Debtors (as such term is defined in the IFSA) as to the distribution of such proceeds (subject to the prior consent of the Committee and the Bondholder Group acting in good faith in accordance with Section 12.g of the IFSA) or (b) in the case where the Selling Debtors fail to reach agreement, determination by the relevant dispute resolver(s) in accordance with the terms of the Interim Sales Protocol (as such term is defined in the IFSA and subject to the requirements of Section 12.g of the IFSA), which Interim Sales Protocol shall be approved by the Court. The Debtors are hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into an escrow agreement, on terms and conditions reasonably satisfactory to the Committee and the Monitor acting in good faith, with an escrow agent to establish an Escrow Account without further order of this Court.

46. Neither the Purchaser nor the Debtors shall have an obligation to close the Transactions until all conditions precedent in the Sale Agreement to each of their obligations to close the Transactions have been met, satisfied, or waived in accordance with the terms of the Sale Agreement.

47. This Court hereby requests the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory, administrative or other governmental body having jurisdiction in Canada, the United States, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, Ireland or elsewhere, to give effect to this Order and to assist the Sellers and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order. All courts, tribunals, regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Sellers as may be necessary or desirable to give

effect to this Order or to assist the Sellers and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

48. The Sellers are hereby authorized and empowered to apply to any court, tribunal, regulatory, administrative or other governmental body, wherever located, for the recognition of this Order and for assistance in carrying out the terms of this Order.

49. The Schedules delivered to the Court by the Debtors shall be kept segregated and under seal by the Clerk of Court and shall not be made publicly available pursuant to sections 105(a) and 107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 9018 and Local Rule 9081-1(b).

50. Nothing in this Order is intended to affect the ability of the U.S. Department of Justice to undertake antitrust review or other action with respect to any subsequent use, allocation or distribution of the Purchased Assets.

DATED: July 11, 2011



THE HONORABLE KEVIN GROSS
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

EXHIBIT 4

APPLE INC

FORM 10-Q (Quarterly Report)

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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 June 25, 2011

or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission file number: 000-10030

APPLE INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

California
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

94-2404110
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1 Infinite Loop
Cupertino, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

95014
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 996-1010

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

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) 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

927,090,886 shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of July 8, 2011

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

APPLE INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

(in millions, except share amounts which are reflected in thousands and per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010
Net sales	\$ 28,571	\$ 15,700	\$ 79,979	\$ 44,882
Cost of sales	16,649	9,564	47,541	26,710
Gross margin	11,922	6,136	32,438	18,172
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	628	464	1,784	1,288
Selling, general and administrative	1,915	1,438	5,574	3,946
Total operating expenses	2,543	1,902	7,358	5,234
Operating income	9,379	4,234	25,080	12,938
Other income and expense	172	58	334	141
Income before provision for income taxes	9,551	4,292	25,414	13,079
Provision for income taxes	2,243	1,039	6,115	3,374
Net income	\$ 7,308	\$ 3,253	\$ 19,299	\$ 9,705
Earnings per common share:				
Basic	\$ 7.89	\$ 3.57	\$ 20.91	\$ 10.69
Diluted	\$ 7.79	\$ 3.51	\$ 20.63	\$ 10.51
Shares used in computing earnings per share:				
Basic	926,108	912,197	922,917	907,762
Diluted	937,810	927,361	935,688	923,341

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

APPLE INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

(in millions, except share amounts)

	June 25, 2011	September 25, 2010
ASSETS:		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,091	\$ 11,261
Short-term marketable securities	16,304	14,359
Accounts receivable, less allowances of \$55 in each period	6,102	5,510
Inventories	889	1,051
Deferred tax assets	1,892	1,636
Vendor non-trade receivables	5,369	4,414
Other current assets	4,251	3,447
Total current assets	46,898	41,678
Long-term marketable securities	47,761	25,391
Property, plant and equipment, net	6,749	4,768
Goodwill	741	741
Acquired intangible assets, net	1,169	342
Other assets	3,440	2,263
Total assets	<u>\$ 106,758</u>	<u>\$ 75,183</u>
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 15,270	\$ 12,015
Accrued expenses	7,597	5,723
Deferred revenue	3,992	2,984
Total current liabilities	26,859	20,722
Deferred revenue - non-current	1,407	1,139
Other non-current liabilities	9,149	5,531
Total liabilities	<u>37,415</u>	<u>27,392</u>
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock, no par value; 1,800,000,000 shares authorized; 926,903,779 and 915,970,050 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	12,715	10,668
Retained earnings	56,239	37,169
Accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss)	389	(46)
Total shareholders' equity	<u>69,343</u>	<u>47,791</u>
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 106,758</u>	<u>\$ 75,183</u>

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

APPLE INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

(in millions)

	Nine Months Ended	
	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	\$ 11,261	\$ 5,263
Operating activities:		
Net income	19,299	9,705
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash generated by operating activities:		
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	1,271	698
Stock-based compensation expense	870	655
Deferred income tax expense	2,232	1,298
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	(592)	(79)
Inventories	162	(487)
Vendor non-trade receivables	(955)	(1,256)
Other current and non-current assets	(1,551)	(1,001)
Accounts payable	2,480	2,812
Deferred revenue	1,276	806
Other current and non-current liabilities	2,608	(239)
Cash generated by operating activities	<u>27,100</u>	<u>12,912</u>
Investing activities:		
Purchases of marketable securities	(75,133)	(41,318)
Proceeds from maturities of marketable securities	16,396	19,758
Proceeds from sales of marketable securities	34,301	14,048
Payments made in connection with business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	0	(615)
Payments for acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(2,615)	(1,245)
Payments for acquisition of intangible assets	(266)	(63)
Other	34	(36)
Cash used in investing activities	<u>(27,283)</u>	<u>(9,471)</u>
Financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	577	733
Excess tax benefits from equity awards	915	652
Taxes paid related to net share settlement of equity awards	(479)	(384)
Cash generated by financing activities	<u>1,013</u>	<u>1,001</u>
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	<u>830</u>	<u>4,442</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	<u>\$ 12,091</u>	<u>\$ 9,705</u>
Supplemental cash flow disclosure:		
Cash paid for income taxes, net	\$ 2,563	\$ 2,657

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Apple Inc.**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)****Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Apple Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (collectively “Apple” or the “Company”) designs, manufactures, and markets mobile communication and media devices, personal computers, and portable digital music players, and sells a variety of related software, services, peripherals, networking solutions, and third-party digital content and applications. The Company sells its products worldwide through its retail stores, online stores, and direct sales force, as well as through third-party cellular network carriers, wholesalers, retailers and value-added resellers. In addition, the Company sells a variety of third-party iPhone, iPad, Macintosh (“Mac”), and iPod compatible products including application software, printers, storage devices, speakers, headphones, and various other accessories and supplies through its online and retail stores. The Company sells to consumers, small and mid-sized businesses, education, enterprise and government customers.

Basis of Presentation and Preparation

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company. Intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. The preparation of these condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in these condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates. Certain prior period amounts in the condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto have been reclassified to conform to the current period’s presentation.

These condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes should be read in conjunction with the Company’s annual consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto for the fiscal year ended September 25, 2010, included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K (the “2010 Form 10-K”). Unless otherwise stated, references to particular years or quarters refer to the Company’s fiscal years ended in September and the associated quarters of those fiscal years.

During the first quarter of 2011, the Company adopted the Financial Accounting Standard Board’s (“FASB”) new accounting standard on consolidation of variable interest entities. This new accounting standard eliminates the mandatory quantitative approach in determining control for evaluating whether variable interest entities need to be consolidated in favor of a qualitative analysis, and requires an ongoing reassessment of control over such entities. The adoption of this new accounting standard did not impact the Company’s condensed consolidated financial statements.

Revenue Recognition*Revenue Recognition for Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables*

For multi-element arrangements that include tangible products containing software that is essential to the tangible product’s functionality, undelivered software elements relating to the tangible product’s essential software, and undelivered non-software services, the Company allocates revenue to all deliverables based on their relative selling prices. In such circumstances, the Company uses a hierarchy to determine the selling price to be used for allocating revenue to deliverables: (i) vendor-specific objective evidence of fair value (“VSOE”), (ii) third-party evidence of selling price (“TPE”), and (iii) best estimate of the selling price (“ESP”). VSOE generally exists only when the Company sells the deliverable separately and is the price actually charged by the Company for that deliverable. ESPs reflect the Company’s best estimates of what the selling prices of elements would be if they were sold regularly on a stand-alone basis.

For sales of iPhone, iPad, Apple TV, for sales of iPod touch beginning in June 2010, and for sales of Mac beginning in June 2011, the Company has indicated it may from time-to-time provide future unspecified software upgrades and features free of charge to customers. In June 2011, the Company announced it would provide various non-software services (“the online services”) to owners of qualifying versions of iPhone, iPad, iPod touch and Mac. The Company has identified up to three deliverables in arrangements involving the sale of these devices. The first deliverable is the hardware and software essential to the functionality of the hardware device delivered at the time of sale. The second deliverable is the embedded right included with the purchase of iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Mac and Apple TV to receive on a when-and-if-available basis, future unspecified software upgrades and features relating to the product’s essential software. The third deliverable is the online services to be provided to qualifying versions of iPhone, iPad, iPod touch and Mac. The Company allocates revenue between these deliverables using the relative selling price method. Because the Company has neither VSOE nor TPE for these deliverables, the allocation of revenue has been based on the Company’s ESPs. Amounts allocated to the delivered hardware and the related essential software are recognized at the time of sale provided the other conditions for revenue recognition have been met. Amounts allocated to the embedded unspecified software upgrade rights and the online services are deferred and recognized on a straight-line basis over the estimated lives of each of these devices, which range from 24 to 48 months. Cost of sales related to delivered hardware and related essential software, including estimated warranty costs, are recognized at the time of sale. Costs incurred to provide non-software services are recognized as cost of sales as incurred, and engineering and sales and marketing costs are recognized as operating expenses as incurred.

The Company’s process for determining its ESP for deliverables without VSOE or TPE considers multiple factors that may vary depending upon the unique facts and circumstances related to each deliverable. The Company believes its customers, particularly consumers, would be reluctant to buy the types of unspecified software upgrade rights embedded with iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Mac and Apple TV. This view is primarily based on the fact that unspecified upgrade rights do not obligate the Company to provide upgrades at a particular time or at all, and do not specify to customers which upgrades or features will be delivered. The Company also believes its customers would be unwilling to pay a significant amount for access to the online services because other companies offer similar services at little or no cost to users. Therefore, the Company has concluded that if it were to sell upgrade rights or access to the online services on a standalone basis, including those rights and services attached to iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Mac and Apple TV, the selling price would be relatively low. Key factors considered by the Company in developing the ESPs for the upgrade rights include prices charged by the Company for similar offerings, market trends for pricing of Mac and iOS software, the Company’s historical pricing practices, the nature of the upgrade rights (e.g., unspecified and when-and-if-available), and the relative ESP of the upgrade rights as compared to the total selling price of the product. The Company may also consider, when appropriate, the impact of other products and services, including advertising services, on selling price assumptions when developing and reviewing its ESPs for software upgrade rights and related deliverables. The Company may also consider additional factors as appropriate, including the pricing of competitive alternatives if they exist and product-specific business objectives. When relevant, the same factors are considered by the Company in developing ESPs for service offerings such as the online services; however, the primary consideration in developing ESPs for the online services is the estimated cost to provide such services over the life of the related devices, including consideration for a reasonable profit margin.

Beginning with the Company’s June 2011 announcement of the upcoming release of the online services and Mac OS X Lion, the Company’s combined ESP for the unspecified software upgrade rights and the right to receive the online services are as follows: \$16 for iPhone and iPad, \$11 for iPod touch, and \$22 for Mac. The Company’s ESP for the embedded unspecified software upgrade right included with each Apple TV is \$5 for 2011. Amounts allocated to the embedded unspecified software upgrade rights and the online services associated with iPhone, iPad, iPod touch and Apple TV are recognized on a straight-line basis over 24 months, and amounts allocated to the embedded unspecified software upgrade rights and the online services associated with Mac are recognized on a straight-line basis over 48 months.

The Company recognizes revenue in accordance with industry specific software accounting guidance for sales of software upgrades. Therefore, beginning in July 2011 the Company will defer all revenue from the sale of upgrades to the Mac OS and iLife software and recognize it ratably over 36 months.

Earnings Per Common Share

Basic earnings per common share is computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per common share is computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period increased to include the number of additional shares of common stock that would have been outstanding if the potentially dilutive securities had been issued. Potentially dilutive securities include outstanding options, shares to be purchased under the employee stock purchase plan, and unvested restricted stock units (“RSUs”). The dilutive effect of potentially dilutive securities is reflected in diluted earnings per common share by application of the treasury stock method. Under the treasury stock method, an increase in the fair market value of the Company’s common stock can result in a greater dilutive effect from potentially dilutive securities.

The following table summarizes the computation of basic and diluted earnings per common share for the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011 and June 26, 2010 (in thousands, except net income in millions and per share amounts):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010
Numerator:				
Net income	\$ 7,308	\$ 3,253	\$ 19,299	\$ 9,705
Denominator:				
Weighted-average shares outstanding	926,108	912,197	922,917	907,762
Effect of dilutive securities	<u>11,702</u>	<u>15,164</u>	<u>12,771</u>	<u>15,579</u>
Weighted-average diluted shares	<u>937,810</u>	<u>927,361</u>	<u>935,688</u>	<u>923,341</u>
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 7.89	\$ 3.57	\$ 20.91	\$ 10.69
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 7.79	\$ 3.51	\$ 20.63	\$ 10.51

Potentially dilutive securities representing approximately 2,000 shares and 220,000 shares of common stock for the three months ended June 25, 2011 and June 26, 2010, respectively, and 206,000 shares and 498,000 shares of common stock for the nine months ended June 25, 2011 and June 26, 2010, respectively, were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per common share for these periods because their effect would have been antidilutive.

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value is estimated by applying the following hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value into three levels and bases the categorization within the hierarchy upon the lowest level of input that is available and significant to the fair value measurement:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – Observable inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 – Inputs that are generally unobservable and typically reflect management's estimate of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

Note 2 – Financial Instruments**Cash, Cash Equivalents and Marketable Securities**

All highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less at the date of purchase are classified as cash equivalents. The Company's marketable debt and equity securities have been classified and accounted for as available-for-sale. Management determines the appropriate classification of its investments at the time of purchase and reevaluates the available-for-sale designations as of each balance sheet date. The Company classifies its marketable debt securities as either short-term or long-term based on each instrument's underlying contractual maturity date. Marketable debt securities with maturities of 12 months or less are classified as short-term and marketable debt securities with maturities greater than 12 months are classified as long-term. The Company classifies its marketable equity securities, including mutual funds, as either short-term or long-term based on the nature of each security and its availability for use in current operations.

The following tables summarize the Company's available-for-sale securities' adjusted cost, gross unrealized gains, gross unrealized losses and fair value by significant investment category recorded as cash and cash equivalents or short-term or long-term marketable securities as of June 25, 2011 and September 25, 2010 (in millions):

	June 25, 2011						
	Adjusted Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Cash and Cash Equivalents	Short-Term Marketable Securities	Long-Term Marketable Securities
Cash	\$ 2,769	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,769	\$ 2,769	\$ 0	\$ 0
Level 1:							
Money market funds	1,414	0	0	1,414	1,414	0	0
Mutual funds	150	0	0	150	0	150	0
Subtotal	1,564	0	0	1,564	1,414	150	0
Level 2:							
U.S. Treasury securities	10,736	51	0	10,787	1,139	1,876	7,772
U.S. agency securities	9,986	17	(1)	10,002	391	1,980	7,631
Non-U.S. government securities	6,127	18	(1)	6,144	427	1,952	3,765
Certificates of deposit and time deposits	4,538	4	0	4,542	893	1,231	2,418
Commercial paper	6,326	0	0	6,326	4,977	1,349	0
Corporate securities	30,441	167	(9)	30,599	81	7,242	23,276
Municipal securities	3,389	35	(1)	3,423	0	524	2,899
Subtotal	71,543	292	(12)	71,823	7,908	16,154	47,761
Total	\$ 75,876	\$ 292	\$ (12)	\$ 76,156	\$ 12,091	\$ 16,304	\$ 47,761

	September 25, 2010						
	Adjusted Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Cash and Cash Equivalents	Short-Term Marketable Securities	Long-Term Marketable Securities
Cash	\$ 1,690	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,690	\$ 1,690	\$ 0	\$ 0
Level 1:							
Money market funds	2,753	0	0	2,753	2,753	0	0
Level 2:							
U.S. Treasury securities	9,872	42	0	9,914	2,571	2,130	5,213
U.S. agency securities	8,717	10	0	8,727	1,916	4,339	2,472
Non-U.S. government securities	2,648	13	0	2,661	10	865	1,786
Certificates of deposit and time deposits	2,735	5	(1)	2,739	374	850	1,515
Commercial paper	3,168	0	0	3,168	1,889	1,279	0
Corporate securities	17,349	102	(9)	17,442	58	4,522	12,862
Municipal securities	1,899	19	(1)	1,917	0	374	1,543
Subtotal	<u>46,388</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>(11)</u>	<u>46,568</u>	<u>6,818</u>	<u>14,359</u>	<u>25,391</u>
Total	<u>\$ 50,831</u>	<u>\$ 191</u>	<u>\$ (11)</u>	<u>\$ 51,011</u>	<u>\$ 11,261</u>	<u>\$ 14,359</u>	<u>\$ 25,391</u>

The net unrealized gains as of June 25, 2011 and September 25, 2010 related primarily to long-term marketable securities. The Company may sell certain of its marketable securities prior to their stated maturities for strategic reasons including, but not limited to, anticipation of credit deterioration and duration management. The Company recognized net realized gains of \$14 million and \$70 million during the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011, respectively. The Company recognized no significant net realized gains or losses during the three- and nine-month periods ended June 26, 2010. The maturities of the Company's long-term marketable securities generally range from one year to five years.

As of June 25, 2011 and September 25, 2010, gross unrealized losses related to individual securities that had been in a continuous loss position for 12 months or longer were not significant.

The Company considers the declines in market value of its marketable securities investment portfolio to be temporary in nature. The Company typically invests in highly-rated securities, and its policy generally limits the amount of credit exposure to any one issuer. The Company's investment policy requires investments to generally be investment grade, primarily rated single-A or better, with the objective of minimizing the potential risk of principal loss. Fair values were determined for each individual security in the investment portfolio. When evaluating the investments for other-than-temporary impairment, the Company reviews factors such as the length of time and extent to which fair value has been below cost basis, the financial condition of the issuer and any changes thereto, and the Company's intent to sell, or whether it is more likely than not it will be required to sell, the investment before recovery of the investment's amortized cost basis. During the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011 and June 26, 2010, the Company did not recognize any significant impairment charges. As of June 25, 2011, the Company does not consider any of its investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired.

Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company uses derivatives to partially offset its business exposure to foreign currency exchange risk. The Company may enter into foreign currency forward and option contracts to offset some of the foreign exchange risk on expected future cash flows on certain forecasted revenue and cost of sales, on net investments in certain foreign subsidiaries, and on certain existing assets and liabilities. To help protect gross margins from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, certain of the Company's subsidiaries whose functional currency is the U.S. dollar hedge a portion of forecasted foreign currency revenue. The Company's subsidiaries whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar and who sell in local currencies may hedge a portion of forecasted inventory purchases not denominated in the subsidiaries' functional currencies. The Company typically hedges portions of its forecasted foreign currency exposure associated with revenue and inventory purchases for three to six months. To help protect the net investment in a foreign operation from adverse changes in foreign currency exchange rates, the Company may enter into foreign currency forward and option contracts to offset the changes in the carrying amounts of these investments due to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. The Company may also enter into foreign currency forward and option contracts to partially offset the foreign currency exchange gains and losses generated by the re-measurement of certain assets and liabilities denominated in non-functional currencies. However, the Company may choose not to hedge certain foreign currency exchange exposures for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, materiality, accounting considerations and the prohibitive economic cost of hedging particular exposures. There can be no assurance the hedges will offset more than a portion of the financial impact resulting from movements in foreign currency exchange rates.

The Company's accounting policies for these instruments are based on whether the instruments are designated as hedge or non-hedge instruments. The Company records all derivatives on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at fair value. The effective portions of cash flow hedges are recorded in other comprehensive income until the hedged item is recognized in earnings. The effective portions of net investment hedges are recorded in other comprehensive income as a part of the cumulative translation adjustment. The ineffective portions of cash flow hedges and net investment hedges are recorded in other income and expense. Derivatives that are not designated as hedging instruments are adjusted to fair value through earnings in the financial statement line item the derivative relates to.

The Company had a net deferred gain associated with cash flow hedges of approximately \$21 million and a net deferred loss associated with cash flow hedges of approximately \$252 million, net of taxes, recorded in other comprehensive income as of June 25, 2011 and September 25, 2010, respectively. Deferred gains and losses associated with cash flow hedges of foreign currency revenue are recognized as a component of net sales in the same period as the related revenue is recognized, and deferred gains and losses related to cash flow hedges of inventory purchases are recognized as a component of cost of sales in the same period as the related costs are recognized. Substantially all of the Company's hedged transactions as of June 25, 2011 are expected to occur within six months.

Derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges must be de-designated as hedges when it is probable the forecasted hedged transaction will not occur in the initially identified time period or within a subsequent two-month time period. Deferred gains and losses in other comprehensive income associated with such derivative instruments are reclassified immediately into earnings through other income and expense. Any subsequent changes in fair value of such derivative instruments are reflected in other income and expense unless they are re-designated as hedges of other transactions. The Company did not recognize any significant net gains or losses related to the loss of hedge designation on discontinued cash flow hedges during the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011 and June 26, 2010.

The Company's unrealized net gains and losses on net investment hedges, included in the cumulative translation adjustment account of accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI"), were not significant as of June 25, 2011 and September 25, 2010, respectively. The ineffective portions and amounts excluded from the effectiveness test of net investment hedges are recorded in other income and expense.

The Company recognized in earnings a net loss on foreign currency forward and option contracts not designated as hedging instruments of \$45 million and \$100 million during the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011, respectively, and a net gain on foreign currency forward and option contracts not designated as hedging instruments of \$25 million and \$15 million during the three- and nine-month periods ended June 26, 2010, respectively. These amounts, recorded in other income and expense, represent the net gain or loss on the derivative contracts and do not include changes in the related exposures, which generally offset a portion of the gain or loss on the derivative contracts.

The following table summarizes the notional principal amounts of the Company's outstanding derivative instruments and credit risk amounts associated with outstanding or unsettled derivative instruments as of June 25, 2011 and September 25, 2010 (in millions):

	June 25, 2011		September 25, 2010	
	Notional Principal	Credit Risk Amounts	Notional Principal	Credit Risk Amounts
Instruments qualifying as accounting hedges:				
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ 12,282	\$ 128	\$ 13,957	\$ 62
Instruments other than accounting hedges:				
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ 6,415	\$ 14	\$ 10,727	\$ 45

The notional principal amounts for outstanding derivative instruments provide one measure of the transaction volume outstanding and do not represent the amount of the Company's exposure to credit or market loss. The credit risk amounts represent the Company's gross exposure to potential accounting loss on derivative instruments that are outstanding or unsettled if all counterparties failed to perform according to the terms of the contract, based on then-current currency exchange rates at each respective date. The Company's gross exposure on these transactions may be further mitigated by collateral received from certain counterparties. The Company's exposure to credit loss and market risk will vary over time as a function of currency exchange rates. Although the table above reflects the notional principal and credit risk amounts of the Company's foreign exchange instruments, it does not reflect the gains or losses associated with the exposures and transactions that the foreign exchange instruments are intended to hedge. The amounts ultimately realized upon settlement of these financial instruments, together with the gains and losses on the underlying exposures, will depend on actual market conditions during the remaining life of the instruments.

The Company generally enters into master netting arrangements, which reduce credit risk by permitting net settlement of transactions with the same counterparty. To further limit credit risk, the Company generally enters into collateral security arrangements that provide for collateral to be received or posted when the net fair value of certain financial instruments fluctuates from contractually established thresholds. The Company presents its derivative assets and derivative liabilities at their gross fair values. As of June 25, 2011, the Company received cash collateral related to the derivative instruments under its collateral security arrangements of \$8 million, which it recorded as accrued expenses in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. As of September 25, 2010, the Company posted cash collateral related to the derivative instruments under its collateral security arrangements of \$445 million, which it recorded as other current assets in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. The Company did not have any derivative instruments with credit-risk related contingent features that would require it to post additional collateral as of June 25, 2011 or September 25, 2010.

The following tables summarize the gross fair value of the Company's derivative instruments as reflected in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of June 25, 2011 and September 25, 2010 (in millions):

	June 25, 2011		
	Fair Value of Derivatives Designated as Hedge Instruments	Fair Value of Derivatives Not Designated as Hedge Instruments	Total Fair Value
Derivative assets (a):			
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ 125	\$ 14	\$ 139
Derivative liabilities (b):			
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ 64	\$ 6	\$ 70
	September 25, 2010		
	Fair Value of Derivatives Designated as Hedge Instruments	Fair Value of Derivatives Not Designated as Hedge Instruments	Total Fair Value
Derivative assets (a):			
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ 62	\$ 45	\$ 107
Derivative liabilities (b):			
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ 488	\$ 118	\$ 606

(a) The fair value of derivative assets is measured using Level 2 fair value inputs and is recorded as other current assets in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

(b) The fair value of derivative liabilities is measured using Level 2 fair value inputs and is recorded as accrued expenses in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The following table summarizes the pre-tax effect of the Company's derivative instruments designated as cash flow and net investment hedges in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011 and June 26, 2010 (in millions):

	Three Month Periods				Location	Gains/(Losses) Recognized – Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing	
	Gains/(Losses) Recognized in OCI - Effective Portion (e)		Gains/(Losses) Reclassified from AOCI into Income - Effective Portion (e)			June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010
	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010	June 25, 2011 (a)	June 26, 2010 (b)			
Cash flow hedges:							
Foreign exchange contracts					Other income		
	\$ 12	\$ 83	\$ (162)	\$ 67	and expense	\$ 15	\$ (50)
Net investment hedges:							
Foreign exchange contracts					Other income		
	(7)	(18)	0	0	and expense	1	0
Total	<u>\$ 5</u>	<u>\$ 65</u>	<u>\$ (162)</u>	<u>\$ 67</u>		<u>\$ 16</u>	<u>\$ (50)</u>

	Nine Month Periods				Location	Gains/(Losses)	
	Gains/(Losses) Recognized in OCI - Effective Portion (e)		Gains/(Losses) Reclassified from AOCI into Income - Effective Portion (e)			Gains/(Losses) Recognized - Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing	
	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010	June 25, 2011 (e)	June 26, 2010 (d)			
Cash flow hedges:							
Foreign exchange contracts					Other income		
	\$ (270)	\$ 145	\$ (701)	\$ 80	and expense	\$ (104)	\$ (88)
Net investment hedges:							
Foreign exchange contracts					Other income		
	(21)	(16)	0	0	and expense	1	0
Total	<u>\$ (291)</u>	<u>\$ 129</u>	<u>\$ (701)</u>	<u>\$ 80</u>		<u>\$ (103)</u>	<u>\$ (88)</u>

- (a) Includes gains/(losses) reclassified from AOCI into income for the effective portion of cash flow hedges, of which \$(101) million and \$(61) million were recognized within net sales and cost of sales, respectively, within the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the three months ended June 25, 2011. There were no amounts reclassified from AOCI into income for the effective portion of net investment hedges for the three months ended June 25, 2011.
- (b) Includes gains/(losses) reclassified from AOCI into income for the effective portion of cash flow hedges, of which \$78 million and \$(11) million were recognized within net sales and cost of sales, respectively, within the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the three months ended June 26, 2010. There were no amounts reclassified from AOCI into income for the effective portion of net investment hedges for the three months ended June 26, 2010.
- (c) Includes gains/(losses) reclassified from AOCI into income for the effective portion of cash flow hedges, of which \$(382) million and \$(319) million were recognized within net sales and cost of sales, respectively, within the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the nine months ended June 25, 2011. There were no amounts reclassified from AOCI into income for the effective portion of net investment hedges for the nine months ended June 25, 2011.
- (d) Includes gains/(losses) reclassified from AOCI into income for the effective portion of cash flow hedges, of which \$109 million and \$(29) million were recognized within net sales and cost of sales, respectively, within the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the nine months ended June 26, 2010. There were no amounts reclassified from AOCI into income for the effective portion of net investment hedges for the nine months ended June 26, 2010.
- (e) Refer to Note 5, "Shareholders' Equity and Stock-Based Compensation" of this Form 10-Q, which summarizes the activity in AOCI related to derivatives.

Accounts Receivable

The Company has considerable trade receivables outstanding with its third-party cellular network carriers, wholesalers, retailers, value-added resellers, small and mid-sized businesses, and education, enterprise and government customers that are not covered by collateral, third-party financing arrangements or credit insurance. As of June 25, 2011, trade receivables from one customer accounted for 12% of the Company's total trade receivables. Trade receivables from two of the Company's customers accounted for 15% and 12% of total trade receivables as of September 25, 2010. The Company's cellular network carriers accounted for 60% and 64% of trade receivables as of June 25, 2011 and September 25, 2010, respectively.

Additionally, the Company has non-trade receivables from certain of its manufacturing vendors. Vendor non-trade receivables from two of the Company's vendors accounted for 56% and 22% of total non-trade receivables as of June 25, 2011 and vendor non-trade receivables from two of the Company's vendors accounted for 57% and 24% of total non-trade receivables as of September 25, 2010.

Note 3 – Condensed Consolidated Financial Statement Details

The following tables summarize the Company's condensed consolidated financial statement details as of June 25, 2011 and September 25, 2010 (in millions):

Property, Plant and Equipment

	June 25, 2011	September 25, 2010
Land and buildings	\$ 2,028	\$ 1,471
Machinery, equipment and internal-use software	5,789	3,589
Office furniture and equipment	172	144
Leasehold improvements	2,359	2,030
Gross property, plant and equipment	10,348	7,234
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(3,599)	(2,466)
Net property, plant and equipment	<u>\$ 6,749</u>	<u>\$ 4,768</u>

Accrued Expenses

	June 25, 2011	September 25, 2010
Accrued warranty and related costs	\$ 1,190	\$ 761
Deferred margin on component sales	1,362	663
Accrued taxes	1,130	524
Accrued compensation and employee benefits	546	436
Accrued marketing and selling expenses	488	396
Other current liabilities	2,881	2,943
Total accrued expenses	<u>\$ 7,597</u>	<u>\$ 5,723</u>

Non-Current Liabilities

	June 25, 2011	September 25, 2010
Deferred tax liabilities	\$ 7,331	\$ 4,300
Other non-current liabilities	1,818	1,231
Total other non-current liabilities	<u>\$ 9,149</u>	<u>\$ 5,531</u>

Note 4 – Income Taxes

As of June 25, 2011, the Company recorded gross unrecognized tax benefits of \$1.2 billion, of which \$534 million, if recognized, would affect the Company's effective tax rate. As of September 25, 2010, the total amount of gross unrecognized tax benefits was \$943 million, of which \$404 million, if recognized, would affect the Company's effective tax rate. The Company's total gross unrecognized tax benefits are classified as other non-current liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company had \$266 million and \$247 million of gross interest and penalties accrued as of June 25, 2011 and September 25, 2010, respectively, which are classified as other non-current liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Management believes that an adequate provision has been made for any adjustments that may result from tax examinations. However, the outcome of tax audits cannot be predicted with certainty. If any issues addressed in the Company's tax audits are resolved in a manner not consistent with management's expectations, the Company could be required to adjust its provision for income tax in the period such resolution occurs. Although timing of the resolution and/or closure of audits is not certain, the Company does not believe it is reasonably possible that its unrecognized tax benefits would materially change in the next 12 months.

Note 5 – Shareholders' Equity and Stock-Based Compensation**Preferred Stock**

The Company has five million shares of authorized preferred stock, none of which is issued or outstanding. Under the terms of the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Directors is authorized to determine or alter the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of the Company's authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock.

Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income consists of two components, net income and other comprehensive income. Other comprehensive income refers to revenue, expenses, gains, and losses that under GAAP are recorded as an element of shareholders' equity but are excluded from net income. The Company's other comprehensive income consists of foreign currency translation adjustments from those subsidiaries not using the U.S. dollar as their functional currency, unrealized gains and losses on marketable securities categorized as available-for-sale, and net deferred gains and losses on certain derivative instruments accounted for as cash flow hedges.

The following table summarizes the components of total comprehensive income, net of taxes, during the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011 and June 26, 2010 (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010
Net income	\$ 7,308	\$ 3,253	\$ 19,299	\$ 9,705
Other comprehensive income:				
Change in unrecognized gains/losses on derivative instruments	112	13	273	41
Change in foreign currency translation	11	(54)	101	(43)
Change in unrealized gains/losses on marketable securities	140	24	61	33
Total comprehensive income	<u>\$ 7,571</u>	<u>\$ 3,236</u>	<u>\$ 19,734</u>	<u>\$ 9,736</u>

The following table summarizes activity in other comprehensive income related to derivatives, net of taxes, held by the Company during the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011 and June 26, 2010 (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010
Change in fair value of derivatives	\$ 8	\$ 55	\$ (175)	\$ 91
Adjustment for net gains/losses realized and included in income	104	(42)	448	(50)
Change in unrecognized gains/losses on derivative instruments	<u>\$ 112</u>	<u>\$ 13</u>	<u>\$ 273</u>	<u>\$ 41</u>

The following table summarizes the components of AOCI, net of taxes, as of June 25, 2011 and September 25, 2010 (in millions):

	June 25, 2011	September 25, 2010
Net unrealized gains/losses on marketable securities	\$ 232	\$ 171
Net unrecognized gains/losses on derivative instruments	21	(252)
Cumulative foreign currency translation	136	35
Accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss)	<u>\$ 389</u>	<u>\$ (46)</u>

Equity Awards

A summary of the Company's RSU activity and related information for the nine months ended June 25, 2011, is as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Number of Shares	Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Balance at September 25, 2010	13,034	\$ 165.63	
RSUs granted	5,232	\$ 296.08	
RSUs vested	(4,224)	\$ 166.49	
RSUs cancelled	(609)	\$ 183.53	
Balance at June 25, 2011	<u>13,433</u>	<u>\$ 215.35</u>	<u>\$ 4,383,924</u>

RSUs that vested during the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011 had a fair value of \$637 million and \$1.4 billion, respectively, as of the vesting dates. RSUs that vested during the three- and nine-month periods ended June 26, 2010 had a fair value of \$353 million and \$990 million, respectively, as of the vesting dates.

A summary of the Company's stock option activity and related information for the nine months ended June 25, 2011, is as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts and contractual term in years):

	Number of Shares	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Balance at September 25, 2010	21,725	\$ 90.46		
Options granted	1	\$ 342.62		
Options cancelled	(149)	\$ 124.71		
Options exercised	(7,822)	\$ 63.20		
Balance at June 25, 2011	<u>13,755</u>	<u>\$ 105.62</u>	2.54	<u>\$ 3,036,128</u>
Exercisable at June 25, 2011	12,431	\$ 99.59	2.43	\$ 2,818,845
Expected to vest after June 25, 2011	1,324	\$ 162.24	3.57	\$ 217,283

Aggregate intrinsic value represents the value of the Company's closing stock price on the last trading day of the fiscal period in excess of the weighted-average exercise price multiplied by the number of options outstanding or exercisable. The aggregate intrinsic value excludes stock options that have a zero or negative intrinsic value. The total intrinsic value of options at the time of exercise was \$248 million and \$2.1 billion for the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011, respectively, and \$559 million and \$1.6 billion for the three- and nine-month periods ended June 26, 2010, respectively.

The Company had approximately 53.6 million shares and 62.7 million shares reserved for future issuance under the Company's stock plans as of June 25, 2011 and September 25, 2010, respectively. RSUs granted are deducted from the shares available for grant under the Company's stock plans utilizing a factor of two times the number of RSUs granted. Similarly, RSUs cancelled are added back to the shares available for grant under the Company's stock plans utilizing a factor of two times the number of RSUs cancelled.

Stock-Based Compensation

Stock-based compensation cost for RSUs is measured based on the closing fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. Stock-based compensation cost for stock options and employee stock purchase plan rights ("stock purchase rights") is estimated at the grant date and offering date, respectively, based on the fair-value as calculated using the Black-Scholes Merton ("BSM") option-pricing model. The BSM option-pricing model incorporates various assumptions including expected volatility, expected life and interest rates. The expected volatility is based on the historical volatility of the Company's common stock over the most recent period commensurate with the expected life of the Company's stock options and other relevant factors including implied volatility in market traded options on the Company's common stock. The Company bases its expected life assumption on its historical experience and on the terms and conditions of the stock awards it grants to employees. The Company recognizes stock-based compensation cost as expense on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period.

The Company did not grant any stock options during the three-month periods ended June 25, 2011 and June 26, 2010. The Company granted 1,370 stock options with a weighted-average grant date fair value of \$181.13 per share during the nine months ended June 25, 2011 and granted approximately 34,000 stock options with a weighted-average grant date fair value of \$108.58 per share during the nine months ended June 26, 2010.

The Company did not assume any stock options during the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011. During the three- and nine-month periods ended June 26, 2010, the Company assumed 31,000 and 98,000 stock options, respectively, in conjunction with certain business combinations. The weighted-average fair value of stock options assumed during the three- and nine-month periods ended June 26, 2010 was \$256.63 and \$216.82, respectively.

The weighted-average fair value of stock purchase rights per share was \$72.63 and \$67.70 during the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011, respectively, and was \$46.82 and \$41.98 during the three- and nine-month periods ended June 26, 2010, respectively.

The following table summarizes the stock-based compensation expense included in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011 and June 26, 2010 (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010
Cost of sales	\$ 52	\$ 38	\$ 155	\$ 112
Research and development	119	80	336	240
Selling, general and administrative	113	101	379	303
Total stock-based compensation expense	<u>\$ 284</u>	<u>\$ 219</u>	<u>\$ 870</u>	<u>\$ 655</u>

The income tax benefit related to stock-based compensation expense was \$113 million and \$349 million for the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011, respectively, and \$77 million and \$238 million for the three- and nine-month periods ended June 26, 2010, respectively. As of June 25, 2011, the total unrecognized compensation cost related to outstanding stock options and RSUs was \$2.3 billion, which the Company expects to recognize over a weighted-average period of 2.8 years.

Employee Benefit Plans*Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plans*

During the third quarter of 2011, executive officers Timothy D. Cook, Peter Oppenheimer, D. Bruce Sewell and Jeffrey E. Williams, and directors William V. Campbell and Arthur D. Levinson had trading plans pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). A trading plan is a written document that pre-establishes the amounts, prices and dates (or a formula for determining the amounts, prices and dates) of future purchases or sales of the Company's stock, including the exercise and sale of employee stock options and shares acquired pursuant to the Company's employee stock purchase plan and upon vesting of RSUs.

Note 6 – Commitments and Contingencies**Accrued Warranty and Indemnifications**

The following table summarizes changes in the Company's accrued warranties and related costs for the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011 and June 26, 2010 (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010
Beginning accrued warranty and related costs	\$ 1,103	\$ 588	\$ 761	\$ 577
Cost of warranty claims	(288)	(155)	(790)	(427)
Accruals for product warranty	375	157	1,219	440
Ending accrued warranty and related costs	<u>\$ 1,190</u>	<u>\$ 590</u>	<u>\$ 1,190</u>	<u>\$ 590</u>

The Company generally does not indemnify end-users of its operating system and application software against legal claims that the software infringes third-party intellectual property rights. Other agreements entered into by the Company sometimes include indemnification provisions under which the Company could be subject to costs and/or damages in the event of an infringement claim against the Company or an indemnified third-party. However, the Company has not been required to make any significant payments resulting from such an infringement claim asserted against it or an indemnified third-party. In the opinion of management, there was not at least a reasonable possibility the Company may have incurred a material loss with respect to indemnification of end-users of its operating system or application software for infringement of third-party intellectual property rights. The Company did not record a liability for infringement costs related to indemnification as of either June 25, 2011 or September 25, 2010.

The Company has entered into indemnification agreements with its directors and executive officers. Under these agreements, the Company has agreed to indemnify such individuals to the fullest extent permitted by law against liabilities that arise by reason of their status as directors or officers and to advance expenses incurred by such individuals in connection with related legal proceedings. It is not possible to determine the maximum potential amount of payments the Company could be required to make under these agreements due to the limited history of prior indemnification claims and the unique facts and circumstances involved in each claim. However, the Company maintains directors and officers liability insurance coverage to reduce its exposure to such obligations, and payments made under these agreements historically have not been material.

Concentrations in the Available Sources of Supply of Materials and Product

Although most components essential to the Company's business are generally available from multiple sources, certain key components including but not limited to microprocessors, enclosures, certain liquid crystal displays ("LCDs"), certain optical drives and application-specific integrated circuits ("ASICs") are currently obtained by the Company from single or limited sources, which subjects the Company to significant supply and pricing risks. Many of these and other key components that are available from multiple sources including but not limited to NAND flash memory, dynamic random access memory ("DRAM") and certain LCDs, are subject at times to industry-wide shortages and significant commodity pricing fluctuations. In addition, the Company has entered into certain agreements for the supply of key components including, but not limited to, microprocessors, NAND flash memory, DRAM and LCDs with favorable pricing, but there can be no guarantee that the Company will be able to extend or renew these agreements on similar favorable terms, or at all, upon expiration or otherwise obtain favorable pricing in the future. Therefore, the Company remains subject to significant risks of supply shortages and/or price increases that can materially adversely affect its financial condition and operating results.

The Company and other participants in the mobile communication and media device, and personal computer industries also compete for various components with other industries that have experienced increased demand for their products. In addition, the Company uses some custom components that are not common to the rest of these industries, and new products introduced by the Company often utilize custom components available from only one source. When a component or product uses new technologies, initial capacity constraints may exist until the suppliers' yields have matured or manufacturing capacity has increased. If the Company's supply of a key single-sourced component for a new or existing product were delayed or constrained, if such components were available only at significantly higher prices, or if a key outsourcing partner delayed shipments of completed products to the Company, the Company's financial condition and operating results could be materially adversely affected. The Company's business and financial performance could also be adversely affected depending on the time required to obtain sufficient quantities from the original source, or to identify and obtain sufficient quantities from an alternative source. Continued availability of these components at acceptable prices, or at all, may be affected if those suppliers decided to concentrate on the production of common components instead of components customized to meet the Company's requirements.

Substantially all of the Company's iPhones, iPads, Macs, iPods, logic boards and other assembled products are manufactured by outsourcing partners, primarily in various parts of Asia. A significant concentration of this outsourced manufacturing is currently performed by only a few outsourcing partners of the Company, often in single locations. Certain of these outsourcing partners are the sole-sourced supplier of components and manufacturing outsourcing for many of the Company's key products including but not limited to final assembly of substantially all of the Company's hardware products. Although the Company works closely with its outsourcing partners on manufacturing schedules, the Company's operating results could be adversely affected if its outsourcing partners were unable to meet their production commitments. The Company's purchase commitments typically cover its requirements for periods ranging from 30 to 150 days.

Long-Term Supply Agreements

The Company has entered into long-term agreements to secure the supply of certain inventory components. These agreements generally expire between 2011 and 2022. As of June 25, 2011, the Company had a total of \$2.4 billion of inventory component prepayments outstanding, of which \$701 million are classified as other current assets and \$1.7 billion are classified as other assets in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company had a total of \$956 million of inventory component prepayments outstanding as of September 25, 2010. The Company's outstanding prepayments will be applied to certain inventory component purchases made during the term of each respective agreement. As of June 25, 2011, the Company had off-balance sheet commitments under long-term supply agreements totaling approximately \$1.7 billion to make additional inventory component prepayments and to acquire capital equipment in 2011 and beyond.

Other Off-Balance Sheet Commitments

The Company leases various equipment and facilities, including retail space, under noncancelable operating lease arrangements. The Company does not currently utilize any other off-balance sheet financing arrangements. The major facility leases are typically for terms not exceeding 10 years and generally provide renewal options for terms not exceeding five additional years. Leases for retail space are for terms ranging from five to 20 years, the majority of which are for 10 years, and often contain multi-year renewal options. As of June 25, 2011, the Company's total future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases were \$2.7 billion, of which \$2.2 billion related to leases for retail space.

Additionally, as of June 25, 2011, the Company had outstanding off-balance sheet commitments for outsourced manufacturing and component purchases of \$11.0 billion. Other outstanding obligations were \$1.6 billion as of June 25, 2011, and were comprised mainly of commitments to acquire product tooling and manufacturing process equipment and commitments related to advertising, research and development, Internet and telecommunications services and other obligations. These commitments exclude the off-balance sheet commitments under the long-term supply agreements described above.

Contingencies

The Company is subject to various legal proceedings and claims that have arisen in the ordinary course of business and have not been fully adjudicated, which are discussed in Part II, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q under the heading "Legal Proceedings" and in Part II Item 1A under the heading "Risk Factors." In the opinion of management, there was not at least a reasonable possibility the Company may have incurred a material loss, or a material loss in excess of a recorded accrual, with respect to loss contingencies. However, the outcome of litigation is inherently uncertain. Therefore, although management considers the likelihood of such an outcome to be remote, if one or more of these legal matters were resolved against the Company in the same reporting period for amounts in excess of management's expectations, the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements of a particular reporting period could be materially adversely affected.

On March 14, 2008, Mirror Worlds, LLC filed an action against the Company alleging that certain of its products infringed on three patents covering technology used to display files. On October 1, 2010, a jury returned a verdict against the Company, and awarded damages of \$208 million per patent for each of the three patents asserted. On April 4, 2011, the Judge overturned the verdict in the Company's favor. Mirror Worlds has appealed the ruling. The Company had not recorded a loss contingency for this action.

Production and marketing of products in certain states and countries may subject the Company to environmental, product safety and other regulations including, in some instances, the requirement to provide customers the ability to return product at the end of its useful life, and place responsibility for environmentally safe disposal or recycling with the Company. Such laws and regulations have been passed in several jurisdictions in which the Company operates, including various countries within Europe and Asia and certain states and provinces within North America. Although the Company does not anticipate any material adverse effects in the future based on the nature of its operations and the thrust of such laws, there can be no assurance that such existing laws or future laws will not materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition or operating results.

Note 7 – Segment Information and Geographic Data

The Company reports segment information based on the “management” approach. The management approach designates the internal reporting used by management for making decisions and assessing performance as the source of the Company's reportable segments.

The Company manages its business primarily on a geographic basis. Accordingly, the Company determined its operating and reporting segments, which are generally based on the nature and location of its customers, to be the Americas, Europe, Japan, Asia-Pacific and Retail operations. The Americas, Europe, Japan and Asia-Pacific reportable segment results do not include results of the Retail segment. The Americas segment includes both North and South America. The Europe segment includes European countries, as well as the Middle East and Africa. The Asia-Pacific segment includes Australia and Asia, but does not include Japan. The Retail segment operates Apple retail stores in 11 countries, including the U.S. Each reportable operating segment provides similar hardware and software products and similar services. The accounting policies of the various segments are the same as those described in Note 1, “Summary of Significant Accounting Policies” of this Form 10-Q and in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company's 2010 Form 10-K.

The Company evaluates the performance of its operating segments based on net sales and operating income. Net sales for geographic segments are generally based on the location of customers, while Retail segment net sales are based on sales from the Company's retail stores. Operating income for each segment includes net sales to third parties, related cost of sales and operating expenses directly attributable to the segment. Advertising expenses are generally included in the geographic segment in which the advertising occurs. Operating income for each segment excludes other income and expense and certain expenses managed outside the operating segments. Costs excluded from segment operating income include various corporate expenses such as manufacturing costs and variances not included in standard costs, research and development, corporate marketing expenses, stock-based compensation expense, income taxes, various nonrecurring charges, and other separately managed general and administrative costs. The Company does not include intercompany transfers between segments for management reporting purposes. Segment assets exclude corporate assets, such as cash, cash equivalents, short-term and long-term investments, manufacturing and corporate facilities, miscellaneous corporate infrastructure, goodwill and other acquired intangible assets. Except for the Retail segment, capital expenditures for long-lived assets are not reported to management by segment.

The Company has certain retail stores that have been designed and built to serve as high-profile venues to promote brand awareness and serve as vehicles for corporate sales and marketing activities. Because of their unique design elements, locations and size, these stores require substantially more investment than the Company's more typical retail stores. The Company allocates certain operating expenses associated with its high-profile stores to corporate expense to reflect the estimated Company-wide benefit. The allocation of these operating costs to corporate expense is based on the amount incurred for a high-profile store in excess of that incurred by a more typical Company retail location. The Company had opened a total of 16 high-profile stores as of June 25, 2011. Amounts allocated to corporate expense resulting from the operations of high-profile stores were \$26 million and \$75 million during the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011, respectively, and \$18 million and \$54 million during the three- and nine-month periods ended June 26, 2010, respectively.

Summary information by operating segment for the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011 and June 26, 2010 is as follows (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010
Americas:				
Net sales	\$ 10,126	\$ 6,227	\$ 28,667	\$ 17,312
Operating income	\$ 3,596	\$ 1,997	\$ 10,250	\$ 5,482
Europe:				
Net sales	\$ 7,098	\$ 4,160	\$ 20,381	\$ 13,234
Operating income	\$ 3,107	\$ 1,631	\$ 8,414	\$ 5,457
Japan:				
Net sales	\$ 1,510	\$ 910	\$ 4,326	\$ 2,580
Operating income	\$ 735	\$ 390	\$ 1,996	\$ 1,185
Asia-Pacific:				
Net sales	\$ 6,332	\$ 1,825	\$ 16,062	\$ 5,524
Operating income	\$ 2,782	\$ 841	\$ 6,869	\$ 2,553
Retail:				
Net sales	\$ 3,505	\$ 2,578	\$ 10,543	\$ 6,232
Operating income	\$ 828	\$ 593	\$ 2,665	\$ 1,447

A reconciliation of the Company's segment operating income to the condensed consolidated financial statements for the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011 and June 26, 2010 is as follows (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010
Segment operating income	\$ 11,048	\$ 5,452	\$ 30,194	\$ 16,124
Stock-based compensation expense	(284)	(219)	(870)	(655)
Other corporate expenses, net (a)	(1,385)	(999)	(4,244)	(2,531)
Total operating income	\$ 9,379	\$ 4,234	\$ 25,080	\$ 12,938

(a) Other corporate expenses include research and development, corporate marketing expenses, manufacturing costs and variances not included in standard costs, and other separately managed general and administrative expenses, including certain corporate expenses associated with support of the Retail segment.

Note 8 – Related Party Transactions and Certain Other Transactions

In 2001, the Company entered into a Reimbursement Agreement with its CEO, Steve Jobs, for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by Mr. Jobs in the operation of his private plane when used for Apple business. The Company did not recognize any expenses pursuant to the Reimbursement Agreement during the three months ended June 25, 2011 and recognized a total of \$15,000 in expenses pursuant to the Reimbursement Agreement during the nine months ended June 25, 2011. The Company recognized a total of \$12,000 and \$155,000 in expenses pursuant to the Reimbursement Agreement during the three- and nine-month periods ended June 26, 2010, respectively. All expenses recognized pursuant to the Reimbursement Agreement have been included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

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

This section and other parts of this Form 10-Q contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as "anticipates," "expects," "believes," "plans," "predicts," and similar terms. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and the Company's actual results may differ significantly from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in Part II, Item 1A, "Risk Factors," which are incorporated herein by reference. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 25, 2010 (the "2010 Form 10-K") filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this Form 10-Q. All information presented herein is based on the Company's fiscal calendar. Unless otherwise stated, references in this report to particular years or quarters refer to the Company's fiscal years ended in September and the associated quarters of those fiscal years. The Company assumes no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements for any reason, except as required by law.

Available Information

The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to reports filed pursuant to Sections 13(a) and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act") are filed with the SEC. Such reports and other information filed by the Company with the SEC are available on the Company's website at <http://www.apple.com/investor> when such reports are available on the SEC website. The public may read and copy any materials filed by the Company with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Room 1580, Washington, DC 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy, and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. The contents of these websites are not incorporated into this filing. Further, the Company's references to the URLs for these websites are intended to be inactive textual references only.

Executive Overview

The Company designs, manufactures, and markets a range of mobile communication and media devices, personal computers, and portable digital music players, and sells a variety of related software, services, peripherals, networking solutions, and third-party digital content and applications. The Company's products and services include iPhone[®], iPad[®], Mac[®], iPod[®], Apple TV[®], a portfolio of consumer and professional software applications, the iOS and Mac OS[®] X operating systems, iCloud[®], and a variety of related accessories, services and support offerings. The Company also sells and delivers third-party digital content and applications through the iTunes Store[®], App StoreSM, iBookstoreSM, and Mac App StoreSM. The Company sells its products worldwide through its retail stores, online stores, and direct sales force, as well as through third-party cellular network carriers, wholesalers, retailers, and value-added resellers. In addition, the Company sells a variety of third-party iPhone, iPad, Mac and iPod compatible products, including application software, printers, storage devices, speakers, headphones, and various other accessories and peripherals through its online and retail stores. The Company sells to consumers, small and mid-sized businesses, education, enterprise and government customers.

The Company is committed to bringing the best user experience to its customers through its innovative hardware, software, peripherals, services, and Internet offerings. The Company's business strategy leverages its unique ability to design and develop its own operating systems, hardware, application software, and services to provide its customers new products and solutions with superior ease-of-use, seamless integration, and innovative industrial design. The Company believes continual investment in research and development is critical to the development and enhancement of innovative products and technologies. In conjunction with its strategy, the Company continues to build and host a robust platform for the discovery and delivery of third-party digital content and applications through the iTunes Store. Within the iTunes Store, the Company has expanded its offerings through the App Store and iBookstore, which allow customers to browse, search for, and purchase third-party applications and books through either a Mac or Windows-based computer or by wirelessly downloading directly to an iPhone, iPad or iPod touch[®]. In January 2011, the Company opened the Mac App Store allowing customers to easily find, download and install Apple-branded and third-party applications for their Macs. The Company also works to support a community for the development of third-party software and hardware products and digital content that complement the Company's offerings. Additionally, the Company's strategy includes expanding its distribution network to effectively reach more customers and provide them with a high-quality sales and post-sales support experience. The Company is therefore uniquely positioned to offer superior and well-integrated digital lifestyle and productivity solutions.

The Company participates in several highly competitive markets, including mobile communications and media devices with its iPhone, iPad and iPod product families; personal computers with its Mac computers; and distribution of third-party digital content and applications through the iTunes Store, App Store, iBookstore, and Mac App Store. While the Company is widely recognized as a leading innovator in the markets where it competes, these markets are highly competitive and subject to aggressive pricing. To remain competitive, the Company believes that increased investment in research and development and marketing and advertising is necessary to maintain or expand its position in the markets where it competes. The Company's research and development spending is focused on investing in new hardware and software products, and in further developing its existing products, including iPhone, iPad, Mac, and iPod hardware; iOS and Mac OS X operating systems; and a variety of application software and online services. The Company also believes increased investment in marketing and advertising programs is critical to increasing product and brand awareness.

The Company utilizes a variety of direct and indirect distribution channels, including its retail stores, online stores, and direct sales force, and third-party cellular network carriers, wholesalers, retailers, and value-added resellers. The Company believes that sales of its innovative and differentiated products are enhanced by knowledgeable salespersons who can convey the value of the hardware, software, and peripheral integration, demonstrate the unique digital lifestyle solutions that are available on its products, and demonstrate the compatibility of the Mac with the Windows-based platform and networks. The Company further believes providing direct contact with its targeted customers is an effective way to demonstrate the advantages of its products over those of its competitors and providing a high-quality sales and after-sales support experience is critical to attracting new and retaining existing customers. To ensure a high-quality buying experience for its products in which service and education are emphasized, the Company continues to expand and improve its distribution capabilities by expanding the number of its own retail stores worldwide. Additionally, the Company has invested in programs to enhance reseller sales by placing high quality Apple fixtures, merchandising materials and other resources within selected third-party reseller locations. Through the Apple Premium Reseller Program, certain third-party resellers focus on the Apple platform by providing a high level of integration and support services, and product expertise.

Products

The Company offers a range of mobile communication and media devices, personal computing products, and portable digital music players, as well as a variety of related software, services, peripherals, networking solutions and various third-party hardware and software products. In addition, the Company offers its own software products, including iOS, the Company's proprietary mobile operating system; Mac OS X, the Company's proprietary operating system software for its Mac computers; server software; and application software for consumer, education, and business customers.

In June 2011, the Company introduced iCloud, its new cloud service, which stores music, photos, apps, contacts, calendars, and documents and wirelessly pushes them to multiple iOS devices, Macs and PCs. iCloud includes iTunes in the Cloud, Photo Stream, Documents in the Cloud, Contacts, Calendar, Mail, Automatic downloads and purchase history for apps and books, and Backup. Users will be able to sign up for free access to iCloud using an iOS device running iOS 5 or a Mac running Mac OS[®] X Lion ("Mac OS X Lion"). iCloud is expected to be available in the fall of 2011.

In June 2011, the Company previewed iOS 5, the latest version of its mobile operating system. iOS 5 includes new features such as Notification Center, a way to view and manage notifications in one place; iMessage, a messaging service that allows users to send text messages, photos and videos between iOS devices; and Newsstand, a way to purchase and organize newspaper and magazine subscriptions. iOS 5 is expected to be available in the fall of 2011.

In June 2011, the Company announced Mac OS X Lion, the eighth major release of the Company's Mac operating system. Mac OS X Lion includes support for new Multi-Touch[™] gestures; system-wide support for full screen applications; Mission Control, a way to view everything running on a user's Mac; the Mac App Store; Launchpad, a new home for a user's applications; and a redesigned Mail application. Mac OS X Lion was made available in July 2011.

A detailed discussion of the Company's other products may be found in Part I, Item 1, "Business," of the Company's 2010 Form 10-K.

Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

On March 11, 2011, the northeast coast of Japan experienced a severe earthquake followed by a tsunami, with continuing aftershocks. These geological events have caused significant damage in the region, including severe damage to nuclear power plants, and have impacted Japan's power and other infrastructure as well as its economy. Certain of the Company's suppliers are located in Japan, and certain of its other suppliers integrate components or use materials manufactured in Japan in the production of its products. To the extent that component production has been affected, the Company has generally obtained alternative sources of supply or implemented other measures. The Company does not currently believe these events will have a material impact on its operations in the fourth quarter of 2011 unless conditions worsen, including, but not limited to, power outages and expansion of evacuation zones around the nuclear power plants.

Beyond the fourth quarter of 2011, uncertainty exists with respect to the availability of electrical power, the damage to nuclear power plants and the impact to other infrastructure. Thus, there is a risk that the Company could in the future experience delays or other constraints in obtaining key components and products and/or price increases related to such components and products that could materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of financial statements and related disclosures in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and the Company's discussion and analysis of its financial condition and operating results require the Company's management to make judgments, assumptions, and estimates that affect the amounts reported in its condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Note 1, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" of this Form 10-Q and in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company's 2010 Form 10-K describes the significant accounting policies and methods used in the preparation of the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements. Management bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from these estimates and such differences may be material.

Management believes the Company's critical accounting policies and estimates are those related to revenue recognition, valuation and impairment of marketable securities, inventory valuation and inventory purchase commitments, warranty costs, income taxes, and legal and other contingencies. Management considers these policies critical because they are both important to the portrayal of the Company's financial condition and operating results, and they require management to make judgments and estimates about inherently uncertain matters. The Company's senior management has reviewed these critical accounting policies and related disclosures with the Audit and Finance Committee of the Company's Board of Directors.

Revenue Recognition

Net sales consist primarily of revenue from the sale of hardware, software, digital content and applications, peripherals, and service and support contracts. The Company recognizes revenue when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred, the sales price is fixed or determinable, and collection is probable. Product is considered delivered to the customer once it has been shipped and title and risk of loss have been transferred. For most of the Company's product sales, these criteria are met at the time the product is shipped. For online sales to individuals, for some sales to education customers in the U.S., and for certain other sales, the Company defers recognition of revenue until the customer receives the product because the Company retains a portion of the risk of loss on these sales during transit. The Company recognizes revenue from the sale of hardware products (e.g., iPhones, iPads, Macs, iPods and peripherals), software bundled with hardware that is essential to the functionality of the hardware, and third-party digital content sold on the iTunes Store in accordance with general revenue recognition accounting guidance. The Company recognizes revenue in accordance with industry specific software accounting guidance for the following types of sales transactions: (i) standalone sales of software products, (ii) sales of software upgrades and (iii) sales of software bundled with hardware not essential to the functionality of the hardware.

For multi-element arrangements that include tangible products containing software essential to the tangible product's functionality, undelivered software elements relating to the tangible product's essential software, and undelivered non-software services, the Company allocates revenue to all deliverables based on their relative selling prices. In such circumstances, the Company uses a hierarchy to determine the selling price to be used for allocating revenue to deliverables: (i) vendor-specific objective evidence of fair value ("VSOE"), (ii) third-party evidence of selling price ("TPE") and (iii) best estimate of the selling price ("ESP"). VSOE generally exists only when the Company sells the deliverable separately and is the price actually charged by the Company for that deliverable. ESPs reflect the Company's best estimates of what the selling prices of elements would be if they were sold regularly on a stand-alone basis.

For sales of iPhone, iPad, Apple TV, for sales of iPod touch beginning in June 2010, and for sales of Mac beginning in June 2011, the Company has indicated it may from time-to-time provide future unspecified software upgrades and features free of charge to customers. In June 2011, the Company announced it would provide various non-software services ("the online services") to owners of qualifying versions of iPhone, iPad, iPod touch and Mac. Because the Company has neither VSOE nor TPE for embedded unspecified software upgrade rights or the online services, revenue is allocated to these rights and services based on the Company's ESPs. Amounts allocated to the embedded unspecified software upgrade rights and online services are deferred and recognized on a straight-line basis over the estimated lives of each of these devices, which range from 24 to 48 months. The Company's process for determining ESPs involves management's judgment. The Company's process considers multiple factors that may vary over time depending upon the unique facts and circumstances related to each deliverable. If the facts and circumstances underlying the factors considered change or should future facts and circumstances lead the Company to consider additional factors, the Company's ESP for software upgrades and online services related to future sales of these devices could change. If the estimated life of one or more of the hardware products should change, the future rate of amortization of the revenue allocated to the software upgrade rights would also change.

The Company records reductions to revenue for estimated commitments related to price protection and for customer incentive programs, including reseller and end-user rebates, and other sales programs and volume-based incentives. For transactions involving price protection, the Company recognizes revenue net of the estimated amount to be refunded, provided the refund amount can be reasonably and reliably estimated and the other conditions for revenue recognition have been met. The Company's policy requires that, if refunds cannot be reliably estimated, revenue is not recognized until reliable estimates can be made or the price protection lapses. For customer incentive programs, the estimated cost of these programs is recognized at the later of the date at which the Company has sold the product or the date at which the program is offered. The Company also records reductions to revenue for expected future product returns based on the Company's historical experience. Future market conditions and product transitions may require the Company to increase customer incentive programs and incur incremental price protection obligations that could result in additional reductions to revenue at the time such programs are offered. Additionally, certain customer incentive programs require management to estimate the number of customers who will actually redeem the incentive. Management's estimates are based on historical experience and the specific terms and conditions of particular incentive programs. If a greater than estimated proportion of customers redeem such incentives, the Company would be required to record additional reductions to revenue, which would have a negative impact on the Company's results of operations.

Valuation and Impairment of Marketable Securities

The Company's investments in available-for-sale securities are reported at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses related to changes in the fair value of investments are included in accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax, as reported in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. Changes in the fair value of investments impact the Company's net income only when such investments are sold or an other-than-temporary impairment is recognized. Realized gains and losses on the sale of securities are determined by specific identification of each security's cost basis. The Company regularly reviews its investment portfolio to determine if any investment is other-than-temporarily impaired due to changes in credit risk or other potential valuation concerns, which would require the Company to record an impairment charge in the period any such determination is made. In making this judgment, the Company evaluates, among other things, the duration and extent to which the fair value of an investment is less than its cost, the financial condition of the issuer and any changes thereto, and the Company's intent to sell, or whether it is more likely than not it will be required to sell, the investment before recovery of the investment's amortized cost basis. The Company's assessment on whether an investment is other-than-temporarily impaired or not, could change in the future due to new developments or changes in assumptions related to any particular investment.

Inventory Valuation and Inventory Purchase Commitments

The Company must order components for its products and build inventory in advance of product shipments. The Company records a write-down for inventories of components and products, including third-party products held for resale, which have become obsolete or are in excess of anticipated demand or net realizable value. The Company performs a detailed review of inventory each fiscal quarter that considers multiple factors including demand forecasts, product life cycle status, product development plans, current sales levels, and component cost trends. The industries in which the Company competes are subject to a rapid and unpredictable pace of product and component obsolescence and demand changes. If future demand or market conditions for the Company's products are less favorable than forecasted or if unforeseen technological changes negatively impact the utility of component inventory, the Company may be required to record additional write-downs, which would negatively affect its results of operations in the period when the write-downs were recorded.

The Company records accruals for estimated cancellation fees related to component orders that have been cancelled or are expected to be cancelled. Consistent with industry practice, the Company acquires components through a combination of purchase orders, supplier contracts, and open orders based on projected demand information. These commitments typically cover the Company's requirements for periods ranging from 30 to 150 days. If there is an abrupt and substantial decline in demand for one or more of the Company's products or an unanticipated change in technological requirements for any of the Company's products, the Company may be required to record additional accruals for cancellation fees that would negatively affect its results of operations in the period when the cancellation fees are identified and recorded.

Warranty Costs

The Company provides for the estimated cost of hardware and software warranties at the time the related revenue is recognized based on historical and projected warranty claim rates, historical and projected cost-per-claim, and knowledge of specific product failures that are outside of the Company's typical experience. Each quarter, the Company reevaluates its estimates to assess the adequacy of its recorded warranty liabilities considering the size of the installed base of products subject to warranty protection and adjusts the amounts as necessary. If actual product failure rates or repair costs differ from estimates, revisions to the estimated warranty liability would be required and could materially affect the Company's results of operations.

The Company periodically provides updates to its applications and operating system software to maintain the software's compliance with specifications. The estimated cost to develop such updates is accounted for as warranty cost that is recognized at the time related software revenue is recognized. Factors considered in determining appropriate accruals related to such updates include the number of units delivered, the number of updates expected to occur, and the historical cost and estimated future cost of the resources necessary to develop these updates.

Income Taxes

The Company records a tax provision for the anticipated tax consequences of the reported results of operations. The provision for income taxes is computed using the asset and liability method, under which deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities, and for operating losses and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using the currently enacted tax rates that apply to taxable income in effect for the years in which those tax assets are expected to be realized or settled. The Company records a valuation allowance to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount that is believed more likely than not to be realized.

The Company recognizes tax benefits from uncertain tax positions only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such positions are then measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement.

Management believes it is more likely than not that forecasted income, including income that may be generated as a result of certain tax planning strategies, together with future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, will be sufficient to fully recover the deferred tax assets. In the event that the Company determines all or part of the net deferred tax assets are not realizable in the future, the Company will make an adjustment to the valuation allowance that would be charged to earnings in the period such determination is made. In addition, the calculation of tax liabilities involves significant judgment in estimating the impact of uncertainties in the application of GAAP and complex tax laws. Resolution of these uncertainties in a manner inconsistent with management's expectations could have a material impact on the Company's financial condition and operating results.

Legal and Other Contingencies

As discussed in Part II, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q under the heading “Legal Proceedings” and in Note 6, “Commitments and Contingencies” in Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, the Company is subject to various legal proceedings and claims that arise in the ordinary course of business. The Company records a liability when it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount is reasonably estimable. There is significant judgment required in both the probability determination and as to whether an exposure can be reasonably estimated. In the opinion of management, there was not at least a reasonable possibility the Company may have incurred a material loss, or a material loss in excess of a recorded accrual, with respect to loss contingencies. However, the outcome of legal proceedings and claims brought against the Company are subject to significant uncertainty. Therefore, although management considers the likelihood of such an outcome to be remote, if one or more of these legal matters were resolved against the Company in the same reporting period for amounts in excess of management’s expectations, the Company’s condensed consolidated financial statements of a particular reporting period could be materially adversely affected.

Net Sales

The following table summarizes net sales by operating segment and net sales and unit sales by product during the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011 and June 26, 2010 (in millions, except unit sales in thousands and per unit amounts):

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010	Change	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010	Change
Net Sales by Operating Segment :						
Americas net sales	\$ 10,126	\$ 6,227	63%	\$ 28,667	\$ 17,312	66%
Europe net sales	7,098	4,160	71%	20,381	13,234	54%
Japan net sales	1,510	910	66%	4,326	2,580	68%
Asia-Pacific net sales	6,332	1,825	247%	16,062	5,524	191%
Retail net sales	3,505	2,578	36%	10,543	6,232	69%
Total net sales	<u>\$ 28,571</u>	<u>\$ 15,700</u>	82%	<u>\$ 79,979</u>	<u>\$ 44,882</u>	78%
Net Sales by Product :						
Desktops (a)	\$ 1,580	\$ 1,301	21%	\$ 4,752	\$ 4,525	5%
Portables (b)	3,525	3,098	14%	10,759	8,084	33%
Total Mac net sales	5,105	4,399	16%	15,511	12,609	23%
iPod	1,325	1,545	(14)%	6,350	6,797	(7)%
Other music related products and services (c)	1,571	1,214	29%	4,636	3,705	25%
iPhone and related products and services (d)	13,311	5,334	150%	36,077	16,357	121%
iPad and related products and services (e)	6,046	2,166	179%	13,490	2,166	523%
Peripherals and other hardware (f)	517	396	31%	1,690	1,337	26%
Software, service and other sales (g)	696	646	8%	2,225	1,911	16%
Total net sales	<u>\$ 28,571</u>	<u>\$ 15,700</u>	82%	<u>\$ 79,979</u>	<u>\$ 44,882</u>	78%
Unit Sales by Product :						
Desktops (a)	1,155	1,004	15%	3,391	3,385	0%
Portables (b)	2,792	2,468	13%	8,450	6,392	32%
Total Mac unit sales	<u>3,947</u>	<u>3,472</u>	14%	<u>11,841</u>	<u>9,777</u>	21%
iPod unit sales	7,535	9,406	(20)%	35,998	41,261	(13)%
iPhone unit sales	20,338	8,398	142%	55,220	25,887	113%
iPad unit sales	9,246	3,270	183%	21,271	3,270	550%

(a) Includes iMac, Mac mini, Mac Pro and Xserve product lines.

(b) Includes MacBook, MacBook Air and MacBook Pro product lines.

(c) Includes sales from the iTunes Store, App Store, and iBookstore in addition to sales of iPod services and Apple-branded and third-party iPod accessories.

(d) Includes revenue recognized from iPhone sales, carrier agreements, services, and Apple-branded and third-party iPhone accessories.

(e) Includes revenue recognized from iPad sales, services, and Apple-branded and third-party iPad accessories.

(f) Includes sales of displays, wireless connectivity and networking solutions, and other hardware accessories.

(g) Includes sales from the Mac App Store in addition to sales of other Apple-branded and third-party Mac software and Mac and Internet services.

Net sales during the third quarter of 2011 and the first nine months of 2011 increased \$12.9 billion or 82%, and \$35.1 billion or 78%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2010. Several factors contributed positively to this increase, including the following:

- Net sales of iPhone and related products and services were \$13.3 billion and \$36.1 billion in the third quarter of 2011 and first nine months of 2011, respectively, representing increases of 150% and 121% over the same periods in 2010. iPhone handset unit sales totaled 20.3 million and 55.2 million during the third quarter of 2011 and first nine months of 2011, respectively. iPhone unit sales increased 11.9 million or 142% during the third quarter of 2011 and 29.3 million or 113% during the first nine months of 2011 compared to the same periods in 2010. iPhone year-over-year net sales growth reflected strong demand for iPhone 4 in all of the Company's operating segments. The expanded U.S. distribution of iPhone to the Verizon Wireless network beginning in February 2011 and continued expansion and growth of distribution with existing carriers and resellers also contributed to the year-over-year growth of iPhone. As of June 25, 2011, the Company distributed iPhone in 105 countries through 228 carriers. Net sales of iPhone and related products and services accounted for 47% and 45% of the Company's total net sales for the third quarter of 2011 and first nine months of 2011, respectively.
- Net sales of iPad and related products and services, which the Company introduced in the third quarter of 2010, were \$6.0 billion in the third quarter of 2011, an increase of 179% over the same period in 2010. Net sales of iPad during the first nine months of 2011 totaled \$13.5 billion. Unit sales of iPad were 9.2 million and 21.3 million during the third quarter of 2011 and first nine months of 2011, respectively. The year-over-year unit growth and net sales growth were driven by strong iPad demand in all the Company's operating segments. The Company distributes iPad through its direct channels, certain cellular network carriers' distribution channels and certain third-party resellers. The Company distributed iPad in 64 countries as of June 25, 2011. Net sales of iPad and related products and services accounted for 21% and 17% of the Company's total net sales for the third quarter of 2011 and first nine months of 2011, respectively.
- Mac net sales increased by \$706 million or 16% and \$2.9 billion or 23% in the third quarter of 2011 and first nine months of 2011, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2010. Mac unit sales increased by 475,000 or 14% and 2.1 million or 21% in the third quarter of 2011 and first nine months of 2011, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2010. The year-over-year growth in Mac net sales and unit sales was due primarily to higher demand for MacBook Air and MacBook Pro, which were updated in October 2010 and February 2011, respectively, and experienced significant growth in all of the Company's operating segments. Net sales of the Company's Macs accounted for 18% and 19% of the Company's total net sales for the third quarter of 2011 and first nine months of 2011, respectively.
- Net sales of other music related products and services increased \$357 million or 29% and \$931 million or 25% during the third quarter of 2011 and first nine months of 2011, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2010. The increases were due primarily to increased net sales from the iTunes Store, which experienced growth in all of the Company's geographic segments. During the third quarter of 2011 and the first nine months of 2011, the combined net sales for the iTunes Store, App Store and iBookstore were \$1.4 billion and \$3.9 billion, respectively. The Company believes this continued growth is the result of heightened consumer interest in downloading third-party digital content, continued growth in its customer base of iPhone, iPad and iPod customers, expansion of third-party audio and video content available for sale and rent via the iTunes Store, and continued interest in and growth of the App Store. Net sales of other music related products and services accounted for 5% and 6% of the Company's total net sales for the third quarter of 2011 and first nine months of 2011, respectively.

Partially offsetting the positive factors contributing to the overall increase in net sales was a decrease in net sales of iPod of \$220 million or 14% during the third quarter of 2011 and a decrease of \$447 million or 7% during the first nine months of 2011 compared to the same periods in 2010. Similarly, iPod unit sales decreased by 20% and 13% in the third quarter of 2011 and first nine months of 2011, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2010. However, net sales per iPod unit sold increased during the third quarter of 2011 and the first nine months of 2011 compared to the same periods in 2010 due primarily to a shift in iPod product mix toward iPod touch. Net sales of iPod accounted for 5% and 8% of the Company's total net sales for the third quarter of 2011 and first nine months of 2011, respectively.

Segment Operating Performance

The Company manages its business primarily on a geographic basis. The Company's reportable operating and reporting segments consist of the Americas, Europe, Japan, Asia-Pacific and Retail operations. The Americas, Europe, Japan and Asia-Pacific reportable segment results do not include the results of the Retail segment. The Americas segment includes both North and South America. The Europe segment includes European countries as well as the Middle East and Africa. The Asia-Pacific segment includes Australia and Asia, but does not include Japan. The Retail segment operates Apple retail stores in 11 countries, including the U.S. Each reportable operating segment provides similar hardware and software products and similar services. Further information regarding the Company's operating segments may be found in Note 7, "Segment Information and Geographic Data" in Notes to condensed consolidated financial statements of this Form 10-Q.

Americas

Net sales in the Americas segment during the third quarter of 2011 increased \$3.9 billion or 63% compared to the same period in 2010. The increase in net sales during the third quarter of 2011 was attributable to increased iPhone revenue driven by expanded U.S. distribution on the Verizon Wireless network beginning in February 2011 and continued growth from existing carriers, the introduction of iPad 2 in March 2011, higher sales of third-party digital content and applications from the iTunes Store and App Store, and increased sales of Macs, partially offset by a decrease in iPod net sales. The Americas segment represented 36% and 40% of the Company's total net sales in the third quarters of 2011 and 2010, respectively.

During the first nine months of 2011, net sales in the Americas segment increased \$11.4 billion or 66% compared to the same period in 2010. The primary contributors to the growth in net sales during the first nine months of 2011 were a significant year-over-year increase in iPhone revenue from carrier expansion, strong sales of the original iPad and iPad 2, and increased sales of Macs, partially offset by a decrease in iPod net sales. Higher sales of third-party digital content and applications from the iTunes Store and App Store also drove higher sales during the first nine months of 2011. The Americas segment represented approximately 36% and 39% of the Company's total net sales for the first nine months of 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Europe

Net sales in the Europe segment increased \$2.9 billion or 71% during the third quarter of 2011 compared to the same period of 2010. The growth in net sales was mainly due to an increase in iPhone revenue attributable to country and carrier expansion, the introduction of iPad 2 in March 2011, higher sales of third-party digital content and applications from the iTunes Store and App Store, and strength in the Euro and British Pound relative to the U.S. dollar. The Europe segment represented 25% and 26% of the Company's total net sales in the third quarter of 2011 and 2010, respectively.

For the first nine months of 2011, net sales in the Europe segment increased \$7.1 billion or 54%, compared to the same period in 2010. The increase in net sales during the first nine months of 2011 was attributable primarily to the continued year-over-year increase in iPhone revenue, strong sales of both the original iPad and iPad 2, increased sales of Macs, and higher sales of third-party digital content and applications from the iTunes Store and App Store, partially offset by a decrease in iPod net sales. The Europe segment represented 26% and 29% of total net sales for the first nine months in 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Japan

Japan's net sales increased \$600 million or 66% during the third quarter of 2011 and increased \$1.7 billion or 68% during the first nine months of 2011 compared to the same periods in 2010. The key contributors to Japan's net sales growth for the third quarter and first nine months of 2011 were increased iPhone revenue, strong sales of both the original iPad and iPad 2, increased sales of Macs, and strength in the Japanese Yen relative to the U.S. dollar. The Japan segment represented 5% of total net sales in the third quarter of 2011 compared to 6% in the year ago quarter, and 5% of total net sales in the first nine months of 2011 compared to 6% in the first nine months of 2010.

The recent earthquakes and tsunami that struck the northeast coast of Japan have created uncertainty regarding general economic and market conditions in Japan. Any significant impact of these events on consumer demand could negatively impact the Company's net sales in Japan in the future. The Company does not currently believe that the impact of these events will have a material adverse effect on the Company or its results of operations.

Asia-Pacific

Net sales in the Asia Pacific segment increased \$4.5 billion or 247% during the third quarter of 2011 and increased \$10.5 billion or 191% during the first nine months of 2011 compared to the same periods in 2010. The Company experienced particularly strong year-over-year net sales growth in China, Hong Kong, Korea, and Australia during the third quarter of 2011 and first nine months of 2011. Higher net sales in the Asia Pacific segment were due mainly to the increase in iPhone revenue primarily attributable to new carrier launches, strong sales of both the original iPad and iPad 2, and increased sales of Macs. The Asia Pacific segment represented 22% and 12% of total net sales in the third quarter of 2011 and 2010, respectively, and 20% and 12% of total net sales in the first nine months of 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Retail

Retail segment net sales increased \$927 million or 36% during the third quarter of 2011 compared to the same period of 2010. The increase in net sales was driven primarily by strong demand for iPad, a significant year-over-year increase in iPhone sales, and higher sales of Macs. The Company opened four new retail stores during the third quarter of 2011, all of which were international stores, ending the quarter with 327 stores open compared to 293 stores at the end of the third quarter of 2010. With an average of 325 stores and 287 stores open during the third quarter of 2011 and 2010, respectively, average revenue per store increased 20% to \$10.8 million in the third quarter of 2011 compared to the third quarter of 2010. The Retail segment represented 12% and 16% of total net sales in the third quarter of 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Retail net sales grew \$4.3 billion or 69% during the first nine months of 2011 compared to the same period in 2010 driven primarily by strong sales of both the original iPad and iPad 2, a significant year-over-year increase in iPhone sales, and higher sales of Macs. Average revenue per store increased 48% to \$32.6 million for the first nine months of 2011 compared to the same period in 2010. The Retail segment represented 13% and 14% of total net sales for the first nine months of 2011 and 2010, respectively.

The Retail segment reported operating income of \$828 million and \$593 million during the third quarter of 2011 and the third quarter of 2010, respectively. The Retail segment reported operating income of \$2.7 billion during the first nine months of 2011 compared to \$1.4 billion during the first nine months of 2010. The year-over-year increase in Retail operating income was primarily attributable to higher overall net sales and a more favorable sales mix toward products with higher gross margin, which resulted in significantly higher average revenue per store during the third quarter and first nine months of 2011 compared to the same periods in 2010.

Expansion of the Retail segment has required and will continue to require a substantial investment in fixed assets and related infrastructure, operating lease commitments, personnel, and other operating expenses. Capital asset purchases associated with the Retail segment since inception totaled \$2.5 billion through the third quarter of 2011. As of June 25, 2011, the Retail segment had approximately 30,600 full-time equivalent employees and had outstanding lease commitments associated with retail space and related facilities of \$2.2 billion. The Company would incur substantial costs if it were to close multiple retail stores and such costs could adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results.

Gross Margin

Gross margin for the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011 and June 26, 2010 was as follows (in millions, except gross margin percentages):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010
Net sales	\$ 28,571	\$ 15,700	\$ 79,979	\$ 44,882
Cost of sales	16,649	9,564	47,541	26,710
Gross margin	\$ 11,922	\$ 6,136	\$ 32,438	\$ 18,172
Gross margin percentage	41.7%	39.1%	40.6%	40.5%

The gross margin percentage in the third quarter of 2011 was 41.7%, compared to 39.1% in the third quarter of 2010. This year-over-year increase in gross margin is largely driven by a more favorable sales mix towards products with higher gross margins, primarily iPhone, a weaker U.S. dollar and lower commodity and other manufacturing costs. The gross margin percentage for the first nine months of 2011 was relatively flat at 40.6% compared to 40.5% for the first nine months of 2010.

The Company expects to experience decreases in its gross margin percentage in future periods, as compared to levels achieved during the first nine months of 2011, largely due to a higher mix of new and innovative products that have higher cost structures and deliver greater value to customers, and expected and potential future component cost and other cost increases.

The foregoing statements regarding the Company's expected gross margin percentage are forward-looking and could differ from anticipated levels because of several factors including, but not limited to certain of those set forth below in Part II, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" under the subheading "*Future operating results depend upon the Company's ability to obtain key components including but not limited to microprocessors, NAND flash memory, DRAM and LCDs at favorable prices and in sufficient quantities*," which is incorporated herein by reference. In general, gross margins and margins on individual products will remain under downward pressure due to a variety of factors, including continued industry wide global product pricing pressures, increased competition, compressed product life cycles, product transitions and potential and expected increases in the cost of key components including but not limited to microprocessors, NAND flash memory, DRAM and LCDs, as well as potential increases in the costs of outside manufacturing services and a potential shift in the Company's sales mix towards products with lower gross margins. In response to these competitive pressures, the Company expects it will continue to take product pricing actions, which would adversely affect gross margins. Gross margins could also be affected by the Company's ability to manage product quality and warranty costs effectively and to stimulate demand for certain of its products. Due to the Company's significant international operations, financial results can be significantly affected in the short-term by fluctuations in exchange rates.

Operating Expenses

Operating expenses for the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011 and June 26, 2010, were as follows (in millions, except for percentages):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010	June 25, 2011	June 26, 2010
Research and development	\$ 628	\$ 464	\$ 1,784	\$ 1,288
Percentage of net sales	2%	3%	2%	3%
Selling, general and administrative	\$ 1,915	\$ 1,438	\$ 5,574	\$ 3,946
Percentage of net sales	7%	9%	7%	9%

Research and Development Expense ("R&D")

R&D expense increased \$164 million or 35% to \$628 million during the third quarter of 2011 compared to the same period of 2010, and increased \$496 million or 39% to \$1.8 billion during the first nine months of 2011 compared to the same period in 2010. These increases were due primarily to an increase in headcount and related expenses to support expanded R&D activities.

Although total R&D expense increased 35% and 39% during the third quarter of 2011 and first nine months of 2011, compared to the same periods in 2010, respectively, it declined slightly as a percentage of net sales, due to the 82% and 78% year-over-year growth in the Company's net sales during the third quarter and first nine months of 2011, respectively. The Company continues to believe that focused investments in R&D are critical to its future growth and competitive position in the marketplace and are directly related to timely development of new and enhanced products that are central to the Company's core business strategy. As such, the Company expects to make further investments in R&D to remain competitive.

Selling, General and Administrative Expense ("SG&A")

SG&A expense increased \$477 million or 33% to \$1.9 billion during the third quarter of 2011 compared to the same period of 2010, and increased \$1.6 billion or 41% to \$5.6 billion during the first nine months of 2011 compared to the same period in 2010. These increases were due primarily to the Company's continued expansion of its Retail segment, increased headcount, higher spending on marketing and advertising programs, and increased variable costs associated with the overall growth of the Company's net sales.

Other Income and Expense

Total other income and expense increased \$114 million or 197% to \$172 million during the third quarter of 2011 compared to the same period of 2010, due primarily to lower premium expense on foreign exchange option contracts and higher interest income on larger cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities balances. Total other income and expense increased \$193 million or 137% to \$334 million during the first nine months of 2011 compared to the same period in 2010, due primarily to higher interest income and net realized gains on sales of marketable securities. The weighted-average interest rate earned by the Company on its cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities was flat at 0.76% during the third quarters of 2011 and 2010.

Provision for Income Taxes

The Company's effective tax rate for the three- and nine-month periods ended June 25, 2011 was approximately 24%, compared to approximately 24% and 26% for the three- and nine-month periods ended June 26, 2010, respectively. The Company's effective rates for both periods differ from the statutory federal income tax rate of 35% due primarily to certain undistributed foreign earnings for which no U.S. taxes are provided because such earnings are intended to be indefinitely reinvested outside the U.S. The lower effective tax rate during the first nine months of 2011 compared to the same period in 2010 is due primarily to a higher proportion of foreign earnings and the recognition of a tax benefit as a result of legislation enacted during the first quarter of 2011 retroactively reinstating the research and development tax credit.

The Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") has completed its field audit of the Company's federal income tax returns for the years 2004 through 2006 and proposed certain adjustments. The Company has contested certain of these adjustments through the IRS Appeals Office. The IRS is currently examining the years 2007 through 2009. All IRS audit issues for years prior to 2004 have been resolved. In addition, the Company is subject to audits by state, local, and foreign tax authorities. Management believes that adequate provision has been made for any adjustments that may result from tax examinations. However, the outcome of tax audits cannot be predicted with certainty. If any issues addressed in the Company's tax audits are resolved in a manner not consistent with management's expectations, the Company could be required to adjust its provision for income taxes in the period such resolution occurs.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The following table summarizes selected financial information and statistics as of June 25, 2011 and September 25, 2010 (in millions):

	<u>June 25, 2011</u>	<u>September 25, 2010</u>
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities	\$ 76,156	\$ 51,011
Accounts receivable, net	\$ 6,102	\$ 5,510
Inventory	\$ 889	\$ 1,051
Working capital	\$ 20,039	\$ 20,956

As of June 25, 2011, the Company had \$76.2 billion in cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, an increase of \$25.1 billion from September 25, 2010. The principal component of this net increase was the cash generated by operating activities of \$27.1 billion, which was partially offset by payments for acquisition of property, plant and equipment of \$2.6 billion and payments for acquisition of intangible assets of \$266 million. The Company believes its existing balances of cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities will be sufficient to satisfy its working capital needs, capital asset purchases, outstanding commitments and other liquidity requirements associated with its existing operations over the next 12 months.

The Company's marketable securities investment portfolio is invested primarily in highly rated securities and its policy generally limits the amount of credit exposure to any one issuer. The Company's investment policy requires investments to generally be investment grade, primarily rated single-A or better with the objective of minimizing the potential risk of principal loss. As of June 25, 2011 and September 25, 2010, \$47.6 billion and \$30.8 billion, respectively, of the Company's cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities were held by foreign subsidiaries and are generally based in U.S. dollar-denominated holdings.

Capital Assets

The Company's capital expenditures were \$3.1 billion during the first nine months of 2011 consisting of approximately \$316 million for retail store facilities and \$2.8 billion for other capital expenditures, including product tooling and manufacturing process equipment, real estate for the future development of the Company's second corporate campus, and other corporate facilities and infrastructure. The Company's actual cash payments for capital expenditures during the first nine months of 2011 were \$2.6 billion, of which \$315 million relates to retail store facilities.

The Company anticipates utilizing approximately \$5.0 billion for capital expenditures during 2011, including approximately \$650 million for retail store facilities and approximately \$4.35 billion for product tooling and manufacturing process equipment, and corporate facilities and infrastructure, including information systems hardware, software and enhancements.

Historically the Company has opened between 25 and 50 new retail stores per year. During 2011, the Company expects to open about 40 new retail stores, with about 70% expected to be located outside of the U.S.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations

The Company has not entered into any transactions with unconsolidated entities whereby the Company has financial guarantees, subordinated retained interests, derivative instruments or other contingent arrangements that expose the Company to material continuing risks, contingent liabilities, or any other obligation under a variable interest in an unconsolidated entity that provides financing, liquidity, market risk or credit risk support to the Company.

Lease Commitments

The Company's major facility leases are typically for terms not exceeding 10 years and generally provide renewal options for terms not exceeding five additional years. Leases for retail space are for terms ranging from five to 20 years, the majority of which are for 10 years, and often contain multi-year renewal options. As of June 25, 2011, the Company's total future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases were \$2.7 billion, of which \$2.2 billion related to leases for retail space.

Purchase Commitments with Outsourcing Partners and Component Suppliers

The Company utilizes several outsourcing partners to manufacture sub-assemblies for the Company's products and to perform final assembly and test of finished products. These outsourcing partners acquire components and build product based on demand information supplied by the Company, which typically covers periods ranging from 30 to 150 days. The Company also obtains individual components for its products from a wide variety of individual suppliers. Consistent with industry practice, the Company acquires components through a combination of purchase orders, supplier contracts, and open orders based on projected demand information. As of June 25, 2011, the Company had outstanding off-balance sheet third-party manufacturing commitments and component purchase commitments of \$11.0 billion.

The Company has also entered into long-term agreements to secure the supply of certain inventory components. These agreements generally expire between 2011 and 2022. As of June 25, 2011, the Company had off-balance sheet commitments under long-term supply agreements totaling approximately \$1.7 billion to make additional inventory component prepayments and to acquire capital equipment in 2011 and beyond.

Other Obligations

Other outstanding obligations were \$1.6 billion as of June 25, 2011, and were comprised mainly of commitments to acquire product tooling and manufacturing process equipment, in addition to that noted above under long-term supply agreements, and commitments related to advertising, research and development, Internet and telecommunications services and other obligations.

The Company's other non-current liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets consist primarily of deferred tax liabilities, gross unrecognized tax benefits and the related gross interest and penalties. As of June 25, 2011, the Company had non-current deferred tax liabilities of \$7.3 billion. Additionally, as of June 25, 2011, the Company had gross unrecognized tax benefits of \$1.2 billion and an additional \$266 million for gross interest and penalties classified as non-current liabilities. At this time, the Company is unable to make a reasonably reliable estimate of the timing of payments in individual years due to uncertainties in the timing of tax audit outcomes.

On June 27, 2011, the Company, as part of a consortium, participated in the acquisition of Nortel's patent portfolio for an overall purchase price of \$4.5 billion, of which the Company's contribution will be approximately \$2.6 billion. This asset acquisition is subject to approval by various regulatory agencies.

Indemnifications

The Company generally does not indemnify end-users of its operating system and application software against legal claims that the software infringes third-party intellectual property rights. Other agreements entered into by the Company sometimes include indemnification provisions under which the Company could be subject to costs and/or damages in the event of an infringement claim against the Company or an indemnified third-party. However, the Company has not been required to make any significant payments resulting from such an infringement claim asserted against it or an indemnified third-party. In the opinion of management, there was not at least a reasonable possibility the Company may have incurred a material loss with respect to indemnification of end-users of its operating system or application software for infringement of third-party intellectual property rights. The Company did not record a liability for infringement costs related to indemnification as of either June 25, 2011 or September 25, 2010.

The Company has entered into indemnification agreements with its directors and executive officers. Under these agreements, the Company has agreed to indemnify such individuals to the fullest extent permitted by law against liabilities that arise by reason of their status as directors or officers and to advance expenses incurred by such individuals in connection with related legal proceedings. It is not possible to determine the maximum potential amount of payments the Company could be required to make under these agreements due to the limited history of prior indemnification claims and the unique facts and circumstances involved in each claim. However, the Company maintains directors and officers liability insurance coverage to reduce its exposure to such obligations, and payments made under these agreements historically have not been material.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The Company's market risk profile has not changed significantly during the first nine months of 2011.

Interest Rate and Foreign Currency Risk Management

The Company regularly reviews its foreign exchange forward and option positions, both on a stand-alone basis and in conjunction with its underlying foreign currency and interest rate related exposures. However, given the effective horizons of the Company's risk management activities and the anticipatory nature of the exposures, there can be no assurance the hedges will offset more than a portion of the financial impact resulting from movements in either foreign exchange or interest rates. In addition, the timing of the accounting for recognition of gains and losses related to mark-to-market instruments for any given period may not coincide with the timing of gains and losses related to the underlying economic exposures and, therefore, may adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results.

Interest Rate Risk

While the Company is exposed to interest rate fluctuations in many of the world's leading industrialized countries, the Company's interest income and expense is most sensitive to fluctuations in the general level of U.S. interest rates. As such, changes in U.S. interest rates affect the interest earned on the Company's cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, the fair value of those investments, as well as costs associated with foreign currency hedges.

The Company's investment policy and strategy are focused on preservation of capital and supporting the liquidity requirements of the Company. A portion of the Company's cash is managed by external managers within the guidelines of the Company's investment policy and to objective market benchmarks. The Company's internal portfolio is benchmarked against external manager performance.

The Company's exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates primarily to the Company's investment portfolio. The Company typically invests in highly rated securities and its policy generally limits the amount of credit exposure to any one issuer. The Company's investment policy requires investments to generally be investment grade, primarily rated single-A or better with the objective of minimizing the potential risk of principal loss. All highly liquid investments with initial maturities of three months or less at the date of purchase are classified as cash equivalents. The Company's marketable debt and equity securities have been classified and accounted for as available-for-sale. Management determines the appropriate classification of its investments at the time of purchase and reevaluates the available-for-sale designations as of each balance sheet date. The Company classifies its marketable debt securities as either short-term or long-term based on each instrument's underlying contractual maturity date. Marketable debt securities with maturities 12 months or less are classified as short-term and marketable debt securities with maturities greater than 12 months are classified as long-term. The Company classifies its marketable equity securities, including mutual funds, as either short-term or long-term based on the nature of each security and its availability for use in current operations. The Company may sell certain of its marketable securities prior to their stated maturities for strategic reasons including, but not limited to anticipation of credit deterioration and duration management.

Foreign Currency Risk

In general, the Company is a net receiver of currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Accordingly, changes in exchange rates, and in particular a strengthening of the U.S. dollar, will negatively affect the Company's net sales and gross margins as expressed in U.S. dollars. There is also a risk that the Company will have to adjust local currency product pricing due to competitive pressures when there has been significant volatility in foreign currency exchange rates.

The Company may enter into foreign currency forward and option contracts with financial institutions to protect against foreign exchange risks associated with certain existing assets and liabilities, certain firmly committed transactions, forecasted future cash flows, and net investments in foreign subsidiaries. Generally, the Company's practice is to hedge a majority of its material foreign exchange exposures, typically for three to six months. However, the Company may choose not to hedge certain foreign exchange exposures for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to immateriality, accounting considerations and the prohibitive economic cost of hedging particular exposures.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Based on an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act") were effective as of June 25, 2011 to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms and (ii) accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the third quarter of 2011, which were identified in connection with management's evaluation required by paragraph (d) of Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

As of June 25, 2011, the end of the quarterly period covered by this report, the Company was subject to the various legal proceedings and claims discussed below, as well as certain other legal proceedings and claims that have not been fully resolved and that have arisen in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, there was not least a reasonable possibility the Company may have incurred a material loss, or a material loss in excess of a recorded accrual, with respect to loss contingencies. However, the outcome of legal proceedings and claims brought against the Company are subject to significant uncertainty. Therefore, although management considers the likelihood of such an outcome to be remote, if one or more of these legal matters were resolved against the Company in the same reporting period for amounts in excess of management's expectations, the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements of a particular reporting period could be materially adversely affected. See the risk factors "*The Company's future results could be materially adversely affected if it is found to have infringed on intellectual property rights.*" and "*Unfavorable results of legal proceedings could materially adversely affect the Company.*" in Part II, Item 1A of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q under the heading "Risk Factors." The Company settled certain matters during the third quarter of 2011 that did not individually or in the aggregate have a material impact on the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

In re Apple & ATM Antitrust Litigation (brought on behalf of named plaintiffs Kliegerman, Holman, Rivello, Smith, Lee, Macasaddu, Morikawa, Scotti and Sesso)

This is a purported class action filed against the Company and AT&T Mobility in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. The Consolidated Complaint alleges that the Company and AT&T Mobility violated the federal antitrust laws by monopolizing and/or attempting to monopolize the “aftermarket for voice and data services” for the iPhone and that the Company monopolized and/or attempted to monopolize the “aftermarket for software applications for iPhones.” Plaintiffs are seeking unspecified compensatory and punitive damages for the class, treble damages, injunctive relief and attorneys fees. On July 8, 2010 the Court granted in part plaintiffs’ motion for class certification. Following a favorable Supreme Court ruling for AT&T Mobility in its case against Conception, defendants have filed Motions to Compel Arbitration and to Decertify the Class.

The Apple iPod iTunes Antitrust Litigation (formerly Charoensak v. Apple Computer, Inc. and Tucker v. Apple Computer, Inc.); Somers v. Apple Inc.

These related cases have been filed on January 3, 2005, July 21, 2006 and December 31, 2007 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California on behalf of a purported class of direct and indirect purchasers of iPods and iTunes Store content, alleging various claims including alleged unlawful tying of music and video purchased on the iTunes Store with the purchase of iPods and unlawful acquisition or maintenance of monopoly market power and unlawful acquisition or maintenance of monopoly market power under §§1 and 2 of the Sherman Act, the Cartwright Act, California Business & Professions Code §17200 (unfair competition), the California Consumer Legal Remedies Act and California monopolization law. Plaintiffs are seeking unspecified compensatory and punitive damages for the class, treble damages, injunctive relief, disgorgement of revenues and/or profits and attorneys fees. Plaintiffs are also seeking digital rights management (“DRM”) free versions of any songs downloaded from iTunes or an order requiring the Company to license its DRM to all competing music players. The cases are currently pending.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Because of the following factors, as well as other factors affecting the Company’s financial condition and operating results, past financial performance should not be considered to be a reliable indicator of future performance, and investors should not use historical trends to anticipate results or trends in future periods.

Economic conditions could materially adversely affect the Company.

The Company’s operations and performance depend significantly on worldwide economic conditions. Uncertainty about current global economic conditions poses a risk as consumers and businesses may continue to postpone spending in response to tighter credit, unemployment, negative financial news and/or declines in income or asset values, which could have a material negative effect on demand for the Company’s products and services. Demand also could differ materially from the Company’s expectations since the Company generally raises prices on goods and services sold outside the U.S. to offset the effect of a strengthening of the U.S. dollar. Other factors that could influence demand include increases in fuel and other energy costs, conditions in the real estate and mortgage markets, labor and healthcare costs, access to credit, consumer confidence, and other macroeconomic factors affecting consumer spending behavior. These and other economic factors could materially adversely affect demand for the Company’s products and services and the Company’s financial condition and operating results.

In the event of renewed financial turmoil affecting the banking system and financial markets, additional consolidation of the financial services industry, or significant financial service institution failures, there could be a new or incremental tightening in the credit markets, low liquidity, and extreme volatility in fixed income, credit, currency, and equity markets. In addition, the risk remains that there could be a number of follow-on effects from the credit crisis on the Company’s business, including the insolvency of key outsourcing partners or suppliers or their inability to obtain credit to finance development and/or manufacture products resulting in product delays; inability of customers, including channel partners, to obtain credit to finance purchases of the Company’s products and/or customer, including channel partner, insolvencies; and failure of derivative counterparties and other financial institutions negatively impacting the Company’s treasury operations. Other income and expense also could vary materially from expectations depending on gains or losses realized on the sale or exchange of financial instruments; impairment charges resulting from revaluations of debt and equity securities and other investments; interest rates; cash balances; and changes in fair value of derivative instruments. Increased volatility in the financial markets and overall economic uncertainty would increase the risk of the actual amounts realized in the future on the Company’s financial instruments differing significantly from the fair values currently assigned to them.

Uncertainty about current global economic conditions could also continue to increase the volatility of the Company's stock price.

Global markets for the Company's products and services are highly competitive and subject to rapid technological change. If the Company is unable to compete effectively in these markets, its financial condition and operating results could be materially adversely affected.

The Company competes in highly competitive global markets characterized by aggressive price cutting, with resulting downward pressure on gross margins, frequent introduction of new products, short product life cycles, evolving industry standards, continual improvement in product price/performance characteristics, rapid adoption of technological and product advancements by competitors, and price sensitivity on the part of consumers.

The Company's ability to compete successfully depends heavily on its ability to ensure a continuing and timely introduction of innovative new products and technologies to the marketplace. The Company believes it is unique in that it designs and develops nearly the entire solution for its products, including the hardware, operating system, numerous software applications, and related services. As a result, the Company must make significant investments in research and development and as such, the Company currently holds a significant number of patents and copyrights and has registered and/or has applied to register numerous patents, trademarks and service marks. By contrast, many of the Company's competitors seek to compete primarily through aggressive pricing and very low cost structures. If the Company is unable to continue to develop and sell innovative new products with attractive margins or if other companies infringe on the Company's intellectual property, the Company's ability to maintain a competitive advantage could be negatively affected and its financial condition and operating results could be materially adversely affected.

The Company currently markets certain mobile communication and media devices, and third-party digital content and applications. The Company faces substantial competition from companies that have significant technical, marketing, distribution and other resources, as well as established hardware, software and digital content supplier relationships. Additionally, the Company faces significant price competition as competitors reduce their selling prices and attempt to imitate the Company's product features and applications within their own products or, alternatively, collaborate with each other to offer solutions that are more competitive than those they currently offer. The Company also competes with illegitimate ways to obtain third-party digital content and applications. The Company has entered the mobile communications and media device markets, and many of its competitors in these markets have significantly greater experience, product breadth and distribution channels than the Company. Because some current and potential competitors have substantial resources and/or experience and a lower cost structure, they may be able to provide such products and services at little or no profit or even at a loss. The Company also expects competition to intensify as competitors attempt to imitate the Company's approach to providing these components seamlessly within their individual offerings or work collaboratively to offer integrated solutions.

The Company currently receives subsidies from its carriers providing cellular network service for iPhone. There is no assurance that such subsidies will be continued at all or in the same amounts upon renewal of the Company's agreements with these carriers or in agreements the Company enters into with new carriers.

In the market for personal computers and peripherals, the Company faces a significant number of competitors, many of which have broader product lines, lower priced products, and larger installed customer bases. Consolidation in this market has resulted in larger and potentially stronger competitors. Price competition has been particularly intense as competitors selling Windows-based personal computers have aggressively cut prices and lowered product margins. The Company also faces increased competition in key market segments, including consumer, SMB, education, enterprise, government and creative markets. An increasing number of Internet devices that include software applications and are smaller and simpler than traditional personal computers compete for market share with the Company's existing products.

The Company is currently the only authorized maker of hardware using the Mac OS. The Mac OS has a minority market share in the personal computer market, which is dominated by computer makers using competing operating systems, most notably Windows. The Company's financial condition and operating results depend substantially on the Company's ability to continually improve the Mac platform to maintain functional and design advantages. Use of unauthorized copies of the Mac OS on other companies' hardware products may result in decreased demand for the Company's hardware products, and could materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results.

There can be no assurance the Company will be able to continue to provide products and services that compete effectively.

To remain competitive and stimulate customer demand, the Company must successfully manage frequent product introductions and transitions.

Due to the highly volatile and competitive nature of the industries in which the Company competes, the Company must continually introduce new products, services and technologies, enhance existing products and services, and effectively stimulate customer demand for new and upgraded products. The success of new product introductions depends on a number of factors including but not limited to timely and successful product development, market acceptance, the Company's ability to manage the risks associated with new products and production ramp issues, the availability of application software for new products, the effective management of purchase commitments and inventory levels in line with anticipated product demand, the availability of products in appropriate quantities and costs to meet anticipated demand, and the risk that new products may have quality or other defects in the early stages of introduction. Accordingly, the Company cannot determine in advance the ultimate effect of new product introductions and transitions on its financial condition and operating results.

The Company faces substantial inventory and other asset risk in addition to purchase commitment cancellation risk.

The Company records a write-down for product and component inventories that have become obsolete or exceed anticipated demand or net realizable value and accrues necessary cancellation fee reserves for orders of excess products and components. The Company also reviews its long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changed circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If the Company determines that impairment has occurred, it records a write-down equal to the amount by which the carrying value of the assets exceeds its fair market value. Although the Company believes its provisions related to inventory, other assets and purchase commitments are currently adequate, no assurance can be given that the Company will not incur additional related charges given the rapid and unpredictable pace of product obsolescence in the industries in which the Company competes. Such charges could materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results.

The Company must order components for its products and build inventory in advance of product announcements and shipments. Consistent with industry practice, components are normally acquired through a combination of purchase orders, supplier contracts, open orders and, where appropriate, inventory component prepayments, in each case based on projected demand. Such purchase commitments typically cover forecasted component and manufacturing requirements for periods ranging from 30 to 150 days. Because the Company's markets are volatile, competitive and subject to rapid technology and price changes, there is a risk the Company will forecast incorrectly and order or produce excess or insufficient amounts of components or products, or not fully utilize firm purchase commitments. The Company's financial condition and operating results have been in the past and could be in the future materially adversely affected by the Company's ability to manage its inventory levels and respond to short-term shifts in customer demand patterns.

Future operating results depend upon the Company's ability to obtain key components including but not limited to microprocessors, NAND flash memory, DRAM and LCDs at favorable prices and in sufficient quantities.

Because the Company currently obtains certain key components including but not limited to microprocessors, enclosures, certain LCDs, certain optical drives, and ASICs, from single or limited sources, the Company is subject to significant supply and pricing risks. Many of these and other key components that are available from multiple sources including but not limited to NAND flash memory, DRAM and certain LCDs, are subject at times to industry-wide shortages and significant commodity pricing fluctuations. The Company has entered into certain agreements for the supply of key components including but not limited to microprocessors, NAND flash memory, DRAM and LCDs with favorable pricing, but there can be no guarantee that the Company will be able to extend or renew these agreements on similar favorable terms, or at all, upon expiration or otherwise obtain favorable pricing in the future. The follow-on effects from the credit crisis on the Company's key suppliers, referred to in "*Economic conditions could materially adversely affect the Company*" above, which is incorporated herein by reference, also could affect the Company's ability to obtain key components. Therefore, the Company remains subject to significant risks of supply shortages and/or price increases that could materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results. The Company expects to experience decreases in its gross margin percentage in future periods, as compared to levels achieved during the first nine months of 2011, largely due to a higher mix of new and innovative products that have higher cost structures and deliver greater value to customers, and expected and potential future component cost and other cost increases. For additional information refer to Part I, Item 2, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," under the subheading "Gross Margin," which is incorporated herein by reference.

The Company and other participants in the mobile communication and media device, and personal computer industries compete for various components with other industries that have experienced increased demand for their products. The Company uses some custom components that are not common to the rest of these industries. The Company's new products often utilize custom components available from only one source. When a component or product uses new technologies, initial capacity constraints may exist until the suppliers' yields have matured or manufacturing capacity has increased. Continued availability of these components at acceptable prices, or at all, may be affected if those suppliers decided to concentrate on the production of common components instead of components customized to meet the Company's requirements. If the supply of a key single-sourced component for a new or existing product were delayed or constrained, if such components were available only at significantly higher prices, or if a key manufacturing vendor delayed shipments of completed products to the Company, the Company's financial condition and operating results could be materially adversely affected.

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The Company depends on component and product manufacturing and logistical services provided by third parties, many of whom are located outside of the U.S.

Substantially all of the Company's manufacturing is performed in whole or in part by a few outsourcing partners. The Company has also outsourced much of its transportation and logistics management. While these arrangements may lower operating costs, they also reduce the Company's direct control over production and distribution. It is uncertain what effect such diminished control will have on the quality or quantity of products or services, or the Company's flexibility to respond to changing conditions. Although arrangements with such manufacturers or individual component suppliers may contain provisions for warranty expense reimbursement, the Company may remain responsible to the consumer for warranty service in the event of product defects. In addition, the Company relies on third-party manufacturers to adhere to the Company's supplier code of conduct. Any unanticipated product defect or warranty liability, whether pursuant to arrangements with outsourcing partners or otherwise, or material violations of the supplier code of conduct, could materially adversely affect the Company's reputation, financial condition and operating results.

The supply and manufacture of many critical components is performed by sole-sourced third-party vendors in the U.S., Asia and Europe. Single-sourced third-party vendors in Asia perform final assembly of substantially all of the Company's hardware products. If manufacturing or logistics in these locations is disrupted for any reason including, but not limited to, natural disasters, information technology system failures, military actions or economic, business, labor, environmental, public health, or political issues, the Company's financial condition and operating results could be materially adversely affected.

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The Company relies on third-party intellectual property and digital content, which may not be available to the Company on commercially reasonable terms or at all.

Many of the Company's products are designed to include third-party intellectual property, and in the future the Company may need to seek or renew licenses relating to various aspects of its products and business. Although the Company believes that, based on past experience and industry practice, such licenses generally could be obtained on reasonable terms, there is no assurance that the necessary licenses would be available on acceptable terms or at all. If the Company is unable to obtain or renew critical licenses on reasonable terms, the Company's financial condition and operating results may be materially adversely affected.

The Company also contracts with certain third parties to offer their digital content through the Company's iTunes Store. The Company's licensing arrangements with these third parties are short-term and do not guarantee the continuation or renewal of these arrangements on reasonable terms, if at all. Some third-party content providers currently or in the future may offer competing products and services, and could take action to make it more difficult or impossible for the Company to license their content in the future. Other content owners, providers or distributors may seek to limit the Company's access to, or increase the total cost of, such content. If the Company is unable to continue to offer a wide variety of content at reasonable prices with acceptable usage rules, or continue to expand its geographic reach, the Company's financial condition and operating results may be materially adversely affected.

Many third-party content providers require that the Company provide certain DRM and other security solutions. If these requirements change, the Company may have to develop or license new technology to provide these solutions. There is no assurance the Company will be able to develop or license such solutions at a reasonable cost and in a timely manner. In addition, certain countries have passed or may propose legislation that would force the Company to license its DRM, which could lessen the protection of content and subject it to piracy and also could affect arrangements with the Company's content providers.

The Company's future results could be materially adversely affected if it is found to have infringed on intellectual property rights.

Technology companies, including many of the Company's competitors, frequently enter into litigation based on allegations of patent infringement or other violations of intellectual property rights. In addition, patent holding companies seek to monetize patents they have purchased or otherwise obtained. As the Company has grown, the intellectual property rights claims against it have increased and may continue to increase as it develops new products and technologies. In particular, with the introduction of iPhone and 3G enabled iPads, the Company began to compete with mobile communication and media device companies that hold significant patent portfolios, and the number of patent claims against the Company in that technological space has increased. The Company is vigorously defending infringement actions in courts in a number of U.S. jurisdictions and before the U.S. International Trade Commission, as well as internationally in Europe and Asia. The plaintiffs in these actions frequently seek injunctions and substantial damages.

The Company's products and technologies may not be able to withstand these or any other third-party claims regardless of the merits of the claim.

Regardless of the scope or validity of such patents or the merits of any patent claims by potential or actual litigants, the Company may have to engage in protracted litigation, enter into expensive license agreements or settlements, pay significant damage awards, and/or modify or even discontinue one or more of its products or technologies. Any of these events could have a material adverse impact on the Company's financial condition and operating results.

In certain cases, the Company may consider the desirability of entering into licensing agreements, although no assurance can be given that such licenses can be obtained on acceptable terms or that litigation will not occur. These licenses may also significantly increase the Company's operating expenses. If the Company is found to be infringing one or more patents, it may be required to pay substantial damages. If there is a temporary or permanent injunction prohibiting the Company from marketing or selling certain products or a successful claim of infringement against the Company requires it to pay royalties to a third party, the Company's financial condition and operating results could be materially adversely affected, regardless of whether it can develop non-infringing technology.

In management's opinion there was not at least a reasonable possibility the Company may have incurred a material loss, or a material loss in excess of a recorded accrual, with respect to loss contingencies. However, the outcome of litigation is inherently uncertain. Therefore, although management considers the likelihood of such an outcome to be remote, if one or more of these legal matters were resolved against the Company in the same reporting period for amounts in excess of management's expectations, the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements of a particular reporting period could be materially adversely affected.

The Company's future performance depends on support from third-party software developers. If third-party software applications and services cease to be developed and maintained for the Company's products, customers may choose not to buy the Company's products.

The Company believes decisions by customers to purchase its hardware products, including its iPhones, iPads, Macs and iPods, are often based to a certain extent on the availability of third-party software applications, and services, including online services. There is no assurance that third-party developers will continue to develop and maintain applications and services for the Company's products on a timely basis or at all, and discontinuance or delay of these applications and services could materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results.

With respect to its Mac products, the Company believes the availability of third-party software applications and services depends in part on the developers' perception and analysis of the relative benefits of developing, maintaining, and upgrading such software for the Company's products compared to Windows-based products. This analysis may be based on factors such as the perceived strength of the Company and its products, the anticipated revenue that may be generated, continued acceptance by customers of Mac OS X, and the costs of developing such applications and services. If the Company's minority share of the global personal computer market causes developers to question the Company's prospects, developers could be less inclined to develop or upgrade software for the Company's products and more inclined to devote their resources to developing and upgrading software for the larger Windows market. The Company's development of its own software applications and services may also negatively affect the decisions of third-party developers, such as Microsoft, Adobe and Google, to develop, maintain, and upgrade similar or competitive software and services for the Company's products.

With respect to iPhone, iPad and iPod touch, the Company relies on the continued availability and development of compelling and innovative software applications. Unlike third-party software applications for Mac products, the software applications for the iPhone, iPad and iPod touch platforms are distributed through a single distribution channel, the App Store. The absence of multiple distribution channels, which are available for competing platforms, may limit the availability and acceptance of third-party applications by the Company's customers, thereby causing developers to curtail significantly, or stop, development for the Company's platforms. In addition, iPhone, iPad and iPod touch are subject to rapid technological change, and, if third-party developers are unable to keep up with this pace of change, third-party applications might not successfully operate and may result in dissatisfied customers. Further, if the Company develops its own software applications and services, such development may negatively affect the decisions of third-party developers to develop, maintain, and upgrade similar or competitive applications for the iPhone, iPad and iPod touch platforms. As with applications for the Company's Mac products, the availability and development of these applications also depend on developers' perceptions and analysis of the relative benefits of developing software for the Company's products rather than its competitors' products, including devices that use competing platforms. If developers focus their efforts on these competing platforms, the availability and quality of applications for the Company's devices may suffer.

The Company's future operating performance depends on the performance of distributors, carriers and other resellers.

The Company distributes its products through wholesalers, resellers, national and regional retailers, value-added resellers, and cataloguers, many of whom distribute products from competing manufacturers. The Company also sells many of its products and resells third-party products in most of its major markets directly to customers, certain education customers, cellular network carriers' distribution channels and certain resellers through its online and retail stores.

Many resellers operate on narrow operating margins and have been negatively affected in the past by weak economic conditions. Some resellers have perceived the expansion of the Company's direct sales as conflicting with their business interests as distributors and resellers of the Company's products. Such a perception could discourage resellers from investing resources in the distribution and sale of the Company's products or lead them to limit or cease distribution of those products. The Company's financial condition and operating results could be materially adversely affected if the financial condition of these resellers weakens, if resellers stopped distributing the Company's products, or if uncertainty regarding demand for the Company's products caused resellers to reduce their ordering and marketing of the Company's products. The Company has invested and will continue to invest in programs to enhance reseller sales, including staffing selected resellers' stores with Company employees and contractors and improving product placement displays. These programs could require a substantial investment while providing no assurance of return or incremental revenue.

The Company's Retail business has required and will continue to require a substantial investment and commitment of resources and is subject to numerous risks and uncertainties.

The Company's retail stores have required substantial fixed investment in equipment and leasehold improvements, information systems, inventory and personnel. The Company also has entered into substantial operating lease commitments for retail space, with terms ranging from five to 20 years, the majority of which are for 10 years. Certain stores have been designed and built to serve as high-profile venues to promote brand awareness and serve as vehicles for corporate sales and marketing activities. Because of their unique design elements, locations and size, these stores require substantially more investment than the Company's more typical retail stores. Due to the high fixed cost structure associated with the Retail segment, a decline in sales or the closure or poor performance of individual or multiple stores could result in significant lease termination costs, write-offs of equipment and leasehold improvements, and severance costs that could materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results.

Many factors unique to retail operations, some of which are beyond the Company's control, pose risks and uncertainties that could materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, macro-economic factors that could have a negative effect on general retail activity, as well as the Company's inability to manage costs associated with store construction and operation, inability to sell third-party products at adequate margins, failure to manage relationships with existing retail channel partners, more challenging environment in managing retail operations outside the U.S., costs associated with unanticipated fluctuations in the value of retail inventory, and inability to obtain and renew leases in quality retail locations at a reasonable cost.

Investment in new business strategies and initiatives could disrupt the Company's ongoing business and present risks not originally contemplated.

The Company has invested, and in the future may invest, in new business strategies or acquisitions. Such endeavors may involve significant risks and uncertainties, including distraction of management from current operations, insufficient revenue to offset liabilities assumed and expenses associated with the strategy, inadequate return of capital, and unidentified issues not discovered in the Company's due diligence. Because these new ventures are inherently risky, no assurance can be given that such strategies and initiatives will be successful and will not materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results.

The Company's products and services experience quality problems from time to time that can result in decreased sales and operating margin.

The Company sells highly complex hardware and software products and services that can contain defects in design and manufacture. Sophisticated operating system software and applications, such as those sold by the Company, often contain "bugs" that can unexpectedly interfere with the software's intended operation. Defects may also occur in components and products the Company purchases from third parties. There can be no assurance the Company will be able to detect and fix all defects in the hardware, software and services it sells. Failure to do so could result in lost revenue, harm to reputation, and significant warranty and other expenses, and could have a material adverse impact on the Company's financial condition and operating results.

The Company is subject to risks associated with laws, regulations and industry-imposed standards related to mobile communications and media devices.

Laws and regulations related to mobile communications and media devices in the many jurisdictions in which the Company operates are extensive and subject to change. Such changes, which could include but are not limited to restrictions on production, manufacture, distribution, and use of the device, locking the device to a carrier's network, or mandating the use of the device on more than one carrier's network, could materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results.

Mobile communication and media devices, such as iPhones and 3G enabled iPads, are subject to certification and regulation by governmental and standardization bodies, as well as by cellular network carriers for use on their networks. These certification processes are extensive and time consuming, and could result in additional testing requirements, product modifications or delays in product shipment dates, which could materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results.

The Company's success depends largely on the continued service and availability of key personnel.

Much of the Company's future success depends on the continued availability and service of key personnel, including its CEO, its executive team and highly skilled employees in technical, marketing and staff positions. Experienced personnel in the technology industry are in high demand and competition for their talents is intense, especially in the Silicon Valley, where most of the Company's key personnel are located. The Company's CEO has taken a medical leave of absence and will continue to be involved in major strategic decisions during his leave. There can be no assurance that the Company will continue to attract and retain key personnel.

Political events, war, terrorism, public health issues, natural disasters and other circumstances could materially adversely affect the Company.

War, terrorism, geopolitical uncertainties, public health issues, and other business interruptions have caused and could cause damage or disruption to international commerce and the global economy, and thus could have a strong negative effect on the Company, its suppliers, logistics providers, manufacturing vendors and customers, including channel partners. The Company's business operations are subject to interruption by natural disasters, fire, power shortages, nuclear power plant accidents, terrorist attacks, and other hostile acts, labor disputes, public health issues, and other events beyond its control. Such events could decrease demand for the Company's products, make it difficult or impossible for the Company to make and deliver products to its customers, including channel partners, or to receive components from its suppliers, and create delays and inefficiencies in the Company's supply chain. Should major public health issues, including pandemics, arise, the Company could be negatively affected by more stringent employee travel restrictions, additional limitations in freight services, governmental actions limiting the movement of products between regions, delays in production ramps of new products, and disruptions in the operations of the Company's manufacturing vendors and component suppliers. The majority of the Company's research and development activities, its corporate headquarters, information technology systems, and other critical business operations, including certain component suppliers and manufacturing vendors, are in locations that could be affected by natural disasters. In the event of a natural disaster, losses and significant recovery time could be required to resume operations and the Company's financial condition and operating results could be materially adversely affected.

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The Company may be subject to information technology system failures or network disruptions that could damage the Company's reputation, business operations, and financial conditions.

The Company may be subject to information technology system failures and network disruptions. These may be caused by natural disasters, accidents, power disruptions, telecommunications failures, acts of terrorism or war, computer viruses, physical or electronic break-ins, or similar events or disruptions. System redundancy may be ineffective or inadequate, and the Company's disaster recovery planning may not be sufficient for all eventualities. Such failures or disruptions could prevent access to the Company's online stores and services, preclude retail store transactions, compromise Company or customer data, and result in delayed or cancelled orders. System failures and disruptions could also impede the manufacturing and shipping of products, transactions processing and financial reporting.

The Company may be subject to breaches of its information technology systems, which could damage the Company's reputation, business partner and customer relationships, and access to online stores and services. Such breaches could subject the Company to significant reputational, financial, legal, and operational consequences.

The Company's business requires it to use and store customer, employee, and business partner personally identifiable information ("PII"). This may include names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, contact preferences, tax identification numbers, and payment account information. Although malicious attacks to gain access to PII affect many companies across various industries, the Company may be at a relatively greater risk of being targeted because of its high profile and the amount of PII managed.

The Company requires user names and passwords in order to access its information technology systems. The Company also uses encryption and authentication technologies to secure the transmission and storage of data. These security measures may be compromised as a result of third-party security breaches, employee error, malfeasance, faulty password management, or other irregularity, and result in persons obtaining unauthorized access to Company data or accounts. Third parties may attempt to fraudulently induce employees or customers into disclosing user names, passwords or other sensitive information, which may in turn be used to access the Company's information technology systems. To help protect customers and the Company, the Company monitors accounts and systems for unusual activity and may freeze accounts under suspicious circumstances, which may result in the delay or loss of customer orders.

The Company devotes significant resources to network security, data encryption, and other security measures to protect its systems and data, but these security measures cannot provide absolute security. The Company may experience a breach of its systems and may be unable to protect sensitive data. Moreover, if a computer security breach affects the Company's systems or results in the unauthorized release of PII, the Company's reputation and brand could be materially damaged and use of the Company's products and services could decrease. The Company would also be exposed to a risk of loss or litigation and possible liability, which could result in a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition.

The Company's business is subject to a variety of U.S. and international laws, rules, policies and other obligations regarding data protection.

The Company is subject to federal, state and international laws relating to the collection, use, retention, security and transfer of PII. In many cases, these laws apply not only to third-party transactions, but also to transfers of information between the Company and its subsidiaries, and among the Company, its subsidiaries and other parties with which the Company has commercial relations. Several jurisdictions have passed new laws in this area, and other jurisdictions are considering imposing additional restrictions. These laws continue to develop and may be inconsistent from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Complying with emerging and changing international requirements may cause the Company to incur substantial costs or require the Company to change its business practices. Noncompliance could result in penalties or significant legal liability.

The Company's privacy policies and practices concerning the use and disclosure of data are posted on its website. Any failure by the Company, its suppliers or other parties with whom the Company does business to comply with its posted privacy policies or with other federal, state or international privacy-related or data protection laws and regulations could result in proceedings against the Company by governmental entities or others, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition.

The Company is also subject to payment card association rules and obligations under its contracts with payment card processors. Under these rules and obligations, if information is compromised, the Company could be liable to payment card issuers for the cost of associated expenses and penalties. In addition, if the Company fails to follow payment card industry security standards, even if no customer information is compromised, the Company could incur significant fines or experience a significant increase in payment card transaction costs.

The Company expects its quarterly revenue and operating results to fluctuate for a variety of reasons.

The Company's profit margins vary among its products and its distribution channels. The Company's software, accessories, and service and support contracts generally have higher gross margins than certain of the Company's other products. Gross margins on the Company's hardware products vary across product lines and can change over time as a result of product transitions, pricing and configuration changes, and component, warranty, and other cost fluctuations. The Company's direct sales generally have higher associated gross margins than its indirect sales through its channel partners. In addition, the Company's gross margin and operating margin percentages, as well as overall profitability, may be materially adversely impacted as a result of a shift in product, geographic or channel mix, new products, component cost increases, strengthening U.S. dollar, or price competition. The Company has typically experienced greater net sales in the first and fourth fiscal quarters compared to the second and third fiscal quarters due to seasonal demand related to the holiday season and the beginning of the school year, respectively. Furthermore, the Company sells more products from time-to-time during the third month of a quarter than it does during either of the first two months. Developments late in a quarter, such as lower-than-anticipated demand for the Company's products, issues with new product introductions, an internal systems failure, or failure of one of the Company's key logistics, components supply, or manufacturing partners, could have a material adverse impact on the Company's financial condition and operating results.

The Company's stock price continues to be volatile.

The Company's stock has at times experienced substantial price volatility due to a number of factors including, but not limited to variations between its actual and anticipated financial results, announcements by the Company and its competitors, and uncertainty about current global economic conditions. The stock market as a whole also has experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have affected the market price of many technology companies in ways that may have been unrelated to these companies' operating performance. Furthermore, the Company believes its stock price reflects high future growth and profitability expectations. If the Company fails to meet these expectations its stock price may significantly decline, which could have a material adverse impact on investor confidence and employee retention.

The Company's business is subject to the risks of international operations.

The Company derives a significant portion of its revenue and earnings from its international operations. Compliance with U.S. and foreign laws and regulations that apply to the Company's international operations, including without limitation import and export requirements, anti-corruption laws, tax laws (including U.S. taxes on foreign subsidiaries), foreign exchange controls and cash repatriation restrictions, data privacy requirements, labor laws, and anti-competition regulations, increases the costs of doing business in foreign jurisdictions, and any such costs, which may rise in the future as a result of changes in these laws and regulations or in their interpretation. Furthermore, the Company has implemented policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance with these laws and regulations, but there can be no assurance that the Company's employees, contractors, or agents will not violate such laws and regulations or the Company's policies. Any such violations could individually or in the aggregate materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition or operating results.

The Company's financial condition and operating results also could be significantly affected by other risks associated with international activities including, but not limited to, economic and labor conditions, increased duties, taxes and other costs, political instability, and changes in the value of the U.S. dollar versus local currencies. Margins on sales of the Company's products in foreign countries, and on sales of products that include components obtained from foreign suppliers, could be materially adversely affected by foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations and by international trade regulations, including duties, tariffs and antidumping penalties. Additionally, the Company is exposed to credit and collectability risk on its trade receivables with customers in certain international markets. There can be no assurance it can effectively limit its credit risk and avoid losses, which could materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results.

The Company's primary exposure to movements in foreign currency exchange rates relate to non-U.S. dollar denominated sales in Europe, Japan, Australia, Canada and certain parts of Asia, as well as non-U.S. dollar denominated operating expenses incurred throughout the world. Weakening of foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar will adversely affect the U.S. dollar value of the Company's foreign currency-denominated sales and earnings, and generally will lead the Company to raise international pricing, potentially reducing demand for the Company's products. In some circumstances, due to competition or other reasons, the Company may decide not to raise local prices to the full extent of the dollar's strengthening, or at all, which would adversely affect the U.S. dollar value of the Company's foreign currency denominated sales and earnings. Conversely, a strengthening of foreign currencies, while generally beneficial to the Company's foreign currency-denominated sales and earnings, could cause the Company to reduce international pricing and incur losses on its foreign currency derivative instruments, thereby limiting the benefit. Additionally, strengthening of foreign currencies may also increase the Company's cost of product components denominated in those currencies, thus adversely affecting gross margins.

The Company has used derivative instruments, such as foreign currency forward and option contracts, to hedge certain exposures to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. The use of such hedging activities may not offset any or more than a portion of the adverse financial effects of unfavorable movements in foreign exchange rates over the limited time the hedges are in place.

The Company is exposed to credit risk and fluctuations in the market values of its investment portfolio.

Although the Company has not recognized any significant losses to date on its cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, any significant future declines in their market values could materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results. Given the global nature of its business, the Company has investments both domestically and internationally. Credit ratings and pricing of these investments can be negatively impacted by liquidity, credit deterioration or losses, financial results, economic and political risk, or other factors. As a result, the value or liquidity of the Company's cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities could decline and result in a material impairment, which could materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results.

The Company is exposed to credit risk on its trade accounts receivable, vendor non-trade receivables and prepayments related to long-term supply agreements. This risk is heightened during periods when economic conditions worsen.

The Company distributes its products through third-party cellular network carriers, wholesalers, retailers and value-added resellers. A substantial majority of the Company's outstanding trade receivables are not covered by collateral or credit insurance. The Company's exposure to credit and collectability risk on its trade receivables are increased in certain international markets and its ability to mitigate such risks may be limited. Cellular network carriers accounted for a significant portion of the Company's trade receivables as of June 25, 2011. The Company also has unsecured vendor non-trade receivables resulting from purchases of components by outsourcing partners and other vendors that manufacture sub-assemblies or assemble final products for the Company. Two vendors accounted for a significant portion of the Company's non-trade receivables as of June 25, 2011. In addition, the Company has made prepayments associated with long-term supply agreements to secure supply of certain inventory components. While the Company has procedures to monitor and limit exposure to credit risk on its trade and vendor non-trade receivables as well as long-term prepayments, there can be no assurance such procedures will effectively limit its credit risk and avoid losses, which could materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results.

Unfavorable results of legal proceedings could materially adversely affect the Company.

The Company is subject to various legal proceedings and claims that have arisen out of the ordinary conduct of its business and are not yet resolved and additional claims may arise in the future. Results of legal proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty. Regardless of merit, litigation may be both time-consuming and disruptive to the Company's operations and cause significant expense and diversion of management attention. In recognition of these considerations, the Company may enter into material settlements. Although management considers the likelihood of such an outcome to be remote, should the Company fail to prevail in certain matters or if one or more of these legal matters were resolved against the Company in the same reporting period for amounts in excess of management's expectations, the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements of a particular reporting period could be materially adversely affected. In such circumstances, the Company may be faced with significant compensatory, punitive or trebled monetary damages, disgorgement of revenues or profits, remedial corporate measures or injunctive relief against it that would materially adversely affect a portion of its business.

The Company is subject to risks associated with laws and regulations related to health, safety and environmental protection.

The Company's products and services, and the production and distribution of those goods and services, are subject to a variety of laws and regulations. These may require the Company to offer customers the ability to return a product at the end of its useful life and place responsibility for environmentally safe disposal or recycling with the Company. Such laws and regulations have been passed in several jurisdictions in which the Company operates, including various countries within Europe and Asia and certain states and provinces within North America. Although the Company does not anticipate any material adverse effects based on the nature of its operations and the focus of such laws, there is no assurance such existing laws or future laws will not materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results.

Changes in the Company's tax rates, the adoption of new U.S. or international tax legislation or exposure to additional tax liabilities could affect its future results.

The Company is subject to taxes in the United States and numerous foreign jurisdictions. The Company's future effective tax rates could be affected by changes in the mix of earnings in countries with differing statutory tax rates, changes in the valuation of deferred tax assets and liabilities, or changes in tax laws or their interpretation. In addition, the current administration and Congress have announced proposals for new U.S. tax legislation that, if adopted, could adversely affect the Company's tax rate. Any of these changes could have a material adverse effect on the Company's profitability. The Company is also subject to the continual examination of its income tax returns by the Internal Revenue Service and other tax authorities. The Company regularly assesses the likelihood of adverse outcomes resulting from these examinations to determine the adequacy of its provision for taxes. There can be no assurance that the outcomes from these examinations will not materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results.

The Company is subject to risks associated with the availability and coverage of insurance.

For certain risks, the Company does not maintain insurance coverage because of cost and/or availability. Because the Company retains some portion of its insurable risks, and in some cases self-insures completely, unforeseen or catastrophic losses in excess of insured limits could materially adversely affect the Company's financial condition and operating results.

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

None.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6. Exhibits**(a) Index to Exhibits**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Exhibit Description</u>	<u>Incorporated by Reference</u>	
		<u>Form</u>	<u>Filing Date/ Period End Date</u>
3.1	Restated Articles of Incorporation, filed with the Secretary of State of the State of California on July 10, 2009.	10-Q	6/27/09
3.2	Bylaws of the Registrant, as amended through April 20, 2011.	10-Q	3/26/11
4.1	Form of Stock Certificate of the Registrant.	10-Q	12/30/06
10.1*	Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended through March 8, 2010.	10-Q	3/27/10
10.2*	Form of Indemnification Agreement between the Registrant and each director and executive officer of the Registrant.	10-Q	6/27/09
10.3*	1997 Director Stock Plan, as amended through February 25, 2010.	8-K	3/1/10
10.4*	2003 Employee Stock Plan, as amended through February 25, 2010.	8-K	3/1/10
10.5*	Reimbursement Agreement dated as of May 25, 2001 by and between the Registrant and Steven P. Jobs.	10-Q	6/29/02
10.6*	Form of Option Agreement.	10-K	9/24/05
10.7*	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement effective as of August 28, 2007.	10-K	9/29/07
10.8*	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement effective as of November 11, 2008.	10-Q	12/27/08
10.9*	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement effective as of November 16, 2010.	10-Q	12/25/10
14.1	Business Conduct Policy of the Registrant dated July 2010.	10-K	9/25/10
31.1**	Rule 13a-14(a) / 15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer.		
31.2**	Rule 13a-14(a) / 15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer.		
32.1***	Section 1350 Certifications of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.		
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document		
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document		
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document		
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document		
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document		
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document		

* Indicates management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

** Filed herewith.

*** Furnished herewith.

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.

July 20, 2011

APPLE INC.

By: /s/ Peter Oppenheimer

Peter Oppenheimer
Senior Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Steven P. Jobs, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Apple 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(s) 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(s) 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: July 20, 2011

By: /s/ Steven P. Jobs
Steven P. Jobs
Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Peter Oppenheimer, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Apple 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(s) 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(s) 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: July 20, 2011

By: /s/ Peter Oppenheimer
Peter Oppenheimer
Senior Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer

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

I, Steven P. Jobs, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that the Quarterly Report of Apple Inc. on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 25, 2011 fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that information contained in such Form 10-Q fairly presents in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of Apple Inc.

Date: July 20, 2011

By: /s/ Steven P. Jobs
Steven P. Jobs
Chief Executive Officer

I, Peter Oppenheimer, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that the Quarterly Report of Apple Inc. on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 25, 2011 fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that information contained in such Form 10-Q fairly presents in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of Apple Inc.

Date: July 20, 2011

By: /s/ Peter Oppenheimer
Peter Oppenheimer
Senior Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Apple Inc. and will be retained by Apple Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

EXHIBIT 5

State of Delaware
Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
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CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

OF

ROCKSTAR BIDCO, LP

This Certificate of Limited Partnership is being executed on June 7, 2011 for the purpose of forming a limited partnership pursuant to the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned hereby certifies as follows:

1. Name. The name of the limited partnership: Rockstar Bidco, LP (the "Partnership").
2. Registered Office and Registered Agent. The registered office of the Partnership in the State of Delaware is located at 615 South DuPont Highway, City of Dover, County of Kent, Delaware 19901. The name of the registered agent of the Partnership for service of process at such address is National Corporate Research, Ltd.
3. Name and Business Address of General Partner. The name of the general partner is Rockstar Bidco GP, LLC, a Delaware liability company, having a mailing address of c/o Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, Attention: Marilyn Sobel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Certificate of Limited Partnership to be duly executed on the day and year first above written.

GENERAL PARTNER:

ROCKSTAR BIDCO GP, LLC

By: 

Name: Per Oscarsson

Title: President

EXHIBIT 6

State of Delaware
Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
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CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION
OF
ROCKSTAR CONSORTIUM LLC

The undersigned, an authorized natural person, for the purpose of forming a limited liability company under the provisions and subject to the requirements of the State of Delaware (particularly Chapter 18, Title 6 of the Delaware Code and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, and known, identified, and referred to as the "Delaware Limited Liability Company Act"), hereby certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company (hereinafter called the "limited liability company") is Rockstar Consortium LLC.

SECOND: The address of the limited liability company's registered office in the State of Delaware is 615 South DuPont Highway, City of Dover, County of Kent, State of Delaware 19901. The name of its registered agent at such address is National Corporate Research, Ltd.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Formation on July 19, 2011.

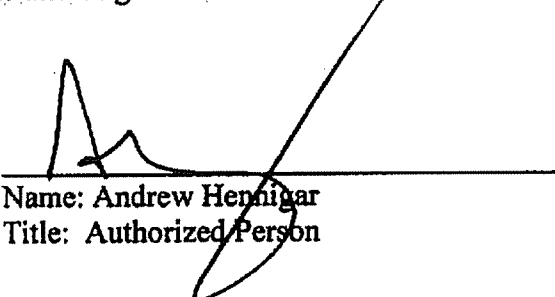

Name: Andrew Hennigar
Title: Authorized Person

EXHIBIT 7

State of Delaware
Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
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CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

OF

ROCKSTAR CONSORTIUM US LP

This Certificate of Limited Partnership is being executed on July 22, 2011 for the purpose of forming a limited partnership pursuant to the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned hereby certifies as follows:

1. Name. The name of the limited partnership: Rockstar Consortium US LP (the "Partnership").
2. Registered Office and Registered Agent. The registered office of the Partnership in the State of Delaware is located at 615 South DuPont Highway, City of Dover, County of Kent, Delaware 19901. The name of the registered agent of the Partnership for service of process at such address is National Corporate Research, Ltd.
3. Name and Business Address of General Partner. The name of the general partner is Rockstar Consortium LLC, a Delaware liability company, having a mailing address of c/o Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, Attention: Marilyn Sobel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Certificate of Limited Partnership to be duly executed on the day and year first above written.

GENERAL PARTNER:

ROCKSTAR CONSORTIUM LLC

By: K. Alfalahi

Name: Kasim Alfalahi
Title: President

EXHIBIT 8

State of Delaware
Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
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CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION
OF
MOBILESTAR TECHNOLOGIES LLC

The undersigned, for the purpose of complying with the provisions of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act (6 *Del. C.* § 18-101, *et seq.*) and forming a limited liability company thereunder, hereby certifies as follows:

1. **Name.** The name of the limited liability company formed hereby is MobileStar Technologies LLC (the "*Company*").

2. **Registered Agent.** The name and address of the registered agent for service of process of the Company in the State of Delaware is The Corporation Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware 19801.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned authorized person has executed this Certificate of Formation this 29th day of October, 2013.



Sheri L. Berndt-Smith, Authorized Person