

PROOFPOINT INC
Form 10-Q
November 06, 2014
Table of Contents

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2014
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 001-35506
PROOFPOINT, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

51-0414846

(I.R.S. employer
identification no.)

892 Ross Drive

Sunnyvale, California

(Address of principal executive offices)

94089

(Zip Code)

(408) 517-4710

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Sections 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, or 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 Shares of Proofpoint, Inc. common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share, outstanding as of October 31, 2014:

38,134,381 shares.

Table of Contents

PROOFPOINT, INC.
FORM 10-Q

TABLE OF CONTENTS

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 1

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 2

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss for the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 3

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 4

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements 5

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS 22

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK 37

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES 39

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS 40

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS 41

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS 59

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES 59

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES 59

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION 59

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS 60

SIGNATURES 61

Table of Contents

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Proofpoint, Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$194,617	\$243,786
Short-term investments	38,175	8,015
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$345 and \$276 at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively	32,770	26,221
Inventory	1,298	860
Deferred product costs, current	1,793	1,004
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	10,118	7,963
Total current assets	278,771	287,849
Property and equipment, net	18,369	11,221
Deferred product costs, noncurrent	342	357
Goodwill	81,832	63,764
Intangible assets, net	22,257	22,976
Other noncurrent assets	4,157	4,392
Total assets	\$405,728	\$390,559
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$8,270	\$7,281
Accrued liabilities	23,242	19,260
Notes payable and lease obligations, current	1,110	1,655
Deferred rent, current	366	297
Deferred revenue, current	109,304	89,450
Total current liabilities	142,292	117,943
Convertible senior notes	159,409	152,928
Notes payable and lease obligations, noncurrent	—	695
Deferred rent, noncurrent	1,667	56
Other long term liabilities	7,008	7,244
Deferred revenue, noncurrent	34,080	34,533
Total liabilities	344,456	313,399
Stockholders' Equity		
Common stock, \$0.0001 par value; 200,000 shares authorized at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively; 37,869 and 36,140 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively	4	4
Additional paid-in capital	318,178	287,165
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(36) —

Edgar Filing: PROOFPOINT INC - Form 10-Q

Accumulated deficit	(256,874	)	(210,009)
Total stockholders' equity	61,272		77,160	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$405,728		\$390,559	

See accompanying Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

1

Table of Contents

Proofpoint, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations
(In thousands, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Revenue:				
Subscription	\$48,506	\$33,464	\$134,757	\$92,732
Hardware and services	1,805	1,039	4,656	4,362
Total revenue	50,311	34,503	139,413	97,094
Cost of revenue:(1)(2)				
Subscription	14,300	8,937	38,295	25,042
Hardware and services	2,964	1,409	7,941	3,851
Total cost of revenue	17,264	10,346	46,236	28,893
Gross profit	33,047	24,157	93,177	68,201
Operating expense:(1)(2)				
Research and development	13,454	8,307	37,700	23,460
Sales and marketing	25,662	17,415	72,660	49,782
General and administrative	7,133	5,758	19,485	13,437
Total operating expense	46,249	31,480	129,845	86,679
Operating loss	(13,202)	(7,323)	(36,668)	(18,478)
Interest expense, net	(2,814)	(11)	(8,385)	(4)
Other income (expense), net	(1,180)	352	(1,372)	(163)
Loss before (provision for) benefit from income taxes	(17,196)	(6,982)	(46,425)	(18,645)
(Provision for) benefit from income taxes	(149)	(207)	(440)	2,998
Net loss	\$(17,345)	\$(7,189)	\$(46,865)	\$(15,647)
Net loss per share, basic and diluted	\$(0.46)	\$(0.20)	\$(1.26)	\$(0.45)
Weighted average shares outstanding, basic and diluted	37,554	35,436	37,082	34,502
(1) Includes stock based compensation expense as follows:				
Cost of subscription revenue	\$715	\$203	\$1,638	\$631
Cost of hardware and services revenue	158	45	431	120
Research and development	2,999	502	7,483	1,566
Sales and marketing	2,658	881	7,163	2,502
General and administrative	1,966	748	5,082	1,783
(2) Includes intangible amortization expense as follows:				
Cost of subscription revenue	\$1,110	\$568	\$2,913	\$1,307
Research and development	23	8	70	24
Sales and marketing	1,105	321	3,302	619
General and administrative	12	12	34	23

See accompanying Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Table of Contents

Proofpoint, Inc.
 Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss
 (In thousands)
 (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net loss	\$ (17,345	) \$ (7,189	) \$ (46,865	) \$ (15,647
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax:				
Unrealized gains (losses) on short-term investments, net	(36	) 9	(36	) (4
Comprehensive loss	\$ (17,381	) \$ (7,180	) \$ (46,901	) \$ (15,651

See accompanying Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Table of Contents

Proofpoint, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net loss	\$(46,865	) \$(15,647
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	12,839	6,123
Accretion of discounts on investments	130	490
Provision for allowance for doubtful accounts	91	26
Stock based compensation	21,797	6,602
Deferred income taxes	4	(2,444
Change in fair value of contingent earn-outs	5	6
Amortization of debt issuance costs and accretion of debt discount	6,519	—
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable	(6,660	) (2,902
Inventory	(470	) 138
Deferred products costs	(774	) 310
Prepaid expenses	(1,356	) (148
Other current assets	(1,355	) 34
Noncurrent assets	(38	) (216
Accounts payable	(1,227	) 897
Accrued liabilities	2,116	(187
Earn-out payment	(13) —
Deferred rent	1,680	(257
Deferred revenue	19,401	14,469
Net cash provided by operating activities	5,824	7,294
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from sales and maturities of short-term investments	8,000	47,386
Purchase of short-term investments	(37,805	) (20,376
Purchase of property and equipment	(10,395	) (4,502
Acquisitions of businesses, net of cash acquired	(22,035	) (28,509
Net cash used in investing activities	(62,235	) (6,001
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	11,740	12,954
Withholding taxes related to restricted stock net share settlement	(1,839) —
Payments of debt issuance costs	(191) —
Repayments of notes payable and loans	(1,240	) (1,673
Earn-out payment	(487) —
Holdback payments for prior acquisitions	(741) —
Net cash provided by financing activities	7,242	11,281
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(49,169	) 12,574
Cash and cash equivalents		
Beginning of period	243,786	39,254

Edgar Filing: PROOFPOINT INC - Form 10-Q

End of period	\$194,617	\$51,828
Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing and financing information		
Unpaid purchases of property and equipment	\$4,321	\$1,838

See accompanying Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

4

Table of Contents

Proofpoint, Inc.

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

(Dollars and share amounts in thousands, except per share amounts)

1. The Company and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Company

Proofpoint, Inc. (the "Company") was incorporated in Delaware in June 2002 and is headquartered in California. Proofpoint is a pioneering security-as-a-service ("SaaS") vendor that enables large and mid-sized organizations throughout the world to defend, protect, archive and govern their most sensitive data. The Company's SaaS platform is comprised of a number of data protection solutions, including threat protection, regulatory compliance, archiving, governance, and secure communication.

Basis of Presentation and Consolidation

The accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and condensed footnotes have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) for a fair statement of results for the interim periods presented have been included. The results of operations for the three months ended September 30, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the year ended December 31, 2014 or for other interim periods or for future years.

The accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2013 is derived from audited financial statements as of that date but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. These accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes included in the Company's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

There have been no material changes to the Company's significant accounting policies described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, including those described below.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates and such difference may be material to the financial statements.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price of the acquired enterprise over the fair value of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The Company applies ASC 350, "Intangibles—Goodwill and Other" and performs an annual goodwill impairment test during the fourth quarter of the Company's fiscal year and more frequently if an event or circumstance indicates that an impairment may have occurred. For the purposes of impairment testing, the Company has determined that it has one reporting unit. The Company performs a two-step impairment test of goodwill whereby the fair value of the reporting

Table of Contents

unit is compared to its carrying value. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds the carrying value of the net assets assigned to that unit, goodwill is not considered impaired and further testing is not required. If the carrying value of the net assets assigned to the reporting unit exceeds the fair value of the reporting unit, then the Company must perform the second step of the impairment test in order to determine the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill. If the carrying value of a reporting unit's goodwill exceeds its implied fair value, then an impairment loss equal to the difference is recorded. The identification and measurement of goodwill impairment involves the estimation of the fair value of the Company. The estimate of fair value of the Company, based on the best information available as of the date of the assessment, is subjective and requires judgment, including management assumptions about expected future revenue forecasts and discount rates, changes in the overall economy, trends in the stock price and other factors. No impairment indicators were identified by the Company as of September 30, 2014.

Intangible assets consist of developed technology, vendor relationships and customer relationships. The values assigned to intangibles are based on estimates and judgments regarding expectations for success and life cycle of solutions and technologies acquired.

Intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated lives, which approximate the pattern in which the economic benefits of the intangible assets are consumed, as follows (in years):

	Low	High
Patents	4	5
Developed technology	3	7
Customer relationships	2	5
Non-compete agreements	2	4
Tradenames and trademarks	1	5

Revenue Recognition

The Company derives its revenue primarily from two sources: (1) subscription revenue for rights related to the use of the security-as-a-service platform and (2) hardware, training and professional services revenue provided to customers related to their use of the platform. Subscription revenue is derived from a subscription based enterprise licensing model with contract terms typically ranging from one to three years, and consists of (i) subscription fees from the licensing of the security-as-a-service platform, (ii) subscription fees for access to the on-demand elements of the platform and (iii) subscription fees for the right to access the Company's customer support services.

The Company applies the provision of ASC 985-605, "Software Revenue Recognition" and related interpretations, to all transactions involving the licensing of software, as well as related support, training, and other professional services. ASC 985-605 requires revenue earned on software arrangements involving multiple elements such as software license, support, training and other professional services to be allocated to each element based on the relative fair values of these elements. The fair value of an element must be based on vendor specific objective evidence ("VSOE") of fair value. VSOE of fair value of each element is based on the price charged when the element is sold separately. Revenue is recognized when all of the following criteria are met as set forth in ASC 985-605:

- Persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists,
- Delivery has occurred,
- The fee is fixed or determinable, and
- Collectability is probable.

The Company has analyzed all of the elements included in its multiple element arrangements and has determined that it does not have sufficient VSOE of fair value to allocate revenue to its subscription and software license agreements, support, training, and professional services. The Company defers all revenue under the software arrangement until the commencement of the subscription services and any associated professional services. Once the subscription services

and the associated professional services have commenced, the entire fee from the arrangement is recognized ratably over the remaining period of

6

Table of Contents

the arrangement. If the professional services are essential to the functionality of the subscription, then the revenue recognition does not commence until such services are completed.

In the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, revenue is categorized as "subscription" and "hardware and services." Although the Company is unable to separate its multiple elements under the applicable revenue recognition guidance since it does not have sufficient VSOE of fair value for revenue recognition purposes, the Company has used a systematic and rational estimate to classify revenue between subscription and hardware and services. For presentation purposes only, the Company allocates revenue to hardware and services based upon management's best estimate of fair value of such deliverables using a cost plus model. The remaining consideration of the arrangement is then allocated to subscription revenue. Management believes that this methodology provides a reasonable basis to allocate revenue between "subscription" and "hardware and services" for presentation purposes. The hosted on-demand service agreements do not provide customers with the right to take possession of the software supporting the hosted service. The Company recognizes revenue from its hosted on-demand services in accordance with ASC 605-20, and as such recognizes revenue when the following criteria are met:

- Persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists,
- Delivery of the Company's obligations to its customers has occurred,
- Collection of the fees is probable, and
- The amount of fees to be paid by the customer is fixed or determinable.

In October 2009, the FASB amended the accounting guidance for multiple element arrangements ("ASU 2009-13") to:

- Provide updated guidance on whether multiple deliverables exist, how the deliverables in an arrangement should be separated, and how the arrangement consideration should be allocated among its elements;
- Require an entity to allocate revenue in an arrangement that has separate units of accounting using best estimated selling price ("BESP") of deliverables if a vendor does not have VSOE of fair value or third-party evidence of selling price ("TPE"), and
- Eliminate the use of the residual method and require an entity to allocate revenue using the relative selling price method to the separate unit of accounting.

Concurrently, the FASB amended the accounting guidance for revenue recognition ("ASU 2009-14") to exclude hardware appliances containing software components and hardware components that function together to deliver the hardware appliance's essential functionality from the scope of the software revenue recognition guidance of ASC 985-605.

For all arrangements within the scope of these new accounting pronouncements, including the Company's hosted on-demand services, the Company evaluates each element in a multiple element arrangement to determine whether it represents a separate unit of accounting. An element constitutes a separate unit of accounting when the delivered item has standalone value and delivery of the undelivered element is probable and within the Company's control. Revenue derived from the licensing of the security-as-a-service platform continues to be accounted for in accordance with the industry specific revenue recognition guidance.

Hardware appliance revenue is recognized upon shipment. Subscription and support revenue are recognized over the contract period commencing on the start date of the contract. Professional services and training, when sold with hardware appliances or subscription and support services, are accounted for separately when those services have standalone value and are recognized when delivered. In determining whether professional services and training services can be accounted for separately from subscription and support services, the Company considers the following factors: availability of the services from other vendors, the nature of the services, and the dependence of the subscription services on the customer's decision to buy the

Table of Contents

professional services. If professional services and training do not qualify for separate accounting, the Company recognizes the professional services and training ratably over the contract term of the subscription services. Delivery generally occurs when the hardware appliance is delivered to a common carrier freight on board shipping point by the Company or the hosted service has been activated and communicated to the customer accordingly. The Company's fees are typically considered to be fixed or determinable at the inception of an arrangement and are negotiated at the outset of an arrangement, generally based on specific products and quantities to be delivered. In the event payment terms are provided that differ significantly from the Company's standard business practices, the fees are deemed to not be fixed or determinable and revenue is recognized as the fees become paid.

The Company assesses collectability based on a number of factors, including credit worthiness of the customer and past transaction history of the customer. Through September 30, 2014, the Company has not experienced significant credit losses.

Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue primarily consists of billings or payments received in advance of revenue recognition from the sale of the Company's subscription fees, training and professional services. Once the revenue recognition criteria are met, this revenue is recognized ratably over the term of the associated contract.

Comprehensive Loss

Comprehensive loss includes all changes in equity that are not the result of transactions with stockholders. The Company's comprehensive loss consists of its net loss and changes in unrealized gains (losses) from its available-for-sale investments. Total comprehensive loss has been presented in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss. The Company had no significant reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive loss into net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

Recent Accounting Policies

In August 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-15, "Disclosure of Uncertainties About an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern", a new accounting standard update that requires management to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern and to provide related footnote disclosures. The new guidance will become effective for the Company on January 1, 2016. Early adoption is permitted. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, result of operations or cash flows.

In June 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-12, "Accounting for Share-Based Payments When the Terms of an Award Provide That a Performance Target Could Be Achieved after the Requisite Service Period", a new accounting standard update that clarifies the accounting for share-based payments when the terms of an award allow for a performance target to be achieved after an employee completes the requisite period. The amendments require that a performance target that affects vesting and that could be achieved after the requisite period be treated as a performance condition. A company should apply existing guidance in Topic 718 as it relates to awards with performance conditions that affect vesting to account for such awards. Compensation cost should be recognized in the period in which it becomes probable that the performance target will be achieved and should represent the compensation cost attribute to the period(s) for which the requisite service has already been rendered. The new guidance will become effective for the Company on January 1, 2016 with early adoption is permitted. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers", a new accounting standard update jointly issued with the IASB on revenue recognition. The new guidance provides a single, comprehensive revenue recognition model for all contracts with customers to improve comparability within industries, across industries and across capital markets. Companies are required by the standard to recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled to in an exchange for those goods and services. The new guidance will become effective for the Company on January 1, 2017. Early adoption is not permitted and the Company is currently assessing the impact on its

consolidated financial position or results of operations.

8

Table of Contents

In July 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-11, "Income Taxes", a new accounting standard update on the financial statement presentation of unrecognized tax benefits. The new guidance provides that a liability related to an unrecognized tax benefit would be presented as a reduction of a deferred tax asset for a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss or a tax credit carryforward if such settlement is required or expected in the event the uncertain tax position is disallowed. The new guidance became effective for the Company on January 1, 2014 and had no material impact to the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

2. Acquisitions

Acquisitions are accounted for under the purchase method of accounting in which the tangible and identifiable intangible assets and liabilities of each acquired company are recorded at their respective fair values as of each acquisition date, including an amount for goodwill representing the difference between the respective acquisition consideration and fair values of identifiable net assets. The Company believes that for each acquisition, the combined entities will achieve savings in corporate overhead costs and opportunities for growth through expanded geographic and customer segment diversity with the ability to leverage additional products and capabilities. These factors, among others, contributed to a purchase price in excess of the estimated fair value of each acquired company's net identifiable assets acquired and, as a result, goodwill was recorded in connection with each acquisition. Goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes.

While the Company uses its best estimates and assumptions as part of the purchase price allocation process to value assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date, these estimates and assumptions are subject to refinement. When additional information becomes available, such as finalization of negotiations of working capital adjustments and tax related matters, the Company may revise its preliminary purchase price allocation. As a result, during the preliminary purchase price allocation period, which may be up to one year from the acquisition date, the Company may record adjustments to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed, with the corresponding offset to goodwill. Subsequent to the purchase price allocation period, adjustments to assets acquired or liabilities assumed are recognized in the operating results.

In 2014 and 2013, the Company acquired a total of six companies (collectively, the "Acquisitions") which are further described below.

NetCitadel, Inc.

On May 13, 2014 (the "NetCitadel Acquisition Date"), pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company merged with and into NetCitadel, Inc. ("NetCitadel"), with NetCitadel surviving as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Formerly based in Mountain View, California, NetCitadel is a pioneer in the field of automated security incident response. The acquisition extends the reach and capabilities of the Company's existing advanced threat solutions, adding additional threat verification and containment capabilities via an open platform that unifies products from the Company and other vendors.

The Company has provisionally estimated fair values for the acquired tangible and identifiable intangible assets and liabilities assumed at the NetCitadel Acquisition Date. The amounts reported were considered provisional as the Company was completing the valuation work to determine the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed.

The results of operations and the provisional fair values of the acquired assets and liabilities assumed have been included in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements since the NetCitadel Acquisition Date. Revenue from NetCitadel was immaterial for the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

At the NetCitadel Acquisition Date, the Company paid \$22,754 in cash consideration, net of cash acquired. Of the cash consideration paid, \$3,369 was held in escrow to secure indemnification obligations, which has not been released as of the filing date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. The Company incurred \$345 in acquisition-related costs which were recorded in operating expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

Fair value of acquired assets and liabilities assumed

The determination of the fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed has been prepared on a provisional basis and changes to that determination may occur as additional information becomes available. The following table summarizes the fair values of tangible assets acquired, liabilities assumed, intangible assets and goodwill:

Table of Contents

	Estimated Fair Value in USD	Estimated Useful Life (in years)
Tangible assets acquired	\$ 14	N/A
Liabilities assumed	(1,270	)N/A
Customer relationships	100	5
Core/developed technology	5,500	5
Goodwill	18,387	Indefinite
	\$ 22,731	

Sendmail, Inc.

On October 1, 2013, the Company acquired Sendmail, Inc. ("Sendmail"), a leading provider of messaging infrastructure solutions to enterprises whose solutions ensure global email connectivity, routing and message delivery between people, systems and applications located on-premise, in-cloud or on mobile devices. The Company paid \$12,463 in cash consideration, net of cash acquired and debts paid. Of the cash consideration paid, \$3,422 was held in escrow to secure indemnification obligations, of which \$719 was recovered from indemnification claim as of September 30, 2014. As part of the acquisition, the Company assumed and paid off \$7,933 in long-term debt on the Sendmail Acquisition Date.

Armorize Technologies, Inc.

On September 5, 2013, the Company acquired Armorize Technologies, Inc. ("Armorize"), a Taiwan-based developer and retailer of leading cloud-based SaaS anti-malware products. The Company paid \$24,215 in cash consideration, net of cash acquired. Of the cash consideration paid, \$3,750 was held in escrow to secure indemnification obligations, which has not been released as of the filing date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Abaca Technology Corporation

On July 19, 2013, the Company acquired Abaca Technology Corporation ("Abaca"), who specializes in email filtering and protection algorithms and their cloud-based, in-memory threat scoring technologies. The Company paid \$23 in cash consideration, net of cash acquired. The purchase consideration included an additional holdback amount of \$1,520 to secure indemnification obligations and has not been released as of the filing date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

eDynamics, LLC

On July 10, 2013, the Company purchased substantially all of the business intellectual property and assumed certain liabilities of eDynamics, LLC ("eDynamics"), a social media archiving company, for \$500 in cash consideration. The Company also agreed to pay earn-out consideration of up to \$600 through April 2014, such liability being contingent upon the achievement of specified product development milestones. The purchase consideration also included an additional holdback amount of \$100 to secure indemnification obligations. As of September 30, 2014, the Company has paid both of these amounts in full.

Mail Distiller Limited

On April 5, 2013, the Company acquired Mail Distiller Limited, a Northern Ireland Company ("Mail Distiller"), a European-based provider of SaaS email security solutions. The Company paid \$3,771 in cash consideration, net of cash acquired. The purchase consideration included an additional holdback amount of \$669 to secure indemnification obligations. The Company has released the holdback amount in full as of September 30, 2014.

Pro Forma Financial Information

The following unaudited pro forma financial information presents the combined results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 for NetCitadel, which was acquired during the second quarter of 2014, and Mail Distiller, eDynamics, Abaca and Armorize, all of which were acquired during the nine months ended September 30, 2013. Adjustments were made to give effect to pro forma events that are directly attributable to these acquisitions, such as amortization expense from acquired intangible assets, acquisition-related transaction costs and, if any, related tax effects. The unaudited pro forma results do not reflect any operating efficiencies or potential cost savings which may result from the consolidation of the operations of the Company and the two acquisitions. Accordingly, these unaudited pro forma results are

Table of Contents

presented for informational purposes only and are not necessarily indicative of what the actual results of operations of the combined company would have been if NetCitadel had occurred on January 1, 2013 and Mail Distiller, eDynamics, Abaca and Armorize had occurred on January 1, 2012, nor are they indicative of future results of operations:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Total revenue	\$50,311	\$35,093	\$139,487	\$100,181
Net loss	(17,345)	(8,479)	(48,457)	(23,822)
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$(0.46)	\$(0.24)	\$(1.31)	\$(0.69)

The unaudited pro forma financial information includes non-recurring acquisition-related transaction cost of \$345 for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

3. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The goodwill activity and balances are presented below:

Balance at December 31, 2013	\$63,764
Add: Goodwill from acquisitions	18,387
Less: Other adjustments to Goodwill	(319)
Balance at September 30, 2014	\$81,832

The goodwill balance as of September 30, 2014 was the result of the acquisitions of Fortiva, Inc., Secure Data in Motion, Inc., Everyone.net, Inc., Spam and Open Relay Blocking System from GFI Software Ltd., NextPage, Inc., Mail Distiller, eDynamics, Abaca, Armorize, Sendmail and NetCitadel.

Intangible Assets

Intangible assets, excluding goodwill, consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2014			December 31, 2013		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
Developed technology	\$34,968	\$(20,295)	\$14,673	\$29,468	\$(17,383)	\$12,085
Customer relationships	13,382	(6,794)	6,588	13,282	(3,726)	9,556
Non-compete agreements	804	(389)	415	804	(170)	634
Trademark and patents	806	(225)	581	806	(105)	701
	\$49,960	\$(27,703)	\$22,257	\$44,360	\$(21,384)	\$22,976

Amortization expense of intangible assets totaled \$2,250 and \$909, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, and \$6,319 and \$1,973, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

Future estimated amortization costs of intangible assets as of September 30, 2014 are presented below:

Table of Contents

Year ending December 31,	
2014, remainder	\$2,244
2015	8,220
2016	5,887
2017	2,742
2018	2,295
Thereafter	869
	\$22,257

4. Fair Value Measurements and Investments

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e., the “exit price”) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value has been defined to minimize the use of unobservable inputs by requiring the use of observable market data when available. Observable inputs are inputs that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on active market data. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the Company’s assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available in the circumstances.

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs into three broad levels:

Level 1: Quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

The Company’s Level 1 assets generally consist of money market funds.

Level 2: Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

The Company’s Level 2 assets and liabilities generally consist of corporate bonds and agency debt securities, commercial paper, and certificates of deposit.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs to the valuation methodology that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the measurement of the fair value of the assets or liabilities. Level 3 assets and liabilities include those whose fair value measurements are determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies or similar valuation techniques, as well as significant management judgment or estimation.

In connection with the acquisition of eDynamics in 2013, a liability was recognized on the eDynamics Acquisition Date for the estimate of the fair value of the Company's contingent earn-out payments related to eDynamics. The Company determined the fair value of the Acquisition-related contingent earn-out liability based on the probability-based attainment of product development milestones. The fair value measurements were based on significant inputs not observable in the market and thus represent Level 3 measurements, which reflected the Company's own assumptions concerning achievement of the product development milestones of eDynamics, in measuring the fair value of the contingent earn-out liability related to the acquisition of eDynamics. As of September 30, 2014, this contingent earn-out liability was extinguished.

The following tables summarize, for each category of assets or liabilities carried at fair value, the respective fair value as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 and the classification by level of input within the fair value hierarchy:

	Balance as of September 30, 2014	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Assets				

Edgar Filing: PROOFPOINT INC - Form 10-Q

Cash equivalents:				
Money market funds	\$ 164,731	\$ 164,731	\$—	\$—
Short-term investments:				
Corporate debt securities	33,679	—	33,679	—
Commercial paper	4,496	—	4,496	—
Total financial assets	\$202,906	\$164,731	\$38,175	\$—
	Balance as of December 31, 2013	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Assets				
Cash equivalents:				
Money market funds	\$215,094	\$215,094	\$—	\$—
Short-term investments:				
Corporate debt securities	6,015	—	6,015	—
Certificates of deposit	2,000	—	2,000	—
Total financial assets	\$223,109	\$215,094	\$8,015	\$—
Liabilities				
Acquisition-related contingent earn-out liability	\$495	\$—	\$—	\$495

Based on quoted market prices as of September 30, 2014, the fair value of the 1.25% Convertible Senior Notes was approximately \$239,428, determined using Level 2 inputs as they are not actively traded in markets.

The following table represents a reconciliation of the acquisition-related contingent earn-out liability measured at fair value on a recurring basis, using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the nine months ended September 30, 2014:

	Fair Value Measurements Using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$495
Payments during the period	(500)
Adjustments to fair value during the period recorded in General and administrative expenses	5
Balance at September 30, 2014	\$—

Table of Contents

The carrying amounts of the Company's cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their fair values due to their short maturities. Based on borrowing rates that are available to the Company for loans with similar terms and consideration of the Company's credit risk, the carrying value of the notes payable approximates their fair values using Level 2 inputs.

Investments

The cost and fair value of the Company's cash and cash equivalents and available-for-sale investments as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 were as follows:

	September 30, 2014			
	Cost Basis	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Cash and cash equivalents:				
Cash	\$29,886	\$—	\$—	\$29,886
Money market funds	164,731	—	—	164,731
Total	\$194,617	\$—	\$—	\$194,617
Short-term investments:				
Corporate debt securities	33,715	1	(37	) 33,679
Commercial paper	4,496	—	—	4,496
Total	\$38,211	\$1	\$(37	) \$38,175
	December 31, 2013			
	Cost Basis	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Cash and cash equivalents:				
Cash	\$28,692	\$—	\$—	\$28,692
Money market funds	215,094	—	—	215,094
Total	\$243,786	\$—	\$—	\$243,786
Short-term investments:				
Corporate debt securities	\$6,015	\$—	\$—	\$6,015
Certificate of deposit	2,000	—	—	2,000
Total	\$8,015	\$—	\$—	\$8,015

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, all investments mature in less than one year. Estimated fair values for marketable securities are based on quoted market prices for the same or similar instruments.

5. Commitments and Contingencies

Operating Leases

In March 2014, the Company entered into an amendment to extend the lease agreement of its corporate offices located in Sunnyvale, California through December 31, 2019, which included an expansion of office space. Overall, the Company has noncancellable operating leases with various expiration dates through December 2019.

Rent expense was \$987 and \$442, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, and \$2,385 and \$1,245, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

Capital Leases

Table of Contents

In July 2012, the Company entered into two lease agreements to lease certain office equipment with expiration dates in July and October 2015. These leases bear an annual interest rate of 4.5% and are secured by fixed assets used in the Company's office locations.

At September 30, 2014, future annual minimum lease payments under noncancellable operating and capital leases were as follows:

	Capital Leases	Operating Leases
Year ending December 31,		
2014, remainder	\$5	\$1,041
2015	11	5,236
2016	—	3,956
2017	—	2,979
2018	—	2,727
Thereafter	—	2,638
Total minimum lease payments	16	\$18,577
Less: Amount representing interest	(1)
Present value of capital lease obligations	15	
Less: current portion	(15)
Long-term portion of capital lease obligations	\$—	

Contingencies

Under the indemnification provisions of the Company's customer agreements, the Company agrees to indemnify and defend and hold harmless its customers against, among other things, infringement of any patent, trademark or copyright under any country's laws or the misappropriation of any trade secret arising from the customers' legal use of the Company's solutions. The exposure to the Company under these indemnification provisions is generally limited to the total amount paid by the customers under the applicable customer agreement. However, certain indemnification provisions potentially expose the Company to losses in excess of the aggregate amount paid to the Company by the customer under the applicable customer agreement. To date, there have been no claims against the Company or its customers pursuant to these indemnification provisions.

Legal Contingencies

From time to time, the Company may be involved in legal proceedings and subject to claims in the ordinary course of business. On December 16, 2013, Finjan, Inc. sued the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Armorize Technologies, Inc., in the United States District Court, Northern District of California for alleged patent infringement of a variety of its patents, demanding preliminary and permanent injunctive relief, and unspecified damages. The Company and Armorize filed an answer to the complaint on February 10, 2014. On April 15, 2014, Finjan's initial disclosures in the lawsuit alleged approximately \$13,500 in damages, but provide no basis or facts in support of this sum. On June 12, 2014, at the mandatory case management conference, the court ordered that the claims construction hearing be held in May 2015 and trial be set for January 2016, subject to later adjustment or delay. Based on the early stage of the claims and evaluation of the facts available at this time, the amount or range of reasonable possible losses to which the Company or Armorize is exposed cannot be estimated and the ultimate resolution of this matter and the associated financial impact, if any, remains uncertain at this time. The Company and Armorize intend to vigorously defend the lawsuit. Intellectual property litigation is subject to inherent uncertainties, and there can be no assurance that the expenses associated with defending any litigation or the resolution of this dispute would not have a material adverse impact on the Company's results of operations or cash flows. Regardless of the outcome, such proceedings and claims can have an adverse impact on the Company because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of resources and other factors, and there can be no assurances that favorable outcomes will be obtained.

6. Convertible Senior Notes

On December 11, 2013, the Company issued \$175,000 principal amount of 1.25% Convertible Senior Notes (the "Notes") due 2018 in a private offering to qualified institutional buyers ("Holders") pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities

14

Table of Contents

Act of 1944 (the "Exchange Act"), as amended. The initial Holders of the Notes also had an option to purchase an additional \$26,250 in principal amount which was exercised in full. The net proceeds after the agent's discount and issuance costs of \$5,803 from the Notes offering were approximately \$195,446. The Company intends to use the net proceeds for working capital and general corporate purposes, which may include funding the Company's operations, capital expenditures, potential acquisitions of businesses, products or technologies believed to be of strategic importance. The Notes bear interest at 1.25% per year, payable semi-annually in arrears every June 15 and December 15, beginning on June 15, 2014.

The Notes are unsecured and rank senior in right of payment to any indebtedness expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Notes. They rank equally with the Company's other existing and future unsecured indebtedness that is not subordinated and are structurally subordinated to any current or future secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing the indebtedness and other liabilities of the Company's subsidiaries.

The initial conversion rate is 25.6271 shares of the Company's common stock per \$1 principal amount of notes which equates to 5,158 shares of common stock, or a conversion price equivalent of \$39.02 per share of common stock. Throughout the term of the Notes, the conversion rate may be adjusted upon the occurrence of certain events, such as the payment of cash dividends or issuance of stock warrants. The Notes mature on December 15, 2018, unless repurchased, redeemed or converted in accordance with their terms prior to such date.

At the Company's option, on or after December 20, 2016, the Company will be able to redeem all or a portion of the Notes at 100% of the principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest, under certain conditions. The Company may redeem the Notes in shares of the Company's common stock, cash, or some combination of each.

Prior to June 15, 2018, the Notes will be convertible at the option of the Holders only upon the satisfaction of certain conditions and during certain periods if any of the following events occur:

during the calendar quarter commencing after March 31, 2014, if the last reported sale price of the Company's common stock is greater than or equal to 130% of the applicable conversion price on each such trading day for at least 20 trading days (whether or not consecutive) during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the preceding calendar quarter;

during the 5 business day period after any 5 consecutive trading day period in which the trading price, as defined, per \$1 principal amount of Notes for each trading day of such measurement period was less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of the Company's common stock and the applicable conversion rate on each such trading day;

- upon a notice of redemption by the Company; or
- upon the occurrence of specified corporate transactions.

Subsequent to June 15, 2018, Holders may convert their Notes at the applicable conversion rate at any time prior to the close of business on the second scheduled trading day immediately preceding the maturity date.

Holders of the Notes also have the right to require the Company to repurchase all or a portion of the Notes at 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid special interest, if any, upon the occurrence of certain fundamental changes to the Company.

In accordance with the authoritative accounting guidance, the Company allocated the total amount of the Notes into liability and equity components. The carrying value of the liability component at issuance was calculated as the present value of its cash flows using a discount rate of 6.5% based on the a blended rate between the yield rate for a Moody's B1-rating and the average debt rate for comparable convertible transactions from similar companies. The

difference between the Notes principal and the carrying value of the liability component, representing the value of conversion premium assigned to the equity component, was recorded as an increase to additional paid in capital and as a debt discount on the issuance date. The equity component is being accreted using the effective interest rate method over the period from the issuance date through December 15, 2018 as a non-cash charge to interest expense. The amount recorded to additional paid in capital is not remeasured as long as it continues to meet the conditions for equity classification. Upon issuance of the Notes, the Company recorded \$156,672 as debt and \$44,578 as additional paid in capital within stockholders' equity.

Additionally, the discount and issuance costs were bifurcated into debt issuance costs (attributable to the liability component) and equity issuance costs (attributable to the equity component) based on their relative fair values. The debt issuance costs were capitalized and recorded as deferred offering costs in other noncurrent assets and are being amortized to interest expense using the effective interest rate method from the issuance date through December 15, 2018. The equity issuance costs were recorded as a decrease to additional paid-in capital at the issuance date.

Table of Contents

At September 30, 2014, the net carrying amount of the liability component of the Notes consists of:

Liability component:		
Principal		\$201,250
Less: debt discount, net of amortization		(41,841)
Net carrying amount		\$159,409
Equity component (1)		\$43,293
(1) Recorded in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as additional paid-in capital, net of the \$1,285 issuance costs in equity		

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Company incurred the following interest expense related to the Notes:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2014	Nine Months Ended
1.25% coupon	\$629	\$1,882
Amortization of debt discount	2,190	6,481
Amortization of debt issuance costs	13	38
	\$2,832	\$8,401

7. Debt

Equipment Financing Loans

The Company entered into an equipment loan agreement with Silicon Valley Bank in April 2011 for an aggregate loan principal amount of \$6,000. Interest on the advances is equal to prime rate plus 0.5%. As of September 30, 2014, the interest rate on the outstanding advances was 4.5%. The Company had the ability to draw down on this equipment line through April 19, 2012. Each drawn amount is due 48 months after funding. Borrowings outstanding under the equipment loan at September 30, 2014 were \$1,094. Equipment financed under this loan arrangement is collateralized by the respective assets underlying the loan. The terms of the loan restrict the Company's ability to pay dividends. The loan includes a covenant that requires the Company to maintain cash and cash equivalents plus net accounts receivable of at least two times the amount of all outstanding indebtedness, excluding the impact from the Notes. As of September 30, 2014, the Company was in compliance with the financial covenant.

Interest expense was \$19 and \$33, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, and \$69 and \$113, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

At September 30, 2014, the remaining repayment commitments related to the equipment loans are as follows:

Year ending December 31,	
2014, remainder	\$410
2015	684
	\$1,094

8. Common Stock

Table of Contents

As of September 30, 2014, the Company is authorized to issue two classes of stock totaling 205,000 shares, of which 5,000 are designated as preferred stock and 200,000 are designated common stock, each with a par value of \$0.0001 per share. The Company had 37,869 and 36,140 shares, respectively, issued and outstanding at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

Number of shares of common stock reserved for future issuance was as follows:

	As of September 30, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
Shares available for future grant under the stock plans	5,155	4,584
Options outstanding under stock plans	5,848	7,223
Shares available for future issuance under ESPP	1,026	759
Common stock issuable upon exercise of warrant and settlement of outstanding restricted stock units	2,192	1,216
Common stock issuable upon conversion of the convertible senior notes	5,158	5,158
Total shares reserved	19,379	18,940

9. Stock Equity Plans

Stock-Based Compensation Plans

On March 30, 2012, the Board of Directors and the Company's stockholders approved the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2012 Plan"), which became effective in April 2012. The Company has two equity incentive plans: the Company's 2002 stock option plan (the "2002 Plan") and the 2012 Plan. Upon the initial public offering, all shares that were reserved under the 2002 Plan but not issued, and shares issued but subsequently returned to the plan through forfeitures, cancellations and repurchases became part of the 2012 Plan and no further shares will be granted pursuant to the 2002 Plan. All outstanding stock awards under the 2002 and 2012 Plans will continue to be governed by their existing terms. Under the 2012 Plan, the Company has the ability to issue incentive stock options ("ISOs"), nonstatutory stock options ("NSOs"), restricted stock awards, stock bonus awards, stock appreciation rights ("SARs"), restricted stock units ("RSUs"), and performance shares. The 2012 Plan also allows direct issuance of common stock to employees, outside directors and consultants at prices equal to the fair market value at the date of grant of options or issuance of common stock. Additionally, the 2012 Plan provides for the grant of performance cash awards to employees, directors and consultants. The Company has the right to repurchase any unvested shares (at the option exercise price) of common stock issued directly or under option exercises. The right of repurchase generally expires over the vesting period.

Under the 2002 and 2012 Plans, the term of an option grant shall not exceed 10 years from the date of its grant and options generally vest over a three to four-year period, with vesting on a monthly or annual interval. Under the 2012 Plan, 20,316 shares of common stock are reserved for issuance to eligible participants. Restricted stock awards generally vest over a four-year period. The number of shares available for grant and issuance under the 2012 Plan will be increased automatically on each January 1 of 2013 through 2016 by an amount equal to 5% of the Company's shares outstanding on the immediately preceding December 31, but not to exceed 3,724 shares, unless the Board of Directors, in its discretion, determines to make a smaller increase. As of September 30, 2014, 5,155 shares were available for future grant.

Stock Options

The fair value of options granted is estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option valuation model. This valuation model for stock-based compensation expense requires the Company to make assumptions and judgments about the variables used in the calculation, including the expected term (weighted-average period of time that the options granted are expected to be outstanding), the volatility of the common stock price, an assumed risk-free interest rate and the estimated forfeitures of unvested stock options. To the extent actual forfeitures differ from the estimates, the difference will be recorded as a cumulative adjustment in the period estimates are revised. No compensation cost

is recorded for options that do not vest and the compensation cost from vested options, whether forfeited or not, is not reversed.

Table of Contents

The weighted average fair value of stock options granted to employees was \$21.62 and \$16.60, respectively, during the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, and \$20.01 and \$8.31, respectively, during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013. The fair values were estimated on the grant dates using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended			
	September 30,		September 30,			
	2014	2013	2014	2013		
Expected life (in years)	6.08	6.08	5.31-6.08	5.31-6.08		
Volatility	56	% 61	% 54% - 58%	57% - 61%		
Risk-free interest rate	1.9	% 1.8	% 1.8% - 1.9%	0.9% - 1.8%		
Dividend yield	—	% —	% —	% —	% —	%

The estimate for expected life of options granted reflects the midpoint of the vesting term and the contractual life computed utilizing the simplified method as allowed by the SEC staff. The Company does not have significant historical share option exercise experience and hence considers the expected term assumption calculated using the simplified method to be reasonable. Since the Company's stock has been publicly traded for a limited time, the stock volatility assumptions represent an estimate of the historical volatilities of the common stock of a group of publicly-traded peer companies that operate in a similar industry. The estimate was determined based on the average historical volatilities of these peer companies. The risk-free interest rate used was the Federal Reserve Bank's constant maturities interest rate commensurate with the expected life of the options in effect at the time of the grant. The expected dividend yield was zero, as the Company does not anticipate paying a dividend within the relevant time frame. Expected forfeitures are estimated based on the Company's historical experience.

The Company realized no income tax benefit from stock option exercises in each of the periods presented due to recurring losses and the valuation allowances for deferred tax assets.

Stock option activity under the Plan is as follows:

	Shares subject to Options Outstanding		Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price		
Balance at December 31, 2013	7,223	\$8.17	6.82	\$180,543
Options granted	540	36.36		
Options exercised	(1,465	) 6.50		
Options forfeited and canceled	(450	) 14.36		
Balance at September 30, 2014	5,848	\$10.72	6.44	\$154,661

The total intrinsic value of options exercised was \$45,942 and \$39,434, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013. Total cash proceeds from such option exercises were \$9,515 and \$11,786, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

The fair value of option grants that vested was \$2,362 and \$1,410, respectively, during the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, and \$8,231 and \$5,178, respectively, during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

As of September 30, 2014, the Company had unamortized stock-based compensation expense of \$16,641 related to stock options, that will be recognized net of forfeitures over the average remaining vesting term of the options of 2.20 years.

Restricted Stock Units

18

Table of Contents

A summary of the status of RSUs awarded and unvested under the stock option plans as of September 30, 2014 is presented below:

	RSUs Outstanding	
	Number of Shares	Granted Fair Value Per Unit
Awarded and unvested at December 31, 2013	1,214	\$29.57
Awards granted	1,357	34.77
Awards vested	(217	) 37.75
Awards forfeited	(162	) 29.81
Awarded and unvested at September 30, 2014	2,192	\$32.49

As of September 30, 2014, there was \$46,834 of unamortized stock-based compensation expense related to unvested RSUs, which are expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 3.23 years.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

On March 30, 2012, the Board of Directors and the Company's stockholders approved the 2012 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"), which became effective in April 2012. A total of 745 shares of the Company's common stock was initially reserved for future issuance under the ESPP. The number of shares reserved for issuance under the ESPP will increase automatically on January 1 of each of the first eight years commencing with 2013 by the number of shares equal to 1% of the Company's shares outstanding on the immediately preceding December 31, but not to exceed 1,490 shares, unless the Board of Directors, in its discretion, determines to make a smaller increase. As of September 30, 2014, there were 1,026 shares of the Company's common stock available for future issuance under the ESPP.

There were no stock purchase rights granted under the ESPP during the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

The fair value of the option component of the ESPP shares was estimated at the grant date using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2014	2013	2014	2013	
Expected life (in years)	n/a	n/a	0.50	0.50	
Volatility	n/a	n/a	52	% 40	%
Risk-free interest rate	n/a	n/a	0.05	% 0.08	%
Dividend yield	n/a	n/a	—	% —	%

As of September 30, 2014, the Company expects to recognize \$223 of the total unamortized compensation cost related to employee purchases under the ESPP over a weighted average period of 0.13 years.

10. Net Loss per Share

Basic net loss per share of common stock is calculated by dividing the net loss by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding for the period. The weighted average number of shares of common stock used to calculate basic net loss per share of common stock excludes those shares subject to repurchase related to stock options that were exercised prior to vesting as these shares are not deemed to be issued for accounting purposes until they vest. Diluted net loss per share of common stock is computed by dividing the net loss using the weighted average number of shares of common stock, excluding common stock subject to repurchase, and, if dilutive, potential shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Basic and diluted net loss per common share was the same for all periods presented as the impact of all potentially dilutive securities outstanding was anti-dilutive.

Table of Contents

The following table presents the potentially dilutive common shares outstanding that were excluded from the computation of diluted net loss per share of common stock for the periods presented because including them would have been anti-dilutive:

	As of September 30,	
	2014	2013
Stock options to purchase common stock	5,848	7,379
Employee stock purchase plan	106	102
Common stock subject to repurchase	—	2
Restricted stock units	2,192	153
Convertible senior notes	5,158	—
Total	13,304	7,636

11. Segment Reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting supported and defined by the components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available, provided and is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker, or decision making group, in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. The Company's chief operating decision maker is its Chief Executive Officer. The Company's Chief Executive Officer reviews financial information presented on a consolidated basis and as a result, the Company concluded that there is only one operating and reportable segment.

The following set forth total revenue by solutions offered by the Company and geographic area. Revenue by geographic area is based upon the billing address of the customer:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Total revenue by solution:				
Privacy, Protection and Security	\$38,881	\$25,382	\$107,033	\$69,757
Archiving and Governance	11,430	9,121	32,380	27,337
Total revenue	\$50,311	\$34,503	\$139,413	\$97,094
	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Total revenue:				
United States	\$40,681	\$28,241	\$113,909	\$80,038
Rest of world	9,630	6,262	25,504	17,056
Total revenue	\$50,311	\$34,503	\$139,413	\$97,094

Long-lived assets by geographic area are presented below:

Table of Contents

	As of September 30, 2014	As of December 31, 2013
Long-lived assets:		
United States	\$ 15,284	\$ 9,425
Rest of world	3,085	1,796
Total long lived assets	\$ 18,369	\$ 11,221

12. Income Taxes

The Company's quarterly provision for income taxes is based on an estimated effective annual income tax rate. The Company's quarterly provision for income taxes also includes the tax impact of certain unusual or infrequently occurring items, if any, including changes in judgment about valuation allowances and effects of changes in tax laws or rates, in the interim period in which they occur.

Income tax expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 was \$149 and \$440 on pre-tax losses of \$17,196 and \$46,425, respectively. The Company recognized an income tax expense of \$207 during the three months ended September 30, 2013 and an income tax benefit of \$2,998 during the nine months ended September 30, 2013. These were based on three months and nine months pre-tax losses of \$6,982 and \$18,645, respectively. The income tax rate for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 varies from the United States statutory income tax rate primarily due to valuation allowances in the United States whereby pre-tax losses and gains do not result in the recognition of corresponding income tax benefits and expenses. The income tax rate for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 also varied from the United States statutory rate due to the recognition of a \$3,364 deferred income tax benefit related to the release of a valuation allowance in a certain foreign jurisdiction which occurred during the period.

The Company's effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 decreased to negative 1.0% from 16.1% for the same prior year period. The prior period's effective tax rate was impacted by the recognition of a \$3,364 deferred income tax benefit related to the release of a valuation allowance in a foreign jurisdiction.

The Company reviews the likelihood that it will realize the benefit of its deferred tax assets and, therefore, the need for valuation allowances, on a quarterly basis. There is no corresponding income tax benefit recognized with respect to losses incurred and no corresponding income tax expense recognized with respect to earnings generated in jurisdictions with a valuation allowance. This causes variability in the Company's effective tax rate. The Company intends to maintain the valuation allowances until it is more likely than not that the net deferred tax assets will be realized.

As of September 30, 2014, the Company's gross uncertain tax benefits totaled \$3,976, excluding related accrued interest and penalties of \$243. As of September 30, 2014, \$1,481 of the Company's uncertain tax benefits, including related accrued interest and penalties, would affect the effective tax rate if recognized. During the three months ended September 30, 2014, the Company's gross uncertain tax benefits increased \$34. The increase is comprised of a \$75 increase for tax positions taken in the current period offset by a \$40 decrease for tax positions taken in prior periods.

The Company is not currently under audit by the IRS or any similar taxing authority in any other material jurisdiction. The Company believes it has recorded all appropriate provisions for all jurisdictions and open years. However, the Company can give no assurance that taxing authorities will not propose adjustments that would increase its tax liabilities.

Table of Contents

13. Subsequent Events

On October 31, 2014, the Company completed the acquisition of privately-held Nexgate, Inc. ("Nexgate") for \$35,000. The results of Nexgate's operations will be included in the Consolidated Financial Statements following the acquisition date. The Company is currently evaluating the purchase price allocation following the consummation of the transaction. It is not possible to disclose the preliminary purchase price allocation or pro forma combined financial information given the short period of time between acquisition date and the filing of this report.

In October 2014, the Company entered into an amendment to extend the Taiwan office lease agreement for additional three years with the new expiration date of September 30, 2019.

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

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the (1) unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and (2) the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year 2013, or 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K. This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). These statements are often identified by the use of words such as "may," "will," "expect," "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "could," "estimate," or "continue" or similar expressions or variations. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results and the timing of certain events to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those identified herein, and those discussed in the section titled "Risk Factors", set forth in Part II, Item 1A of this Form 10-Q and in our other SEC filings, including our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K. We disclaim any obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements.

Overview

Proofpoint is a pioneering security-as-a-service ("SaaS") vendor that enables large and mid-sized organizations through out the world to defend, protect, archive and govern their most sensitive data. Our SaaS platform is comprised of an integrated suite of on-demand data protection solutions, including threat management, regulatory compliance, data governance, and secure communication.

We were founded in 2002 to provide a unified solution to help enterprises address their growing data security requirements. Our first solution was commercially released in 2003 to combat the burgeoning problem of spam and viruses and their impact on corporate email systems. As the threat environment has continued to evolve, we have dedicated significant resources to meet the ongoing challenges that this highly dynamic environment creates for our customers such as investing significantly to expand the breadth of our data protection platform as these expenditures are primarily in connection with the replacement and upgrade of equipment to lower the cost of deployment as well as to improve the efficiency for our cloud-based architecture.

Our business is based on a recurring revenue model. Our customers pay a subscription fee to license the various components of our SaaS platform for a contract term that is typically one to three years. At the end of the license term, customers may renew their subscription and in each year since the launch of our first solution in 2003, we have retained over 90% of our customers. We derive this retention rate by calculating the total annually recurring subscription revenue from customers currently using our SaaS platform and dividing it by the total annually recurring subscription revenue from both these current customers as well as all business lost through non-renewal. A growing number of our customers increase their annual subscription fees after their initial purchase by broadening their use of our platform or by adding more users, and these sales have consistently represented 15% or more of our billings each

year since 2008. As our business has grown, our subscription revenue has increased as a percentage of our total revenue, from 90% of total revenue in 2011 to 96% in the three months ended September 30, 2014.

We market and sell our solutions to large and mid-sized organizations both directly through our field and inside sales teams and indirectly through a hybrid model where our sales organization actively assists our network of distributors and

22

Table of Contents

resellers. We also derive a lesser portion of our total revenue from the license of our solutions to strategic partners who offer our solutions in conjunction with one or more of their own products or services.

Our solutions are designed to be implemented, configured and operated without the need for any training or professional services. For those customers that seek to develop deeper expertise in the use of our solutions or would like assistance with complex configurations or the importing of data, we offer various training and professional services. In some cases, we provide a hardware appliance to those customers that elect to host elements of our solution behind their firewall. Increasing adoption of virtualization in the data center has led to a decline in the sales of our hardware appliances and a shift towards our software-based virtual appliances, which are delivered as a download via the Internet. Our hardware and services offerings carry lower margins and are provided as a courtesy to our customers. We expect the overall proportion of revenue derived from the hardware and services offerings to generally remain below 10% of our total revenue.

Historically, the majority of our revenue is derived from our customers in the United States. We believe the markets outside of the United States offer an opportunity for growth and we intend to make additional investments in sales and marketing to expand in these markets. Revenue from customers outside of the United States grew 54% for the three months ended September 30, 2014 as compared to the prior year period. As of September 30, 2014, we had approximately 3,200 customers around the world, including 41 of the Fortune 100. In terms of customer concentration, one partner accounted for 12% of our total revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2014, although the partner sold to a number of end-user customers, none which accounted for more than 10% of our total revenue. Other than the aforementioned partner above, there were no other single partners or customers that accounted for more than 10% of our total revenue in the three months ended September 30, 2014.

We have not been profitable to date and will need to grow revenue at a rate faster than our investments in cost of revenue and operating expenses in order to achieve profitability, as discussed in more detail below.

We completed six acquisitions between January 1, 2013 and through September 30, 2014 to complement our solutions offerings which are more fully described in Note 2 to our accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in this report.

Key Opportunities and Challenges

The majority of costs associated with generating customer agreements are incurred up front. These upfront costs include direct incremental sales commissions, which are recognized upon the billing of the contract. The costs associated with the teams tasked with closing business with new customers and additional business with our existing customers have represented more than 90% of our total sales and marketing costs since 2008. Although we expect customers to be profitable over the duration of the customer relationship, these upfront costs typically exceed related revenue during the earlier periods of a contract. As a result, while our practice of invoicing our customers for the entire amount of the contract at the start of the term provides us with a relatively immediate contribution to cash flow, the revenue is recognized ratably over the term of the contract, and hence contributions toward operating income are limited in the period where these sales and marketing costs are incurred. Accordingly, an increase in the mix of new customers as a percentage of total customers would likely negatively impact our near-term operating results. On the other hand, we expect that an increase in the mix of existing customers as a percentage of total customers would positively impact our operating results over time. As we accumulate customers that continue to renew their contracts, we anticipate that our mix of existing customers will increase, contributing to a decrease in our sales and marketing costs as a percentage of total revenue and a commensurate improvement in our operating income.

As part of maintaining our SaaS platform, we provide ongoing updates and enhancements to the platform services both in terms of the software as well as the underlying hardware and data center infrastructure. These updates and enhancements are provided to our customers at no additional charge as part of the subscription fees paid for the use of

our platform. While more traditional products eventually become obsolete and require replacement, we are constantly updating and maintaining our cloud-based services and as such they operate with a continuous product life cycle. Much of this work is designed to both maintain and enhance the customers' experiences over time while also lowering our costs to deliver the service, as evidenced by our improvements in gross profit over the past three years. Our SaaS platform is a shared infrastructure that is used by all of our customers. Accordingly, the costs of the platform are spread in a relatively uniform manner across the entire customer base and no specific infrastructure elements are directly attached to any particular customer. As such, in the event that a customer chooses to not renew its subscription, the underlying resources are reallocated either to new customers or to accommodate the expanding needs of our existing customers and, as a result, we do not believe that the loss of any particular customer has a meaningful impact on our gross profit as long as we continue to grow our customer base.

Table of Contents

To date, our customers have primarily used our solutions in conjunction with email messaging content. We have developed solutions to address the new and evolving messaging solutions such as social media and file sharing applications, but these solutions are relatively nascent. If customers increase their use of these new messaging solutions in the future, we anticipate that our growth in revenue associated with older email messaging solutions may slow over time. Although revenue associated with our social media and file sharing applications has not been material to date, we believe that our ability to provide security, archiving, governance and discovery for these new solutions will be viewed as valuable by our existing customers, enabling us to derive revenue from these new forms of messaging and communication.

While the majority of our current and prospective customers run their email systems on premise, we believe that there is a trend for large and mid-sized enterprises to migrate these systems to the cloud. While our current revenue derived from customers using cloud-based email systems continues to grow as a percentage of our total revenue, many of these cloud-based email solutions offer some form of threat protection and governance services, potentially mitigating the need for customers to buy these capabilities from third parties such as ourselves. We believe that we can continue to provide security, archiving, governance, and discovery solutions that are differentiated from the services offered by cloud-based email providers, and as such our platform will continue to be viewed as valuable to enterprises once they have migrated their email services to the cloud, enabling us to continue to derive revenue from this new trend toward cloud-based email deployment models.

With the majority of our business, we invoice our customers for the entire contract amount at the start of the term and these amounts are recorded as deferred revenue on our balance sheet, with the dollar weighted average duration of these contracts for any given period over the past three years typically ranging from 17 to 22 months. As a result, while our practice of invoicing customers for the entire amount of the contract at the start of the term provides us with a relatively immediate contribution to cash flow, the revenue is recognized ratably over the term of the contract, and hence contributions toward operating income are realized over an extended period. As such, our efforts to improve our profitability require us to invest far less in operating expenses than the cash flow generated by our business might otherwise allow. As we strive to invest in an effort to continue to increase the size and scale of our business, we expect that the level of investment afforded by our growth in revenue should be sufficient to fund the investments needed to drive revenue growth and broaden our product line.

Considering all of these factors, we do not expect to be profitable on a GAAP basis in the near term and in order to achieve profitability we will need to grow revenue at a rate faster than our investments in operating expenses and cost of revenue.

We intend to grow our revenue through acquiring new customers by investing in our sales and marketing activities. We believe that an increase in new customers in the near term will result in a larger base of renewal customers, which, over time, we expect to be more profitable for us.

Sales and marketing is our greatest expense and hence a significant contributing factor to our operating losses. Given that our costs to acquire new revenue sources, either in the form of new customers or the sale of additional solutions to existing customers, often exceed the actual revenue recognized in the initial periods, we believe that our opportunity to improve our return on investment on sales and marketing costs relies primarily on our ongoing ability to cost-effectively renew our business with existing customers, thereby lowering our overall sales and marketing costs as a percentage of revenue as the mix of revenue derived from this more profitable renewal activity increases over time. Therefore, we anticipate that our initial significant investments in sales and marketing activities will, over time, generate a larger base of more profitable customers. Cost of subscription revenue is also a significant expense for us, and we expect to continue to build on the improvements over the past three years, such as in replacing third-party technology with our proprietary technology and improving the utilization of our fixed investments in equipment and infrastructure, in order to provide the opportunity for improved subscription gross margins over time. Although we

plan to continue enhancing our solutions, we intend to lower our rate of investment in research and development as a percentage of revenue over time by deriving additional revenue from our existing platform of solutions rather than by adding entirely new categories of solutions. In addition, as personnel costs are one of the primary drivers of the increases in our operating expenses, we plan to reduce our historical rate of headcount growth over time.

Key Metrics

We regularly review a number of metrics, including the following key metrics presented in the table below, to evaluate our business, measure our performance, identify trends in our business, prepare financial projections and make strategic decisions. Many of these key metrics, such as adjusted subscription gross profit, billings and adjusted EBITDA, are non-GAAP measures. This non-GAAP information is not necessarily comparable to non-GAAP information of other companies. Non-GAAP information should not be viewed as a substitute for, or superior to, net loss prepared in accordance with GAAP as a

Table of Contents

measure of our profitability or liquidity. Users of this financial information should consider the types of events and transactions for which adjustments have been made.

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended			
	September 30,		September 30,			
	2014	2013	2014	2013		
	(in thousands)		(in thousands)			
Total revenue	\$50,311	\$34,503	\$139,413	\$97,094		
Growth	46	% 27	% 44	% 25		%
Subscription revenue	\$48,506	\$33,464	\$134,757	\$92,732		
Growth	45	% 29	% 45	% 25		%
Adjusted subscription gross profit	\$36,031	\$25,298	\$101,013	\$69,628		
% of subscription revenue	74	% 76	% 75	% 75		%
Billings	\$62,132	\$41,357	\$158,814	\$111,563		
Growth	50	% 38	% 42	% 39		%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$260	\$(935)	\$(990)	\$(3,965))

Subscription revenue

Subscription revenue represents the recurring subscription fees paid by our customers and recognized as revenue during the period for the use of our security-as-a-service platform, typically licensed for one to three years at a time. We consider subscription revenue to be a key business metric because it reflects the recurring aspect of our business model and is the primary driver of growth for our business over time. The consistent growth in subscription revenue over the past several years has resulted from our ongoing investment in sales and marketing personnel, our efforts to expand our customer base, and our efforts to broaden the use of our platform with existing customers.

Adjusted subscription gross profit

We have included adjusted subscription gross profit, a non GAAP financial measure, in this report because it is a key measure used by our management and board of directors to understand and evaluate our operating results, core operating performance, and trends to prepare and approve our annual budget and to develop short and long-term operational plans. We define adjusted subscription gross profit as subscription gross profit, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, less stock-based compensation expense and the amortization of intangible assets associated with acquisitions which we have provided a reconciliation below. We believe that adjusted subscription gross profit provides useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our operating results in the same manner as our management and board of directors.

Our use of adjusted subscription gross profit has limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider it in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Because of these limitations, you should consider adjusted subscription gross profit alongside other financial performance measures, including subscription gross profit and our other GAAP results.

The following table presents the reconciliation of subscription gross profit to adjusted subscription gross profit for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013:

Table of Contents

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2014 (in thousands)	2013	September 30, 2014 (in thousands)	2013
Subscription revenue	\$48,506	\$33,464	\$134,757	\$92,732
Cost of subscription revenue	14,300	8,937	38,295	25,042
Subscription gross profit	34,206	24,527	96,462	67,690
Stock based compensation	715	203	1,638	631
Amortization of intangible assets	1,110	568	2,913	1,307
Adjusted subscription gross profit	\$36,031	\$25,298	\$101,013	\$69,628

Billings

We have included billings, a non GAAP financial measure, in this report because it is a key measure used by our management and board of directors to manage our business and monitor our near term cash flows. We have provided a reconciliation between total revenue, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, and billings.

Accordingly, we believe that billings provides useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our operating results in the same manner as our management and board of directors.

Our use of billings as a non-GAAP measure has limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider it in isolation or as a substitute for revenue or an analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are:

• Billings is not a substitute for revenue, as trends in billings are not necessarily directly correlated to trends in revenue; Billings is affected by a combination of factors including the timing of renewals, the sales of our solutions to both new and existing customers, the relative duration of contracts sold, and the relative amount of business derived from strategic partners. As each of these elements has unique characteristics in the relationship between billings and revenue, our billings activity is not necessarily closely correlated to revenue; and

Other companies, including companies in our industry, may not use billings, may calculate billings differently, or may use other financial measures to evaluate their performance all of which reduce the usefulness of billings as a comparative measure.

The following table presents the reconciliation of total revenue to billings for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2014 (in thousands)	2013	September 30, 2014 (in thousands)	2013
Total revenue	\$50,311	\$34,503	\$139,413	\$97,094
Deferred revenue				
Ending	143,384	101,328	143,384	101,328
Beginning	131,563	94,474	123,983	86,859
Net change	11,821	6,854	19,401	14,469
Billings	\$62,132	\$41,357	\$158,814	\$111,563
Adjusted EBITDA				

Table of Contents

We define adjusted EBITDA as net loss, adjusted to exclude: depreciation, amortization of intangibles, interest (income) expense, net, provision for (benefit from) income taxes, stock based compensation, acquisition- and litigation-related expenses, other income, and other expense. We believe that adjusted EBITDA is useful to investors and other users of our financial statements in evaluating our operating performance because it provides them with an additional tool to compare business performance across companies and across periods. We believe that:

Adjusted EBITDA provides investors and other users of our financial information consistency and comparability with our past financial performance, facilitates period-to-period comparisons of operations and facilitates comparisons with our peer companies, many of which use similar non-GAAP financial measures to supplement their GAAP results; and It is useful to exclude certain non-cash charges, such as depreciation, amortization of intangible assets and stock based compensation and non-core operational charges, such as acquisition- and litigation-related expenses, from adjusted EBITDA because the amount of such expenses in any specific period may not be directly correlated to the underlying performance of our business operations and these expenses can vary significantly between periods as a result of new acquisitions, full amortization of previously acquired tangible and intangible assets or the timing of new stock based awards, as the case may be.

We use adjusted EBITDA in conjunction with traditional GAAP operating performance measures as part of our overall assessment of our performance, for planning purposes, including the preparation of our annual operating budget, to evaluate the effectiveness of our business strategies and to communicate with our board of directors concerning our financial performance.

We do not place undue reliance on adjusted EBITDA as our only measure of operating performance. Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as a substitute for other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with GAAP. There are limitations to using non-GAAP financial measures, including that other companies may calculate these measures differently than we do, that they do not reflect our capital expenditures or future requirements for capital expenditures and that they do not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital.

The following table presents the reconciliation of net loss to adjusted EBITDA for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
	(in thousands)		(in thousands)	
Net loss	\$(17,345	) \$(7,189	) \$(46,865	) \$(15,647
Depreciation	2,486	1,513	6,522	4,150
Amortization of intangible assets	2,250	909	6,319	1,973
Interest expense, net	2,814	11	8,385	4
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	149	207	440	(2,998
EBITDA	(9,646	) (4,549	) (25,199	) (12,518
Stock-based compensation expense	8,496	2,379	21,797	6,602
Acquisition-related expense	21	1,587	379	1,788
Litigation-related expense	209	—	661	—
Other income	(29	) (24	) (43	) (28
Other expense (income), net	1,209	(328	) 1,415	191
Adjusted EBITDA	\$260	\$(935	) \$(990	) \$(3,965

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Table of Contents

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based upon our accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates, assumptions and judgments that can have significant impact on the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of our financial statements. We base our estimates, assumptions and judgments on historical experience and various other factors that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. On a regular basis we evaluate our estimates, assumptions and judgments and make changes accordingly.

We believe that the estimates, assumptions and judgments involved in business combinations, revenue recognition, deferred revenue, stock-based compensation and accounting for income taxes have the greatest potential impact on our accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, and consider these to be our critical accounting policies. Historically, our estimates, assumptions and judgments relative to our critical accounting policies have not differed materially from actual results. The critical accounting estimates associated with these policies are described in our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K, under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." There have been no material changes to our significant accounting policies as compared to the significant accounting policies described in our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Components of Our Results of Operations

Business Combinations

In each of our acquisitions, we used the purchase method of accounting which requires us to allocate the fair value of the total consideration transferred to tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values on the date of the acquisition, with the difference between the net assets acquired and the total consideration transferred recorded as goodwill. The fair values assigned, defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between willing market participants, are based on significant estimates and assumptions determined by management. These estimates and assumptions are inherently uncertain and subject to refinement, as a result, during the adjustment period, which may be up to one year from the acquisition date, we may record adjustments to the assets acquired or liabilities assumed with any corresponding offset to goodwill. Upon conclusion of the measurement period or final determination of the values of assets acquired or liabilities assumed, whichever comes first, any subsequent adjustments are recorded to our accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

We used either the discounted cash flow method or the replacement cost method to assign fair values to acquired identifiable intangible assets. This method requires significant management judgment to forecast future operating results and establish residual growth rates and discount factors. These models are based on reasonable estimates and assumptions given available facts and circumstances, including industry estimates and averages, as of the acquisition dates and are consistent with the plans and estimates that we use to manage our business. If the subsequent actual results and updated projections of the underlying business activity change compared with the estimates and assumptions used to develop these values, we could experience impairment charges. In addition, we have estimated the economic lives of certain acquired assets and these lives are used to calculate depreciation and amortization expense. If our estimates of the economic lives change, depreciation or amortization expenses could be accelerated or slowed.

Revenue

We derive our revenue primarily through the license of various solutions and services on our security-as-a-service platform on a subscription basis, supplemented by the sales of training, professional services and hardware depending upon our customers' requirements.

Subscription. We license our platform and its associated solutions and services on a subscription basis. The fees are charged on a per user, per year basis. Subscriptions are typically one to three years in duration. We invoice our

customers upon signing for the entire term of the contract. The invoiced amounts billed in advance are treated as deferred revenue on the balance sheet and are recognized ratably, in accordance with the appropriate revenue recognition guidelines, over the term of the contract (as more fully described above. We also derive a portion of our subscription revenue from the license of our solutions to strategic partners. We bill these strategic partners monthly. We expect our subscription revenue will continue to grow and remain above 90% of our total revenue.

Table of Contents

Hardware and services. We provide hardware appliances as a convenience to our customers and as such it represents a small part of our business. Our solutions are designed to be implemented, configured and operated without the need for any training or professional services. For those customers that seek to develop deeper expertise in the use of our solutions or would like assistance with complex configurations or the importing of data, we offer various training and professional services. We typically invoice the customer for hardware at the time of shipment. We typically invoice customers for services at the time the order is placed and recognize this revenue ratably over the term of the contract. On occasion, customers may retain us for special projects such as archiving import and export services; these types of services are recognized upon completion of the project. We expect the overall proportion of revenue derived from hardware and service offerings to generally remain below 10% of our total revenue.

Total Cost of Revenue

Our cost of revenues consists of cost of subscription revenue and cost of hardware and services revenue. Personnel costs, which consist of salaries, benefits, bonuses, and stock based compensation, data center costs and hardware costs are the most significant components of our cost of revenues. We expect personnel costs to continue to increase in absolute dollars as we hire new employees to continue to grow our business.

Cost of Subscription Revenue. Cost of subscription revenue primarily includes personnel costs, consisting of salaries, benefits, bonuses, and stock based compensation, for employees who provide support services to our customers and operate our data centers. Other costs include fees paid to contractors who supplement our support and data center personnel; expenses related to the use of third party data centers in both the United States and internationally; depreciation of data center equipment; amortization of licensing fees and royalties paid for the use of third party technology; amortization of capitalized research and development costs; and the amortization of intangible assets related to prior acquisitions. Growth in subscription revenue generally consumes production resources, requiring us to gradually increase our cost of subscription revenue in absolute dollars as we expand our investment in data center equipment, the third-party data center space required to house this equipment, and the personnel needed to manage this higher level of activity. However, we have reduced our cost of subscription revenue as we have replaced third party licensed technology with our proprietary technology, and we expect the benefit of these initiatives to continue in future periods.

Cost of Hardware and Services Revenue. Cost of hardware and services revenue includes personnel costs for employees who provide training and professional services to our customers as well as the cost of server hardware shipped to our customers that we procure from third parties and configure with our software solutions. We expect that cost of hardware and services revenue may gradually increase as a percentage of hardware and services revenue in future periods, as the remaining deferred costs are amortized over remaining contract terms.

Operating Expenses

Our operating expenses consist of research and development, sales and marketing, and general and administrative expenses. Personnel costs, which consist of salaries, benefits, bonuses, and stock based compensation, are the most significant component of our operating expenses. We expect personnel costs to continue to increase in absolute dollars as we hire new employees to continue to grow our business. Our headcount has increased 51% from December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2013. As a result of this growth in headcount, operating expenses have increased significantly over these periods. We expect personnel costs to continue to increase in absolute dollars as we hire new employees to continue to grow our business.

Research and Development. Research and development expenses include personnel costs, consulting services and depreciation. We believe that these investments have played an important role in broadening the capabilities of our platform over the course of our operating history, enhancing the relevance of our solutions in the market in general and helping us to retain our customers over time. We expect to continue to devote substantial resources to research and development in an effort to continuously improve our existing solutions as well as to develop new offerings. We

believe that these investments are necessary to maintain and improve our competitive position, however, over the longer term, we intend to monitor these costs so as to decrease this spending as a percentage of total revenue. Our research efforts include both software developed for our internal use on behalf of our customers as well as software elements to be used by our customers in their own facilities. To date, our capitalized costs on software developed for internal use on behalf of our customers were not material. For the software developed for use on our customers' premises, the costs associated with the development work between technological feasibility and the general availability has not been material and as such we have not capitalized any of these development costs to date.

Sales and Marketing. Sales and marketing expenses include personnel costs, sales commissions, and other costs including travel and entertainment, marketing and promotional events, public relations and marketing activities. All of these costs are expensed

Table of Contents

as incurred, including sales commissions. These costs also include amortization of intangible assets as a result of our past acquisitions. Due to our continued investment in growing our sales and marketing operations, both domestically and internationally, headcount increases were reflected in higher compensation expense consistent with our revenue growth. Our sales personnel are typically not immediately productive, and therefore the increase in sales and marketing expenses we incur when we add new sales representatives is not immediately offset by increased revenue and may not result in increased revenue over the long-term if these new sales people fail to become productive. The timing of our hiring of new sales personnel and the rate at which they generate incremental revenue will affect our future financial performance. We expect that sales and marketing expenses will continue to increase in absolute dollars and be among the most significant components of our operating expenses.

General and Administrative. General and administrative expenses consist of personnel costs, consulting services, audit fees, tax services, legal expenses and other general corporate items. As a result of our operational growth, we expect our general and administrative expenses to increase in absolute dollars in future periods as we continue to expand our operations and hire additional personnel.

Total Other Income (Expense), Net

Total other income (expense), net, consists of interest income (expense), net and other income (expense), net. Interest income (expense), net, consists primarily of interest income earned on our cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments offset by the interest expense related to our convertible senior notes, our capital lease payments and borrowings under our equipment loans. Other income (expense), net, consists primarily of the net effect of foreign currency transaction gains or losses.

(Provision for) Benefit from Income Taxes

The (provision for) benefit from income taxes is related to certain state and foreign income taxes. As we have incurred operating losses in all periods to date and recorded a full valuation allowance against our deferred tax assets, we have not historically recorded a provision for federal income taxes. Realization of any of our deferred tax assets depends upon future earnings, the timing and amount of which are uncertain. Utilization of our net operating losses may be subject to substantial annual limitation due to the ownership change limitations provided by the Internal Revenue Code and similar state provisions. Analyses have been conducted to determine whether an ownership change had occurred since inception. The analyses have indicated that although an ownership change occurred in a prior year, the net operating losses and research and development credits would not expire before utilization as a result of the ownership change. In the event we have subsequent changes in ownership, net operating losses and research and development credit carryovers could be limited and may expire unutilized as a result of the subsequent ownership change.

Results of Operations

The following table is a summary of our consolidated statements of operations and results of operations as a percentage of our total revenue for those periods.

Table of Contents

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2014				2013				Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014				2013			
	Amount	% of revenue			Amount	% of revenue			Amount	% of revenue			Amount	% of revenue		
	(\$ in thousands)								(\$ in thousands)							
Revenue:																
Subscription	\$48,506	96	%	\$33,464	97	%	\$134,757	97	%	\$92,732	96	%				
Hardware and services	1,805	4		1,039	3		4,656	3		4,362	4					
Total revenue	50,311	100		34,503	100		139,413	100		97,094	100					
Cost of revenue:																
Subscription	14,300	28		8,937	26		38,295	27		25,042	26					
Hardware and services	2,964	6		1,409	4		7,941	6		3,851	4					
Total cost of revenue	17,264	34		10,346	30		46,236	33		28,893	30					
Gross profit	33,047	66		24,157	70		93,177	67		68,201	70					
Operating expense:																
Research and development	13,454	27		8,307	24		37,700	27		23,460	24					
Sales and marketing	25,662	51		17,415	50		72,660	52		49,782	51					
General and administrative	7,133	14		5,758	17		19,485	14		13,437	14					
Total operating expense	46,249	92		31,480	91		129,845	93		86,679	89					
Operating loss	(13,202)	(26)		(7,323)	(21)		(36,668)	(26)		(18,478)	(19)					
Interest expense, net	(2,814)	(6)		(11)	—		(8,385)	(6)		(4)	—					
Other income (expense), net	(1,180)	(2)		352	1		(1,372)	(1)		(163)	—					
Loss before (provision for) benefit from income taxes	(17,196)	(34)		(6,982)	(20)		(46,425)	(33)		(18,645)	(19)					
(Provision for) benefit from income taxes	(149)	—		(207)	(1)		(440)	(1)		2,998	3					
Net loss	\$(17,345)	(34)%		\$(7,189)	(21)%		\$(46,865)	(34)%		\$(15,647)	(16)%					

Comparison of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013:

Revenue

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2014			% Change	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014			% Change
	2013		(in thousands)		2013		(in thousands)	
Revenue								
Subscription	\$48,506	\$33,464	45	%	\$134,757	\$92,732	45	%
Hardware and services	1,805	1,039	74		4,656	4,362	7	
Total revenue	\$50,311	\$34,503	46	%	\$139,413	\$97,094	44	%

Subscription revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 increased \$15.0 million, or 45%, and \$42.0 million, or 45%, as compared to the corresponding periods last year. These increases were primarily due to a \$12.0 million and \$34.4 million, respectively, increase in subscription revenue contributed from the United States, including \$1.5 million and \$5.7 million, respectively, released from deferred revenue related to an acquisition in the fourth quarter of 2013. To a lesser extent, for the same period, there was an increase of \$3.0 million and \$7.6 million, respectively, from our international operations. These increases were due to our ongoing investment in sales and

marketing resources, including net

31

Table of Contents

headcount increase in sales and marketing personnel, combined with improved demand for our platform worldwide due to a shift in the overall threat landscape, the growth of business-to-business collaboration as well as the consumerization of IT which led to the increase in demand for data protection and governance solutions.

Hardware and services revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2014 increased \$0.8 million, or 74%, as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2013 due to additional units sold. It increased \$0.3 million, or 7%, during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 as compared to the corresponding period last year, primarily due to the increase in hardware revenue and partially offset by the timing of professional services revenue recognition upon completion of the service during the first quarter of 2013, that did not recur during the first quarter of 2014.

Cost of Revenue

	Three Months Ended September 30,			% Change	Nine Months Ended September 30,			% Change
	2014 (in thousands)	2013			2014 (in thousands)	2013		
Cost of revenue								
Subscription	\$14,300	\$8,937	60	%	\$38,295	\$25,042	53	%
Hardware and services	2,964	1,409	110		7,941	3,851	106	
Total cost of revenue	\$17,264	\$10,346	67	%	\$46,236	\$28,893	60	%

Cost of subscription revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 increased \$5.4 million, or 60%, and \$13.3 million, or 53%, respectively, as compared to the corresponding periods last year. Operations-related expenses increased \$3.0 million and \$7.0 million, respectively, as a result of higher headcount costs, ISP network services, expenses related to computer equipment, computer supplies and software, depreciation of fixed assets to support the revenue growth and amortization of intangible assets from 2013 acquisitions, partially offset by a decrease in amortization expense of intangible assets acquired in 2011. Customer-support related expenses increased \$0.9 million and \$2.7 million, respectively, driven by increased headcount costs and consulting services as a result of our growth in the periods. The increase of \$0.8 million and \$2.3 million, respectively, in data center costs was due to the ongoing growth in usage by new and existing customers as we expanded operations in 2014. Royalty expense increased \$0.4 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, due to increased revenue during the three months ended September 30, 2014, costs from license agreements acquired from an acquisition in the fourth quarter of 2013 as well as the costs from the write-off of a prepaid third-party license agreement during the first quarter of 2014, partially offset by a net decrease in royalty rates.

Cost of hardware and service revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 increased \$1.6 million, or 110%, and \$4.1 million, or 106%, respectively, as compared to the corresponding periods last year. This increase was primarily due to the increase in units sold in the period, headcount-related costs, travel and consulting expenses as we expanded operations during 2014.

Operating Expenses

	Three Months Ended September 30,			% Change	Nine Months Ended September 30,			% Change
	2014 (in thousands)	2013			2014 (in thousands)	2013		
Research and development	\$13,454	\$8,307	62	%	\$37,700	\$23,460	61	%
Percent of total revenue	27	% 24	%		27	% 24	%	

Research and development expense increased \$5.1 million, or 62%, and \$14.2 million, or 61%, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 as compared to the corresponding period last year. This change was primarily due to increased personnel costs of \$4.7 million and \$12.7 million, including increases of \$2.5 million and \$5.9 million, respectively,

Table of Contents

in stock-based compensation expense, as a result of headcount increases, partially due to the acquisitions in 2013 and through the second quarter of 2014, as we continued our focus on enhancing and expanding our solutions and platforms. We also incurred more corporate expenses of \$0.4 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, driven by higher allocated costs from facilities, human resources and IT-support functions.

	Three Months Ended September 30,			% Change	Nine Months Ended September 30,			% Change
	2014	2013	(in thousands)		2014	2013	(in thousands)	
Sales and marketing	\$25,662	\$17,415		47 %	\$72,660	\$49,782		46 %
Percent of total revenue	51	% 50	%		52	% 51	%	

Sales and marketing expense increased \$8.2 million, or 47%, and \$22.9 million, or 46%, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the corresponding period last year. Headcount increase on a worldwide basis resulted in increased employee compensation-related expenses of \$6.9 million and \$18.2 million, respectively, which include increases in stock-based compensation expense of \$1.8 million and \$4.7 million. Corporate expenses increased \$0.8 million and \$2.6 million, respectively, primarily due to increase in intangible amortization expense from the acquisitions in 2013. Facility and travel related expenses increased \$0.6 million and \$1.7 million, respectively, primarily due to sales expansion and increased headcount. Outside services increased \$0.4 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, to support the sales headcount increase, offset by decreases of \$0.4 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, in various marketing expenses.

	Three Months Ended September 30,			% Change	Nine Months Ended September 30,			% Change
	2014	2013	(in thousands)		2014	2013	(in thousands)	
General and administrative	\$7,133	\$5,758		24 %	\$19,485	\$13,437		45 %
Percent of total revenue	14	% 17	%		14	% 14	%	

General and administrative expense increased \$1.4 million, or 24%, and \$6.0 million, or 45%, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 as compared to the corresponding period last year. This change was primarily due to increases in personnel costs of \$2.1 million and \$5.3 million, respectively, from higher headcount, as well as increases of \$0.3 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, in other corporate expenses such as tax and audit fees, legal, sales and use taxes, and \$0.2 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, increases in outside services as we expanded operations, offset by a reduction of \$1.3 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, in fees incurred related to the five acquisitions in 2013.

Other Income (Expense), Net

	Three Months Ended September 30,			% Change	Nine Months Ended September 30,			% Change
	2014	2013	(in thousands)		2014	2013	(in thousands)	
Other income (expense), net	\$(1,180)	\$352		435 %	\$(1,372)	\$(163)		(742)%

Total other income (expense), net decreased \$1.5 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, as compared to the corresponding period last year, primarily due to greater fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates during the three months ended September 30, 2014.

(Provision For) Benefit From Income Taxes

Table of Contents

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	September 30, 2014 (in thousands)	2013	% Change	September 30, 2014 (in thousands)	2013	% Change
(Provision for) benefit from income taxes	\$(149)	\$(207)	(28)%	\$(440)	\$2,998	(115)%

We recorded an income tax expense of \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million during the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014 we recorded an income tax expense of \$0.4 million as compared to an income tax benefit of \$3.0 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2013. The change in the nine month results is primarily due to a \$3.4 million discrete benefit in the prior period for the release of a valuation allowance on certain Canadian deferred tax assets.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of September 30, 2014, we had \$194.6 million in cash and cash equivalents.

In December 2013, we issued total aggregate principal amount of \$201.3 million of 1.25% convertible senior notes (the "Notes") for net proceeds of \$195.4 million after \$5.8 million of discount and issuance costs. The Notes bear interest at 1.25% per year, and are payable in arrears every June 15 and December 15, beginning on June 15, 2014. They mature on December 15, 2018 and will be subject to redemption, conversion or repurchase based on certain terms and conditions prior to the maturity date, with the conversion rate subject to change depending on various factors. The Notes were initially convertible into 25.6271 shares of our stock per \$1,000 principal amount of notes which equates to approximately 5.2 million shares of common stock, or a conversion price of \$39.02 per share of common stock.

We have also utilized equipment lines to fund capital purchases. In April 2011, we entered into an equipment loan agreement with Silicon Valley Bank for an aggregate loan principal amount of \$6.0 million. Interest on the advances is equal to the prime rate plus 0.50%. As of September 30, 2014, the interest rate on the outstanding advances was 4.50%. We had the ability to draw down on this equipment line through April 19, 2012 and each drawn amount is due 48 months after funding. Borrowings outstanding under the equipment loan at September 30, 2014 were \$1.1 million. Equipment financed under this loan arrangement is collateralized by the respective assets underlying the loan. The terms of the loan restrict our ability to pay dividends. The loan includes a covenant that requires us to maintain cash and cash equivalents plus net accounts receivables of at least two times the amount of all outstanding indebtedness, excluding the impact from the Notes. As of September 30, 2014, we were in compliance with the financial covenant. We plan to grow our customer base by continuing to emphasize investments in sales and marketing to add new customers, expand our customers' use of our platform, and maintain high renewal rates. We also expect to incur additional cost of subscription revenue in accordance with the resulting growth in our customer base. We believe that the combination of our ongoing improvements in gross margins, the benefits of lower sales and marketing costs associated with our renewal activity, and the fact that our contracts are structured to bill our customers in advance should enable us to improve our cash flow from operations as we grow. Based on our current level of operations and anticipated growth, both of which are expected to be consistent with recent quarters, we believe that our existing sources of liquidity will be sufficient to fund our operations for at least the next 12 months. Our future capital requirements will depend on many factors, including our rate of revenue growth, the expansion of our sales and marketing activities, and the timing and extent of spending to support product development efforts and expansion into new territories, and the timing of introductions of new features and enhancements to our solutions. To the extent that existing cash and cash equivalents and cash from operations are insufficient to fund our future activities, we may need to raise additional funds through public or private equity or debt financing. We have invested, and plan to continue investing in acquiring complementary businesses, applications and technologies, and may continue to make such investments in the future, any of which could also require us to seek equity or debt financing in addition to our Notes. Additional funds may not be available on terms favorable to us or at all.

Cash Flows

The following table sets forth a summary of our consolidated cash flows for the periods indicated:

34

Table of Contents

	Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,	
	2014	2013
	(in thousands)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$5,824	\$7,294
Net cash used in investing activities	(62,235	) (6,001
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$7,242	\$11,281
Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities		

Our net loss and cash flows from operating activities are significantly influenced by our investments in headcount and data center operations to support anticipated growth. Our cash flows are also influenced by cash payments from customers. We invoice customers for the entire contract amount at the start of the term, and as such our cash flow from operations is also affected by the length of a customer contract.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, operating activities provided \$5.8 million of cash which was the result of a net loss of \$46.9 million, partially offset by non-cash adjustments of \$41.4 million. Non-cash adjustments included depreciation and amortization from capitalized expenditures and acquisitions of businesses, accretion of investments, deferred tax assets and liabilities, stock based compensation expense and amortization of debt issuance costs and accretion of debt discount. The net change in working capital was primarily due to an increase in accounts receivable of \$6.7 million related to the timing of receipts, and an increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$0.9 million, primarily related to accruals for costs from increased headcount and expanded operations. We also had an increase of \$2.7 million in prepaid expenses and other current assets primarily due to an increase of \$1.0 million from the lease incentive related to the corporate office and \$1.3 million increase in other prepaid expenses as we expanded operations during 2014, an increase in deferred product costs of \$0.8 million, higher inventory spending of \$0.5 million from greater spending on appliance inventory and computer equipment for future sales, \$19.4 million related to increased billings and the timing of revenue recognition, and an increase in deferred rent charges of \$1.7 million as a result of the execution of the new lease for our corporate offices in Sunnyvale.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, operating activities provided \$7.3 million of cash which was the result of a net loss of \$15.6 million, partially offset by non-cash adjustments of \$10.8 million. Non-cash adjustments included depreciation and amortization from capital expenditures and acquisitions of businesses, accretion of investments, deferred tax assets and liabilities and stock based compensation expense. The net change in working capital was primarily due to an increase in accounts receivable of \$2.9 million related to the timing of receipts, partially offset by an increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$0.7 million related to the timing of the accrued payables paid during the period, and \$14.5 million related to increased billings and the timing of revenue recognition.

Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities

Our primary investing activities have consisted of the purchase and sale of short-term investments and capital expenditures in support of expanding our infrastructure and workforce. As our business grows, we expect our capital expenditures and our investment activity to continue to increase.

Cash from investing activities decreased \$62.2 million of cash during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 primarily due to \$37.8 million of short-term investments purchased, \$22.7 million for the acquisition of NetCitadel, partially offset by \$0.7 million proceeds received from indemnification claim related to prior acquisition. In addition, we used \$10.4 million to purchase equipment for infrastructure expansion. These expenditures were primarily for replacement and upgrade of equipment to lower the cost of deployment as well as to improve the efficiency for our cloud based architecture. Partially offsetting these decreases were proceeds of \$8.0 million from sales and maturities of short-term investments.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, cash from investing activities used \$6.0 million of cash primarily due to the acquisitions of Mail Distiller, eDynamics, Abaca and Armorize for a combined total of \$28.5 million and purchases of short-term investments of \$20.4 million. In addition, we used \$4.5 million to purchase equipment for

infrastructure expansion. These decreases were partially offset by proceeds totaling \$47.4 million from the sales and maturities of short-term investments.

Table of Contents

Net Cash Flows Provided by Financing Activities

Cash provided by financing activities in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 was \$7.2 million. This was primarily due to \$11.7 million of proceeds from the exercise of stock options and purchases made under the employee stock purchase plan, partially offset by \$1.8 million of withholding taxes related to restricted stock net share settlement, \$1.2 million in repayments under our equipment financing loans, \$0.2 million debt issuance costs payments related to the Notes, \$0.5 million earn-out payments and \$0.7 million holdback amount payments release related to prior acquisitions.

Cash provided by financing activities in the nine months ended September 30, 2013 was \$11.3 million. This was primarily related to \$13.0 million of proceeds from the exercise of stock options and purchases made under the employee stock purchase plan, partially offset by \$1.7 million in repayments under our equipment financing loans.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

During the periods presented, we did not have, nor do we currently have, any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. We are therefore not exposed to any financing, liquidity, market or credit risk that could arise if we had engaged in those types of relationships.

Table of Contents

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

We have operations both within the United States and internationally, and we are exposed to market risks in the ordinary course of our business. These risks primarily include interest rate, foreign exchange and inflation risks, as well as risks relating to changes in the general economic conditions in the countries where we conduct business. To reduce certain of these risks, we monitor the financial condition of our large clients and limit credit exposure by collecting in advance and setting credit limits as we deem appropriate. In addition, our investment strategy has been to invest in financial instruments that are highly liquid and readily convertible into cash with maturity dates within three months from the date of purchase. To date, we have not used derivative instruments to mitigate the impact of our market risk exposures. We have also not used, nor do we intend to use, derivatives for trading or speculative purposes.

Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to market risk related to changes in interest rates. Our investments are considered cash equivalents and primarily consist of money market funds, corporate debt securities and a certificate of deposit. As of September 30, 2014, we had cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments of \$232.8 million. The carrying amount of our cash equivalents reasonably approximates fair value, due to the short maturities of these investments. The primary objectives of our investment activities are the preservation of capital, the fulfillment of liquidity needs and the fiduciary control of cash and investments. We do not enter into investments for trading or speculative purposes. Our investments are exposed to market risk due to a fluctuation in interest rates, which may affect our interest income and the fair market value of our investments. Due to the short-term nature of our investment portfolio, we believe only dramatic fluctuations in interest rates would have a material effect on our investments. We do not believe that an immediate 10% increase in interest rates would have a material effect on the fair market value of our portfolio. As such we do not expect our operating results or cash flows to be materially affected by a sudden change in market interest rates.

As of September 30, 2014, we had an outstanding balance of \$201.3 million aggregate principal amount of the Notes, which has a fixed interest rate of 1.25%, and other outstanding borrowings with principal amounts of \$1.1 million, which has a fixed interest rate of 4.5%. We carry these instruments at face value, less relative fair value of conversion option allocated to equity and unamortized discounts, on our accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. Since these instruments bear interest at fixed rates, we have no financial statement risk associated with changes in interest rates. However, the fair value of these instruments fluctuates as interest rate changes and, in the case of the Notes, when the market price of our common stock fluctuates.

Foreign Currency Risk

Our sales to international customers are generally U.S. dollar denominated and the functional currency for our wholly owned foreign subsidiaries is the U.S. dollar. Accordingly, the subsidiaries remeasure monetary assets and liabilities at period-end exchange rates, while nonmonetary items are remeasured at historical rates. Income and expense accounts are remeasured at the average exchange rates in effect during the year. Remeasurement adjustments are recognized in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations as foreign currency transaction gains or losses in the year of occurrence. Aggregate foreign currency transaction loss included in determining net loss was \$1.3 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013. Transaction gains and losses are included in other income (expense), net. In addition, currency fluctuations or a weakening U.S. dollar can increase the costs of our international expansion.

To date, we have not entered into any foreign currency hedging contracts, since exchange rate fluctuations have not had a material impact on our operating results and cash flows. Based on our current international structure, we do not plan on engaging in hedging activities in the near future. For our operating results and cash flows, we evaluated the effects of a 10% shift in exchange rates between those currencies and the U.S. dollar. We have determined that there would be an immaterial effect on our results of operations from such a shift. However, as our international operations grow, our risks associated with fluctuation in currency rates will become greater, and we will continue to reassess our approach to managing this risk.

Inflation Risk

We do not believe that inflation has had a material effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. Nonetheless, if our costs were to become subject to significant inflationary pressures, we may not be able to fully offset such

37

Table of Contents

higher costs through price increases. Our inability or failure to do so could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

38

Table of Contents

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or the Exchange Act, require public companies, including us, to maintain “disclosure controls and procedures,” which are defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and Rule 15d-15(e) to mean a company’s controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required or necessary disclosures. In designing and evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures, management recognizes that disclosure controls and procedures, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the disclosure controls and procedures are met. Additionally, in designing disclosure controls and procedures, our management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible disclosure controls and procedures. Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded, based on the evaluation of the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures by our management as of the end of the fiscal quarter covered by this Quarterly Report, that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Regulations under the Exchange Act require public companies, including our company, to evaluate any change in our “internal control over financial reporting” as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and Rule 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act. As of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer did not identify any change in our internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter covered by this Quarterly Report that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Table of Contents

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

On December 16, 2013, Finjan, Inc. sued us and our wholly-owned subsidiary, Armorize Technologies, Inc. in the United States District Court, Northern District of California for alleged patent infringement of a variety of its patents, demanding preliminary and permanent injunctive relief, and unspecified damages. We filed an answer to this complaint on February 10, 2014. On April 15, 2014, Finjan's initial disclosures in the lawsuit alleged approximately \$13.5 million in damages, but provide no basis or facts in support of this sum. On June 12, 2014, at the mandatory case management conference, the court ordered that the claims construction hearing be held May 2015 and trial be set for January 2016, subject to later adjustment or delay. Based on the early stage of the claims and evaluation of the facts available at this time, the amount or range of reasonable possible losses to which we are exposed cannot be estimated and the ultimate resolution of this matter and the associated financial impact, if any, remains uncertain at this time. We intend to vigorously defend the lawsuit. Intellectual property litigation is subject to inherent uncertainties, and there can be no assurance that the expenses associated with defending any litigation or the resolution of this dispute would not have a material adverse impact on our results of operations or cash flows. Regardless of this outcome, such proceedings and claims can have an adverse impact on us because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of resources and other factors, and there can be no assurances that favorable outcomes will be obtained.

From time to time, we may be involved in other legal proceedings and subject to claims in the ordinary course of business. Although the results of these proceedings and claims cannot be predicted with certainty, we do not believe the ultimate cost to resolve these matters would individually, or taken together, have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, cash flows or financial condition. Regardless of the outcome, such proceedings can have an adverse impact on us because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of resources and other factors, and there can be no assurances that favorable outcomes will be obtained.

Table of Contents

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.

Our operations and financial results are subject to various risks and uncertainties, including those described below, which could adversely affect our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition, and the trading price of our common stock.

Risks Related to Our Business and Industry

We have a history of losses, and we are unable to predict the extent of any future losses or when, if ever, we will achieve profitability in the future.

We have incurred net losses in every year since our inception, including net losses of approximately \$46.9 million and \$15.6 million, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013. As a result, we had an accumulated deficit of \$256.9 million as of September 30, 2014. Achieving profitability will require us to increase revenue, manage our cost structure, and avoid unanticipated liabilities. We do not expect to be profitable in the near term. Revenue growth may slow or revenue may decline for a number of possible reasons, including slowing demand for our solutions, increasing competition, a decrease in the growth of our overall market, or if we fail for any reason to continue to capitalize on growth opportunities. Any failure by us to obtain and sustain profitability, or to continue our revenue growth, could cause the price of our common stock to decline significantly.

Our quarterly operating results are likely to vary significantly and be unpredictable, which could cause the trading price of our stock to decline.

Our operating results have historically varied from period to period, and we expect that they will continue to do so as a result of a number of factors, many of which are outside of our control and may be difficult to predict, including:

- the level of demand for our solutions, including our newly-introduced solutions, and the level of perceived urgency regarding security threats and compliance requirements;
- the timing of new subscriptions and renewals of existing subscriptions;
- the mix of solutions sold;
- the extent to which customers subscribe for additional solutions or increase the number of users;
- customer budgeting cycles and seasonal buying patterns;
- the extent to which we bring on new distributors;
- any changes in the competitive landscape of our industry, including consolidation among our competitors, customers, partners or resellers;
- timing of costs and expenses during a quarter;
- deferral of orders in anticipation of new solutions or enhancements announced by us;
- price competition;
- changes in renewal rates and terms in any quarter;
- the impact of acquisitions;
- litigation costs;

- any disruption in our sales channels or termination of our relationship with important channel partners;
- general economic conditions, both domestically and in our foreign markets;

Table of Contents

- insolvency or credit difficulties confronting our customers, affecting their ability to purchase or pay for our solutions; or
- future accounting pronouncements or changes in our accounting policies.

Any one of the factors above or the cumulative effect of some of the factors referred to above may result in significant fluctuations in our quarterly financial and other operating results, including fluctuations in our key metrics. This variability and unpredictability could result in our failing to meet the expectations of securities analysts or investors for any period. If we fail to meet or exceed such expectations for these or any other reasons, the market price of our shares could fall substantially and we could face costly lawsuits, including securities class action suits. In addition, a significant percentage of our operating expenses are fixed in nature and based on forecasted revenue and cash flow trends. Accordingly, in the event of revenue shortfalls, we are generally unable to mitigate the negative impact on margins or other operating results in the short term.

We may fail to meet or exceed the expectations of securities analysts and investors, and the market price for our common stock could decline. If one or more of the securities analysts who cover us change their recommendation regarding our stock adversely, the market price for our common stock could decline. Additionally, our stock price may be based on expectations, estimates or forecasts of our future performance that may be unrealistic or may not be achieved. Further our stock price may be affected by financial media, including press reports and blogs.

If we are unable to maintain high subscription renewal rates, our future revenue and operating results will be harmed. Our customers have no obligation to renew their subscriptions for our solutions after the expiration of their initial subscription period, which typically ranges from one to three years. In addition, our customers may renew for fewer subscription services or users, renew for shorter contract lengths or renew at lower prices due to competitive or other pressures. We cannot accurately predict renewal rates and our renewal rates may decline or fluctuate as a result of a number of factors, including competition, customers' IT budgeting and spending priorities, and deteriorating general economic conditions. If our customers do not renew their subscriptions for our solutions, our revenue would decline and our business would suffer.

If we are unable to sell additional solutions to our customers, our future revenue and operating results will be harmed. Our future success depends on our ability to sell additional solutions to our customers. This may require increasingly sophisticated and costly sales efforts and may not result in additional sales. In addition, the rate at which our customers purchase additional solutions depends on a number of factors, including the perceived need for additional solutions, growth in the number of end-users, and general economic conditions. If our efforts to sell additional solutions to our customers are not successful, our business may suffer.

If our solutions fail to protect our customers from security breaches, our brand and reputation could be harmed, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

The threats facing our customers are constantly evolving and the techniques used by attackers to access or sabotage data change frequently. As a result, we must constantly update our solutions to respond to these threats. If we fail to update our solutions in a timely or effective manner to respond to these threats, our customers could experience security breaches. Many federal, state and foreign governments have enacted laws requiring companies to notify individuals of data security breaches involving their personal data. These mandatory disclosures regarding a security breach often lead to widespread negative publicity, and any association of us with such publicity may cause our customers to lose confidence in the effectiveness of our data security measures. Any security breach at one of our customers would harm our reputation as a secure and trusted company and could cause the loss of customers. Similarly, if a well-publicized breach of data security at a customer of any other cloud based data protection or archiving service provider or other major enterprise cloud services provider were to occur, there could be a loss of confidence in the cloud based storage of sensitive data and information generally.

In addition, our solutions work in conjunction with a variety of other elements in customers' IT and security infrastructure, and we may receive blame and negative publicity for a security breach that may have been the result of

the failure of one of the other elements not provided by us. The occurrence of a breach, whether or not caused by our solutions, could delay or reduce market acceptance of our solutions and have an adverse effect on our business and financial performance. In addition, any revisions to our solutions that we believe may be necessary or appropriate in connection with any such breach may cause us to incur significant expenses. Any of these events could have material adverse effects on our brand and reputation, which could harm our business, financial condition, and operating results.

Table of Contents

If our customers experience data losses, our brand, reputation and business could be harmed.

Our customers rely on our archive solutions to store their corporate data, which may include financial records, credit card information, business information, health information, other personally identifiable information or other sensitive personal information. A breach of our network security and systems or other events that cause the loss or public disclosure of, or access by third parties to, our customers' stored files or data could have serious negative consequences for our business, including possible fines, penalties and damages, reduced demand for our solutions, an unwillingness of our customers to use our solutions, harm to our brand and reputation, and time-consuming and expensive litigation. The techniques used to obtain unauthorized access, disable or degrade service, or sabotage systems change frequently, often are not recognized until launched against a target, and may originate from less regulated or remote areas around the world. As a result, we may be unable to proactively prevent these techniques, implement adequate preventative or reactionary measures, or enforce the laws and regulations that govern such activities. In addition, because of the large amount of data that we collect and manage, it is possible that hardware failures, human errors or errors in our systems could result in data loss or corruption, or cause the information that we collect to be incomplete or contain inaccuracies that our customers regard as significant. If our customers experience any data loss, or any data corruption or inaccuracies, whether caused by security breaches or otherwise, our brand, reputation and business would be harmed.

Our errors and omissions insurance may be inadequate or may not be available in the future on acceptable terms, or at all. In addition, our policy may not cover any claim against us for loss of data or other indirect or consequential damages. Defending a suit based on any data loss or system disruption, regardless of its merit, could be costly and divert management's attention.

Defects or vulnerabilities in our solutions could harm our reputation, reduce the sales of our solutions and expose us to liability for losses.

Because our solutions are complex, undetected errors, failures or bugs may occur, especially when solutions are first introduced or when new versions or updates are released despite our efforts to test those solutions and enhancements prior to release. We may not be able to correct defects, errors, vulnerabilities or failures promptly, or at all.

Any defects, errors, vulnerabilities or failures in our solutions could result in:

- expenditure of significant financial and development resources in efforts to analyze, correct, eliminate or work around errors or defects or to address and eliminate vulnerabilities;
- loss of existing or potential partners or customers;
- loss or disclosure of our customers' confidential information, or the inability to access such information;
- loss of our proprietary technology;
- our solutions being susceptible to hacking or electronic break-ins or otherwise failing to secure data;
- delayed or lost revenue;
- delay or failure to attain market acceptance;
- lost market share;
- negative publicity, which could harm our reputation; or
- litigation, regulatory inquiries or investigations that would be costly and harm our reputation.

Limitation of liability provisions in our standard terms and conditions and our other agreements may not adequately or effectively protect us from any claims related to defects, errors, vulnerabilities or failures in our solutions, including as a result of federal, state or local laws or ordinances or unfavorable judicial decisions in the United States or other countries.

Because we provide security solutions, our software, website and internal systems may be subject to intentional disruption that could adversely impact our reputation and future sales.

Table of Contents

We could be a target of attacks specifically designed to impede the performance of our solutions and harm our reputation. Similarly, experienced computer hackers may attempt to penetrate our network security or the security of our website and misappropriate proprietary information and/or cause interruptions of our services. Because the techniques used by such computer hackers to access or sabotage networks change frequently and may not be recognized until launched against a target, we may be unable to anticipate these techniques. If an actual or perceived breach of network security occurs, it could adversely affect the market perception of our solutions, and may expose us to the loss of information, litigation and possible liability. In addition, such a security breach could impair our ability to operate our business, including our ability to provide support services to our customers.

We believe that there is a trend for large and mid sized enterprises to migrate their on premise email systems to cloud based offerings. If we fail to successfully develop, market, broaden or enhance our solutions to continue to be attractive to existing customers currently using cloud based email systems or to new prospects, our ability to grow or maintain our revenue could be harmed, and our business could suffer.

We derive a substantial portion of our revenue from our solutions that protect and archive data in our customers' on-premise email systems and expect to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. We currently derive a portion of our revenue from customers using cloud-based email systems such as Google's Google Apps and Microsoft's Office 365, both of which include varying degrees of threat protection and governance services as part of their offering. A significant market shift from on premise email systems toward such cloud based email systems could decrease demand for our solutions because customers who move to cloud based email systems may no longer value our threat and governance solutions and may choose to instead use competing or low cost alternatives from companies such as Google or Microsoft that may offer competing solutions in connection with their cloud-based email systems. If our current or prospective customers who utilize cloud based systems fail to find value in our solutions or migrate to these other threat or governance offerings, our business could be adversely affected.

Historically, our solutions have been used primarily for email, and any decrease in the use of email systems by large and mid sized enterprises over time, or the failure of our newly developed solutions for emerging methods of communication and collaboration to gain acceptance could harm our business.

Historically, our customers have primarily used our solutions to protect and archive data in their corporate email systems. If the use of email decreases, demand for our solutions would decrease and we may fail to diversify our revenue base by increasing demand for our other technology solutions.

In addition, messaging and collaboration technologies are evolving rapidly. For instance, the widespread adoption and use of mobile devices, unmanaged Internet based collaboration and file sharing applications and social networking sites have caused valuable and sensitive data to proliferate well beyond traditional corporate email systems, resulting in new and increasing security risks. We are devoting resources to continue developing and marketing our solutions for these emerging methods of communication and collaboration. However, our customers may not perceive the need to deploy our solutions intended to address these emerging areas. If we are unable to successfully develop, market, broaden or enhance our solutions to address the wider range of threats caused by the proliferation of new technologies and methods of communication, demand for our existing solutions would decrease, and our business would be harmed.

If functionality similar to that offered by our solutions is incorporated into our competitors' networking products, potential or existing customers may decide against adding our solutions to their network, which would have an adverse effect on our business.

Some large, well-established providers of networking equipment, such as Cisco Systems, Inc. and Juniper Networks, Inc. currently offer, and may continue to introduce, network security features that compete with our solutions, either in stand alone security products or as additional features in their network infrastructure products. The inclusion of, or the announcement of an intent to include, functionality perceived to be similar to that offered by our solutions in networking products that are already generally accepted as necessary components of customers' network architecture may have an adverse effect on our ability to market and sell our solutions. Furthermore, even if the functionality offered by network infrastructure providers is more limited than that offered by our solutions, a significant number of our customers may elect to accept such limited functionality in lieu of adding appliances or software from an additional vendor such as us. Many organizations have invested substantial personnel and financial

resources to design and operate their networks and have established deep relationships with other providers of networking products, which may make them reluctant to add new third party components to their networks.

Table of Contents

Our solutions collect, filter and archive customer data which may contain personal information, which raises privacy concerns and could result in us having liability or inhibit sales of our solutions.

Many federal, state and foreign government bodies and agencies have adopted or are considering adopting laws and regulations regarding the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information. Because many of the features of our solutions use, store, and report on customer data which may contain personal information from our customers, any inability to adequately address privacy concerns, or comply with applicable privacy laws, regulations and policies could, even if unfounded, result in liability to us, damage to our reputation, loss of sales, and harm to our business. Furthermore, the costs of compliance with, and other burdens imposed by, such laws, regulations and policies that are applicable to the businesses of our customers may limit the use and adoption of our solutions and reduce overall demand for them. Privacy concerns, whether or not valid, may inhibit market adoption of our solutions. For example, in the United States regulations such as the Gramm Leach Bliley Act (GLBA), which protects and restricts the use of consumer credit and financial information, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), which regulates the use and disclosure of personal health information, impose significant security and data protection requirements and obligations on businesses that may affect the use and adoption of our solutions. The European Union has also adopted a data privacy directive that requires member states to impose restrictions on the collection and use of personal data that, in some respects, are more stringent, and impose more significant burdens on subject businesses, than current privacy standards in the United States.

Any failure or perceived failure to comply with laws and regulations may result in proceedings or actions against us by government entities or others, or could cause us to lose users and customers, which could potentially have an adverse effect on our business.

We operate in a highly competitive environment with large, established competitors, and our competitors may gain market share in the markets for our solutions that could adversely affect our business and cause our revenue to decline.

Our traditional competitors include security focused software vendors, such as Symantec Corporation and McAfee, Inc., an Intel Corporation subsidiary, which offer software products that directly compete with our solutions. In addition to competing with these vendors directly for sales to customers, we compete with them for the opportunity to have our solutions bundled with the product offerings of our strategic partners. Our competitors could gain market share from us if any of these partners replace our solutions with the products of our competitors or if these partners more actively promote our competitors' products over our solutions. In addition, software vendors who have bundled our solutions with theirs may choose to bundle their software with their own or other vendors' software, or may limit our access to standard product interfaces and inhibit our ability to develop solutions for their platform.

We also face competition from large technology companies, such as Cisco, Google Inc., Hewlett Packard Company, Intel and Microsoft. These companies are increasingly developing and incorporating into their products data protection and storage software that compete on various levels with our solutions. Our competitive position could be adversely affected to the extent that our customers perceive that the functionality incorporated into these products would replace the need for our solutions or that buying from one vendor would provide them with increased leverage and purchasing power and a better customer experience. We also face competition from many smaller companies that specialize in particular segments of the markets in which we compete.

Many of our competitors have greater financial, technical, sales, marketing or other resources than we do and consequently may have the ability to influence our customers to purchase their products instead of ours. Further consolidation within our industry or other changes in the competitive environment could also result in larger competitors that compete with us on several levels. In addition, acquisitions of smaller companies by large technology companies that specialize in particular segments of the markets in which we compete would result in increased competition from these large technology companies. For example, Cisco's acquisition of IronPort, an email and web security service, resulted in Cisco becoming one of our competitors. If we are unsuccessful in responding to our competitors or to changing technological and customer demands, our competitive position and financial results could be adversely affected.

If we do not effectively expand and train our sales force, we may be unable to add new customers or increase sales to our existing customers and our business will be harmed.

We continue to be substantially dependent on our sales force to obtain new customers and to sell additional solutions to our existing customers. We believe that there is significant competition for sales personnel with the skills and technical knowledge that we require. Our ability to achieve significant revenue growth will depend, in large part, on our success in

45

Table of Contents

recruiting, training and retaining sufficient numbers of sales personnel to support our growth. New hires require significant training and may take significant time before they achieve full productivity. Our recent hires and planned hires may not become as productive as we expect, and we may be unable to hire or retain sufficient numbers of qualified individuals in the markets where we do business or plan to do business. If we are unable to hire and train sufficient numbers of effective sales personnel, or the sales personnel are not successful in obtaining new customers or increasing sales to our existing customer base, our business will be harmed.

Our sales cycle is long and unpredictable, and our sales efforts require considerable time and expense. As a result, our results are difficult to predict and may vary substantially from quarter to quarter, which may cause our operating results to fluctuate.

We sell our security and compliance offerings primarily to enterprise IT departments that are managing a growing set of user and compliance demands, which has increased the complexity of customer requirements to be met and confirmed in the sales cycle. Additionally, we have found that increasingly security, legal and compliance departments are involved in testing, evaluating and finally approving purchases, which has also made the sales cycle longer and less predictable. We may not be able to accurately predict or forecast the timing of sales, which makes our future revenue difficult to predict and could cause our results to vary significantly. In addition, we might devote substantial time and effort to a particular unsuccessful sales effort, and as a result we could lose other sales opportunities or incur expenses that are not offset by an increase in revenue, which could harm our business.

Our cash flow is dependent in part upon our average contract durations, so significant shortening of our average contract durations may cause significant negative impact to our operating results.

With the majority of our business, we invoice our customers for the entire contract amount at the start of the term and these amounts are recorded as deferred revenue on our balance sheet, with the dollar weighted average duration of these contracts for any given period over the past three years typically ranging from 17 to 22 months. As a result, while our practice of invoicing customers for the entire amount of the contract at the start of the term provides us with a relatively immediate contribution to cash flow, the revenue is recognized ratably over the term of the contract, and hence contributions toward operating income are realized over an extended period. If these average contract durations were to shorten significantly from their current range, it may cause us to experience less favorable cash flows as compared to our current operating condition, requiring us to seek additional sources of capital to fund our operations. Because our long-term success depends, in part, on our ability to expand the sales of our platform to our customers located outside of the United States, our business will be increasingly susceptible to risks associated with international operations.

One key element of our growth strategy is to develop a worldwide customer base and expand our operations worldwide. Our international revenue has grown since the beginning of 2013 as we have added employees, offices and customers internationally, particularly in Europe and Asia.

Operating in international markets requires significant resources and management attention and will subject us to regulatory, economic, political and competitive risks and competition that are different from those in the United States. Because of our limited experience with international operations, we cannot assure you that our international expansion efforts will be successful or that expected returns on such investments will be achieved in the future. In addition, our international operations may fail to succeed due to other risks inherent in operating businesses internationally, including:

- our lack of familiarity with commercial and social norms and customs in other countries which may adversely affect our ability to recruit, retain and manage employees in these countries;
- difficulties and costs associated with staffing and managing foreign operations;
- the potential diversion of management's attention to oversee and direct operations that are geographically distant from our U.S. headquarters;

Table of Contents

• compliance with multiple, conflicting and changing governmental laws and regulations, including employment, tax, privacy and data protection laws and regulations;

• legal systems in which our ability to enforce and protect our rights may be different or less effective than in the United States, including more limited protection for intellectual property rights in some countries;

• immaturity of compliance regulations in other jurisdictions, which may lower demand for our solutions;

• greater difficulty with payment collections and longer payment cycles;

• higher employee costs and difficulty terminating non-performing employees;

• differences in work place cultures;

• the need to adapt our solutions for specific countries;

• our ability to comply with differing technical and certification requirements outside the United States;

• tariffs, export controls and other non-tariff barriers such as quotas and local content rules;

• adverse tax consequences;

• fluctuations in currency exchange rates;

• restrictions on the transfer of funds;

• anti-bribery compliance by us or our partners, including under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act; and

• new and different sources of competition.

Our failure to manage any of these risks successfully could harm our existing and future international operations and seriously impair our overall business.

If the market for our delivery model and cloud computing services develops more slowly than we expect, our business could be harmed.

Our success will depend to a substantial extent on the willingness of enterprises, large and small, to increase their use of cloud computing services. The market for messaging security and data compliance solutions delivered as a service in particular is at an early stage relative to on-premise solutions, and these applications may not achieve and sustain high levels of demand and market acceptance. Many enterprises have invested substantial personnel and financial resources to integrate traditional enterprise software or hardware appliances for these applications into their businesses or may be reluctant or unwilling to use cloud computing services because they have concerns regarding the risks associated with reliability and security, among other things, of this delivery model, or its ability to help them comply with applicable laws and regulations. If enterprises do not perceive the benefits of this delivery model, then the market for our services may develop more slowly than we expect, which would adversely affect our business and operating results.

If we are unable to enhance our existing solutions and develop new solutions, our growth will be harmed and we may not be able to achieve profitability.

Our ability to attract new customers and increase revenue from existing customers will depend in large part on our ability to enhance and improve our existing solutions and to introduce new solutions. The success of any enhancement or new solution depends on several factors, including the timely completion, introduction and market acceptance of the enhancement or solution. Any new enhancement or solution we develop or acquire may not be introduced in a timely or cost-effective manner and may not achieve the broad market acceptance necessary to generate significant revenue. If we are unable to successfully develop or acquire new solutions or enhance our existing solutions to meet customer requirements, we may not grow as expected and we may not achieve profitability.

We cannot be certain that our development activities will be successful or that we will not incur delays or cost overruns. Furthermore, we may not have sufficient financial resources to identify and develop new technologies and bring enhancements

Table of Contents

or new solutions to market in a timely and cost-effective manner. New technologies and enhancements could be delayed or cost more than we expect, and we cannot ensure that any of these solutions will be commercially successful if and when they are introduced.

If we are unable to cost-effectively scale or adapt our existing architecture to accommodate increased traffic, technological advances or changing customer requirements, our operating results could be harmed.

As our customer base grows, the number of users accessing our solutions over the Internet will correspondingly increase. Increased traffic could result in slow access speeds and response times. Since our customer agreements often include service availability commitments, slow speeds or our failure to accommodate increased traffic could result in breaches of our service level agreements or obligate us to issue service credits. In addition, the market for our solutions is characterized by rapid technological advances and changes in customer requirements. In order to accommodate increased traffic and respond to technological advances and evolving customer requirements, we expect that we will be required to make future investments in our network architecture. If we do not implement future upgrades to our network architecture cost-effectively, or if we experience prolonged delays or unforeseen difficulties in connection with upgrading our network architecture, our service quality may suffer and our operating results could be harmed.

If we fail to manage our sales and distribution channels effectively or if our partners choose not to market and sell our solutions to their customers, our operating results could be adversely affected.

We have derived and anticipate that in the future we will continue to derive a substantial portion of the sales of our solutions through channel partners. In order to scale our channel program to support growth in our business, it is important that we continue to help our partners enhance their ability to independently sell and deploy our solutions. We may be unable to continue to successfully expand and improve the effectiveness of our channel sales program.

Our agreements with our channel partners are generally non-exclusive and some of our channel partners have entered, and may continue to enter, into strategic relationships with our competitors or are competitors themselves. Further, many of our channel partners have multiple strategic relationships and they may not regard us as significant for their businesses. Our channel partners may terminate their respective relationships with us with limited or no notice and with limited or no penalty, pursue other partnerships or relationships, or attempt to develop or acquire products or services that compete with our solutions. Our partners also may impair our ability to enter into other desirable strategic relationships. If our channel partners do not effectively market and sell our solutions, if they choose to place greater emphasis on products of their own or those offered by our competitors, or if they fail to meet the needs of our customers, our ability to grow our business and sell our solutions may be adversely affected. Similarly, the loss of a substantial number of our channel partners, and our possible inability to replace them, the failure to recruit additional channel partners, any reduction or delay in their sales of our solutions, or any conflicts between channel sales and our direct sales and marketing activities could materially and adversely affect our results of operations.

Because we recognize revenue from subscriptions over the term of the relevant service period, decreases or increases in sales are not immediately reflected in full in our operating results.

We recognize revenue from subscriptions over the term of the relevant service period, which typically range from one to three years, with some up to five years. As a result, most of our quarterly revenue from subscriptions results from agreements entered into during previous quarters. Consequently, a shortfall in demand for our solutions in any quarter may not significantly reduce our subscription revenue for that quarter, but could negatively affect subscription revenue in future quarters. We may be unable to adjust our cost structure to compensate for this potential shortfall in subscription revenue. Accordingly, the effect of significant downturns in sales of subscriptions may not be fully reflected in our results of operations until future periods. Our subscription model also makes it difficult for us to rapidly increase our subscription revenue through additional sales in any period, as subscription revenue must be recognized over the term of the contract.

Interruptions or delays in services provided by third parties could impair the delivery of our service and harm our business.

We currently serve our customers from third party data center hosting facilities located in the United States, Canada and Europe. We also rely on bandwidth providers, Internet service providers, and mobile networks to deliver our solutions. Any damage to, or failure of, the systems of our third party providers could result in interruptions to our

service. If for any reason our arrangement with one or more of our data centers is terminated we could experience additional expense in arranging for new facilities and support. Our data center facilities providers have no obligations to renew their agreements with us on

Table of Contents

commercially reasonable terms, or at all. If we are unable to renew our agreements with the facilities providers on commercially reasonable terms or if in the future we add additional data center facility providers, we may experience costs or downtime in connection with the transfer to, or the addition of, new data center facilities. In addition, the failure of our data centers to meet our capacity requirements could result in interruptions in the availability of our solutions, impair the functionality of our solutions or impede our ability to scale our operations. As we continue to add data centers, restructure our data management plans, and increase capacity in existing and future data centers, we may move or transfer our data and our customers' data. Despite precautions taken during such processes and procedures, any unsuccessful data transfers may impair the delivery of our service, and we may experience costs or downtime in connection with the transfer of data to other facilities.

We also depend on access to the Internet through third party bandwidth providers to operate our business. If we lose the services of one or more of our bandwidth providers, or if these providers experience outages, for any reason, we could experience disruption in delivering our solutions or we could be required to retain the services of a replacement bandwidth provider. Our business also depends on our customers having high-speed access to the Internet. Any Internet outages or delays could adversely affect our ability to provide our solutions to our customers.

Our operations also rely heavily on the availability of electricity, which also comes from third party providers. If we or the third party data center facilities that we use to deliver our services were to experience a major power outage or if the cost of electricity were to increase significantly, our operations and financial results could be harmed. If we or our third party data centers were to experience a major power outage, we or they would have to rely on back-up generators, which might not work properly or might not provide an adequate supply during a major power outage. Such a power outage could result in a significant disruption of our business.

The occurrence of an extended interruption of our or third party services for any reason could result in lengthy interruptions in our services or in the delivery of customers' email and require us to provide service credits, refunds, indemnification payments or other payments to our customers, and could also result in the loss of customers.

Any failure to offer high-quality technical support services may adversely affect our relationships with our customers and harm our financial results.

Once our solutions are deployed, our customers depend on our support organization to resolve any technical issues relating to our solutions. In addition, our sales process is highly dependent on our solutions and business reputation and on strong recommendations from our existing customers. Any failure to maintain high-quality technical support, or a market perception that we do not maintain high-quality support, could harm our reputation, adversely affect our ability to sell our solutions to existing and prospective customers, and harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

We offer technical support services with many of our solutions. We may be unable to respond quickly enough to accommodate short-term increases in customer demand for support services. We also may be unable to modify the format of our support services to compete with changes in support services provided by competitors. Increased customer demand for these services, without corresponding revenue, could increase costs and adversely affect our operating results.

We have outsourced a substantial portion of our worldwide customer support functions to third party service providers. If these companies experience financial difficulties, do not maintain sufficiently skilled workers and resources to satisfy our contracts, or otherwise fail to perform at a sufficient level, the level of support services to our customers may be significantly disrupted, which could materially harm our reputation and our relationships with these customers.

If we fail to develop or protect our brand, our business may be harmed.

We believe that developing and maintaining awareness and integrity of our company and our brand are important to achieving widespread acceptance of our existing and future offerings and are important elements in attracting new customers. We believe that the importance of brand recognition will increase as competition in our market further intensifies. Successful promotion of our brand will depend on the effectiveness of our marketing efforts and on our ability to provide reliable and useful solutions at competitive prices. We plan to continue investing substantial resources to promote our brand, both domestically and internationally, but there is no guarantee that our brand development strategies will enhance the recognition of our brand. Some of our existing and potential competitors have

well-established brands with greater recognition than we have. If our efforts to promote and maintain our brand are not successful, our operating results and our ability to attract and retain customers may be

Table of Contents

adversely affected. In addition, even if our brand recognition and loyalty increases, this may not result in increased use of our solutions or higher revenue.

In addition, independent industry analysts often provide reviews of our solutions, as well as those of our competitors, and perception of our solutions in the marketplace may be significantly influenced by these reviews. We have no control over what these industry analysts report, and because industry analysts may influence current and potential customers, our brand could be harmed if they do not provide a positive review of our solutions or view us as a market leader.

The steps we have taken to protect our intellectual property rights may not be adequate.

We rely on a combination of contractual rights, trademarks, trade secrets, patents and copyrights to establish and protect our intellectual property rights. These offer only limited protection, however, and the steps we have taken to protect our proprietary technology may not deter its misuse, theft or misappropriation. Any of our patents, copyrights, trademarks or other intellectual property rights may be challenged by others or invalidated through administrative process or litigation. Competitors may independently develop technologies or products that are substantially equivalent or superior to our solutions or that inappropriately incorporate our proprietary technology into their products. Competitors may hire our former employees who may misappropriate our proprietary technology or misuse our confidential information. Although we rely in part upon confidentiality agreements with our employees, consultants and other third parties to protect our trade secrets and other confidential information, those agreements may not effectively prevent disclosure of trade secrets and other confidential information and may not provide an adequate remedy in the event of misappropriation of trade secrets or unauthorized disclosure of confidential information. In addition, others may independently discover our trade secrets and confidential information, and in such cases we could not assert any trade secret rights against such parties.

We might be required to spend significant resources to monitor and protect our intellectual property rights. We may initiate claims or litigation against third parties for infringement of our intellectual property rights or misappropriation of our trade secrets, or to establish the validity of our intellectual property rights. Any litigation, whether or not it is resolved in our favor, could result in significant expense to us and divert the efforts of our technical and management personnel, which may adversely affect our business, operating results and financial condition. Certain jurisdictions may not provide adequate legal infrastructure for effective protection of our intellectual property rights. Changing legal interpretations of liability for unauthorized use of our solutions or lessened sensitivity by corporate, government or institutional users to refraining from intellectual property piracy or other infringements of intellectual property could also harm our business.

Our issued patents may not provide us with any competitive advantages or may be challenged by third parties, and our patent applications may never be granted at all. It is possible that innovations for which we seek patent protection may not be protectable. Additionally, the process of obtaining patent protection is expensive and time consuming, and we may not be able to prosecute all necessary or desirable patent applications at a reasonable cost or in a timely manner. Given the cost, effort, risks and downside of obtaining patent protection, including the requirement to ultimately disclose the invention to the public, we may not choose to seek patent protection for certain innovations. However, such patent protection could later prove to be important to our business. Even if issued, there can be no assurance that any patents will have the coverage originally sought or adequately protect our intellectual property, as the legal standards relating to the validity, enforceability and scope of protection of patent and other intellectual property rights are uncertain. Any patents that are issued may be invalidated or otherwise limited, or may lapse or may be abandoned, enabling other companies to better develop products that compete with our solutions, which could adversely affect our competitive business position, business prospects and financial condition.

We cannot assure you that the measures we have taken to protect our intellectual property will adequately protect us, and any failure to protect our intellectual property could harm our business.

Third parties claiming that we infringe their intellectual property rights could cause us to incur significant legal expenses and prevent us from selling our solutions.

Companies in the software and technology industries, including some of our current and potential competitors, own large numbers of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets and frequently enter into litigation based on allegations of infringement, misappropriation or other violations of intellectual property rights. In addition, many of

these companies have the capability to dedicate substantially greater resources to enforce their intellectual property rights and to defend claims that may be brought against them. The litigation may involve patent holding companies or other adverse patent owners who have no relevant product revenue and against whom our potential patents may provide little or no deterrence. We have received, and may in the

50

Table of Contents

future receive, notices that claim we have infringed, misappropriated or otherwise violated other parties' intellectual property rights. For example, on December 16, 2013, Finjan, Inc. sued the Company and Armorize in the United States District Court, Northern District, of California for alleged patent infringement. To the extent we gain greater visibility, we face a higher risk of being the subject of intellectual property infringement claims, which is not uncommon with respect to software technologies in general and information security technology in particular. There may be third party intellectual property rights, including issued or pending patents that cover significant aspects of our technologies or business methods. Any intellectual property claims, with or without merit, could be very time consuming, could be expensive to settle or litigate and could divert our management's attention and other resources. These claims could also subject us to significant liability for damages, potentially including treble damages if we are found to have willfully infringed patents or copyrights. These claims could also result in our having to stop using technology found to be in violation of a third-party's rights. We might be required to seek a license for the intellectual property, which may not be available on reasonable terms or at all. Even if a license were available, we could be required to pay significant royalties, which would increase our operating expenses. As a result, we may be required to develop alternative non-infringing technology, which could require significant effort and expense. If we cannot license or develop technology for any infringing aspect of our business, we would be forced to limit or stop sales of one or more of our solutions or features of our solutions and may be unable to compete effectively. Any of these results would harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

In addition, our agreements with customers and channel partners include indemnification provisions under which we agree to indemnify them for losses suffered or incurred as a result of claims of intellectual property infringement and, in some cases, for damages caused by us to property or persons. Large indemnity payments could harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

We rely on technology and intellectual property licensed from other parties, the failure or loss of which could increase our costs and delay or prevent the delivery of our solutions.

We utilize various types of software and other technology, as well as intellectual property rights, licensed from unaffiliated third parties in order to provide certain elements of our solutions. Any errors or defects in any third party technology could result in errors in our solutions that could harm our business. In addition, licensed technology and intellectual property rights may not continue to be available on commercially reasonable terms, or at all. While we believe that there are currently adequate replacements for the third party technology we use, any loss of the right to use any of this technology on commercially reasonable terms, or at all, could result in delays in producing or delivering our solutions until equivalent technology is identified and integrated, which delays could harm our business. In this situation we would be required to either redesign our solutions to function with software available from other parties or to develop these components ourselves, which would result in increased costs. Furthermore, we might be forced to limit the features available in our current or future solutions. If we fail to maintain or renegotiate any of these technology or intellectual property licenses, we could face significant delays and diversion of resources in attempting to develop similar or replacement technology, or to license and integrate a functional equivalent of the technology. Some of our solutions contain "open source" software, and any failure to comply with the terms of one or more of these open source licenses could negatively affect our business.

Some of our solutions are distributed with software licensed by its authors or other third parties under so-called "open source" licenses, which may include, by way of example, the GNU General Public License, or GPL, and the Apache License. Some of these licenses contain requirements that we make available source code for modifications or derivative works we create based upon the open source software, and that we license such modifications or derivative works under the terms of a particular open source license or other license granting third parties certain rights of further use. By the terms of certain open source licenses, we could be required to release the source code of our proprietary software, and to make our proprietary software available under open source licenses, if we combine our proprietary software with open source software in a certain manner. In the event that portions of our proprietary software are determined to be subject to an open source license, we could be required to publicly release the affected portions of our source code, re-engineer all or a portion of our technologies, or otherwise be limited in the licensing of our technologies, each of which could reduce or eliminate the value of our technologies and solutions. In addition to risks related to license requirements, usage of open source software can lead to greater risks than use of third-party

commercial software, as open source licensors generally do not provide warranties or controls on the origin of the software. We have established processes to help alleviate these risks, including a review process for screening requests from our development organizations for the use of open source software, but we cannot be sure that all open source software is submitted for approval prior to use in our solutions, that our programmers have not incorporated open source software into our proprietary solutions and

51

Table of Contents

technologies or that they will not do so in the future. In addition, many of the risks associated with usage of open source software cannot be eliminated, and could, if not properly addressed, negatively affect our business. Governmental regulations affecting the export of certain of our solutions could negatively affect our business. Our products are subject to U.S. export controls, and we incorporate encryption technology into certain of our products. These encryption products and the underlying technology may be exported outside the United States only with the required export authorizations, including by license, a license exception or other appropriate government authorizations, including the filing of an encryption registration. Governmental regulation of encryption technology and regulation of imports or exports, or our failure to obtain required import or export approval for our products, could harm our international sales and adversely affect our revenue.

Failure to comply with such regulations in the future could result in penalties, costs, and restrictions on export privileges, which could also harm our operating results.

We have experienced rapid growth in recent periods. If we fail to manage such growth and our future growth effectively, we may be unable to execute our business plan, maintain high levels of service or adequately address competitive challenges.

We have experienced significant growth in recent periods. For example, we grew full-time employee headcount 51% from December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2013. This growth has placed, and any future growth may place, a significant strain on our management and operational infrastructure, including our hosting operations. Our success will depend, in part, on our ability to manage these changes effectively. We will need to continue to improve our operational, financial and management controls and our reporting systems and procedures. Failure to effectively manage growth could result in declines in service quality or customer satisfaction, increases in costs, difficulties in introducing new features or other operational difficulties. Any failure to effectively manage growth could adversely impact our business and reputation.

We have, and may further, expand through acquisitions of, or investments in, other companies, which may divert our management's attention, dilute our stockholders and consume corporate resources that otherwise would be necessary to sustain and grow our business.

We have made multiple acquisitions in 2013 and 2014 and our business strategy may, from time to time, continue to include acquiring complementary products, technologies or businesses. We also may enter into relationships with other businesses in order to expand our solutions, which could involve preferred or exclusive licenses, additional channels of distribution, or investments by or between the two parties. Negotiating these transactions can be time consuming, difficult and expensive, and our ability to close these transactions may be subject to third party approvals, such as government regulation, which are beyond our control. Consequently, we can make no assurance that these transactions, once undertaken and announced, will close.

These kinds of transactions may result in unforeseen operating difficulties and expenditures. In particular, we may encounter difficulties assimilating or integrating the businesses, technologies, products, personnel or operations of acquired companies, particularly if the key personnel of the acquired business choose not to work for us, and we may have difficulty retaining the customers of any acquired business. Acquisitions may also disrupt our ongoing business, divert our resources and require significant management attention that would otherwise be available for development of our business. Any acquisition or investment could expose us to unknown liabilities. In addition, as of September 30, 2014, we had \$104.1 million in goodwill and intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization, recorded on our accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. We will incur expenses related to the amortization of intangible assets and we may in the future need to incur charges with respect to the write-down or impairment of goodwill or intangible assets, which could adversely affect our operating results. Moreover, we cannot assure you that the anticipated benefits of any acquisition or investment would be realized or that we would not be exposed to unknown liabilities. In connection with these types of transactions, we may issue additional equity securities that would dilute our stockholders, use cash that we may need in the future to operate our business, incur debt on terms unfavorable to us or that we are unable to repay, incur large charges or substantial liabilities, encounter difficulties integrating diverse business cultures, and become subject to adverse tax consequences, substantial depreciation or deferred compensation charges. These challenges related to acquisitions or investments could adversely affect our business, operating results and financial condition.

Table of Contents

If we are unable to attract and retain qualified employees, lose key personnel, fail to integrate replacement personnel successfully, or fail to manage our employee base effectively, we may be unable to develop new and enhanced solutions, effectively manage or expand our business, or increase our revenue.

Our future success depends upon our ability to recruit and retain key management, technical, sales, marketing, finance, and other critical personnel. Despite the economic downturn, competition for qualified management, technical and other personnel is intense, and we may not be successful in attracting and retaining such personnel. If we fail to attract and retain qualified employees, our ability to grow our business could be harmed. Our officers and other key personnel are employees-at-will, and we cannot assure you that we will be able to retain them. Competition for people with the specific skills that we require is significant. In order to attract and retain personnel in a competitive marketplace, we believe that we must provide a competitive compensation package, including cash and equity based compensation. Volatility in our stock price may from time to time adversely affect our ability to recruit or retain employees. If we are unable to hire and retain qualified employees, or conversely, if we fail to manage employee performance or reduce staffing levels when required by market conditions, our business and operating results could be adversely affected.

In addition, hiring, training, and successfully integrating replacement personnel could be time consuming, may cause additional disruptions to our operations, and may be unsuccessful, which could negatively impact future revenue.

Changes in laws and/or regulations related to the Internet or changes in the Internet infrastructure itself may diminish the demand for our solutions, and could have a negative impact on our business.

The future success of our business depends upon the continued use of the Internet as a primary medium for commerce, communication and business applications. Federal, state or foreign government bodies or agencies have in the past adopted, and may in the future adopt, laws or regulations affecting data privacy and the use of the Internet as a commercial medium. Changes in these laws or regulations could require us to modify our solutions in order to comply with these changes. In addition, government agencies or private organizations may begin to impose taxes, fees or other charges for accessing the Internet or commerce conducted via the Internet. These laws or charges could limit the growth of Internet related commerce or communications generally, result in a decline in the use of the Internet and the viability of Internet based applications such as ours and reduce the demand for our solutions.

The legal and regulatory framework also drives demand for our solutions. Our customers are subject to laws, regulations and internal policies that mandate how they process, handle, store, use and transmit a variety of sensitive data and communications. These laws and regulations are subject to revision, change and interpretation at any time, and any such change could either help or hurt the demand for our solutions. We cannot be sure that the legal and regulatory framework in any given jurisdiction will be favorable to our business or that we will be able to sustain or grow our business if there are any adverse changes to these laws and regulations.

If we are required to collect sales and use taxes on the solutions we sell, we may be subject to liability for past sales and our future sales may decrease.

State and local taxing jurisdictions have differing rules and regulations governing sales and use taxes, and these rules and regulations are subject to varying interpretations that may change over time. In particular, the applicability of sales taxes to our subscription services in various jurisdictions is unclear. It is possible that we could face sales tax audits and that our liability for these taxes could exceed our estimates as state tax authorities could still assert that we are obligated to collect additional amounts as taxes from our customers and remit those taxes to those authorities. We could also be subject to audits with respect to state and international jurisdictions for which we have not accrued tax liabilities. A successful assertion that we should be collecting additional sales or other taxes on our services in jurisdictions where we have not historically done so and do not accrue for sales taxes could result in substantial tax liabilities for past sales, discourage customers from purchasing our application or otherwise harm our business and operating results.

Adverse conditions in the national and global economies and financial markets may adversely affect our business and financial results.

Our financial performance depends, in part, on the state of the economy, which deteriorated in the recent broad recession, and which may deteriorate in the future. Challenging economic conditions worldwide have from time to time contributed, and may continue to contribute, to slowdowns in the information technology industry, resulting in

reduced demand

53

Table of Contents

for our solutions as a result of continued constraints on IT-related capital spending by our customers and increased price competition for our solutions. Moreover, we target some of our solutions to the financial services industry and therefore if there is consolidation in that industry, or layoffs, or lack of funding for IT purchases, our business may suffer. If unfavorable economic conditions continue or worsen, our business, financial condition and operating results could be materially and adversely affected.

Our business is subject to the risks of earthquakes, fire, power outages, floods and other catastrophic events, and to interruption by manmade problems such as terrorism.

Natural disasters or other catastrophic events may cause damage or disruption to our operations, international commerce and the global economy, and thus could have a strong negative effect on us. We have significant operations in the Silicon Valley area of Northern California, a region known for seismic activity. A major earthquake or other natural disaster, fire, act of terrorism or other catastrophic event that results in the destruction or disruption of any of our critical business operations or information technology systems could severely affect our ability to conduct normal business operations and, as a result, our future operating results could be harmed. These negative events could make it difficult or impossible for us to deliver our services to our customers, and could decrease demand for our services. Because we do not carry earthquake insurance for direct quake related losses, and significant recovery time could be required to resume operations, our financial condition and operating results could be materially adversely affected in the event of a major earthquake or catastrophic event.

A portion of our revenue is generated by sales to government entities, which are subject to a number of challenges and risks.

Sales to U.S. and foreign federal, state and local governmental agency customers have accounted for a portion of our revenue in past periods, and we may in the future increase sales to government entities. Sales into government entities are subject to a number of risks. Selling to government entities can be highly competitive, expensive and time consuming, often requiring significant upfront time and expense without any assurance that we will win a sale. We have invested in the creation of a cloud offering certified under both the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISM) and the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) for government usage but we cannot be sure that we will continue to sustain or renew this certification, that the government will continue to mandate such certification or that other government agencies or entities will use this cloud offering. Government demand and payment for our solutions may be impacted by public sector budgetary cycles and funding authorizations, with funding reductions or delays adversely affecting public sector demand for our solutions. Government entities may have contractual or other legal rights to terminate contracts with our distributors and resellers for convenience or due to a default, and any such termination may adversely impact our future results of operations. For example, if the distributor receives a significant portion of its revenue from sales to such governmental entity, the financial health of the distributor could be substantially harmed, which could negatively affect our future sales to such distributor.

Governments routinely investigate and audit government contractors' administrative processes, and any unfavorable audit could result in the government refusing to continue buying our solutions, a reduction of revenue or fines or civil or criminal liability if the audit uncovers improper or illegal activities. Any such penalties could adversely impact our results of operations in a material way.

If we fail to maintain an effective system of internal controls, our ability to produce timely and accurate financial statements or comply with applicable regulations could be impaired.

As a public company, we are subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002, or the Sarbanes Oxley Act, and the rules and regulations of the NASDAQ Global Market. We expect that the requirements of these rules and regulations will continue to increase our legal, accounting and financial compliance costs, make some activities more difficult, time consuming and costly, and place significant strain on our personnel, systems and resources.

The Sarbanes Oxley Act requires, among other things, that we maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting. We are continuing to develop and refine our disclosure controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms, and that information required to be disclosed in reports under the

Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our principal executive and financial officers. Our current controls and any new controls that we develop may become inadequate because of changes in conditions in our business. Further, weaknesses in our internal controls may be discovered in the future. Any failure to develop or maintain

54

Table of Contents

effective controls, or any difficulties encountered in their implementation or improvement, could harm our operating results or cause us to fail to meet our reporting obligations and may result in a restatement of our financial statements for prior periods. Any failure to implement and maintain effective internal controls also could adversely affect the results of periodic management evaluations and annual independent registered public accounting firm report regarding the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting that we are required to include in our Annual Report on Form 10-K we will file with the SEC under Section 404 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act. Ineffective disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting could also cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial and other information, which would likely have a negative effect on the trading price of our common stock.

In order to maintain and improve the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting, we have expended, and anticipate that we will continue to expend, significant resources, including accounting related costs, and provide significant management oversight. Any failure to maintain the adequacy of our internal controls, or consequent inability to produce accurate financial statements on a timely basis, could increase our operating costs and could materially impair our ability to operate our business. In the event that we or our independent registered public accounting firm are not able to complete the work required under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act on a timely basis, or we are not able to demonstrate compliance with Section 404, we could be subject to late filings of our annual and quarterly reports, restatements of consolidated financial statements or other corrective disclosure, and, investors may lose confidence in our operating results and our stock price could decline. In addition, if we are unable to continue to meet these requirements, we may not be able to remain listed on The NASDAQ Global Market.

We have been incurring significantly increased costs and devoting substantial management time as a result of operating as a public company.

As a public company, we incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company. For example, we are required to comply with certain of the requirements of the Sarbanes Oxley Act and the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, as well as rules and regulations subsequently implemented by the SEC, and the NASDAQ Global Market, our stock exchange, including the establishment and maintenance of effective disclosure and financial controls and changes in corporate governance practices. We expect that compliance with these requirements will continue to increase our legal and financial compliance costs and will make some activities more time consuming and costly. In addition, we expect that our management and other personnel will need to divert attention from operational and other business matters to devote substantial time to these public company requirements.

We have incurred and expect to continue to incur significant expenses and devote substantial management effort toward ensuring compliance with the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act. We will need to hire additional accounting and financial staff with appropriate public company experience and technical accounting knowledge. We cannot predict or estimate the amount of additional costs we may incur as a public company or the timing of such costs.

Risks Related to the Ownership of Our Common Stock

Our stock price has been volatile in the past and may be subject to volatility in the future.

The trading prices of our common stock has been volatile historically, and is likely to continue to be subject to wide fluctuations in response to various factors described below. These factors, as well as the volatility of our common stock, could also impact the price of our convertible notes. Factors affecting the market price of our securities include: variations in our revenue, billings, gross margin, operating results, free cash flow, loss per share and how these results compare to analyst expectations;

• forward looking guidance that we may provide regarding financial metrics such as billings, revenue, gross margin, operating results, free cash flow, and loss per share;

• announcements of technological innovations, new products or services, strategic alliances, acquisitions or significant agreements by us or by our competitors;

• disruptions in our cloud-based operations or services or disruptions of other prominent cloud-based operations or services;

Table of Contents

the economy as a whole, market conditions in our industry, and the industries of our customers;
trading activity by directors, executive officers and significant stockholders, or the perception in the market that the holders of a large number of shares intend to sell their shares;
the size of our market float and significant option exercises;

any future issuances of securities;

sales and purchases of any common stock issued upon conversion of our convertible notes; and

any other factors discussed herein.

In addition, the stock markets in general and the NASDAQ Global Market in particular, have experienced substantial price and volume volatility that is often seemingly unrelated to the operating results of any particular companies. Moreover, if the market for technology stocks, especially security and cloud computing-related stocks, or the stock market in general experiences uneven investor confidence, the market price of our common stock could decline for reasons unrelated to our business, operating results or financial condition. The market price for our stock might also decline in reaction to events that affect other companies within, or outside, our industry, even if these events do not directly affect us. Some companies that have experienced volatility in the trading price of their stock have been subject of securities litigation. If we are the subject of such litigation, it could result in substantial costs and a diversion of management's attention and resources.

We have indebtedness in the form of convertible senior notes.

In December 2013, we completed an offering of \$201.3 million aggregate principal amount of 1.25% convertible senior notes (the "Notes") due 2018. As a result of this convertible notes offering, we incurred \$201.3 million principal amount of indebtedness, the principal amount of which we may be required to pay at maturity in 2018, or, upon the occurrence of a make-whole fundamental change (as defined in the indenture). There can be no assurance that we will be able to repay this indebtedness when due, or that we will be able to refinance this indebtedness on acceptable terms or at all. In addition, this indebtedness could, among other things:

make it difficult for us to pay other obligations;

make it difficult to obtain favorable terms for any necessary future financing for working capital, capital expenditures, debt service requirements or other purposes;

require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to service the indebtedness, reducing the amount of cash flow available for other purposes; and

limit our flexibility in planning for and reacting to changes in our business.

Conversion of our Notes may affect the price of our common stock and the value of the Notes.

The conversion of some or all of our Notes may dilute the ownership interest of existing stockholders to the extent we deliver shares of common stock upon conversion. Holders of the Notes will be able to convert them only upon the satisfaction of certain conditions prior to June 15, 2018. Upon conversion, holders of the Notes will receive cash, shares of common stock or a combination of cash and shares of common stock, at our election. Any sales in the public market of shares of common stock issued upon conversion of such Notes could adversely affect the trading price of our common stock and the value of the Notes.

Anti-takeover provisions contained in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, as well as provisions of Delaware law, could impair a takeover attempt.

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that could have the effect of rendering more difficult, delaying or preventing an acquisition of our company deemed undesirable by our board of directors. These provisions could also reduce the price that investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of our common stock and

result in the market price of our common stock being lower than it would be without these provisions. Our corporate governance documents include provisions:

56

Table of Contents

• creating a classified board of directors whose members serve staggered three-year terms;
• authorizing “blank check” preferred stock, which could be issued by our board without stockholder approval which may contain voting, liquidation, dividend and other rights which are superior to our common stock;
• limiting the liability of, and providing indemnification to, our directors and officers;
• limiting the ability of our stockholders to call and bring business before special meetings by providing that any stockholder action must be effected at a duly called meeting of the stockholders and not by a consent in writing, and
• providing that only our board of directors, the chairman of our board of directors, our Chief Executive Officer or President may call a special meeting of the stockholders; and
• requiring advance notice of stockholder proposals for business to be conducted at meetings of our stockholders and for nominations of candidates for election to our board of directors.

These provisions, alone or together, could frustrate, delay or prevent hostile takeovers and changes in control or changes in our management.

In addition, the fundamental changes provisions of our Notes may delay or prevent a change in control of our company, because those provisions allow note holders to require us to repurchase such Notes upon the occurrence of a fundamental change (as defined in the indenture for the Notes). Furthermore, the indenture for the Notes prohibits us from engaging in certain mergers or acquisitions unless, among other things, the surviving entity assumes our obligations under the Notes.

As a Delaware corporation, we are also subject to provisions of Delaware law, including Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation law, which prevents some stockholders holding more than 15% of our outstanding common stock from engaging in certain business combinations merging or combining with us without approval of the holders of a substantial majority of all of our outstanding common stock.

Our failure to raise additional capital or generate the significant capital necessary to expand our operations and invest in new solutions could reduce our ability to compete and could harm our business.

We may need to raise additional funds, and we may not be able to obtain additional debt or equity financing on favorable terms, if at all. If we raise additional equity financing, our stockholders may experience significant dilution of their ownership interests and the per share value of our common stock could decline. If we issue equity securities in any additional financing, the new securities may have rights and preferences senior to our common stock. If we engage in debt financing, we may be required to accept terms that restrict our ability to incur additional indebtedness and force us to maintain specified liquidity or other ratios. If we need additional capital and cannot raise it on acceptable terms, we may not be able to, among other things:

- develop or enhance our application and services;
- continue to expand our product development, sales and marketing organizations;
- acquire complementary technologies, products or businesses;
- expand operations, in the United States or internationally;
- hire, train and retain employees; or
- respond to competitive pressures or unanticipated working capital requirements.

We do not anticipate paying cash dividends, and accordingly, stockholders must rely on stock appreciation for any return on their investment.

We do not anticipate paying cash dividends on our common stock in the future. As a result, only appreciation of the price of our common stock will provide a return to our stockholders. Investors seeking cash dividends should not invest in our common stock.

Table of Contents

The terms of our credit agreement also prohibit us from paying dividends.

58

Table of Contents

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

Not applicable.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES.

Not applicable.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES.

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION.

None.

59

Table of Contents

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Exhibit	Incorporated by Reference			Filed Herewith
		Form	File No.	Filing Date	
31.01	Certification of Periodic Report by Chief Executive Officer under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				X
31.02	Certification of Periodic Report by Chief Financial Officer under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				X
32.01*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				X
32.02*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				X
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document.				X
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.				X
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.				X
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.				X
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.				X
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.				X

These exhibits are furnished with this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and are not deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are not incorporated by reference in any filing of Proofpoint, Inc. under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act of 1934, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in such filings.

Table of Contents

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Sunnyvale, State of California, on November 6, 2014.

PROOFPOINT, INC.

By: /s/ GARY STEELE
Gary Steele
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ PAUL AUVIL
Paul Auvil
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)