

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 10-Q/A
Amendment No. 1

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

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

OR

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

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO .

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 000-30203

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE
(STATE OF INCORPORATION)

94-3208477
(IRS EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)

1005 HAMILTON AVENUE
MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA 94025
(650) 847-0000

(ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerate filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act) YES NO

35,530,000 shares of the registrant's common stock, \$0.001 par value, were outstanding as of June 30, 2004.

This Form 10-Q/A is being filed for the purpose of amending Items 1, 2 and 4 of Part 1 of Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2004, as originally filed on August 9, 2004, to restate cost of service, cost of maintenance, and the components of functional expenses on the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2004. We have made no further changes to the previously filed Form 10-Q. All information in the Form 10-Q/A is for the period ended June 30, 2004 and does not reflect information subsequent to August 9, 2004.

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| | June 30, 2004 | December 31, 2003 |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 56,730 | \$ 40,206 |
| Short-term investments | 42,331 | 66,599 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$553 and \$837, respectively | 11,366 | 13,934 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 4,231 | 4,246 |
| | <u>114,658</u> | <u>124,985</u> |
| Total current assets | 114,658 | 124,985 |
| Property and equipment, net | 4,573 | 3,937 |
| Intangible assets, net | 786 | 993 |
| Restricted cash | 11,136 | 11,113 |
| Long-term investments | 2,294 | |
| Other assets | 459 | 469 |
| | <u>133,906</u> | <u>141,497</u> |
| Total assets | \$ 133,906 | \$ 141,497 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 1,407 | \$ 1,086 |
| Accrued vacation | 1,790 | 1,513 |
| Accrued liabilities | 5,732 | 5,407 |
| Current portion of deferred revenue | 6,754 | 7,731 |
| Current portion of restructuring accrual | 9,253 | 9,554 |
| Current portion of capital lease | | 33 |
| | <u>24,936</u> | <u>25,324</u> |
| Total current liabilities | 24,936 | 25,324 |
| Long-term deferred revenue | 288 | 699 |
| Long-term restructuring accrual | 39,221 | 42,891 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 27 | 22 |
| | <u>64,472</u> | <u>68,936</u> |
| Total liabilities | 64,472 | 68,936 |

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| Commitments (Note 9) | | |
| Stockholders' Equity | | |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value, 250,000 shares authorized; 35,530,000 shares and 34,995,000 shares issued and outstanding, respectively | 35 | 35 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 331,282 | 329,975 |
| Accumulated other income | 517 | 748 |
| Accumulated deficit | (262,400) | (258,197) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 69,434 | 72,561 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 133,906 | \$ 141,497 |

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

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

(UNAUDITED)

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | (as Restated See Note 2) | | (as Restated See Note 2) | |
| Revenue: | | | | |
| License | \$ 7,169 | \$ 6,236 | \$ 12,672 | \$ 12,314 |
| Service | 3,412 | 3,626 | 6,974 | 6,437 |
| Maintenance | 3,812 | 3,062 | 7,449 | 5,736 |
| Total revenue | 14,393 | 12,924 | 27,095 | 24,487 |
| Cost of revenue: | | | | |
| License | 140 | 84 | 228 | 180 |
| Service (1) | 2,254 | 2,521 | 4,851 | 4,965 |
| Maintenance (1) | 683 | 634 | 1,391 | 1,280 |
| Total cost of revenue | 3,077 | 3,239 | 6,470 | 6,425 |
| Gross profit | 11,316 | 9,685 | 20,625 | 18,062 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Sales and marketing (1) | 7,331 | 7,291 | 13,520 | 14,353 |
| Research and development (1) | 3,562 | 3,972 | 7,659 | 7,827 |
| General and administrative (1) | 2,345 | 3,005 | 4,274 | 6,139 |
| Non-cash stock-based compensation | | (88) | 73 | (14) |
| Restructuring credit | | | (41) | (943) |
| Total operating expenses | 13,238 | 14,180 | 25,485 | 27,362 |
| Loss from operations | (1,922) | (4,495) | (4,860) | (9,300) |
| Interest and other income, net | 306 | 253 | 540 | 719 |
| Loss before income taxes | (1,616) | (4,242) | (4,320) | (8,581) |
| Benefit from income taxes | (20) | (1,575) | (117) | (1,639) |
| Net loss | \$ (1,596) | \$ (2,667) | \$ (4,203) | \$ (6,942) |
| Basic and diluted net loss per share | \$ (0.05) | \$ (0.08) | \$ (0.12) | \$ (0.20) |

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| Shares used to compute basic and diluted net loss per share | 35,386 | 34,375 | 35,226 | 34,272 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| (1) Excludes non-cash stock-based compensation as follows: | | | | |
| Service and maintenance cost of revenue | \$ | \$ (13) | \$ | \$ (5) |
| Sales and marketing | | (18) | | (7) |
| Research and development | | (46) | 73 | (16) |
| General and administrative | | (11) | | 14 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total non-cash stock-based compensation | \$ | \$ (88) | \$ 73 | \$ (14) |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

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

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| | Six Months Ended | |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|
| | June 30, | |
| | 2004 | 2003 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net loss | \$ (4,203) | \$ (6,942) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,523 | 2,356 |
| Non-cash stock-based compensation | 73 | (14) |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | (225) | (8) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 2,793 | (2,922) |
| Prepaid expenses, other current assets and other assets | 25 | (445) |
| Accounts payable | 321 | (279) |
| Accrued liabilities and other current and long-term liabilities | 574 | (644) |
| Restructuring accrual | (3,971) | (5,333) |
| Deferred revenue | (1,388) | (1,162) |
| | <u>(4,478)</u> | <u>(15,393)</u> |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (4,478) | (15,393) |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Purchase of investments | (34,259) | (61,630) |
| Maturities of investments | 56,151 | 58,628 |
| Purchase of property and equipment | (1,952) | (867) |
| Decrease in restricted cash | (23) | (29) |
| | <u>19,917</u> | <u>(3,898)</u> |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | 19,917 | (3,898) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options | 382 | 49 |
| Proceeds from employee stock purchase plan | 852 | 510 |
| | <u>1,234</u> | <u>559</u> |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 1,234 | 559 |
| Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalent | (149) | 349 |
| | <u>16,524</u> | <u>(18,383)</u> |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 16,524 | (18,383) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 40,206 | 43,771 |
| | <u>\$ 56,730</u> | <u>\$ 25,388</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$ 56,730 | \$ 25,388 |

| | _____ | _____ |
|---|---------|---------|
| Supplementary disclosures of cash flow information: | | |
| Cash paid during the period for: | | |
| Interest | \$ 2 | \$ 3 |
| Income taxes | \$ 190 | \$ 354 |
| Supplementary disclosures of non-cash transactions: | | |
| Unrealized loss on available-for-sale securities | \$ (82) | \$ (91) |

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condensed consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(UNAUDITED)

1. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

Nuance Communications, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, the Company) was incorporated in July 1994 in the state of California, and subsequently reincorporated in March 2000 in the state of Delaware to develop, market and support software that enables enterprises and telecommunications carriers to automate the delivery of information and services over the telephone. The Company's software product lines consist of software servers that run on industry-standard hardware and perform speech recognition, natural language understanding and voice authentication. The Company sells its products through a combination of third-party resellers, original equipment manufacturers (OEM) and system integrators and directly to end users.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the Company in accordance with instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in annual financial statements prepared under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) have been condensed or omitted pursuant to these instructions and regulations. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated financial position as of June 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the consolidated results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003 and cash flow for the six months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003. The results for the periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year or for any future periods. The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements contained in the Company's Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 24, 2004.

Principles of Consolidation

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries. All significant inter-company transactions and balances have been eliminated.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the condensed consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Such estimates include, but are not limited to, allowance for doubtful accounts, restructuring accrual, income taxes, contingencies and percentage of completion estimates of certain revenue contracts. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Certain Significant Risks and Uncertainties

The Company operates in a dynamic and highly competitive industry and believes that any of the following potential factors could have a material adverse effect on the Company's future financial position, results of operations or cash flows: the volatility of, and rapid change in, the speech software industry; potential competition, including competition from larger, more established companies with better or less expensive

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products or services; the Company's dependence on key employees for technology and support; the Company's failure to adopt, or develop products based on, new industry standards; changes in the overall demand by customers and consumers for speech software products generally, and for the Company's products in particular; changes in, or the loss of, certain strategic relationships (particularly reseller relationships); the loss of a significant customer(s) or order(s); litigation or claims against the Company based on intellectual property, patent, product, regulatory or other factors; the Company's inability to protect its proprietary intellectual property rights; adverse changes in domestic and international economic and/or political conditions or regulations; the Company's inability to attract and retain employees necessary to support growth; liability with respect to the Company's software and related claims if such software is defective or otherwise does not function as intended; a lengthy sales cycle, which could result in the delay or loss of potential sales orders; seasonal variations in the Company's sales, due to patterns in the budgeting and purchasing cycles of our customers; the Company's inability to manage its operations and resources in accordance with market conditions; the need for an increase in the Company's restructuring accrual for the Pacific Shores facility; the failure to realize anticipated benefits from any potential acquisition of companies, products, or technologies; the Company's inability to collect amounts owed to it by its customers; and the Company's inability to develop localized versions of its products to meet international demand.

Revenue Recognition

Revenues are generated from licenses, services and maintenance. All revenues generated from the Company's worldwide operations are approved at its corporate headquarters, located in the United States. The Company applied the provisions of Statement of Position (SOP) No. 97-2, Software Revenue Recognition, as amended by SOP No. 98-9, Modification of SOP No. 97-2, Software Revenue Recognition, With Respect to Certain Transactions to all transactions involving the sale of software products. The Company also recognizes some revenue based on SOP No. 81-1, Accounting for Performance of Construction-Type and Certain Production-Type Contracts and Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Issue No. 03-05 Applicability of AICPA Statement of Position 97-2 to Non-Software Deliverables in an Arrangement Containing More-Than-Incidental Software .

The Company's license revenue consists of license fees for our software products. The license fees for the Company's software products are calculated primarily by determining the maximum number of calls that may be simultaneously connected to its software.

For licensed products requiring significant customization, the Company recognizes license revenue using the percentage-of-completion method of accounting over the period that services are performed. For all license and service agreements accounted for under the percentage-of-completion method, the Company determines progress to completion based on actual direct labor hours incurred to date as a percentage of the estimated total direct labor hours required to complete the project. The Company periodically evaluates the actual status of each project to ensure that the estimates to complete each contract remain accurate. A provision for estimated losses on contracts is made in the period in which the loss becomes probable and can be reasonably estimated. To date, these losses have not been significant. Costs incurred in advance of billings are recorded as costs incurred exceed the related billings on uncompleted contracts. If the amount of revenue recognized exceeds the amounts billed to customers, the excess amount is recorded as unbilled accounts receivable. If the amount billed exceeds the amount of revenue recognized, the excess amount is recorded as deferred revenue. Revenue recognized in any period is dependent on the Company's percentage completion of projects in progress. Significant management judgment and discretion are used to estimate total direct labor hours required to complete the project. Any changes in or deviation from these estimates could have a material effect on the amount of revenue the Company recognizes in any period.

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For licensed products that do not require significant customization of components, the Company recognizes revenue from the sale of software licenses when:

persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists;

the software and corresponding authorization codes have been delivered;

the fee is fixed and determinable;

collection of the resulting receivable is probable.

The Company uses a signed contract and either 1) a purchase order, 2) an order form or 3) a royalty report as evidence of an arrangement.

Products delivered with acceptance criteria or return rights are not recognized as revenue until all revenue recognition criteria are achieved. If undelivered products or services exist that are essential to the functionality of the delivered product in an arrangement, delivery is not considered to have occurred. Delivery is accomplished through electronic distribution of the authorization codes or keys. Occasionally the customer will require that the Company secure their acceptance of the system in addition to the delivery of the keys. Such acceptance, when required, typically consists of a demonstration to the customer that, upon implementation, the software performs in accordance with specified system parameters, such as recognition accuracy or transaction completion rates. In the absence of such required acceptance, the Company will defer revenue recognition until signed acceptance is obtained.

The Company considers the fee to be fixed and determinable when the price is not subject to refund or adjustments.

The Company assesses whether collection of the resulting receivable is probable based on a number of factors, including the customer's past payment history and current financial position. If the Company determines that collection of a fee is not probable, the Company defers recognition of the revenue until the time collection becomes reasonably assured, which is upon receipt of the cash payment.

The Company uses the residual method to recognize revenue when a license agreement includes one or more elements to be delivered at a future date if Vendor Specific Objective Evidence (VSOE) of the fair value of all undelivered elements exists. VSOE of fair value is based on the price charged when the element is sold separately, or if not yet sold separately, is established by authorized management. In situations where VSOE of fair value for undelivered elements does not exist, the entire amount of revenue from the arrangement is deferred and recognized when VSOE of

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fair value can be established for all undelivered elements or when all such elements are delivered. In situations where the only undelivered element is maintenance and VSOE of fair value for maintenance does not exist, the entire amount of revenue from the arrangement is recognized ratably over the maintenance period. As a general rule, license revenue from third-party resellers is recognized when product has been sold through to an end user and such sales have been reported to the Company. However, certain third-party reseller agreements include time-based provisions on which the Company bases revenue recognition, in these instances, there is no right of returns possible.

The timing of license revenue recognition is affected by whether the Company performs consulting services in the arrangement and the nature of those services. In the majority of cases, the Company either performs no consulting services or the Company performs services that are not essential to the functionality of the software. When the Company performs consulting and implementation services that are essential to the functionality of the software, the Company recognizes both license and consulting revenue utilizing contract accounting based on the

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percentage of the consulting services that have been completed. This calculation is done in conformity with SOP No. 81-1; however, judgment is required in determining the percentage of the project that has been completed. Revenue recognized from such contracts were \$0.8 million and \$0.9 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2004, respectively, and \$1.3 million and \$1.3 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2003, respectively.

Service revenue consists of revenue from providing consulting, training and other revenue. Other revenue consists primarily of reimbursements for consulting out-of-pocket expenses incurred and recognized, in accordance with EITF No. 01-14, Income Statement Characterization of Reimbursements Received for Out-of-Pocket Expenses Incurred. For services revenue, the Company requires 1) a signed contract, 2) statement of work and 3) purchase order or order form prior to recognizing any services revenue. The Company's consulting service contracts are bid either on a fixed-fee basis or on a time-and-materials basis. For a fixed-fee contract, the Company recognizes revenue using the percentage of completion method. For time-and-materials contracts, the Company recognizes revenue as services are performed. Training service revenue is recognized as services are performed. Losses on service contracts, if any, are recognized as soon as such losses become known.

Maintenance revenue consists of fees for providing technical support and software upgrades and updates. The Company generally requires a signed contract and purchase order prior to recognizing any maintenance revenue. The Company recognizes all maintenance revenue ratably over the contract term for such maintenance. Customers have the option to purchase or decline maintenance agreements at the time of the license purchase. If maintenance is declined, a reinstatement fee is generally required when the customer decides to later activate maintenance. Customers generally have the option to renew or decline maintenance agreements annually during the contract term.

The Company's standard payment terms are generally net 30 to 90 days from the date of invoice. Thus, a significant portion of the Company's accounts receivable balance at the end of a quarter is comprised of revenue from that quarter.

Restructuring and Asset Impairment Charges

The Company accrues for restructuring costs when management approves and commits to a firm plan. Historically the main components of the Company's restructuring plans have been related to workforce reductions, lease losses as a result of a decision not to occupy certain leased property and asset impairments. Workforce-related charges are accrued based on an estimate of expected benefits that would be paid out to the employees. To determine the sublease loss, after our cost recovery efforts from subleasing the building, certain assumptions are made relating to the (1) time period over which the building would remain vacant (2) sublease terms and (3) sublease rates. The Company establishes the reserves at the low end of the range of estimable cost against outstanding commitments, net of estimated future sublease income. These estimates are derived using the guidance provided in Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 100, Restructuring and Impairment Charges, EITF No. 94-3, Liability Recognition for Certain Employee Termination Benefits and Other Costs to Exit an Activity (Including Certain Costs Incurred in a Restructuring) and Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No.146 Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities. These reserves are based upon management's estimate of the time required to sublet the property and the amount of sublet income that may be generated between the date the property is not occupied and expiration of the lease for the unoccupied property. These estimates are reviewed and revised quarterly and may result in a substantial increase or decrease to restructuring expense should different conditions prevail

than were anticipated in original management estimates.

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Valuation Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers and adjusts credit limits based upon payment history and the customer's current creditworthiness, as determined by the Company's review of their current credit information. The Company continuously monitors collections and payments from customers and maintains a provision for estimated credit losses based on a percentage of its accounts receivable, the historical experience and any specific customer collection issues that the Company has identified. While such credit losses have historically been within the Company's expectations and appropriate reserves have been established, the Company cannot guarantee that it will continue to experience the same credit loss rates that the Company has experienced in the past. Material differences may result in the amount and timing of revenue and or expenses for any period if management made different judgments or utilized different estimates.

Income Taxes

In preparing the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements, the Company is required to estimate its income taxes in each of the jurisdictions in which the Company operates. This process involves estimating actual current tax exposures together with assessing tax credits and temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items, such as deferred revenue, for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are included within the condensed consolidated balance sheet. The Company then assesses the likelihood that deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income, and to the extent it believes that recovery is not likely, the Company must establish a valuation allowance. To the extent the Company establishes a valuation allowance or increases this allowance in a period, the Company includes an expense within the tax provision in its condensed consolidated statement of operations.

Significant management judgment is required in determining the Company's provision for income taxes, income tax credits, the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities and any valuation allowance recorded against its net deferred tax assets. The Company has recorded a valuation allowance due to uncertainties related to its ability to utilize some of its deferred tax assets, primarily consisting of the utilization of certain net operating loss carry forwards and foreign tax credits before they expire. The valuation allowance is based on estimates of taxable income by the jurisdictions in which the Company operates and the period over which deferred tax assets will be recoverable. In the event that actual results differ from these estimates or the Company adjusts these estimates in future periods, the Company may need to establish an additional valuation allowance, which could impact the Company's financial position and results of operations.

Valuation of Long-lived Assets

The Company has assessed the recoverability of long-lived assets, including intangible assets other than goodwill, by determining whether the carrying value of such assets will be recovered through undiscounted future cash flows according to the guidance of SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long Lived Assets". SFAS No.144 superceded SFAS No. 121, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-lived Assets" in 2002. The Company assesses whether it will recognize the future benefit of long-lived assets, including intangibles in

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accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 144. The Company assesses the impairment of goodwill in accordance with SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, which became effective in 2002. For assets to be held and used, including acquired intangibles, the Company initiates its review annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of a long-lived asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of an asset is measured by comparison of its carrying amount to the expected future undiscounted cash flows (without interest charges) that the asset is expected to generate. Any impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds

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its fair value. Significant management judgment is required in the forecasting of future operating results which are used in the preparation of projected discounted cash flows and should different conditions prevail, material write downs of net intangible assets and/or goodwill could occur.

It is reasonably possible that the estimates of anticipated future gross revenue, the remaining estimated economic life of the products and technologies, or both, could differ from those used to assess the recoverability of these costs and result in a write-down of the carrying amount or a shortened life of acquired intangibles in the future. As of June 30, 2004, the Company has no goodwill balance and no impairment of intangibles was recorded.

Software Development Costs Software to be Sold

Costs incurred in the research and development of software products are expensed as incurred until technological feasibility has been established. Once technological feasibility has been established, these costs are capitalized. The establishment of technological feasibility and the ongoing assessment of the recoverability of these costs requires considerable judgment by management with respect to certain external factors, including, but not limited to, anticipated future gross product revenues, estimated economic life and changes in software and hardware technologies. Amounts that could have been capitalized were insignificant and, therefore, no costs have been capitalized to date.

Software Development Costs Internal Use

The Company purchased software for internal use during the six months ended June 30, 2004. Therefore, external direct costs of software development and payroll and payroll related costs incurred for time spent on the project by employees directly associated with the development, are capitalized after the preliminary project stage is completed. Accordingly, the Company had capitalized \$1.0 million and \$0 related to the software development for internal use as of June 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively.

Comprehensive Loss

The Company reports comprehensive loss by major components and in a single total, the change in its net assets from non-owner sources, which for the Company is foreign currency translation adjustments and changes in unrealized gains and losses on investments.

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The following table presents the components of comprehensive loss for the three and six months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003:

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | June 30, | | June 30, | |
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| Net loss | \$ (1,596) | \$ (2,667) | \$ (4,203) | \$ (6,942) |
| Unrealized loss on investments | (96) | (63) | (82) | (91) |
| Foreign currency translation gain (loss) | (146) | 194 | (149) | 349 |
| Comprehensive loss | \$ (1,838) | \$ (2,536) | \$ (4,434) | \$ (6,684) |

Stock-based Compensation.

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation in accordance with the provisions of Accounting Principle Board Opinion (APB) No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and complies with the

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disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, as amended by SFAS No. 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosures. Stock-based compensation is amortized under SFAS No. 123 under the straight line method. The Company adopted the disclosure-only provisions of SFAS No. 123.

Pro forma net loss and net loss per share information, as required by SFAS No. 123, have been determined as if the Company had accounted for all employee stock options granted, including shares issued to employees under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan, under SFAS No. 123's fair value method. The pro forma effect of recognizing compensation expense in accordance with SFAS No. 123 is as follows:

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| | June 30, | | June 30, | |
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| Net loss, as reported | \$ (1,596) | \$ (2,667) | \$ (4,203) | \$ (6,942) |
| Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense (benefit) included in net loss | | (88) | 73 | (14) |
| Less: Total stock-based employee compensation expense under fair value method for all awards | (7,086) | (8,945)* | (15,307) | (17,741)* |
| Pro forma net loss | \$ (8,682) | \$ (11,700) | \$ (19,437) | \$ (24,697) |
| Basic and diluted net loss per share as reported | \$ (0.05) | \$ (0.08) | \$ (0.12) | \$ (0.20) |
| Basic and diluted net loss per share pro forma | \$ (0.25) | \$ (0.34)* | \$ (0.55) | \$ (0.72)* |

* Restated as described below

As previously reported, during the preparation of our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2003, we discovered that our pro-forma footnote disclosures required by SFAS No. 148 Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation-Transition and Disclosure, with respect to the fair value of our stock-based awards for the year ended December 31, 2002 and 2001 and for the quarters ended March 31, 2003, June 30, 2003 and September 30, 2003, were not calculated correctly. Accordingly, such pro forma amounts for the three and six months ended June 30, 2003 presented above have been revised. The effect was to increase the pro forma net loss for the three and six months ended June 30, 2003 by \$5.2 million and \$10.4 million, respectively. This change did not impact the Company's condensed consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows for any of the periods presented.

Reclassifications

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Certain amounts related to financial information presented in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes as of June 30, 2003 have been reclassified to conform to the presentation of the three and six months ended June 30, 2004.

2004 Financial Statement Restatement

Subsequent to the issuance of our condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2004, we discovered that our presentation of the cost of service, cost of maintenance, and components of functional expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and three and six months ended June 30, 2004 was not correct due to a misclassification of some common overhead costs. Accordingly, cost of service, cost of maintenance and components of functional expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2004

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and three and six months ended June 30, 2004 have been restated. This change did not impact the Company's condensed consolidated statements of financial position, the statements of cash flows, revenue or net loss for any of the periods presented.

| | Three months ended | | Six months ended | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| | June 30, 2004 | | June 30, 2004 | |
| | As previously reported | As restated | As previously reported | As restated |
| Cost of service | \$ 2,374 | \$ 2,254 | \$ 5,027 | \$ 4,851 |
| Cost of maintenance | 718 | 683 | 1,442 | 1,391 |
| Cost of revenue | 3,232 | 3,077 | 6,697 | 6,470 |
| Sales and marketing | 7,516 | 7,331 | 13,790 | 13,520 |
| Research and development | 3,740 | 3,562 | 7,913 | 7,659 |
| General and administrative | 1,827 | 2,345 | 3,523 | 4,274 |

3. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In January 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FASB Interpretation No. (FIN) 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities , which was later revised in December 2003. FIN 46 addresses consolidation of variable interest entities. FIN 46 provides guidance for determining when a primary beneficiary should consolidate a variable interest entity or equivalent structure that functions to support the activities of the primary beneficiary. The provisions of FIN 46 are effective immediately for all variable interest entities created after January 31, 2003. It applies in the first year or interim period ending after December 15, 2003 to variable interest entities in which an enterprise holds a variable interest that it acquired before February 1, 2003. The Company did not have interest in any variable interest entities as of June 30, 2004, and the adoption of FIN 46 did not have a material effect on the Company's financial statements.

In November 2003, the EITF reached an interim consensus on Issue 03-01, The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and its Application to Certain Investments, to require additional disclosure, for the fiscal years ending after December 15, 2003, with respect to requirements for securities classified as available-for-sale or held-to-maturity. Those additional disclosures have been incorporated into the accompanying footnotes. In March 2004, the EITF reached a final consensus on this issue, providing additional guidance that companies must follow in determining whether investment securities have an impairment which should be considered other-than-temporary. This guidance is applicable for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2004. The Company does not believe that adoption of this guidance, if it had been in effect with respect to its quarter ended June 30, 2004, would have had a material impact on the carrying value of its investments at June 30, 2004.

4. NET LOSS PER SHARE

Net loss per share is calculated under SFAS No. 128, Earnings Per Share. Basic net loss per share is computed using the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding. Diluted net loss per share is equal to basic net loss per share for all periods presented since potential common shares from stock options and warrants are anti-dilutive due to the reported net loss. Shares subject to repurchase resulting from early exercises of options that have not vested are excluded from the calculation of basic and diluted net loss per share. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, the Company had securities outstanding that could potentially dilute basic earnings per share in the future, but were excluded in the computation of diluted loss per share in such periods, as their effect would have been anti-dilutive due to the net loss reported in such

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periods. The total number of shares excluded from diluted net loss per share was 10,184,377 shares and 9,941,505 shares for the three and six months ended June 30, 2004, respectively; The total number of shares excluded from diluted net loss per share were 9,751,000 shares and 9,394,000 shares for the three and six months ended June 30, 2003, respectively.

The following table presents the calculation of basic and diluted net loss per share (in thousands, except per share data):

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| | June 30, | | June 30, | |
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| Net loss | \$ (1,596) | \$ (2,667) | \$ (4,203) | \$ (6,942) |
| Basic and diluted shares: | | | | |
| Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding | 35,386 | 34,390 | 35,226 | 34,291 |
| Less: weighted average shares of common stock subject to repurchase | | (15) | | (19) |
| Weighted average shares used to compute basic and diluted net loss per share | 35,386 | 34,375 | 35,226 | 34,272 |
| Basic and diluted net loss per share | \$ (0.05) | \$ (0.08) | \$ (0.12) | \$ (0.20) |

5. INVESTMENTS

All our investments are classified as available for sale at June 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003. Available-for-sale investments with original maturities of greater than three months are classified as short-term investments, as these investments generally consist of highly marketable securities that are intended to be available to meet current cash requirements. Investment securities classified as available-for-sale are reported at market value, and net unrealized gains or losses are recorded in cumulative other comprehensive income (loss), a separate component of stockholders' equity, until realized. Realized gains and losses on non-equity investments are computed based upon specific identification and are included in interest income and other, net.

As required by EITF 03-01, Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments, management evaluates investments on a regular basis to determine if an other-than-temporary impairment has occurred. The Company's investments in debt instruments of publicly held companies are generally considered impaired when a decline in the fair value of an investment, as measured by quoted market prices, is less than its carrying value, and such a decline is not considered temporary. For both the six months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, the Company has not

recorded such an impairment. For all periods presented, realized gains and losses on available-for-sale investments were not material.

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Information regarding the Company's intangible assets follows (in thousands):

| | As of June 30, 2004 | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| | Gross amount | Accumulated amortization | Net | Remaining life |
| Purchased Technology | \$ 2,618 | \$ (2,069) | \$ 549 | 20 months |
| Patents Purchased | 375 | (138) | 237 | 39 months |
| Total | \$ 2,993 | \$ (2,207) | \$ 786 | |

| | As of December 31, 2003 | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| | Gross amount | Accumulated amortization | Net | Remaining life |
| Purchased Technology | \$ 2,618 | \$ (1,900) | \$ 718 | 26 months |
| Patents Purchased | 375 | (100) | 275 | 45 months |
| Total | \$ 2,993 | \$ (2,000) | \$ 993 | |

As of June 30, 2004, total estimated amortization of the purchased technology and the patents is as follows (in thousands):

| Year Ended December 31, | Amortization Expense |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2004 (remaining 6 months) | \$ 206 |
| 2005 | 413 |
| 2006 | 117 |
| 2007 | 50 |

| | | |
|-------|----|-----|
| Total | \$ | 786 |
|-------|----|-----|

7. GUARANTEES, WARRANTIES AND INDEMNITIES

Guarantees

As of June 30, 2004, the Company's financial guarantees consist of standby letters of credit outstanding, representing the restricted cash requirements collateralizing the Company's lease obligations. As of June 30, 2004, the maximum amount of potential future payments under the arrangements were \$10.9 million related to the Company's Pacific Shores lease in California and \$228,000 related to the Company's Montreal lease, totaling \$11.1 million presented as restricted cash on the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Warranty

The Company does not maintain a general warranty reserve for estimated costs of product warranties at the time revenue is recognized due to the effectiveness of the Company's extensive product quality program and processes.

Indemnifications to Customers

The Company defends and indemnifies its customers for specified liabilities incurred in any suit or claim brought against them, alleging that the Company's products infringe a U.S. patent (worldwide, in some

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instances), copyright, trade secret or similar right. If a product becomes the subject of an infringement claim, the Company has an obligation to, at its option: (i) replace the product with another non-infringing product that provides substantially similar performance; (ii) modify the infringing product so that it no longer infringes but remains functionally equivalent; (iii) obtain the right for the customer to continue using the product at the Company's expense and for the third-party reseller to continue selling the product; or (iv) take back the infringing product and refund to customer the purchase price paid, less depreciation amortized on a straight line basis. The Company has not, to date, been required to make material payments pursuant to these indemnification provisions. The Company has not identified any losses that are probable under these provisions and, accordingly, the Company has not recorded a liability related to these indemnification provisions.

Indemnifications to Officers and Directors

The Company's corporate by-laws require that the Company indemnify its officers and directors, as well as those who act as directors and officers of other entities at the Company's request, against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any proceedings arising out of their services to Nuance. In addition, the Company has entered into separate indemnification agreements with each of its director and board-appointed officer and certain other of its employees. The agreements provide for indemnification of these directors, officers and employees under similar circumstances. The indemnification obligations are more fully described in the by-laws and the indemnification agreements. The Company purchases insurance to cover claims or a portion of the claims made against its directors and officers. Since a maximum obligation is not explicitly stated in the Company's by-laws or in its indemnification agreements and will depend on the facts and circumstances that arise out of any future claims, the overall maximum amount of the obligations cannot be reasonably estimated. Historically, the Company has not made payments related to these obligations, and the estimated fair value for these obligations is zero on the condensed consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2004.

Other Indemnifications

As is customary in the Company's industry and as provided for in local law in the U.S. and other jurisdictions, many of the Company's standard contracts provide remedies to others with whom the Company enters into such contracts, such as defense and settlement of, or payment of judgments for, intellectual property claims related to the use of the Company's products. From time to time, the Company indemnifies its suppliers, contractors, lessors, lessees and others with whom the Company enters into contracts against loss, expense, or liability arising from various trigger events related to the sale and the use of the Company's products and services, the use of their goods and services, the use of facilities, the state of the assets and businesses that the Company may sell and other matters covered by such contracts, often up to a specified maximum amount. In addition, from time to time the Company also provides protection to these parties against claims related to undiscovered liabilities, product liability or environmental obligations. In the Company's experience, claims made under such indemnifications are rare and the associated estimated fair value of the liability is not material. At June 30, 2004, there were no claims for such indemnifications.

8. RESTRUCTURING AND ASSET IMPAIRMENTS

Restructuring on Headcount Level

The Company had approximately 309 full-time employees as of June 30, 2004. In 2001, the Company's Board of Directors approved a restructuring plan to align the Company's expenses with revised anticipated demand and create a more efficient organization. As a result, in 2001, the Company reduced its workforce by 80

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employees, with reductions ranging between 10% and 20% across all functional areas and affecting several locations. In 2002, in conjunction with the January 2002 and August 2002 restructuring plans approved by its Board of Directors, the Company reduced its workforce by another 33 and 81 employees, respectively, primarily to realign the sales organization, to align the cost structure with changing market conditions and to create a more efficient organization. In August 2003, the Company reduced its general and administrative workforce by 9%, or 5 employees, to further realign the organization to its structure. The Company will continue to evaluate its resource and skills requirements and adjust its staffing appropriately, including by decreasing its workforce in some areas or functions. The Company may, in the future be required to increase its workforce to respond to changes or growth in its business, and as a result may need to expand its operational and human resources, as well as its information systems and controls, to support any such growth. Such expansion may place significant demands on the Company's management and operational resources.

Restructuring Charges Based on Different Plans

Fiscal Year 2001

In April 2001, with the approval of its Board of Directors, the Company implemented a restructuring plan to align its expenses with revised anticipated demand and to create a more efficient organization. In connection with the restructuring plan, the Company recorded a restructuring charge of \$34.1 million for lease loss and severance costs and an asset impairment charge of \$20.9 million on tenant improvements during the quarter ended September 30, 2001. The Company decreased the asset impairment charge by \$0.5 million in the quarter ended December 31, 2001.

In connection with the restructuring plan, the Company decided not to occupy a new leased facility. This decision has resulted in a lease loss of \$32.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2001, comprised of a sublease loss, broker commissions and other facility costs. To determine the sublease loss, the loss after the Company's cost recovery efforts to sublease the building, certain assumptions were made relating to the (1) time period over which the building will remain vacant, (2) sublease terms and (3) sublease rates. The Company established the reserves at the low end of the range of estimable cost against outstanding commitments, net of estimated future sublease income. These estimates were derived using the guidance provided in SAB No. 100, *Restructuring and Impairment Charges*, and EITF No. 94-3, *Liability Recognition for Certain Employee Termination Benefits and Other Costs to Exit an Activity (Including Certain Costs Incurred in a Restructuring)*. The lease loss was increased in August 2002 and September 2003 as described below and will continue to be adjusted in the future upon triggering events (change in estimate of time to sublease, actual sublease rates, etc.).

The Company recorded \$1.5 million in restructuring costs for the year ended December 31, 2001 associated with severance and related benefits. The Company reduced headcount by approximately 80 employees, with reductions ranging between 10% and 20% across all functional areas and affecting several locations.

Fiscal Year 2002

In January 2002, with the approval of its Board of Directors, the Company implemented a restructuring plan to reduce its workforce. The restructuring was primarily to realign the sales and professional services structure. The Company recorded a restructuring charge of \$1.3 million during the three months ended March 31, 2002, consisting primarily of payroll and related expenses associated with reducing headcount. This amount was paid out as of December 31, 2002.

In August 2002, with the approval of its Board of Directors, the Company implemented a restructuring plan to reduce its worldwide workforce to realign its expense structure with near term market opportunities. In

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connection with the reduction of workforce, the Company recorded a charge of \$2.6 million primarily for severance and related employee termination costs. It was fully paid off as of December 31, 2003. For the third quarter 2003, it also reversed an excess accrual for this restructuring plan, which resulted in the recording of \$0.2 million as a credit to the restructuring charge line.

The restructuring plan also included the consolidation of facilities through the closing of certain international offices that resulted in a charge of \$0.7 million, which was fully paid out during the first quarter of 2004.

In addition, in fiscal year 2002, the Company recorded an increase in its previously reported real estate restructuring accrual related to the new leased facility it does not occupy and which has not been subleased. This additional charge of \$31.8 million resulted from an analysis of the time period during which the California property is likely to remain vacant and prospective sub-lease terms and sub-lease rates.

Fiscal Year 2003

In the third quarter of 2003, the Company reviewed the earlier estimate for the lease loss for the unoccupied leased facility and the condition of the San Francisco Bay Area commercial real estate market. The Company estimated that it might take an additional 12 months to sublease this unoccupied facility. The Company also reduced the estimates for the expected sublease rates. This evaluation resulted in recording an additional lease loss of \$10.4 million, which was recorded as part of the restructuring charges.

For the third quarter of 2003, the Company reduced its general and administrative workforce to realign the organizational structure. The Company recorded a restructuring charge of \$0.2 million primarily for severance and termination costs relating to the reduction in workforce. As of December 31, 2003, all severance payments were fully paid. In addition, the Company revised the estimate for the August 2002 restructuring plan, which resulted in a \$0.2 million credit to the restructuring charge line.

As of June 30, 2004, the Company expects the remaining future net cash outlay for the restructuring plans to be \$48.5 million, of which \$9.3 million of the lease loss is to be paid out over the next 12 months and \$39.2 million is to be paid out over the remaining life of the lease of approximately eight years.

The Company has recorded a lease loss related to future lease commitments of its Pacific Shores lease, net of estimated sublease income. However, given the condition of the San Francisco Bay Area commercial real estate market, the Company may be required to periodically reevaluate the components of the estimated sublease income, because such components affect the estimated lease loss for the unoccupied leased facility. Specifically, the Company is required to reevaluate the time that it might take to sublease this unoccupied facility, as well as the

expected sublease rates. This evaluation may result in additional lease loss, which would increase the restructuring charges.

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The restructuring charges and balance as of June 30, 2004 are as follows (in thousands):

| | <u>Lease Loss</u> | <u>Severance & Related</u> | <u>Asset Write Down</u> | <u>Total Restructuring</u> |
|--|-------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2001 Plan | | | | |
| Total charges for the year ending December 31, 2001 | \$ 32,615 | \$ 1,516 | \$ 20,424 | \$ 54,555 |
| Amount utilized in the year ending December 31, 2001 | (3,572) | (1,416) | (20,424) | (25,412) |
| Accrual balance at December 31, 2001 | \$ 29,043 | \$ 100 | \$ | \$ 29,143 |
| Total charges for the year ending December 31, 2002 | \$ 31,829 | \$ | \$ | \$ 31,829 |
| Amount utilized in the year ended December 31, 2002 | (9,342) | (100) | | (9,442) |
| Balance at December 31, 2002 | \$ 51,530 | \$ | \$ | \$ 51,530 |
| Total charges for the year ended December 31, 2003 | \$ 11,316 | \$ | \$ (943) | \$ 10,373 |
| Amount utilized in the year ending December 31, 2003 | (10,477) | | 943 | (9,534) |
| Balance at December 31, 2003 | \$ 52,369 | \$ | \$ | \$ 52,369 |
| Current restructuring accrual | \$ 9,478 | \$ | \$ | \$ 9,478 |
| Long-term restructuring accrual | \$ 42,891 | \$ | \$ | \$ 42,891 |
| Total charges for the quarter ended March 31, 2004 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Amount utilized in the quarter ended March 31, 2004 | (2,279) | | | (2,279) |
| Balance at March 31, 2004 | \$ 50,090 | \$ | \$ | \$ 50,090 |
| Total charges for the quarter ended June 30, 2004 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Amount utilized in the quarter ended June 30, 2004 | (1,616) | | | (1,616) |
| Balance at June 30, 2004 | \$ 48,474 | \$ | \$ | \$ 48,474 |
| Current restructuring accrual | \$ 9,253 | \$ | \$ | \$ 9,253 |
| Long-term restructuring accrual | \$ 39,221 | \$ | \$ | \$ 39,221 |
| Q3 2002 Plan | | | | |
| Balance at December 31, 2003 | \$ 35 | \$ | \$ | \$ 35 |
| As of December 31, 2003: | | | | |

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| | | | | |
|--|-----------|-------|----|-----------|
| Current restructuring accrual | \$ 35 | \$ | \$ | \$ 35 |
| Amount utilized in the quarter ending March 31, 2004 | (35) | | | (35) |
| Balance at March 31, 2004 | | | | |
| Q3 2003 Plan | | | | |
| Balance at December 31, 2003 | \$ | \$ 41 | \$ | \$ 41 |
| As of December 31, 2003: | | | | |
| Current restructuring accrual | \$ | \$ 41 | \$ | \$ 41 |
| Amount utilized in the quarter ending March 31, 2004 | | (41) | | (41) |
| Balance at March 31, 2004 | | | | |
| Summary for balance at December 31, 2004 (All plans together) | | | | |
| Total restructuring accrual: Current | \$ 9,513 | \$ 41 | \$ | \$ 9,554 |
| Total restructuring accrual: Long-term | \$ 42,891 | \$ | \$ | \$ 42,891 |
| Summary for balance at June 30, 2004 (Only 2001 plan left) | | | | |
| Total restructuring accrual: Current | \$ 9,253 | \$ | \$ | \$ 9,253 |
| Total restructuring accrual: Long-term | \$ 39,221 | \$ | \$ | \$ 39,221 |

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The Company leases its facilities under non-cancelable operating leases with various expiration dates through July 2012. As of June 30, 2004, future minimum lease payments under these agreements (excluding sublease income), including the Company's unoccupied facilities lease and lease loss portion of the restructuring charges, are as follows (in thousands):

| Year Ended December 31, | Operating leases |
|--|-------------------------|
| 2004 (remaining 6 months) | \$ 4,574 |
| 2005 | 9,023 |
| 2006 | 9,255 |
| 2007 | 9,472 |
| 2008 | 9,537 |
| Thereafter | 35,148 |
| Total future minimum lease payments | \$ 77,009 |

In June 2004, the Company signed lease agreements for three office buildings in its Menlo Park location, under which the Company leases an aggregate of approximately 49,000 square feet. Each of the leases has a five-year term, expiring in August 2009. The initial aggregate monthly cash payment for these three leases is approximately \$42,000.

In May 2000, the Company entered into a lease for its Pacific Shore facility. The lease has an eleven-year term, which began in August 2001. In conjunction with the April 2001 restructuring plans, the Company decided not to occupy this leased facility. The monthly cash payment for the Pacific Shore lease is presently approximately \$640,000. For the year ended December 31, 2003, the Company lowered its estimate for the expected sublease rental rates for the facility. This estimate revision resulted in recording an additional lease loss of \$10.4 million. Based on reviewing its earlier estimate of the expected sublease opportunities, the Company believes that its estimate that the property may be vacant for nine months after June 30, 2004 is adequate. The future minimum lease payments table referenced above does not include estimated sublease income, as there are no sublease commitments as of June 30, 2004.

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For all the occupied buildings, rent expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2004 was approximately \$521,000 and \$1,053,000, respectively. For all the occupied buildings, rent expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2003 was approximately \$578,000 and \$1,092,000, respectively.

Employment Agreements

In April 2003, the Company entered into an employment agreement with its President and Chief Executive Officer. This employment agreement provides for annual base salary compensation, variable compensation, stock option grants, and stock option acceleration and severance payments in the event of termination of employment under certain defined circumstances or upon a change in control of the Company. Variable and equity compensation are subject to adjustments according to the Company's financial performance and other factors.

Legal

In April 2004, the Company was served with a civil complaint filed by Voice Capture, Inc. against the Company in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa (the Complaint). The Complaint,

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which also names as defendants Intel Corporation and Dialogic Corporation, alleges that certain software and services of the Company infringe upon certain claims contained in U.S. Patent No. Re 34587 (Interactive Computerized Communications Systems with Voice Input and Output). The plaintiff is seeking unspecified damages. The Company is currently investigating the allegations raised in the Complaint. However, the Company believes that the allegations of the Complaint are without merit and intends to defend the litigation vigorously.

In August 2001, the first of a number of complaints was filed, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, on behalf of a purported class of persons who purchased the Company's stock between April 12, 2000, and December 6, 2000. Those complaints have been consolidated into one action. The complaint generally alleges that various investment bank underwriters engaged in improper and undisclosed activities related to the allocation of shares in the Company's initial public offering of securities. The complaint makes claims for violation of several provisions of the federal securities laws against those underwriters, and also against the Company and some of its directors and officers. Similar lawsuits, concerning more than 250 other companies' initial public offerings, were filed in 2001. In February 2003, the Court denied a motion to dismiss with respect to the claims against the Company. In the third quarter of 2003, a proposed settlement in principle was reached among the plaintiffs, issuer defendants (including the Company) and the issuers' insurance carriers. The settlement calls for the dismissal and release of claims against the issuer defendants, including the Company, in exchange for a contingent payment to be paid, if necessary, by the issuer defendants' insurance carriers and an assignment of certain claims. The timing of the conclusion of the settlement remains unclear, and the settlement is subject to a number of conditions, including approval of the Court. The settlement is not expected to have any material impact upon the Company, as payments, if any, are expected to be made by insurance carriers, rather than by the Company. In July 2004, the underwriters filed a motion opposing approval by the court of the settlement among the plaintiffs, issuers and insurers. In the event a settlement is not concluded, the Company intends to defend the litigation vigorously. The Company believes that it has meritorious defenses to the claims against itself.

In 2001, putative shareholder derivative actions were filed in the California state, alleging breaches of fiduciary duty and insider trading by several of the Company's directors and officers. As the Company is named as a nominal defendant, the actions did not appear to seek any recovery against the Company. The Court approved the settlement and dismissal of these actions in November 2003. The settlement did not require any payments by the Company.

In March 2001, the first of a number of stockholder class action complaints were filed, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, against the Company and certain of its officers and directors. The lawsuits were consolidated and an amended complaint was filed on behalf of a purported class of people who purchased the Company's stock during the period January 31, 2001, through March 15, 2001, alleging false and misleading statements and insider trading in violation of the federal securities laws. The plaintiffs were seeking unspecified damages. In November 2003, the Court approved a settlement and dismissal of the action. The settlement was funded entirely by the Company's insurers in August and September 2003.

In addition, the Company is subject to various other legal proceedings, claims and litigation that arise in the normal course of business. While the outcome of these matters is currently not determinable, management does not expect that the ultimate costs to resolve these matters will have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(UNAUDITED)

10. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Approximately 3,152,000 stock options, at a weighted average exercise price of \$8.58, were granted by the Company before the initial public offering of its securities in 2000. The Company records deferred stock compensation equal to the difference, if any, between the grant price and fair value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. The Company recorded deferred stock compensation of approximately \$8.7 million within stockholders' equity, representing the difference, if any, between the estimated fair value of the common stock for accounting purposes and the option exercise price of these options at the date of grant. This amount was presented as a reduction of stockholders' equity and was being amortized over the vesting period of the applicable options. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2003, the Company recorded amortization of deferred compensation of \$57,000 and \$133,000, respectively. The Company reversed excess amortization of deferred stock compensation, due to termination of employees, of (\$145,000) and (\$147,000), respectively, resulting in net benefit of deferred compensation of (\$88,000) and (\$14,000), respectively. Also, the Company reversed unamortized deferred stock compensation, related to the terminated employees, recorded in Additional Paid-in Capital of \$38,000 and \$39,000, respectively. Deferred stock-based compensation was fully amortized as of December 31, 2003.

In the first quarter of 2004, the Company accelerated options to purchase 12,500 shares of common stock to one officer who left the Company on February 9, 2004. In connection with this acceleration, the Company recorded \$73,000 as non-cash stock-based compensation expense, which was calculated by taking the difference between the fair value of the common stock on the date of acceleration less the option exercise price times the number of options accelerated, in its condensed consolidated statement of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2004.

11. SEGMENT REPORTING

The Company's operating segments are defined as components of the Company about which separate financial information is available that 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 the Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

The Company derives revenues from three primary sources: (1) license; (2) service; and (3) maintenance. Revenue and cost of revenue for the segments are identical to those presented on the accompanying condensed consolidated statement of operations. The Company does not track expenses nor derive profit or loss based on these segments. The Company also does not track assets by segments.

Sales of licenses, as well as services and maintenance through June 30, 2004, occurred through third-party resellers and through direct sales representatives located in the Company's headquarters in Menlo Park, California, and in other locations. These sales were supported through the Menlo Park location. The Company does not separately report costs by region internally.

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Revenues are based on the country in which the end-user is located. The following is a summary of license, service and maintenance revenue by geographic region (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| License Revenue: | | | | |
| United States | \$ 4,972 | \$ 3,623 | \$ 9,194 | \$ 7,356 |
| Europe | 1,174 | 555 | 1,951 | 1,181 |
| Asia Pacific | 834 | 392 | 1,095 | 859 |
| Canada | 184 | 1,556 | 374 | 2,806 |
| Latin America | 5 | 110 | 58 | 112 |
| Total license revenue | \$ 7,169 | \$ 6,236 | \$ 12,672 | \$ 12,314 |
| Service Revenue: | | | | |
| United States | \$ 1,564 | \$ 2,048 | \$ 2,700 | \$ 3,999 |
| Europe | 319 | 228 | 623 | 398 |
| Asia Pacific | 115 | 56 | 307 | 86 |
| Canada | 1,391 | 1,288 | 3,265 | 1,934 |
| Latin America | 23 | 6 | 79 | 20 |
| Total service revenue | \$ 3,412 | \$ 3,626 | \$ 6,974 | \$ 6,437 |
| Maintenance Revenue: | | | | |
| United States | \$ 2,397 | \$ 1,893 | \$ 4,671 | \$ 3,738 |
| Europe | 530 | 429 | 1,031 | 846 |
| Asia Pacific | 385 | 320 | 750 | 386 |
| Canada | 345 | 269 | 686 | 504 |
| Latin America | 155 | 151 | 311 | 262 |
| Total maintenance revenue | \$ 3,812 | \$ 3,062 | \$ 7,449 | \$ 5,736 |
| Total revenue: | | | | |
| United States | \$ 8,933 | \$ 7,564 | \$ 16,565 | \$ 15,093 |
| Europe | 2,023 | 1,212 | 3,605 | 2,425 |
| Asia Pacific | 1,334 | 768 | 2,152 | 1,331 |
| Canada | 1,920 | 3,113 | 4,325 | 5,244 |
| Latin America | 183 | 267 | 448 | 394 |

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|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total revenue | \$ 14,393 | \$ 12,924 | \$ 27,095 | \$ 24,487 |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

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Certain members of the Company's Board of Directors also serve as directors for companies to which the Company sells products in the ordinary course of its business. The Company believes that the terms of its transactions with those companies are no less favorable to the Company than the terms that would have been obtained absent those relationships.

Specifically, one member of the Company's Board of Directors is also on the Board of Directors at MCI, one of the Company's customers. Another member of the Company's Board of Directors is also on the Board of Directors at Wells Fargo, which is a customer of the Company. The following table summarizes the revenue generated from these two customers for the three and six months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003.

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|--------------|--|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| MCI | \$ 223,599 | \$ 234,524 | \$ 380,480 | \$ 263,235 |
| Wells Fargo | 50,643 | 308,648 | 164,489 | 310,628 |
| Total | \$ 274,242 | \$ 543,172 | \$ 544,969 | \$ 573,863 |

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

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this report and with the information included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 and subsequent reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The results shown herein are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for any future periods.

This section contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including, but not limited to, statements regarding revenue and expense trends and cash positions, sales and marketing, hiring activities, product development and product capabilities and performance, as well as the Company's expectations, beliefs, intentions or strategies regarding the future. Words such as anticipates, expects, intends, may, will, plans, believes, seeks, projects, estimates and other similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual actions or results may differ materially. These statements are based on information available to us on the date hereof, and the Company assumes no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. These statements involve risks and uncertainties and actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including, but not limited to, those set forth in Risk Factors below and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A and in other reports or documents filed by us from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

OVERVIEW

We develop, market and support speech software products for automating interactions over the telephone for a range of industries and applications. Two products were released in 2003: Nuance Voice Platform (NVP), an open standards-based software platform optimized for speech solutions, was released in the first quarter 2003 and Nuance Call Steering (NCS), a packaged application designed to accurately and cost-effectively route phone calls to the correct customer care destinations, was released in the second quarter of 2003. In the first quarter 2004, we released a range of new products, including new versions of its speech recognition software Nuance 8.5, authentication engines and an update version of the Nuance Voice Platform. During the second quarter of 2004, we added two new applications, which, like NCS, are designed to leverage the features inherent in our engines and platform while reducing deployment time and cost. In April 2004, we launched Nuance Caller Authentication, which is a packaged speech application that authenticates callers over the phone before allowing access to private information. The application is powered by Nuance Verifier. In May, we announced Nuance Flexible Application Suites (FAS), which provide specific packaged applications designed to speed the delivery and reduce the total cost of ownership for voice automation solutions across a number of industries: telecommunications; retail banking; credit card; insurance; healthcare; and utilities. These two new applications were architected to meet the needs of both our customers and partners and to empower them to change and maintain the applications themselves.

We seek to actively support both emerging industry standards as well as proprietary development environments. Our software is designed to support with VoiceXML, the recognized industry standard language for the creation of voice-driven products and services.

We also offer a range of consulting, support and education services that enable our customers and third-party resellers to develop and maintain voice-driven applications that use our software products. We sell our products both directly through our sales force and indirectly through third-party resellers. We sell our products to customers in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and other countries in Europe, China and other countries in Asia, and Latin America. We anticipate that markets outside of the United States will continue to represent a significant portion of total future revenue.

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OVERVIEW OF OPERATIONS

Our growth and anticipated profitability are heavily dependent upon general economic conditions and demand for information technology. Our revenue has traditionally been fueled by sales to the telecommunications and financial services industries. Some industries have sustained slowdowns over the past several years. Even though information technology spending appears to be increasing, it is difficult to predict the trend in information technology spending for the foreseeable future.

In response to the challenging business environment, we have evolved and continue to evolve our strategic direction in a way that we believe will improve our business performance. Our strategic objectives include:

focusing resources on geographic and industry targets believed to have the highest potential for revenue;

evolving our voice platform and development tools to increase the speed and ease of deployment, and reduce the total cost of ownership, of speech systems;

developing speech applications designed to reduce deployment time and lower maintenance requirements,

developing and strengthening a multi-channel selling model; and

developing advanced speech technologies that deliver customer value and maintain our leadership position in the speech industry.

Some specific operating changes have already been accomplished, such as the restructuring actions taken in 2002 and 2003, two new products released in 2003, NVP and NCS, sales execution with a multi-channel strategy, development of a platform Value Added Reseller (VAR) channel and introduction of two new applications in the second quarter of 2004; Nuance Caller Authentication and Nuance Flexible Application Suites. We continue to focus on driving complete speech solutions into the large telecom and enterprise call center markets. Other operating activities, including new products and changes to selling and delivery channels, will continue to evolve over the next several years. We are making these strategic shifts because we believe that they will enhance our business performance; However, some of the actions we are taking, such as the introduction of new products, present inherent risks. We believe that these new products will make speech systems faster and easier to deploy, and will create value for our customers. The success of these products depends upon certain market factors, such as information technology spending, market acceptance of packaged software applications and industry adoption of VoiceXML and related standards.

In addition, we are responding to customers' requests to work more directly with them and provide them greater access to Nuance's speech expertise across all levels of their speech solutions. We believe that increasing our direct relationships with end users and delivering more complete solutions will allow us to reap greater value from these sales transactions. However, this new sales and delivery model may also present increased costs and risks, such as increased liability for complete solution delivery, costs and risks of subcontractors, and possible delays in recognition of revenue. Further, we may experience periodic fluctuations in our consulting services revenues when long-term consulting projects come to completion. In addition, while we are actively working to manage potential channel conflicts and maintain strong third-party reseller relationships, certain third-party reseller relationships may be adversely affected by our introduction of our own platform product and application products and our direct sales activities, which may have an unfavorable impact on revenue from certain third-party resellers.

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We are committed to a multi-channel sales approach, and third-party resellers have been and will continue to be instrumental in delivering speech engines, applications and services to our end customers. We are actively working to maintain and build strong relationships with existing third-party resellers, as well as new third-party resellers. We will continue to focus efforts on fostering a strong third-party reseller channel, particularly to leverage complementary capabilities in order to speed and ease deployment of speech solutions. We may encounter difficulties or delays in finding third-party reseller partners having such complementary capabilities or in establishing third-party reseller partner relationships with such entities.

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In addition, competition exists in the speech technology market. We believe that our business and technology has the ability to compete effectively. However, the speech market is relatively new and susceptible to change. Our competitors may be able to develop superior technologies or may combine with each other to leverage complimentary technologies or relationships. Current and potential competitors may be larger than Nuance and may be able to invest greater resources in competitive efforts or may establish relationships among themselves or with third parties to increase their technological or selling and marketing abilities.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Critical accounting policies are those that are most significant to the portrayal of our condition and results of operations and require difficult, subjective and complex judgments by management in order to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. As previously reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, our most critical accounting policies pertain to revenue recognition, restructuring and impairment charges, valuation allowance for doubtful accounts, income taxes and valuation of long-lived assets. In applying such policies management must record income and expense amounts that are based upon informed judgments and best estimates. Because of the uncertainty inherent in these estimates, actual results could differ from estimates used in applying critical accounting policies. Changes in estimates, based on more accurate future information, may affect amounts reported in future periods. Management is not aware of any reasonably likely events or circumstances that would result in different amounts being reported that would materially affect our financial condition or results of operations. There have been no changes in any of our critical accounting policies since December 31, 2003.

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATING ACCOUNTS

Total revenue. Total revenues are generated from three primary sources: (1) new software licenses; (2) services, which include consulting services and training services; and (3) maintenance, which includes software license updates and customer technical support. License revenue consists of license fees for our software products. Software license revenues represent all fees earned from granting customers licenses to use our technology and applications software and exclude revenue derived from software license updates, which are included in maintenance revenue. Service revenue consists of revenue from providing consulting, training and other services. Maintenance revenue consists of fees for providing technical support and software upgrades. Other revenue consists primarily of reimbursements for consulting out-of-pocket expenses.

Cost of Revenue. Cost of license revenue consists primarily of fees payable on third party software, and amortization of purchased technology. Cost of service revenue consists primarily of compensation and related overhead costs from employees engaged in consulting services and amounts paid to subcontractors. Cost of maintenance revenue consists primarily of compensation and related overhead costs for employees engaged in customer technical support.

Sales and marketing. Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of compensation and related costs for sales and marketing employees, travel costs and promotional expenditures, including public relations, advertising, trade shows and marketing materials.

Research and development. Research and development expenses consist primarily of compensation and related costs for research and development employees and contractors.

General and administrative. General and administrative expenses consist primarily of compensation and related costs for administrative employees, legal services, accounting and audit services and other general corporate expenses.

Non-cash stock-based compensation. We have elected to follow the accounting provisions of APB No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees* for stock-based compensation granted to employees. Accordingly, non-cash stock-based compensation expense is recognized in our condensed consolidated statement of operations only when options are granted at an exercise price that is less than the market price of the underlying stock on the date of the grant.

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Restructuring charges (credit). We recognize a liability for restructuring costs at fair value only when the liability is incurred. The three main components of our restructuring plans are related to workforce reductions, the lease loss and asset impairments.

Interest and Other Income, Net. Interest and other income, net, consists primarily of interest income earned on cash and cash equivalents, short-term and long-term investments, interest expense, currency gain (loss) related to the remeasurement of certain balance sheet accounts, and other miscellaneous items.

As discussed in Note 2 to the condensed consolidated financial statements, the Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2004 have been restated. Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations gives effect to that restatement.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

We believe that period-to-period comparisons of our historical operating results are not necessarily meaningful and should not be relied upon as being indicative of future performance. Our prospects must be considered in light of the risks, expenses and difficulties frequently experienced by companies in early stages of development, particularly companies in new and rapidly changing markets. We have experienced both significant revenue growth and revenue declines in the past. Furthermore, we may not achieve or maintain profitability in the future.

The following table presents selected financial data for the periods indicated as a percentage of total revenue:

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------|------------------------------|------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| Revenue: | | | | |
| License | 50% | 48% | 47% | 50% |
| Service | 24 | 28 | 26 | 26 |
| Maintenance | 26 | 24 | 27 | 24 |
| Total revenue | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Cost of revenue: | | | | |
| License | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Service | 15 | 19 | 18 | 20 |
| Maintenance | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Total cost of revenue | 21 | 25 | 24 | 26 |
| Gross profit | 79 | 75 | 76 | 74 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Sales and marketing (1) | 51 | 56 | 50 | 59 |
| Research and development (1) | 25 | 31 | 28 | 32 |

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|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| General and administrative (1) | 16 | 23 | 16 | 25 |
| Restructuring credit | — | — | — | (4) |
| Total operating expenses | 92 | 110 | 94 | 112 |
| Loss from operations | (13) | (35) | (18) | (38) |
| Interest and other income, net | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Loss before income taxes | (11) | (33) | (16) | (35) |
| Benefit for income taxes | — | (12) | — | (7) |
| Net loss | (11)% | (21)% | (16)% | (28)% |

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| | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------|------------------------------|------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 |
| Gross profits: | | | | |
| License revenue gross profit | 98% | 99% | 98% | 99% |
| Service revenue gross profit | 34 | 30 | 30 | 23 |
| Maintenance revenue gross profit | 82 | 79 | 81 | 78 |
| Total revenue gross profit | 79% | 75% | 76% | 74% |

Comparison of Three and Six Months Periods Ended June 30, 2004 and 2003*Revenue and Cost of Revenue*

For the three months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the three months ended June 30, 2003, total revenue increased 11%, with license revenue increasing 15%, service revenue decreasing 6% and maintenance revenue increasing 25%.

For the six months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the six months ended June 30, 2003, total revenue increased 11%, with license revenue increasing 3%, service revenue increasing 8% and maintenance revenue increasing 30%.

License revenue and cost of license revenue.

For the three months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the three months ended June 30, 2003, license revenue increased \$0.9 million, or approximately 15%. License revenue increased primarily from the increase in sales of the NVP and Automated Speech Recognition (ASR) engine. Direct license revenue decreased from \$2.3 million to \$1.8 million. Indirect license revenue, primarily resulting from sales of our speech products through our third-party resellers, increased from \$4.0 million to \$5.3 million. Cost of license revenue increased 66%, primarily due to the increase in royalty expense. Cost of license revenue as a percentage of license revenue for those periods were 2% and 1%, respectively. As a result, gross profit from license revenue remained relatively constant.

For the six months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the six months ended June 30, 2003, license revenue increased 3%. Direct license revenue decreased from \$4.7 million to \$2.7 million. Indirect license revenue increased from \$7.6 million to \$10.0 million. Cost of license revenue as a percentage of license revenue was 2% and 1%, respectively, for those periods. As a result, gross profit from license revenue remained relatively constant.

Service revenue and cost of service revenue.

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For the three months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the three months ended June 30, 2003, service revenue decreased by \$0.2 million, or approximately 6%. This decrease was related to a large multi-quarter contract with customers in the telecommunications sector, in which a major portion of revenue from this contract was recognized in the second quarter of 2003. Cost of service revenue as a percentage of service revenue went from 70% to 66%. Service revenue gross profit increased from 30% to 34%, primarily due to the steady utilization of our professional service employees and subcontractors delivering consulting work for our customers.

For the six months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the six months ended June 30, 2003, service revenue increased by \$0.5 million, approximately 8%, primarily resulting from contracts entered into with two major customers in the first quarter of 2004.

For the six months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the six months ended June 30, 2003, cost of service revenue as a percentage of service revenue decreased from 77% to 70%, primarily due to the steady utilization of

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our professional service employees and subcontractors delivering consulting work for our customers, coupled with an increase in the service revenue.

Maintenance revenue and cost of maintenance revenue.

For the three months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the three months ended June 30, 2003, maintenance revenue increased 25%. The increased maintenance revenue was primarily due to the increased technical support associated with the increased license revenue. Renewals on technical support contracts and one-time benefits from fees paid by customers or third-party resellers to reinstate support contracts also contributed to the increase for the three month period comparison. For the three months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the three months ended June 30, 2003, maintenance gross profit increased to 82% from 79%.

For the six months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the six months ended June 30, 2003, maintenance revenue increased 30%, as a result of an increase in the support contract renewal rate and the increased technical support associated with the increased license revenue. For the six months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the six months ended June 30, 2003, cost of maintenance revenue increased 9%, primarily due to the increase in incentive based compensation to technical support personnel resulting from the increase in maintenance revenue. For the six months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the six months ended June 30, 2003, maintenance gross profit increased to 81% from 78%.

Operating Expenses

Sales and marketing.

For the three months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the three months ended June 30, 2003, sales and marketing expense increased slightly. This increase was mainly attributable to the increase in incentive-based compensation as a result of the relative increase in license revenue and an increase in the cost of our V-world trade show in the second quarter 2004, offset by a decrease in payroll and related expenses resulting from the decrease in headcount between the periods.

For the six months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the six months ended June 30, 2003, sales and marketing expense decreased approximately \$0.8 million. This decrease was almost all attributable to reduced payroll and related expenses as a result of the decrease in headcount between the periods. Headcount of sales and marketing personnel decreased by 12 employees, or 12%, from 101 employees at June 30, 2003 to 89 employees at June 30, 2004.

For the balance of fiscal 2004, while we anticipate that sales and marketing expenses will increase slightly, it will vary as a percentage of total revenue from period to period.

Research and development.

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For the three months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the three months ended June 30, 2003, research and development expenses decreased approximately \$0.4 million, primarily from the decrease in payroll related expenses for the two senior engineering managers who left the Company in the first quarter of 2004.

For the six months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the six months ended June 30, 2003, research and development expenses remained relatively constant, despite headcount for research and development personnel increasing by 3 employees, or 3%, from 91 employees at June 30, 2003 to 94 employees at June 30, 2004.

For the balance of fiscal 2004, while we anticipate that research and development expenses will slightly increase, it will vary as a percentage of total revenue from period to period.

General and administrative.

For the three months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the three months ended June 30, 2003, general and administrative expenses decreased approximately \$0.7 million, or approximately 22%. This decrease was

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primarily due to a decrease in payroll and related overhead costs as a result of the headcount reduction, reduced insurance premiums and reduced professional services expense.

For the six months ended June 30, 2004, compared with the six months ended June 30, 2003, general and administrative expenses decreased approximately \$1.9 million, or approximately 30%, primarily due to the transitional expenses associated with the hiring of our new CEO in the first quarter of 2003, which were not incurred in the six months ended June 30, 2004. We also capitalized certain costs related to our financial system upgrade, which resulted in lower compensation expenses incurred in that period compared to the six months ended June 30, 2003. In addition, payroll and related overhead costs decreased due to headcount for general and administrative personnel decreasing by 8 employees, a reduction of approximately 14%, from 58 employees at June 30, 2003, to 50 employees at June 30, 2004.

For the balance of fiscal 2004, we anticipate that general and administrative expenses will increase due to increased costs relating to facilitating our internal financial systems upgrade and mandatory Sarbanes-Oxley 404 compliance.

Non-cash compensation.

There were approximately 3,152,000 stock options granted before our initial public offering, at a weighted average exercise price of \$8.58. We recorded deferred stock-based compensation of approximately \$8.7 million within stockholders' equity, representing the difference between the estimated fair value of the common stock for accounting purposes and the option exercise price of these options at the date of grant. This amount was presented as a reduction of stockholders' equity and is being amortized over the vesting period of the applicable options. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2003, we recorded amortization of deferred compensation of 57,000 and \$133,000, respectively. We reversed excess amortization of deferred stock compensation, due to termination of employees, of (\$145,000) and (\$147,000), respectively, for those periods, resulting in net benefit of deferred compensation of (\$88,000) and (\$14,000), respectively. Also, we reversed unamortized deferred stock compensation related to the terminated employees and included the amount in Additional Paid-in Capital of \$38,000 and \$39,000, respectively. Deferred stock-based compensation was fully amortized as of December 31, 2003.

In the first quarter of 2004, we accelerated options to purchase 12,500 shares of common stock granted to one officer who left Nuance in February, 2004. In connection with this acceleration, we recorded \$73,000 as non-cash stock-based compensation expense, which was calculated by taking the difference between the fair value of our common stock on the date of acceleration, less the option exercise price, times the number of options accelerated, in our condensed consolidated statement of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2004.

Restructuring credits.

For the three months ended June 30, 2004, we recorded a restructuring credit of \$41,000, which resulted from the partial reversal of the severance accrual recorded for the restructuring plan during the first quarter 2003. The severance was fully paid as of March 31, 2004.

For the six months ended June 30, 2003, we recorded a restructuring credit of \$943,000, which resulted from a refund received related to an asset impairment previously recorded for tenant improvement costs for the facility we do not occupy, following the landlord's reconciliation of tenant improvement costs.

Interest and Other Income, Net

For the three months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the three months ended June 30, 2003, interest and other income, net, increased by approximately \$53,000, or 21%.

For the six months ended June 30, 2004 compared with the six months ended June 30, 2003, interest income and other income, net, decreased by approximately \$179,000, or 25%. This decrease was mainly caused by the reduction of interest income, resulting from lower cash balances and decreased interest rates.

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Benefit from Income Taxes

We have incurred operating losses for all periods from inception through June 30, 2004 and therefore have not recorded a provision for U.S. federal income taxes for any period through June 30, 2004. We recorded income tax expense relating to foreign