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Quarterly Report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2011

Transition Report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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

Commission File Number 001-34470

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ECHO GLOBAL LOGISTICS, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

20-5001120  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

600 West Chicago Avenue  
Suite 725  
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(As (including zip code) and telephone number (including area code)  
of registrant's principal executive offices)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes:  No:

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

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reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes:  No:

As of November 4, 2011, the Registrant had 22,154,153 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, outstanding.

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Consolidated Financial Statements

Echo Global Logistics, Inc.  
Consolidated Statements of Income  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
REVENUE	\$113,532,992	\$158,956,001	\$312,541,880	\$439,906,043
COSTS AND EXPENSES:				
Transportation costs	\$92,066,603	\$128,336,597	\$253,982,164	\$354,474,127
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	15,544,175	22,994,195	44,091,871	65,540,057
Depreciation and amortization	1,668,478	2,174,371	5,061,724	6,152,762
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	4,253,736	5,450,838	9,406,121	13,739,097
Interest income	28,653	34,164	53,860	100,480
Interest expense	(9,532)	(4,723)	(43,259)	(15,740)
Other, net	(115,481)	(109,714)	(200,088)	(304,031)
OTHER EXPENSE	(96,360)	(80,273)	(189,487)	(219,291)
INCOME BEFORE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	4,157,376	5,370,565	9,216,634	13,519,806
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	(1,562,221)	(1,991,064)	(3,459,475)	(5,003,592)
NET INCOME	\$2,595,155	\$3,379,501	\$5,757,159	\$8,516,214
Basic net income per share	\$0.12	\$0.15	\$0.26	\$0.38
Diluted net income per share	\$0.12	\$0.15	\$0.26	\$0.38
See accompanying notes.				

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Consolidated Balance Sheets

	December 31, 2010	September 30, 2011 (Unaudited)
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$43,218,164	\$44,190,383
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$2,786,776 and \$3,290,776, respectively	60,316,454	84,195,817
Income taxes receivable	—	526,575
Prepaid expenses	8,063,892	5,466,432
Other current assets	396,613	271,231
Total current assets	111,995,123	134,650,438
Property and equipment, net	9,638,800	10,863,242
Intangible assets:		
Goodwill	32,597,577	38,140,252
Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$4,098,246 and \$5,913,656, respectively	6,974,818	6,633,552
Other assets	341,863	267,946
Total assets	\$161,548,181	\$190,555,430
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable-trade	\$40,097,083	\$56,229,224
Current maturities of capital lease obligations	274,282	213,918
Due to seller-short term	2,720,517	3,476,664
Accrued expenses	3,398,620	4,709,984
Income tax payable	125,111	—
Deferred income taxes	1,788,286	949,047
Total current liabilities	48,403,899	65,578,837
Due to seller-long term	7,073,102	8,047,770
Deferred income taxes	946,608	1,642,912
Capital lease obligations, net of current maturities	146,559	49,738
Total liabilities	56,570,168	75,319,257
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 22,043,850 and 22,154,157 shares were issued and outstanding at December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2011, respectively	2,205	2,216
Additional paid-in capital	91,152,070	92,894,005
Retained earnings	13,823,738	22,339,952
Total stockholders' equity	104,978,013	115,236,173
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$161,548,181	\$190,555,430
See accompanying notes.		

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows  
(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2011
Operating activities		
Net income	\$5,757,159	\$8,516,214
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Deferred income taxes	2,819,850	(142,935 )
Noncash stock compensation expense	727,876	798,860
Reduction in contingent consideration due to seller	(3,877,421 )	(246,737 )
Depreciation and amortization	5,061,724	6,152,762
Change in assets, net of acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable	(15,068,362 )	(20,704,741 )
Taxes receivable	209,875	(651,686 )
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(870,281 )	2,464,595
Change in liabilities, net of acquisitions:		
Accounts payable	9,486,405	12,729,352
Accrued expenses and other	32,263	29,103
Net cash provided by operating activities	4,279,088	8,944,787
Investing activities		
Purchases of property and equipment	(4,868,176 )	(4,898,060 )
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(4,959,746 )	(2,819,829 )
Net cash used in investing activities	(9,827,922 )	(7,717,889 )
Financing activities		
Principal payments on capital lease obligations	(224,845 )	(197,765 )
Tax benefit of stock options exercised	383,125	152,897
Payment of contingent consideration		(1,000,000 )
Payment of costs associated with initial public offering	(278,268 )	—
Issuance of shares, net of issuance costs	1,127,446	790,189
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	1,007,458	(254,679 )
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(4,541,376 )	972,219
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	47,803,704	43,218,164
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$43,262,328	\$44,190,383
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information		
Cash paid during the year for interest	\$43,292	\$18,229
Cash paid for income taxes	161,514	5,750,100
Non-cash financing activity		
Due to seller	4,511,698	3,869,624
See accompanying notes.		

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Echo Global Logistics, Inc.  
 Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity  
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 (Unaudited)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Total
	Shares	Amount			
Balance at December 31, 2010	22,043,850	\$2,205	\$91,152,070	\$13,823,738	\$104,978,013
Share compensation expense	—	—	798,860	—	798,860
Exercise of stock options	110,307	11	790,178	—	790,189
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options	—	—	152,897	—	152,897
Net income	—	—	—	8,516,214	8,516,214
Balance at September 30, 2011	22,154,157	\$2,216	\$92,894,005	\$22,339,952	\$115,236,173

See accompanying notes.

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### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Presentation

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the Company). All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in the consolidation. The consolidated statements of income include the results of entities or assets acquired from the effective date of the acquisition for accounting purposes.

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements is in conformity with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP) for interim financial information. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules or regulations. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited financial statements reflect all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the period and those adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. The operating results for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for the full year of 2011. These interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's most recent audited financial statements.

#### Preparation of Financial Statements and Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results can differ from those estimates.

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying value of the Company's financial investments, which consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and capital lease obligations, approximate their fair values due to their short term nature. The fair value of the due to seller obligation is determined based on the likelihood of contingent earn-out payments.

#### Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts related to prepaid expenses and accounts receivable have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation.

### 2. New Accounting Pronouncements

In October 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 605, Revenue Recognition. The guidance addresses the accounting for multiple-deliverable arrangements to enable vendors to account for products or services (deliverables) separately rather than as a combined unit. The guidance is effective prospectively for revenue arrangements entered into or materially modified in fiscal



years beginning on or after June 15, 2010, with early adoption permitted. The Company adopted the provisions of the ASU on January 1, 2011 and it did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. In December 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-29 to amend ASC 805, Business Combinations. The ASU amends certain existing and adds additional pro forma disclosure requirements for public enterprises (as defined by Topic 805). The guidance in ASU 2010-29 is effective for business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2010 and must be applied on a prospective basis. The Company adopted the provisions of this ASU on January 1, 2011 and it did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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3. Acquisitions

Mountain Logistics Acquisition

Effective May 1, 2007, the Company acquired Mountain Logistics, Inc. ("Mountain Logistics"), a non-asset based third-party logistics provider with offices in Park City, Utah and Los Angeles, California, and the results of Mountain Logistics have been included in the consolidated financial statements since that date. For the year ended December 31, 2010 and the nine month period ended September 30, 2011, the Company paid \$1,850,000 and \$250,000, respectively, in contingent consideration related to this 2007 acquisition. The contingent consideration paid was recorded as additional goodwill as of December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2011, in accordance with accounting guidance prior to the Company's adoption of ASC 805 Business Combinations on January 1, 2009.

Distribution Services Inc.

Effective January 1, 2010, the Company acquired Distribution Services Inc. (DSI), a non-asset based third-party logistics provider with offices in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, and the results of DSI have been included in the unaudited consolidated financial statements since that date. The Company agreed to purchase the assets and assume certain liabilities of DSI for \$728,056. An additional \$2,080,000 in cash consideration may become payable upon achievement of certain performance measures by or prior to December 31, 2014. As a result of the acquisition, the Company recorded \$1,947,161 of goodwill, of which \$1,817,264 related to contingent consideration. For the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded an increase of \$210,842 and \$360,684, respectively, to the contingent consideration obligation as a result of increases to the forecasted financial performance of DSI, resulting in a liability due to seller of \$1,882,345 at September 30, 2011. For the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2010, the Company recorded an increase of \$42,888 and a reduction of \$281,962, respectively, to the contingent consideration obligation. The change in contingent consideration is included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income for each respective period. The Company expects total remaining undiscounted contingent consideration payments to DSI to be \$2,080,000. Pro forma results of the acquisition have not been included as the acquisition does not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements. The amount of goodwill deductible for U.S. income tax purposes is approximately \$130,000, excluding future contingent consideration payments.

Resource Group and Associates

Effective January 1, 2010, the Company acquired Resource Group and Associates (RGA), a non-asset based third-party logistics provider with offices in Andover, Minnesota, and the results of RGA have been included in the unaudited consolidated financial statements since that date. The Company agreed to purchase the assets and assume certain liabilities of RGA for \$1,027,696. An additional \$600,000 in cash consideration may become payable upon achievement of certain performance measures by or prior to December 31, 2012. As a result of the acquisition, the Company recorded \$1,383,867 of goodwill, of which \$785,248 is related to contingent consideration. In January 2011, the Company paid RGA \$200,000 as certain performance measures of the purchase agreement were met as of December 31, 2010. This payment reduced the contingent consideration liability. For the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded an increase of \$8,229 and \$71,560, respectively, to the contingent consideration obligation as a result of increases to the forecasted financial performance of RGA, resulting in a liability due to seller of \$569,009 at September 30, 2011. For the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2010, the Company recorded an increase of \$24,098 and \$77,411, respectively, to the contingent consideration obligation. The

increase in contingent consideration is included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income for each respective period. The Company expects total remaining undiscounted contingent consideration payments to RGA to be \$600,000. Pro forma results of the acquisition have not been included as the acquisition does not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements. The amount of goodwill deductible for U.S. income tax purposes is approximately \$599,000, excluding future contingent consideration payments.

#### Lubenow Logistics, LLC

Effective May 1, 2010, the Company acquired Lubenow Logistics, LLC (Lubenow), a non-asset based third-party logistics provider with offices in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and the results of Lubenow have been included in the unaudited consolidated financial statements since that date. The Company agreed to purchase the assets and assume certain liabilities of Lubenow for \$522,500. An additional \$1,400,000 in cash consideration may become payable upon achievement of certain

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performance measures by or prior to April 30, 2015. As a result of the acquisition, the Company recorded \$1,077,859 of goodwill, of which \$994,780 is related to contingent consideration. In June 2011, the Company paid Lubenow \$280,000 as certain performance measures of the purchase agreement had been met as of April 30, 2011. For the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded an increase of \$68,240 and \$189,256, respectively, to the contingent consideration obligation as a result of increases to the forecasted financial performance of Lubenow, resulting in a liability due to seller of \$891,580 at September 30, 2011. For each the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2010, the Company recorded an increase of \$44,393 and \$63,361, respectively, to the contingent consideration obligation. The increase in contingent consideration is included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income for each respective period. The Company expects total remaining undiscounted contingent consideration payments to Lubenow to be approximately \$1,120,000. Pro forma results of the acquisition have not been included as the acquisition does not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements. The amount of goodwill deductible for U.S. income tax purposes is approximately \$83,000, excluding future contingent consideration payments.

Freight Lanes International Inc.

Effective September 1, 2010, the Company acquired Freight Lanes International Inc. (FLI), a non-asset based third-party logistics provider with offices in Bend, Oregon, and the results of FLI have been included in the unaudited consolidated financial statements since that date. The Company agreed to purchase the assets and assume certain liabilities of FLI for \$658,300. An additional \$1,220,000 in cash consideration may become payable upon achievement of certain performance measures by or prior to August 31, 2014. As a result of the acquisition, the Company recorded \$1,033,436 of goodwill, of which \$914,406 is related to contingent consideration. For the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded an increase of \$476,620 and \$73,357, respectively, to the contingent consideration obligation as a result of increases to the forecasted financial performance of FLI, resulting in a liability due to seller of \$1,018,559 at September 30, 2011. For each of the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2010, the Company recorded an increase of \$8,678 to the contingent consideration obligation. The Company expects total remaining undiscounted contingent consideration payments to FLI to be approximately \$1,200,000. Pro forma results of the acquisition have not been included as the acquisition does not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements. The amount of goodwill deductible for U.S. income tax purposes is approximately \$119,000, excluding future contingent consideration payments.

DNA Freight Inc.

Effective December 1, 2010, the Company acquired DNA Freight Inc. (DNA), a non-asset based third-party logistics provider with offices in San Francisco, California, and the results of DNA have been included in the unaudited consolidated financial statements since that date. The Company agreed to purchase the assets and assume certain liabilities of DNA for \$4,583,076. An additional \$5,920,000 in cash consideration was to become payable upon achievement of certain performance measures by or prior to November 30, 2014. As a result of the acquisition, the Company originally recorded \$7,411,059 of goodwill, of which \$4,122,071 was related to contingent consideration. During the second quarter the Company revised the estimate of the contingent consideration liability based upon additional information that existed at the time of the acquisition and prior to the close of purchase accounting. As a result, the company reduced the original contingent consideration obligation and goodwill by \$892,071. In addition to this purchase price adjustment, the Company recorded an additional purchase price adjustment of \$1,250,000 that represented a decrease in the net working capital reported in the original purchase agreement, which was recorded as a reduction to goodwill. The original purchase agreement stipulated that the seller was required to pay the Company the total amount of the working capital adjustment. The Company recorded \$4,921,144 of goodwill, of which \$3,230,000

was related to contingent consideration. Effective June 30, 2011, the terms of the original purchase agreement were amended to reduce future cash consideration due and certain performance measures, which resulted in a reduction in contingent consideration. For the three and nine month period ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded a decrease of \$664,300 and \$1,165,792 to the \$3,230,000 contingent consideration obligation recorded under the amended purchase agreement to reflect the change in fair value, which was primarily the result of decreases to the forecasted financial performance of DNA, resulting in a liability due to seller of \$2,151,796 at September 30, 2011. The decrease in contingent consideration is included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income for each respective period. The Company expects total undiscounted contingent consideration payments to DNA to be between \$2,600,000 and \$3,800,000. Pro forma results of the acquisition have been not been included as the acquisition does not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements. The amount of goodwill deductible for U.S. income tax purposes is approximately \$1,690,000, excluding future contingent consideration payments.

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## 2010 Business Combinations

During 2010, the Company made five business acquisitions. These acquisitions have been described above. The 2010 acquisitions allowed the Company to enter several new geographic markets as well as add assembled workforces in each location that had both industry and geographic specific knowledge. The acquisition date fair value of the consideration transferred totaled \$13,052,347, which consisted of the following:

Fair value of consideration transferred	
Cash	\$5,310,650
Contingent consideration	7,741,697
Total	13,052,347

The contingent consideration arrangements may require the Company to pay an additional \$8.9 million in cash if each acquisition meets the respective EBITDA targets set forth in their individual asset purchase agreements. The Company expects to make undiscounted contingent consideration payments in the range of \$7.6 million to \$8.9 million on or before April 30, 2015. The fair value of the contingent consideration obligation was \$7.7 million dollars. Subsequent adjustments and the resulting changes to the fair value of the contingent obligations have been recognized in selling, general, and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income (see Note 4). There were no other contingent liabilities assumed in the acquisition.

The purchase price allocations (after adjustments made to preliminary purchase accounting) for the acquisitions completed during 2010 are as follows:

Accounts receivable	\$ 1,708,866	
Prepaid expenses	1,750	
Other current assets	83,507	
Property and equipment	107,364	
Goodwill	10,431,798	
Intangible assets (customer relationships)	4,194,110	
Contingent consideration	(7,741,697)	)
Current liabilities assumed	(3,475,048)	)
Cash used in acquisitions, net of cash acquired	\$5,310,650	

The Company recorded the change in the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed to goodwill. The changes related to the finalization of the valuations of identified intangible assets and contingent consideration and certain working capital adjustments. Goodwill of \$10.4 million represents the premium the Company paid over the fair value of the net tangible and intangible assets acquired. The Company paid this premium for a certain reasons, including the ability to (i) expand its geographic presence; (ii) add more than 1,000 transactional clients, which expands the pipeline of clients to which the Company can market its transportation management services; and (iii) gain access to new carriers that provide specialized transportation services to the Company's existing clients.

The intangible assets (client relationships) have an estimated life of seven years.

The amounts of revenue and net income of the Company's 2010 acquisitions included in its consolidated statement of income from the respective acquisition dates to the nine months ended September 30, 2010 are \$8.2 million and \$0.7 million respectively. The following unaudited pro forma information presents a summary of the Company's

consolidated statements of income for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 as though the businesses acquired during 2010 had been acquired as of January 1, 2010.

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	Three Months Ended September 30, 2010	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010
Pro forma revenue	\$118,771,804	\$330,151,858
Pro forma income from operations	4,299,319	9,715,329
Pro forma net income	2,640,738	6,066,367
Pro forma net income applicable to common shareholders	2,640,738	6,066,367
Pro forma basic earnings per share	\$0.12	\$0.28
Pro forma diluted earnings per share	\$0.12	\$0.27

The above unaudited pro forma supplemental information is based upon accounting estimates and judgments that the Company believes are reasonable. This unaudited pro forma supplemental information includes the effect of purchase accounting adjustments, such as the adjustments to working capital. These pro forma results are not necessarily indicative either of what would have occurred if the acquisitions had been in effect for the period presented or of future results.

#### Nationwide Traffic Services, LLC.

Effective January 1, 2011, the Company acquired Nationwide Traffic Services, LLC. (Nationwide), a non-asset based third-party logistics provider with offices in Santa Fe, California, and the results of Nationwide have been included in the unaudited consolidated financial statements since that date. The Company agreed to purchase the assets and assume certain liabilities of Nationwide for \$873,768. An additional \$1,750,000 in cash consideration may become payable upon achievement of certain performance measures by or prior to December 31, 2014. As a result of the acquisition, the Company recorded \$2,182,378 of goodwill, of which \$1,515,984 is related to contingent consideration. For the three and nine month period ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded an increase of \$22,902 and \$67,720 to the contingent consideration obligation to reflect the change in fair value, which was primarily the result of increases to the forecasted financial performance of Nationwide, resulting in a liability due to seller of \$1,583,704 at September 30, 2011. The increase in contingent consideration is included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income. The Company expects total undiscounted contingent consideration payments to Nationwide to be approximately \$1,750,000. Pro forma results of the acquisition have not been included as the acquisition does not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements. The amount of goodwill deductible for U.S. income tax purposes is approximately \$666,000, excluding future contingent consideration payments.

#### Advantage Transport, Inc.

Effective July 1, 2011, the Company acquired Advantage Transport, Inc. (Advantage), a non-asset based third-party logistics provider with offices in Phoenix, Arizona, and the results of Advantage have been included in the unaudited consolidated financial statements since that date. The Company agreed to purchase the assets and assume certain liabilities of Advantage for \$3,291,548. An additional \$2,775,000 in cash consideration may become payable upon achievement of certain performance measures by or prior to July 31, 2014. As a result of the acquisition, the Company recorded \$4,673,481 of goodwill, of which \$2,353,640 is related to contingent consideration. For each of the three and nine month period ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded a decrease of \$274,315 to the contingent consideration obligation to reflect the change in fair value, which was primarily the result of decreases to the forecasted financial performance of Advantage, resulting in a liability due to seller of \$2,079,325 at September 30, 2011. The decrease in contingent consideration is included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income. The Company expects total undiscounted contingent consideration payments to



Advantage to be between \$2,400,000 and \$2,775,000. As of September 30, 2011, the purchase price allocation has not been finalized due to the timing of the acquisition and terms of the purchase agreement. Pro forma results of the acquisition have not been included as the acquisition does not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements. The amount of goodwill deductible for U.S. income tax purposes is approximately \$2,320,000, excluding future contingent consideration payments.

#### 2011 Business Combinations

The Company has evaluated the 2011 acquisitions to determine if they are material on both an individual and aggregate basis. The Company has concluded the the acquisitions of Nationwide and Advantage are not material on an individual or

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aggregate basis.

#### 4. Fair Value Measurement

The Company applies ASC Topic 820 Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures for its financial assets and financial liabilities. The guidance requires disclosures about assets and liabilities measured at fair value. The Company's financial assets primarily relate to money market funds and financial liabilities primarily relate to contingent earn-out payments of \$11,524,434. The potential earnout payments and performance are defined in the individual purchase agreement for each acquisition. EBITDA is the performance target defined and measured to determine the earnout payment due, if any, after each defined measurement period.

ASC Topic 820 includes a fair value hierarchy that is intended to increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements and related disclosures. The fair value hierarchy is based on observable or unobservable inputs to valuation techniques that are used to measure fair value. Observable inputs reflect assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability based on market data obtained from independent sources while unobservable inputs reflect a reporting entity's pricing based upon its own market assumptions. The fair value hierarchy consists of the following three levels:

Level 1: Inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Inputs are quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in an active market, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable and market-corroborated inputs, which are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3: Inputs that are derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or value drivers are unobservable.

The significant inputs used to derive the fair value of the amounts due to seller include financial forecasts of future operating results, the probability of reaching the forecast and the associated discount rate. The probability of the contingent consideration ranges from 5% to 55%, with a discount rates of 6% to 12%. The following table sets forth the Company's financial liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the basis of measurement at September 30, 2011:

	Total Fair Value Measurement	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:				
Money market funds	\$35,759,223	\$35,759,223	\$—	\$—
Liabilities:				
Due to seller	\$(11,524,434 )	\$—	\$—	\$(11,524,434 )

The following table provides a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for the liabilities measured at fair value using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3):

Balance at December 31, 2010	Due to Seller \$(9,793,619 )
Increase related to purchase accounting for acquisitions	(2,977,552 )
Change in fair value	246,737
Payment of contingent consideration	1,000,000

Balance at September 30, 2011 \$(11,524,434 )

For the nine month period ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded an adjustment to the original contingent consideration obligations recorded upon the acquisitions of FMI (Freight Management, Inc, a 2009 acquisition ("FMI")), DSI, RGA, Lubenow, FLI, DNA, Nationwide and Advantage. The adjustments were the result of using revised forecasts and updated fair value measurements that adjusted the Company's potential earnout payments related to the purchases of these businesses.

For the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2011, the Company paid \$310,000 and \$1,000,000, respectively, in contingent earn-out payments. In 2010, the Company paid the former owners of FMI \$310,000 as the EBITDA targets established in the amended purchase agreement had been met. In 2011, the Company paid the former owners of RGA,

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Lubenow and FMI, \$200,000, \$280,000 and \$520,000, respectively, as the EBITDA targets established in the purchase agreements had been met.

For the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2011, the Company recognized a benefit of \$3,877,421 and \$246,737, respectively, in selling, general, and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income due to the change in fair value measurements using a level three valuation technique.

## 5. Intangible Assets

The following is a roll-forward of goodwill from December 31, 2010 to September 30, 2011:

Balance as of December 31, 2010	\$32,597,577
Additional purchase price related to the purchase of Mountain Logistics, Inc.	250,000
Additional goodwill acquired related to the purchase of FLI	99,730
Goodwill reduction related to the purchase of DNA	(1,662,914 )
Goodwill acquired related to the purchase of Nationwide	2,182,378
Goodwill acquired related to the purchase of Advantage	\$4,673,481
Balance as of September 30, 2011	\$38,140,252

The following is a summary of amortizable intangible assets as of December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2011:

	December 31, 2010	September 30, 2011	Weighted-Average Life
Customer relationships	\$10,744,064	\$12,218,208	6.5 years
Noncompete agreements	139,000	139,000	2.9 years
Trade names	190,000	190,000	3.0 years
	11,073,064	12,547,208	6.4 years
Less accumulated amortization	(4,098,246 )	(5,913,656 )	
Intangible assets, net	\$6,974,818	\$6,633,552	

Amortization expense related to intangible assets was \$1,277,121 and \$1,815,410 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2011, respectively.

The estimated amortization expense for the next five years and thereafter is as follows:

Remainder of 2011	\$671,800
2012	1,740,350
2013	1,342,139
2014	1,059,755
2015	861,819
Thereafter	957,689
	\$6,633,552



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6. Accrued Expenses

The components of accrued expenses at December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2011 are as follows:

	December 31, 2010	September 30, 2011
Accrued compensation	\$489,736	\$1,521,394
Accrued rebates	1,412,715	1,329,288
Deferred rent	760,112	686,487
Other	736,057	1,172,815
Total accrued expenses	\$3,398,620	\$4,709,984

7. Income Taxes

The following table shows the Company's effective income tax rate for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2011:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended		
	September 30, 2010	2011	September 30, 2010	2011	
Income before provision for income taxes	\$4,157,376	\$5,370,565	\$9,216,634	\$13,519,806	
Income tax expense	(1,562,221 )	(1,991,064 )	(3,459,475 )	(5,003,592 )	
Effective tax rate	37.6	% 37.1	% 37.5	% 37.0	%

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## 8. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per common share is calculated by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average shares outstanding plus share equivalents that would arise from the exercise of share options and the conversion of preferred shares. Employee stock options totaling 94,500 and 33,556 for the three month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2011, respectively, were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share, as they were anti-dilutive. Employee stock options totaling 94,500 and 68,556 for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2011, respectively, were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share, as they were anti-dilutive. The computation of basic and diluted earnings per common share for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2011 are as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Numerator:				
Net income	\$2,595,155	\$3,379,501	\$5,757,159	\$8,516,214
Denominator:				
Denominator for basic earnings per share-weighted-average shares	21,843,584	22,153,007	21,803,289	22,124,803
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Employee stock options	356,634	417,548	396,846	440,721
Denominator for diluted earnings per share	22,200,218	22,570,555	22,200,135	22,565,524
Basic net income per common share	\$0.12	\$0.15	\$0.26	\$0.38
Diluted net income per common share	\$0.12	\$0.15	\$0.26	\$0.38

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## 9. Stock-Based Compensation Plans

Using the Black-Scholes-Merton option valuation model and the assumptions listed below, the Company recorded \$294,812 and \$798,860 in compensation expense with corresponding tax benefits of \$114,977 and \$311,555 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011, respectively. For the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2010, the Company recorded \$257,157 and \$727,876 in compensation expense with corresponding tax benefits of \$100,291 and \$283,872, respectively. During the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2011, the Company granted 510,000 and 186,306 options, respectively, to various employees and directors. The Company also granted 192,750 shares of restricted stock during the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 to various employees.

The following assumptions were utilized in the valuation for options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2011:

	2010	2011
Dividend yield	—	—
Risk-free interest rate	3.05	% 1.95% - 3.37%
Weighted-average expected life	6.6 years	7.3 years
Volatility	36.0	% 35.0% - 35.2%

## 10. Related Parties

Certain stockholders and directors of the Company have a direct and/or indirect ownership interest in InnerWorkings, Inc. (InnerWorkings), a publicly-traded company that provides print procurement services. InnerWorkings is one of the Company's stockholders. As of September 30, 2011, InnerWorkings owned 131,590 shares of the Company's common stock, or 0.6% of total shares outstanding on a fully-diluted basis.

The Company provides transportation and logistics services to InnerWorkings. The Company recognized revenue of \$2,750,074 and \$6,596,325 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2011, respectively, from InnerWorkings. For the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2010, the Company recognized revenue of \$1,504,586 and \$5,139,787, respectively, from InnerWorkings. The Company also has a rebate program in place with InnerWorkings in association with the transportation and logistics services provided and InnerWorkings provides print and procurement services to the Company.

As of December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2011, the Company had a net receivable due from InnerWorkings of \$941,669 and \$2,126,652, respectively. The Company had accounts payable of \$184,803 and \$138,197 due to InnerWorkings as of December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2011, respectively.

During 2010, Matthew W. Ferguson, an executive officer at CareerBuilder.com, a privately-held online job website, became a member of the Company's Board of Directors. CareerBuilder.com provides the Company with online job posting services.

During 2010 and 2011, the Company used the law firm Lefkofsky & Gorosch, P.C. for legal services. Lefkofsky & Gorosch, P.C. was founded by Steven P. Lefkofsky, the brother of Eric Lefkofsky, a member of the Company's Board of Directors.



The Company previously subleased a portion of its office space to Groupon, Inc. (Groupon), a local e-commerce marketplace, whose investors include certain stockholders and directors of the Company. The sublease agreement was entered into on May 1, 2009 and was cancelled effective April 1, 2011. For the nine month period ended September 30, 2011, the Company received sublease rental income of \$37,044 from Groupon. The Company had no amounts due to or from Groupon as of December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2011.

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11. Legal Matters

In the normal course of business, the Company is subject to potential claims and disputes related to its business, including claims for freight lost or damaged in transit. Some of these matters may be covered by the Company's insurance and risk management programs or may result in claims or adjustments with the Company's carriers.

In October 2010, the Company filed a lawsuit against one of its former enterprise clients demanding payment of outstanding amounts due. Management believes all billed amounts, approximately \$2.7 million, are due and collectible and as such, the entire amount due is reflected in accounts receivable as of September 30, 2011 and no amounts have been recorded to the allowance for doubtful accounts related to this receivable. Concurrently, a counter lawsuit was filed by this client against the Company alleging damages of approximately \$2.5 million. Management believes this lawsuit is without merit and intends to vigorously dispute this claim and therefore no adjustments have been recorded in the consolidated financial statements for this counter claim.

Management does not believe that the outcome of any of the legal proceedings to which the Company is a party will have a materially adverse effect on its financial position or results of operations.

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

## Overview

We are a leading provider of technology enabled transportation and supply chain management services, delivered on a proprietary technology platform serving the transportation and logistics needs of our clients. Our proprietary web-based technology platform compiles and analyzes data from our network of over 24,000 transportation providers to serve our clients' shipping and freight management needs. Our technology platform, composed of web-based software applications and a proprietary database, enables us to identify excess transportation capacity, obtain competitive rates and execute thousands of shipments every day while providing high levels of service and reliability. We focus primarily on arranging transportation across the major modes, including truckload (TL), less than truck load (LTL) and small parcel, and we also offer inter-modal (which involves moving a shipment by rail and truck), domestic air, expedited and international transportation services.

We procured transportation and provided logistics services for more than 24,900 clients for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 across a wide range of industries, such as manufacturing, construction, consumer products and retail. Our clients fall into two categories, enterprise and transactional. We typically enter into multi-year contracts with our enterprise clients, which are often on an exclusive basis for a specific transportation mode or point of origin. As part of our value proposition, we also provide core logistics services to these clients. We provide transportation and logistics services to our transactional clients on a shipment-by-shipment basis, typically with individual, or spot market, pricing.

## Results of Operations

The following table represents certain statement of operations data:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2010		September 30, 2011		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010		2011	
(dollars and shares in thousands, except per share data)			(Unaudited)					
Consolidated statements of operations data:								
Revenue	\$ 113,533		\$ 158,956		\$ 312,542		\$ 439,906	
Transportation costs	92,067		128,337		253,982		354,474	
Net revenue	21,466		30,619		58,560		85,432	
Operating expenses:								
Commissions	6,536		9,321		18,050		25,971	
General and administrative	10,232		13,800		29,919		39,816	
Contingent consideration	(1,224)	)	(127)	)	(3,877)	)	(247)	)
Depreciation and amortization	1,668		2,174		5,062		6,153	
Total operating expenses	17,212		25,168		49,154		71,693	
Income from continuing operations	4,254		5,451		9,406		13,739	
Other income (expense)	(96)	)	(80)	)	(189)	)	(219)	)
Income before income taxes	4,158		5,371		9,217		13,520	
Income tax expense	(1,562)	)	(1,991)	)	(3,460)	)	(5,004)	)
Net income	\$ 2,596		\$ 3,380		\$ 5,757		\$ 8,516	
Net income per share of common stock:								
Basic	\$0.12		\$0.15		\$0.26		\$0.38	
Diluted	\$0.12		\$0.15		\$0.26		\$0.38	

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Shares used in per share calculations:

Basic	21,844	22,153	21,803	22,125
Diluted	22,200	22,571	22,200	22,566

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Revenue

We generate revenue through the sale of transportation and logistics services to our clients. Revenue is recognized when the client's product is delivered by a third-party carrier. Our revenue was \$312.5 million and \$439.9 million for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2011, respectively, a year over year increase in revenue of 40.8%.

Our revenue is generated from two different types of clients: enterprise and transactional. Our enterprise accounts typically generate higher dollar amounts and volume than our transactional relationships. We categorize a client as an enterprise client if we have a contract with the client for the provision of services on a recurring basis. Our contracts with enterprise clients typically have a multi-year term and are often exclusive for a certain transportation mode or point of origin. In several cases, we provide substantially all of a client's transportation and logistics requirements. We categorize all other clients as transactional clients. We provide services to our transactional clients on a shipment-by-shipment basis. As of September 30, 2011, we had 169 enterprise clients and, for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011, we served over 24,700 transactional clients. For the nine month period ended September 30, 2011, we entered into contracts with 21 new enterprise clients. For the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2011, enterprise clients accounted for 40% and 32%, respectively, and transactional clients accounted for 60% and 68%, respectively, of our revenue. We expect to continue to grow both our enterprise and transactional client base in the future, although the rate of growth for each type of client will vary depending on opportunities in the marketplace.

Revenue recognized per shipment will vary depending on the transportation mode, fuel prices, shipment weight and density and mileage of the product shipped. The primary modes of shipment that we transact in are TL, LTL and small parcel. Other transportation modes include inter-modal, domestic air, expedited services and international. Typically, our revenue is lower for an LTL shipment than for a TL shipment, and revenue per shipment is higher for shipments in modes other than TL, LTL and small parcel. Material shifts in the percentage of our revenue by transportation mode could have a significant impact on our revenue growth. For the nine month period ended September 30, 2011, LTL accounted for 48% of our revenue, TL accounted for 44% of our revenue, small parcel accounted for 5% of our revenue and other transportation modes accounted for 3% of our revenue.

The transportation industry has historically been subject to seasonal sales fluctuations as shipments generally are lower during and after the winter holiday season because many companies ship goods and stock inventories prior to the winter holiday season. While we experience some seasonality, differences in our revenue between periods have been driven primarily by growth in our client base.

Transportation costs and net revenue

We act primarily as a service provider to add value and expertise in the procurement and execution of transportation and logistics services for our clients. Our fee structure is primarily variable, although we have entered into a limited number of fixed fee arrangements that represent an insignificant portion of our revenue. Net revenue equals revenue minus transportation costs. Our transportation costs consist primarily of the direct cost of transportation paid to the carrier.

Net revenue is the primary indicator of our ability to add value to our clients and is considered by management to be an important measurement of our success in the marketplace. Although our transportation costs are typically lower for an LTL shipment than for a TL shipment, our net revenue margin is typically higher for an LTL shipment than for a TL shipment. Material shifts in the percentage of our revenue by transportation mode, including small parcel, could have a significant impact on our net revenue. The discussion of results of operations below focuses on changes in our

net revenue and expenses as a percentage of net revenue margin. For the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2011, our net revenue was \$58.6 million and \$85.4 million, respectively, reflecting an increase of 45.9%.

#### Operating expenses

Our costs and expenses, excluding transportation costs, consist of commissions paid to our sales personnel, general and administrative expenses to run our business, changes related to contingent consideration and depreciation and amortization.

Commissions paid to our sales personnel, including employees and agents, are a significant component of our operating expenses. These commissions are based on the net revenue we collect from the clients for which they have primary responsibility. For the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2011, commission expense was 30.8% and 30.4%, respectively, as a percentage of our net revenue. The percentage of net revenue paid as commissions will vary depending on the type of client, composition of the sales team and mode of transportation. Commission expense, stated as a percentage of net

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revenue, could increase or decrease in the future depending on the composition of our revenue growth and the relative impact of changes in sales teams and service offerings.

We accrue for commission expense when we recognize the related revenue. Some of our sales personnel receive a monthly advance to provide them with a more consistent income stream. Cash paid to our sales personnel in advance of commissions earned is reflected as a prepaid expense on our balance sheet. As our sales personnel earn commissions, a portion of their commission payment is withheld and offset against their prepaid commission balance, if any.

Our general and administrative expenses, which exclude commission expense, primarily consist of compensation costs for our sales, operations, information systems, finance and administrative support employees. For the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2011, our general and administrative expenses were \$29.9 million and \$39.8 million, respectively. For the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2011, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net revenue were 51.1% and 46.6%, respectively.

Our contingent consideration expenses consist of the change in the fair market value of the contingent liabilities payable to the sellers of our acquired businesses. The contingent liabilities relate to expected earn-out payments that will be paid upon the achievement of certain performance measures by our acquired businesses. These liabilities are evaluated on a quarterly basis and the change in the contingent consideration is included in the selling, general and administrative expenses in our consolidated statement of income. For the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2011, we recorded a reduction of \$3.9 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, in contingent consideration.

Our depreciation expense is primarily attributable to our depreciation of purchases of computer hardware and software, equipment, furniture and fixtures, and internally developed software. For the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2011, depreciation expense was \$3.8 million and \$4.3 million, respectively.

Our amortization expense is attributable to our amortization of intangible assets acquired from business combinations, including client relationships, tradenames and non-compete agreements. For the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2011, amortization expense was \$1.3 million and \$1.8 million, respectively.

Comparison of nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010

Revenue

Our revenue increased by \$127.4 million, or 40.8%, to \$439.9 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$312.5 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010. The increase was attributable to the increase in the number of our clients, and the total number of shipments executed on behalf of, and services provided to, these clients. In addition, tighter capacity and higher fuel prices, in both the LTL and TL marketplace, led to higher transportation rates. Also, \$125.0 million of revenue was generated for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from acquisitions completed prior to September 30, 2010. These same acquisitions accounted for \$95.4 million of revenue for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010, since not all of these acquisitions reflect a full nine months of activity in 2010.

Our revenue from enterprise clients increased by \$16.6 million, or 13.3%, to \$141.4 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$124.8 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010, resulting from an increase in the number of enterprise clients and shipments executed and services provided. As we increased our number of transactional clients, our percentage of revenue from enterprise clients decreased to 32.1% of our revenue during the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from 39.9% for the nine month period ended September 30,

2010. As of September 30, 2011, we had 169 enterprise clients under contract, which was an increase of 26 compared to 143 enterprise clients under contract as of September 30, 2010.

Our revenue from transactional clients increased by \$110.8 million, or 59.0%, to \$298.5 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$187.7 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010. The growth in revenue from transactional clients during this period was driven by the increase in the number of our transactional clients. Our percentage of revenue from transactional clients increased to 67.9% of our revenue for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from 60.1% of our revenue for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010. We served over 29,200 transactional clients in the nine month period ended September 30, 2011, an increase of approximately 10,200 compared to the 19,000 transactional clients served in the nine month period ended September 30, 2010.

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Our transportation costs increased by \$100.5 million, or 39.6%, to \$354.5 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$254.0 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010. The growth in the total number of shipments executed on behalf of our clients accounted for most of the increase in our transportation costs during this period. Our transportation costs as a percentage of revenue decreased to 80.6% for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from 81.3% for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010 due to an increased number of LTL shipments in the composition of our sales volume.

### Net revenue

Net revenue increased by \$26.8 million, or 45.9%, to \$85.4 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$58.6 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010. The growth in the total number of shipments executed on behalf of our clients accounted for most of the increase in our net revenue during this period. Net revenue margins increased to 19.4% for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from 18.7% for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010. The increase in net revenue margins was the result of a higher mix of LTL revenue in the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 as well as our ability to more effectively manage increasing LTL rates.

### Operating expenses

Commission expense increased by \$8.0 million, or 43.9%, to \$26.0 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$18.0 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010. This increase is primarily attributable to the increase in net revenue.

General and administrative expenses increased by \$9.9 million, or 33.1%, to \$39.8 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$29.9 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010. The increase is primarily the result of hiring personnel to support our growth and increases in expenses associated with the growth of our business. As a percentage of net revenue, general and administrative expenses decreased to 46.6% for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from 51.1% for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010. The decrease, as a percentage of net revenue, is primarily attributable to our ability to add clients in order to increase our revenue without the same corresponding increase in our general and administrative expenses.

### Contingent consideration

The change in contingent consideration for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2011, respectively, resulted in a net decrease in our contingent consideration obligation. The resulting benefit recognized in our consolidated statement of income from contingent consideration decreased by \$3.7 million, or 93.6%, to \$0.2 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$3.9 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010. For the nine month period ended September 30, 2011, the benefit primarily related to increases in the contingent liability due to FMI, DSI and Lubenow of \$0.4 million, \$0.4 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, and a decrease in the contingent liability due to DNA and Advantage of \$1.1 million and \$0.3 million, respectively. These adjustments were the result of changes to the forecasted financial performance of each acquisition as well as an amendment to the terms of the DNA purchase agreement related to contingent consideration. DNA and Advantage have not yet experienced the growth needed to achieve the first-year EBITDA performance measures set forth in their respective asset purchase agreements. As a result, there is increased probability that these respective first-year EBITDA earn-out targets will not be achieved. The fair value of the contingent consideration obligation for each acquisition reflects these updated probabilities as of September 30, 2011. For the nine month period ended September 30, 2010, the benefit related to a decrease in the contingent liability of \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million due to RDS and FMI, respectively. These adjustments were the result of changes to the forecasted financial performance of

each acquisition.

#### Depreciation and amortization

Depreciation expense increased by \$0.5 million, or 14.6%, to \$4.3 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$3.8 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010. The increase in depreciation expense is primarily attributable to purchases of computer hardware and software, equipment, furniture and fixtures, and the capitalization of internally developed software. Amortization expense increased by \$0.5 million, or 42.1%, to \$1.8 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$1.3 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010. The increase in amortization expense is the result of the intangibles acquired in acquisitions completed in 2010 and 2011.

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Income from operations increased by \$4.3 million, or 46.1%, to \$13.7 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$9.4 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010. The increase in income from operations is attributable to the increase in net revenue in excess of the increase in operating expenses.

### Other expense and income tax expense

Other expense increased to \$219.3 thousand for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$189.5 thousand for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010.

Income tax expense increased to \$5.0 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$3.5 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010. Our effective tax rate decreased from approximately 37.5% for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010 to 37.0% for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011. The decrease in the effective tax rate was the result of the impact of elections regarding research and development tax credits taken in 2011.

### Net Income

Net income increased by \$2.7 million, or 47.9%, to \$8.5 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$5.8 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010 related to the items previously discussed.

## Comparison of three months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010

### Revenue

Our revenue increased by \$45.5 million, or 40.0%, to \$159.0 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$113.5 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2010. The increase was attributable to the increase in the number of our clients, and the total number of shipments executed on behalf of, and services provided to, these clients. In addition, tighter capacity and higher fuel prices, in both the LTL and TL marketplace, led to higher transportation rates. Also, \$42.2 million of revenue was generated for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from acquisitions completed prior to September 30, 2010. These same acquisitions accounted for \$34.6 million of revenue for the three month period ended September 30, 2010.

Our revenue from enterprise clients increased by \$7.2 million, or 16.5%, to \$50.6 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$43.4 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2010, resulting from an increase in the number of enterprise clients and shipments executed and services provided. As we increased our number of transactional clients, our percentage of revenue from enterprise clients decreased to 32% of our revenue during the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from 38% for the three month period ended September 30, 2010. As of September 30, 2011, we had 169 enterprise clients under contract, which was an increase of 26 compared to 143 enterprise clients under contract as of September 30, 2010.

Our revenue from transactional clients increased by \$38.3 million, or 54.6%, to \$108.4 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$70.1 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2010. The growth in revenue from transactional clients during this period was driven by the increase in the number of our transactional clients due to the increased productivity of transactional sales representatives and sales agents. Our percentage of revenue from transactional clients increased to 68% of our revenue for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from 62% of our revenue for the three month period ended September 30, 2010. We served over 16,500 transactional clients in the three month period ended September 30, 2011, an increase of approximately 3,900 compared to the 12,600 transactional clients served in the three month period ended September 30, 2010.

#### Transportation costs

Our transportation costs increased by \$36.2 million, or 39.4%, to \$128.3 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$92.1 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2010. The growth in the total number of shipments executed on behalf of our clients accounted for most of the increase in our transportation costs during this period. Our transportation costs as a percentage of revenue decreased to 80.7% for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from 81.1% for the three month period ended September 30, 2010 due to an increased number of LTL shipments in the composition of our sales volume.

#### Net revenue

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Net revenue increased by \$9.1 million, or 42.7%, to \$30.6 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$21.5 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2010. The growth in the total number of shipments executed on behalf of our clients accounted for most of the increase in our net revenue during this period. The remaining increase in net revenue was the result of the \$2.0 million generated from the acquisitions completed prior to June 30, 2010. Net revenue margins increased to 19.3% for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from 18.9% for the three month period ended September 30, 2010. The increase in net revenue margins was the result of a higher mix of LTL revenue in the three month period ended September 30, 2011.

### Operating expenses

Commission expense increased by \$2.8 million, or 42.6%, to \$9.3 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$6.5 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2010. This increase is primarily attributable to the increase in net revenue.

General and administrative expenses increased by \$3.6 million, or 34.9%, to \$13.8 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$10.2 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2010. The increase is primarily the result of hiring personnel to support our growth and increases in expenses associated with the growth of our business. As a percentage of net revenue, general and administrative expenses decreased to 45.1% for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from 42.0% for the three month period ended September 30, 2010. The decrease, as a percentage of net revenue, is primarily attributable to our ability to add clients in order to increase our revenue without the same corresponding increase in our general and administrative expenses.

### Contingent consideration

The change in contingent consideration for the three month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2011, respectively, resulted in a net decrease in our contingent consideration obligation. The resulting benefit recognized in our consolidated statement of income from contingent consideration decreased by \$1.1 million, or 89.6%, to \$127,153 for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$1.2 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2010. For the three month period ended September 30, 2011, the benefit primarily related to increases in the contingent liability due to DSI and FLI of \$0.2 million or \$0.5 million, respectively, offset by a decrease in the contingent liability due to DNA and Advantage of \$0.7 million and \$0.3 million. These adjustments were the result of changes to the forecasted financial performance of each acquisition as well as an amendment to the terms of the DNA purchase agreement related to contingent consideration. DSI and FLI experienced very strong third quarter results with a significant increase in their client base. These facts would indicate a high probability that they will be able to achieve the EBITDA targets set forth in their purchase agreements. DNA and Advantage both experienced lower growth rates than originally anticipated at the time of purchase. As a result, the projections in meeting their first-year EBITDA targets have been lowered and the probability of meeting their first year earn-out periods have been adjusted accordingly which resulted in a reduction in the fair value of the contingent obligation as of September 30, 2011. For the three month period ended September 30, 2010, the benefit related to a decrease in the contingent liability of \$1.2 million due to RDS. These adjustments were the result of changes to the forecasted financial performance of each acquisition.

### Depreciation and amortization

Depreciation expense increased by \$0.3 million, or 31.5%, to \$1.6 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$1.3 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2010. The increase in depreciation expense is primarily attributable to purchases of computer hardware and software, equipment, furniture and fixtures, and the capitalization of internally developed software. Amortization expense increased by \$0.2 million,

or 27.0%, to \$0.6 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$0.4 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2010. The increase in amortization expense is the result of the intangibles acquired in acquisitions completed in 2010 and 2011.

Income from operations

Income from operations increased by \$1.2 million, or 28.1%, to \$5.5 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$4.3 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2010. The increase in income from operations is attributable to the increase in net revenue in excess of the increase in operating expenses.

Other expense and income tax expense

Other expense decreased to \$80.3 thousand for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$96.4 thousand

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for the three month period ended September 30, 2010.

Income tax expense increased to \$2.0 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$1.6 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2010. Our effective tax rate decreased from approximately 37.6% for the three month period ended September 30, 2010 to 37.1% for the three month period ended September 30, 2011. The decrease in the effective tax rate was the result of the impact of elections regarding research and development tax credits taken in 2011.

### Net Income

Net income increased by \$0.8 million, or 30.2%, to \$3.4 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2011 from \$2.6 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2010 related to the items previously discussed.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of September 30, 2011, we had \$44.2 million in cash and cash equivalents, \$69.0 million in working capital and \$10.0 million available under our credit facility, which expires on July 31, 2012.

### Cash used in operating activities

For the nine month period ended September 30, 2011, \$8.9 million of cash was provided by operating activities, representing an increase of \$4.6 million compared to the nine month period ended September 30, 2010. For the nine month period ended September 30, 2011, we generated \$15.1 million in cash from net income, adjusted for non-cash operating items as compared to \$10.5 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010. For the nine month periods ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, this cash flow generation was offset by \$6.1 million and \$6.2 million, respectively, in changes to net working capital due to the growth of our business.

### Cash used in investing activities

Cash used in investing activities was \$7.7 million and \$9.8 million during the nine month periods ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The primary investing activities during these periods were acquisition related payments, the procurement of computer hardware and software and the internal development of computer software. During the nine month period ended September 30, 2011, we used \$2.9 million for new acquisitions, and paid a \$0.3 million earn-out payment to the former owners of Mountain Logistics.

### Cash provided by (used in) financing activities

During the nine month period ended September 30, 2011, net cash used in financing activities was \$0.3 million compared to cash provided by financing activities of \$1.0 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010. This was primarily attributable to the exercise of employee stock options offset by a contingent consideration payment of \$1.0 million. For the three month period ended September 30, 2010, the cash used in financing activities was primarily related to payment of initial public offering costs which occurred in the fourth quarter of 2009 offset by exercise of employee stock options.

### Credit facility

As of September 30, 2011, we had no amounts outstanding on a \$10.0 million line of credit with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., which is due to expire on July 31, 2012. Any outstanding borrowings are collateralized by substantially all of our assets. The maximum amount outstanding under our line of credit cannot exceed 80% of the book value of

our eligible accounts receivable. Our line of credit contains limitations on our ability to incur indebtedness, create liens and make certain investments. Interest on the line of credit is payable monthly at an interest rate equal to either: (1) the prime rate or (2) LIBOR plus 2.25%. We have discretion in determining if specific advances against the line of credit are drawn down as a prime rate advance or a LIBOR advance. The terms of the credit line include various covenants, including covenants that require us to maintain a maximum leverage ratio and a minimum interest coverage ratio. As of September 30, 2011, we were not in violation of any of these various covenants.

#### Anticipated uses of cash

Our priority is to continue to grow our revenue and net revenue. We anticipate that our operating expenses and planned expenditures will constitute a material use of cash, and we expect to use available cash to expand our sales force, to enhance



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our technology, to acquire or make strategic investments in complementary businesses and for working capital and other general corporate purposes. We also expect to use available cash to make approximately \$0.9 million of potential earn-out payments in 2011 due in connection with our acquisitions. We currently expect to use up to \$2.0 million for capital expenditures by the end of 2011. We expect the use of cash for working capital purposes will be offset by the cash flow generated from operating earnings during this period.

Historically, our average accounts receivable lifecycle has been longer than our average accounts payable lifecycle, meaning that we have used cash to pay carriers in advance of collecting from our clients. We elect to provide this benefit to foster strong relationships with our clients and carriers. As our business grows, we expect this use of cash to continue. The amount of cash we use will depend on the growth of our business.

### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In October 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 605, Revenue Recognition. The guidance addresses the accounting for multiple-deliverable arrangements to enable vendors to account for products or services (deliverables) separately rather than as a combined unit. The guidance is effective prospectively for revenue arrangements entered into or materially modified in fiscal years beginning on or after June 15, 2010, with early adoption permitted. We adopted the provisions of this ASC on January 1, 2011 and it did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-29 to amend ASC 805, Business Combinations. The ASU amends certain existing and adds additional pro forma disclosure requirements for public enterprises (as defined by Topic 805). The guidance in ASU 2010-29 is effective for business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2010 and must be applied on a prospective basis. We adopted provisions of this ASC on January 1, 2011 and it did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

## Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

### Commodity Risk

We pass through increases in fuel prices to our clients. As a result, we believe that there is no material risk exposure to fluctuations in fuel prices.

### Interest Rate Risk

We have exposure to changes in interest rates on our line of credit. The interest rate on our line of credit fluctuates based on the prime rate or LIBOR plus 2.25%. Assuming the \$10.0 million line of credit was fully drawn, a 1.0% increase in the prime rate would increase our annual interest expense by \$100,000.

Our interest income is sensitive to changes in the general level of U.S. interest rates, in particular because all of our investments are in cash equivalents. Due to the short-term nature of our investments, we believe that there is no material risk exposure.

We do not use derivative financial instruments for speculative trading purposes.

Impact of Inflation

We believe that our results of operations are not materially impacted by moderate changes in the inflation rate. Inflation and changing prices did not have a material impact on our operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2011.

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Management's evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures

Our management, with the participation of our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2011. The term "disclosure controls and procedures," as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), means controls and other procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based on the evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2011, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that, as of such date, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

Changes in internal control over financial reporting

No change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2011 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

In the normal course of business, we are subject to potential claims and disputes related to our business, including claims for freight lost or damaged in transit. Some of these matters may be covered by our insurance and risk management programs or may result in claims or adjustments with our carriers.

In October 2010, we filed a lawsuit against one of our former enterprise clients demanding payment of outstanding amounts due. Management believes all billed amounts, approximately \$2.7 million, are due and collectible and as such, the entire amount due is reflected in accounts receivable as of September 30, 2011 and the allowance for doubtful accounts has not been adjusted. Concurrently, a lawsuit was filed by this client against us alleging damages of approximately \$2.5 million. Management believes this lawsuit is without merit and intends to vigorously dispute this claim.

Management does not believe that the outcome of any of the legal proceedings to which we are a party will have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes from the risk factors described in Item 1A ("Risk Factors") of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit No Description of Exhibit

31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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SIGNATURES

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

ECHO GLOBAL LOGISTICS, INC.

Date: November 4, 2011

/s/ DOUGLAS R. WAGGONER  
By: Douglas R. Waggoner  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 4, 2011

/s/ DAVID B. MENZEL  
By: David B. Menzel  
Chief Financial Officer

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