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#### FORM 10-K

(Mark one)

- b Annual report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009
- o Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Commission file number 001-15169

#### PERFICIENT, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

No. 74-2853258 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

520 Maryville Centre Drive, Suite 400 Saint Louis, Missouri 63141 (Address of principal executive offices)

(314) 529-3600 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:
Title of each class:

Name of each exchange on which registered:
The Nasdaq Global Select Market

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes o No  $\mathfrak p$ 

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes o No  $\,b$ 

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 b No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  $\, b \, No \, o \,$ 

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. o

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

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer b

Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company o

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

The aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the Company was approximately \$195.5 million based on the last reported sale price of the Company's common stock on The Nasdaq Global Select Market on June 30, 2009.

As of February 26, 2010, there were -----30,155,617 shares of Common Stock outstanding.

Portions of the definitive proxy statement in connection with the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than April 30, 2010, are incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K.

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#### PART I

Item 1. Business.

#### Overview

We are an information technology consulting firm serving Forbes Global 2000 ("Global 2000") and other large enterprise companies with a primary focus on the United States. We help our clients gain competitive advantage by using Internet-based technologies to make their businesses more responsive to market opportunities and threats, strengthen relationships with their customers, suppliers and partners, improve productivity, and reduce information technology costs. We design, build and deliver business-driven technology solutions using third party software products. Our solutions include custom applications, portals and collaboration, eCommerce, online customer management, enterprise content management, business intelligence, business integration, mobile technology, technology platform implementations, and service oriented architectures. Our solutions enable our clients to operate a real-time enterprise that dynamically adapts business processes and the systems that support them to meet the changing demands of an increasingly global, Internet-driven and competitive marketplace.

Through our experience in developing and delivering business-driven technology solutions for a large number of Global 2000 clients, we have acquired domain expertise that we believe differentiates our firm. We use expert project teams that we believe deliver high-value, measurable results by working collaboratively with clients and their partners through a user-centered, technology-based and business-driven solutions methodology. We believe this approach enhances return-on-investment for our clients by significantly reducing the time and risk associated with designing and implementing technology solutions.

Our goal is to continue to build one of the leading independent information technology consulting firms in North America by expanding our relationships with existing and new clients and through the resumption of our disciplined acquisition strategy. We believe that information technology consulting is a fragmented industry and that there are a substantial number of privately held information technology consulting firms in our target markets that, if acquired, can be strategically beneficial and accretive to earnings over time. We have a track record of identifying, executing and integrating acquisitions that add strategic value to our business. From April 2004 through November 2007, we acquired and integrated 12 information technology consulting firms. Given the economic conditions during 2008 and 2009, we suspended acquisition activity, pending improved visibility into the health of the economy.

We serve our customers from locations in 17 markets throughout North America. In addition, as of December 31, 2009, we had 423 colleagues (defined as billable employees and subcontractors) who are part of "national" business units and travel extensively to serve clients throughout North America and Europe. Our future growth plan includes expanding our business both organically and through acquisitions, with a primary focus on the United States. We also intend to further leverage our existing offshore capabilities to support our future growth and provide our clients flexible options for project delivery. In 2009, 96% of our revenues were derived from clients in the United States while 4% of our revenues were derived from clients in Canada and Europe. In 2008 and 2007, 97% and 99%, respectively, of our revenues were derived from clients in the United States while 3% and 1%, respectively, of our revenues were derived from clients in Canada and Europe. Over 97% and 98% of our total assets were located in the United States in 2009 and 2008, respectively, with the remainder located in Canada, China, and India.

We place strong emphasis on building lasting relationships with clients. Over the past three years ending December 31, 2009, an average of 86% of revenues were derived from clients who continued to utilize our services from the prior year, excluding any revenues from acquisitions completed in that year. We have also built meaningful relationships with software providers whose products we use to design and implement solutions for our clients. These relationships enable us to reduce our cost of sales and sales cycle times and increase success rates through leveraging

our partners' marketing efforts and endorsements.

### **Industry Background**

A number of factors are shaping the information technology industry and, in particular, the market for our information technology consulting services:

United States Economy. In 2008 and 2009, the United States economy experienced a slowdown in growth. It is clear that the slowdown had an effect on the information technology consulting industry in general and on demand for our services in particular in 2009. We are expecting a return to organic growth in 2010. According to the most recent forecast from independent market research firm Forrester Research, the United States information technology market will grow by 6.6% in 2010, with computer equipment and software leading the way, and information technology consulting services following. We have provided services revenue guidance for 2010 of \$190 million to \$210 million which would represent an increase from 2009 services revenue, including reimbursable expenses, of 9% to 20%.

Need to Rationalize Complex, Heterogeneous Enterprise Technology Environments. Over the past two decades, the information systems of many Global 2000 and large enterprise companies have evolved from traditional mainframe-based systems to include distributed computing environments. This evolution has been driven by the benefits offered by distributed computing, including lower incremental technology costs, faster application development and deployment, increased flexibility, and improved access to business information. Organizations have also widely installed enterprise resource planning (ERP), supply chain management (SCM), and customer relationship management (CRM) applications in order to streamline internal processes and enable communication and collaboration.

As a result of investment in these different technologies, organizations now have complex enterprise technology environments with, in some cases, incompatible technologies and high costs of integration. These increases in complexity, cost and risk, combined with the business and technology transformation caused by the commercialization of the Internet, have created demand for information technology consultants with experience in enabling the integration of disparate platforms and leveraging Internet-based technologies to support business and technology goals.

Increased Competitive Pressures. The marketplace continues to become increasingly global, Internet-driven and competitive. To gain and maintain a competitive advantage in this environment, Global 2000 and large enterprise companies seek real-time access to critical business applications and information that enables quality business decisions based on the latest possible information, flexible business processes and systems that respond quickly to market opportunities, improved quality and lower cost customer care through online customer self-service and provisioning, reduced supply chain costs and improved logistics through processes and systems integrated online to suppliers, partners and distributors, and increased employee productivity through better information flow and collaboration.

Enabling these business goals requires integrating, automating and extending business processes, technology infrastructure and software applications end-to-end within an organization and with key partners, suppliers and customers. This requires the ability not only to integrate the disparate information resource types, databases, legacy mainframe applications, packaged application software, custom applications, trading partners, people, and Web services, but also to manage the business processes that govern the interactions between these resources so that organizations can engage in real-time business.

These factors continue to drive spending on software and related consulting services in the areas of application integration, middleware and portals (AIMP), as these segments play critical roles in the integration between new and existing systems and the extension of those systems to customers, suppliers and partners via the Internet. Companies are expected to continue to spend on integration broker suites, enterprise portal services, application platform suites, and message-oriented middleware. As companies continue to spend on software and related consulting services, their spending on services will also continue, often by a multiplier of each dollar spent on software.

Quarterly Fluctuations. Our quarterly operating results are subject to seasonal fluctuations. The fourth quarter is impacted by fewer billable days as a result of professional staff vacation and holidays. Our results will also fluctuate, in part, based on whether we succeed in counterbalancing periodic declines in services revenues when a project or engagement is completed or canceled by entering into arrangements to provide additional services to the same or other clients. Software sales are seasonal as well, with generally higher software demand during the fourth quarter as procurement policies of our clients may result in higher technology spending towards the end of budget cycles. These and other seasonal factors may contribute to fluctuations in our operating results from quarter-to-quarter.

Competitive Strengths

We believe our competitive strengths include:

- Domain Expertise. We have acquired significant domain expertise in a core set of technology solutions and software platforms. These solutions include, among others, custom applications, portals and collaboration, eCommerce, CRM, enterprise content management, business intelligence, business integration, mobile technology solutions, technology platform implementations and service oriented architectures, and enterprise service bus. The platforms in which we have significant domain expertise and on which these solutions are built include IBM WebSphere, Lotus, Information Management and Rational, TIBCO BusinessWorks, Microsoft.NET, Oracle, Cognos (acquired by IBM), and Documentum, among others.
- Delivery Model and Methodology. We believe our significant domain expertise enables us to provide high-value solutions through expert project teams that deliver measurable results by working collaboratively with clients through a user-centered, technology-based and business-driven solutions methodology. Our methodology includes a proven execution process map we developed, which allows for repeatable, high quality services delivery. The methodology leverages the thought leadership of our senior strategists and practitioners to support the client project team and focuses on transforming our clients' business processes to provide enhanced customer value and operating efficiency, enabled by web technology. As a result, we believe we are able to offer our clients the dedicated attention that small firms usually provide and the delivery and project management that larger firms usually offer.

- Client Relationships. We have built a track record of quality solutions and client satisfaction through the timely, efficient and successful completion of numerous projects for our clients. As a result, we have established long-term relationships with many of our clients who continue to engage us for additional projects and serve as references for us. Over the past three years ending December 31, 2009, an average of 86% of revenues were derived from clients who continued to utilize our services from the prior year, excluding any revenues from acquisitions completed in that year.
- Vendor Relationship and Endorsements. We have built meaningful relationships with software providers, whose products we use to design and implement solutions for our clients. These relationships enable us to reduce our cost of sales and sales cycle times and increase win rates by leveraging our partners' marketing efforts and endorsements. We also serve as a sales channel for our partners, helping them market and sell their software products. We are a Premier IBM business partner, a TeamTIBCO partner, a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner, a Certified Oracle Partner, and an EMC Documentum Select Services Team Partner. Our vendors have recognized our relationships with several awards. Most recently, we were named IBM's 2009 Information Agenda Partner of the Year. The honor marked the fourth consecutive year that we have received a major business partner award from IBM. Also in 2009, we ranked #11 on Healthcare Informatics magazine's 2009 list of the largest healthcare consulting firms and were selected by the readership of CGT Magazine as one of the Top 10 Consulting Partners for consumer goods companies in North America.
- Geographic Focus. We believe we have built one of the leading independent information technology consulting firms in the United States. We serve our clients from locations in 17 markets throughout North America. In addition, as of December 31, 2009, we had 423 colleagues who are part of "national" business units and travel extensively to serve clients primarily in North America and Europe. Our future growth plan includes expanding our business both organically and through acquisitions, with a primary focus on the United States.
- Offshore Capability. We own and operate a CMMI Level 5 certified global development center in Hangzhou, China. This facility is staffed with colleagues who provide offshore custom application development, quality assurance and testing services. Additionally, we have a relationship with an offshore development facility in Bitola, Macedonia. Through these facilities we contract with a team of professionals with expertise in IBM, TIBCO and Microsoft technologies and with specializations that include application development, adapter and interface development, quality assurance and testing, monitoring and support, product development, platform migration, and portal development. In addition to our offshore capabilities, we employ a substantial number of foreign nationals in the United States on H1-B visas. We also maintain a recruiting facility in Chennai, India, to continue to grow our base of H1-B foreign national colleagues. As of December 31, 2009, we had 136 colleagues at the Hangzhou, China facility and 198 colleagues with H1-B visas. We intend to continue to leverage our existing offshore capabilities to support our growth and provide our clients flexible options for project delivery.

# **Our Solutions**

We help clients gain competitive advantage by using Internet-based technologies to make their businesses more responsive to market opportunities and threats, strengthen relationships with customers, suppliers and partners, improve productivity, and reduce information technology costs. Our business-driven technology solutions enable these benefits by developing, integrating, automating, and extending business processes, technology infrastructure and software applications end-to-end within an organization and with key partners, suppliers and customers. This provides real-time access to critical business applications and information and a scalable, reliable, secure, and cost-effective technology infrastructure that enables clients to:

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give managers and executives the information they need to make quality business decisions and dynamically adapt their business processes and systems to respond to client demands, market opportunities or business problems;

- improve the quality and lower the cost of customer acquisition and care through web-based customer self-service and provisioning;
- reduce supply chain costs and improve logistics by flexibly and quickly integrating processes and systems and making relevant real-time information and applications available online to suppliers, partners and distributors;
- increase the effectiveness and value of legacy enterprise technology infrastructure investments by enabling faster application development and deployment, increased flexibility and lower management costs; and
- increase employee productivity through better information flow and collaboration capabilities and by automating routine processes to enable focus on unique problems and opportunities.

Our business-driven technology solutions include the following:

• Business Analysis. We design, develop and implement business strategy solutions, technology roadmaps, competitor benchmarks, and current-state assessments. Our business consultants analyze existing initiatives, infrastructure and investments, and counsel our clients on how to leverage technology to achieve maximum return-on-investment and business impact.

- Enterprise portals and collaboration. We design, develop, implement, and integrate secure and scalable enterprise portals for our clients and their customers, suppliers and partners that include searchable data systems, collaborative systems for process improvement, transaction processing, unified and extended reporting, and content management and personalization.
- Business integration. We design, develop and implement business integration solutions that allow our clients to
  integrate all of their business processes end-to-end and across the enterprise. Truly innovative companies are
  extending those processes, and eliminating functional friction, between the enterprise, core customers, and partners.
  Our business integration solutions can extend and extract core applications, reduce infrastructure strains and cost,
  web-enable legacy applications, provide real-time insight into business metrics, and introduce efficiencies for
  customers, suppliers and partners.
- Enterprise content management (ECM). We design, develop and implement ECM solutions that enable the management of all unstructured information regardless of file type or format. Our ECM solutions can facilitate the creation of new content and/or provide easy access and retrieval of existing digital assets from other enterprise tools such as enterprise resource planning (ERP), customer relationship management or legacy applications. Our ECM solutions include Enterprise Imaging and Document Management, Web Content Management, Digital Asset Management, Enterprise Records Management, Compliance and Control, Business Process Management and Collaboration, and Enterprise Search.
- Customer relationship management (CRM). We design, develop and implement advanced CRM solutions that facilitate customer acquisition, service and support, sales, and marketing by understanding our customers' needs through interviews, requirement gathering sessions and call center analysis, developing an iterative, prototype driven solution, and integrating the solution to legacy processes and applications.
- Service oriented architectures (SOA) and enterprise service bus (ESB). We design, develop and implement SOA and ESB solutions that allow our clients to quickly adapt their business processes to respond to new market opportunities or competitive threats by taking advantage of business strategies supported by flexible business applications and IT infrastructures.
- Business intelligence. We design, develop and implement business intelligence solutions that allow companies to
  interpret and act upon accurate, timely and integrated information. By classifying, aggregating and correlating data
  into meaningful business information, business intelligence solutions help our clients make more informed business
  decisions. Our business intelligence solutions allow our clients to transform data into knowledge for quick and
  effective decision making and can include information strategy, data warehousing, and business analytics and
  reporting.
- eCommerce. We design, develop and implement secure and reliable eCommerce infrastructures that dynamically
  integrate with back-end systems and complementary applications that provide for transaction volume scalability
  and sophisticated content management.
- Mobile technology solutions. We design, develop and implement mobile technology solutions that deliver wireless
  capabilities to carriers, Mobile Virtual Network Operators (MVNO), Mobile Virtual Network Enablers (MVNE),
  and the enterprise. Our expertise with wireless technologies such as SIP, MMS, WAP, and GPRS is coupled with
  our extensive knowledge in mobile content delivery. Our secure and scalable solutions can include mobile content
  delivery systems, wireless value-added services, custom developed applications to pervasive devices, and customer
  care solutions.

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Technology platform implementations. We design, develop and implement technology platform implementations that allow our clients to establish a robust, reliable Internet-based infrastructure for integrated business applications which extend enterprise technology assets to employees, customers, suppliers, and partners. Our platform services include application server selection, architecture planning, installation and configuration, clustering for availability, performance assessment and issue remediation, security services, and technology migrations.

• Custom applications. We design, develop, implement, and integrate custom application solutions that deliver enterprise-specific functionality to meet the unique requirements and needs of our clients. Our substantial experience with platforms including J2EE, .Net and Open-source enables enterprises of all types to leverage cutting-edge technologies to meet business-driven needs.

We conceive, build and implement these solutions through a comprehensive set of services including business strategy, user-centered design, systems architecture, custom application development, technology integration, package implementation, and managed services.

In addition to our technology solution services, we offer education and mentoring services to our clients. We operate an IBM-certified advanced training facility in the Chicago, Illinois area, where we provide our clients both a customized and established curriculum of courses and other education services. We also leverage our education practice and training facility to provide continuing education and professional development opportunities for our colleagues.

### Our Solutions Methodology

Our approach to solutions design and delivery is:

- iterative and results oriented;
- centered around a flexible and repeatable framework;
- collaborative and customer-centered in that we work with not only our clients but with our clients' customers in developing our solutions;
  - focused on delivering high value, measurable results; and
    - grounded by industry leading project management.

Our methodology allows for repeatable, high quality services delivery through a unique and proven execution process map. It is grounded in a thorough understanding of our clients' overall business strategy and competitive environment. Our methodology leverages the thought leadership of our senior strategists and practitioners and focuses on transforming our clients' business processes, applications and technology infrastructure. It focuses on business value or return-on-investment, with specific objectives and benchmarks established at the outset.

# Our Strategy

Our goal is to be the premier technology management consulting firm in North America. To achieve our goal, our strategy is to:

- Grow Relationships with Existing and New Clients. We intend to continue to solidify and expand enduring relationships with our existing clients and to develop long-term relationships with new clients by providing them with solutions that generate a demonstrable, positive return-on-investment. Our incentive plan rewards our project managers to work in conjunction with our sales people to expand the nature and scope of our engagements with existing clients.
- Resume Making Disciplined Acquisitions. Given the economic conditions during 2008 and 2009, we suspended acquisition activity, pending improved visibility into the health of the economy. With the expected return to growth in 2010, we plan to resume our disciplined acquisition strategy. The information technology consulting market is a fragmented industry and we believe there are a substantial number of smaller privately held information technology consulting firms that can be acquired and be accretive to our financial results. We have a track record of successfully identifying, executing and integrating acquisitions that add strategic value to our business. Our established culture and infrastructure positions us to successfully integrate each acquired company, while continuing to offer effective solutions to our clients.
- Expand Geographic Base. We believe we have built one of the leading independent information technology consulting firms in the United States. We serve our customers from locations in 17 markets throughout North America. In addition, as of December 31, 2009, we had 423 colleagues who are part of "national" business units and travel extensively to serve clients primarily in North America and Europe. Our future growth plan includes expanding our business both organically and through acquisitions, with a primary focus on the United States.

- Continue Repurchasing Our Equity Securities. In an ongoing effort to provide the most value to our stockholders, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$40.0 million of our common stock as part of a program that expires at the end of June 2011. As of December 31, 2009, we had repurchased approximately \$27.5 million, or 4.5 million shares, of our outstanding common stock. We believe, at certain price levels, our stock is undervalued and the repurchase program provides the best way to return the value to our stockholders. We will continually re-evaluate the position of our stock price and will seek additional authorization to repurchase our common stock as necessary.
- Enhance Brand Visibility. Our focus on a core set of technology solutions, applications and software platforms, and a targeted customer and geographic market has given us brand visibility. In addition, we believe we have achieved the size necessary to enhance our visibility among prospective clients, employees and software vendors. As we continue to grow our business, we intend to highlight to current and prospective customers our leadership in technology solutions and infrastructure software technology platforms.

- Leverage Offshore Capabilities. Our solutions and services are primarily delivered at the customer site and require a significant degree of customer participation, interaction and specialized technology expertise. We can compliment this with lower cost offshore technology professionals to perform less specialized roles on our solution engagements, enabling us to fully leverage our United States colleagues while offering our clients a highly competitive blended average rate. We own and operate a CMMI Level 5 certified global development center in Hangzhou, China that is staffed with colleagues who provide offshore custom application development, quality assurance and testing services and we have a relationship with an offshore development facility in Bitola, Macedonia. In addition to our offshore capabilities, we employ a substantial number of H1-B foreign nationals in the United States. We also maintain a recruiting facility in Chennai, India, to continue to grow our base of H1-B foreign national colleagues. As of December 31, 2009 we had 136 colleagues at the Hangzhou, China facility and 198 colleagues with H1-B visas. We intend to continue to leverage our existing offshore capabilities to support our growth and provide our clients flexible options for project delivery.
- Invest in Our People and Culture. We have developed a culture built on teamwork, a passion for technology and client service, and a focus on cost control and the bottom line. As a people-based business, we continue to invest in the development of our professionals and to provide them with entrepreneurial opportunities, and career development and advancement. Our technology, business consulting and project management ensure that client team best practices are being developed across the company and our recognition program rewards teams for implementing those practices. We believe this results in a team of motivated professionals with the ability to deliver high-quality and high-value services for our clients.
- Leverage Existing and Pursue New Strategic Alliances. We intend to continue to develop alliances that complement our core competencies. Our alliance strategy is targeted at leading business advisory companies and technology providers and allows us to take advantage of compelling technologies in a mutually beneficial and cost-competitive manner. Many of these relationships, and in particular IBM, result in our partners, their clients or clients using IBM platforms, utilizing us as the services firm of choice.
- Expand and Enhance Our Industry Vertical Focus. We have industry focused practices such as healthcare, communications and consumer products. The goal of these industry verticals is to recruit and retain consultants with specific industry expertise and to 'mine' and leverage the intellectual property we have as we serve clients within these industries. Expanding these verticals will help us in terms of revenue generation as well as market expansion beyond our geographic and solution focused business units.

# Sales and Marketing

As of December 31, 2009, we had a 46 person direct solutions-oriented sales force. Our sales team is experienced and connected through a common services portfolio, sales process and performance management system. Our sales process utilizes project pursuit teams that include those of our information technology professionals best suited to address a particular prospective client's needs. We reward our sales force for developing and maintaining relationships with our clients and seeking out follow-up engagements as well as leveraging those relationships to forge new ones in different areas of the business and with our clients' business partners. Approximately 86% of our sales are executed by our direct sales force. In addition to our direct sales team, we also have 19 dedicated sales support employees, 15 general managers and three vice-presidents who are engaged in the sales and marketing efforts.

Our primary target client base includes companies in North America with annual revenues in excess of \$500 million. We believe this market segment can generate the repeat business that is a fundamental part of our growth plan. We primarily pursue solutions opportunities where our domain expertise and delivery track record give us a competitive advantage. We also typically target engagements of up to \$5 million in fees, which we believe to be below the target project range of most large systems integrators and beyond the delivery capabilities of most local boutiques.

We have sales and marketing partnerships with software vendors including IBM, Oracle, TIBCO, Microsoft, and Documentum. These companies are key vendors of open standards-based software commonly referred to as middleware application servers, enterprise application integration platforms, business process management, business activity monitoring and business intelligence applications, and enterprise portal server software. Our direct sales force works in tandem with the sales and marketing groups of our partners to identify potential new clients and projects. Our partnerships with these companies enable us to reduce our cost of sales and sales cycle times and increase win rates by leveraging our partners' marketing efforts and endorsements.

As we continue to grow our business, we intend to highlight our leadership in solutions and infrastructure software technology platforms. Our efforts will include technology white papers, by-lined articles by our colleagues in technology and trade publications, media and industry analyst events, sponsorship of and participation in targeted industry conferences, trade shows, and social media.

#### Clients

During the year ended December 31, 2009, we provided services to 423 customers. No one customer provided more than 10% of our total revenues in 2009, 2008 or 2007.

#### Competition

The market for the services we provide is competitive and has low barriers to entry. We believe that our competitors fall into several categories, including:

- small local consulting firms that operate in no more than one or two geographic regions;
  - regional consulting firms such as Prolifics and MSI Systems Integrators;
  - national consulting firms, such as Accenture, Deloitte Consulting, Ciber, and Sapient;
    - in-house professional services organizations of software companies; and
- to a limited extent, offshore providers such as Infosys Technologies Limited and Wipro Limited.

We believe that the principal competitive factors affecting our market include domain expertise, track record and customer references, quality of proposed solutions, service quality and performance, efficiency, reliability, scalability, and features of the software platforms upon which the solutions are based, and the ability to implement solutions quickly and respond on a timely basis to customer needs. In addition, because of the relatively low barriers to entry into this market, we expect to face additional competition from new entrants. We expect competition from offshore outsourcing and development companies to continue.

Some of our competitors have longer operating histories, larger client bases, and greater name recognition, and possess significantly greater financial, technical and marketing resources than we do. As a result, these competitors may be able to attract customers to which we market our services and adapt more quickly to new technologies or evolving customer or industry requirements.

### **Employees**

As of December 31, 2009, we had 1,015 employees, 857 of which were billable professionals (excludes 168 billable subcontractors) and 158 were involved in sales, administration and marketing. None of our employees are represented by a collective bargaining agreement and we have never experienced a strike or similar work stoppage. We consider our relations with our employees to be good.

Recruiting. We are dedicated to hiring, developing and retaining experienced, motivated technology professionals who combine a depth of understanding of current Internet and legacy technologies with the ability to implement complex and cutting-edge solutions.

Our recruiting efforts are an important element of our continuing operations and future growth. We generally target technology professionals with extensive experience and demonstrated expertise. To attract technology professionals, we use a broad range of sources including on-staff recruiters, outside recruiting firms, internal referrals, other technology companies and technical associations, and the Internet. After initially identifying qualified candidates, we conduct an extensive screening and interview process.

Retention. We believe that our focus on a core set of business-driven technology solutions, applications and software platforms, and our commitment to career development through continued training and advancement opportunities makes us an attractive career choice for experienced professionals. Because our strategic partners are established and emerging market leaders, our technology professionals have an opportunity to work with cutting-edge information

technology. We foster professional development by training our technology professionals in the skills critical to successful consulting engagements such as implementation methodology and project management. We believe in promoting from within whenever possible. In addition to an annual review process that identifies near-term and longer-term career goals, we make a professional development plan available to assist our professionals with assessing their skills and developing a detailed action plan for guiding their career development. For the year ended December 31, 2009, our voluntary attrition rate was approximately 15%.

Training. To ensure continued development of our technical staff, we place a high priority on training. We offer extensive training for our professionals around industry-leading technologies. We utilize our education practice to provide continuing education and professional development opportunities for our colleagues.

Compensation. Our employees have a compensation model that includes base salary and an incentive compensation component. Our tiered incentive compensation plans help us reach our overall goals by rewarding individuals for their influence on key performance factors. Key performance metrics include client satisfaction, revenues generated, utilization, profit, and personal skills growth. Senior level employees are eligible to receive restricted stock awards, which generally vest ratably over a five year period.

Leadership Councils. Our technology leadership council performs a critical role in maintaining our technology leadership. Consisting of key employees from each of our practice areas, the council frames our new partner strategies and conducts regular Internet webcasts with our technology professionals on specific partner and general technology issues and trends. The council also coordinates thought leadership activities, including white paper authorship and publication and speaking engagements by our professionals. Finally, the council identifies services opportunities between and among our strategic partners' products, oversees our quality assurance programs and assists in acquisition-related technology due diligence.

#### Culture

The Perficient Promise. We have developed the "Perficient Promise," which consists of the following six simple commitments our colleagues make to each other:

- we believe in long-term client and vendor relationships built on investment in innovative solutions, delivering more value than the competition and a commitment to excellence;
  - we believe in growth and profitability and building meaningful scale;
- we believe each of us is ultimately responsible for our own career development and has a commitment to mentor others;
  - we believe that Perficient has an obligation to invest in our consultants' training and education;
    - we believe the best career development comes on the job; and
      - we love challenging new work opportunities.

We take these commitments seriously because we believe that we can succeed only if the Perficient Promise is kept.

#### General Information

Our stock is traded on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "PRFT." Our website can be visited at www.perficient.com. We make available free of charge through our website our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material, or furnish it to, the Securities and Exchange Commission. The information contained or incorporated in our website is not part of this document.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors.

You should carefully consider the following risk factors together with the other information contained in or incorporated by reference into this annual report before you decide to buy our common stock. If any of these risks actually occur, our business, financial condition, operating results or cash flows could be materially and adversely affected. This could cause the trading price of our common stock to decline and you may lose part or all of your investment.

#### Risks Related to Our Business

Prolonged economic weakness, particularly in the middleware, software and services market, could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our results of operations are affected by the levels of business activities of our clients, which can be affected by economic conditions in the United States ("U.S.") and worldwide. During periods of economic downturns, our clients may decrease their demand for information technology services. In 2008 and 2009, general worldwide economic conditions experienced a downturn due to slower economic activity, concerns about inflation and deflation, decreased consumer confidence, reduced corporate profits, capital spending, and adverse business conditions. If these conditions continue, they may cause our customers to delay or cancel information technology projects, reduce their overall information technology budgets and/or reduce or cancel orders for our services. This, in turn, may lead to longer sales cycles, delays in purchase decisions, payment and collection issues, and may also result in price pressures, causing us to realize lower revenues and operating margins. Additionally, if our clients cancel or delay their business and technology initiatives or choose to move these initiatives in-house, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

The market for the information technology consulting services we provide is competitive, has low barriers to entry and is becoming increasingly consolidated, which may adversely affect our market position.

The market for the information technology consulting services we provide is competitive, rapidly evolving and subject to rapid technological change. In addition, there are relatively low barriers to entry into this market and therefore new entrants may compete with us in the future. For example, due to the rapid changes and volatility in our market, many well-capitalized companies, including some of our partners, that have focused on sectors of the software and services industry that are not competitive with our business may refocus their activities and deploy their resources to be competitive with us.

An increasing amount of information technology services are being provided by lower-cost non-domestic resources. The increased utilization of these resources for U.S.-based projects could result in lower revenues and margins for U.S.-based information technology companies. Our ability to compete utilizing higher-cost domestic resources and/or our ability to procure comparably priced offshore resources could adversely impact our results of operations and financial condition.

Our future financial performance will depend, in large part, on our ability to establish and maintain an advantageous market position. We currently compete with regional and national information technology consulting firms, and, to a limited extent, offshore service providers and in-house information technology departments. Many of the larger regional and national information technology consulting firms have substantially longer operating histories, more established reputations and potential vendor relationships, greater financial resources, sales and marketing organizations, market penetration, and research and development capabilities, as well as broader product offerings and greater market presence and name recognition. We may face increasing competitive pressures from these competitors. This may place us at a disadvantage to our competitors, which may harm our ability to grow, maintain revenues or

generate net income.

In recent years, there has been substantial consolidation in our industry and we expect that there will be additional consolidation in the future. As a result of this increasing consolidation, we expect that we will increasingly compete with larger firms that have broader product offerings and greater financial resources than we have. We believe that this competition could have a negative effect on our marketing, distribution and reselling relationships, pricing of services and products, and our product development budget and capabilities. One or more of our competitors may develop and implement methodologies that result in superior productivity and price reductions without adversely affecting their profit margins. In addition, competitors may win client engagements by significantly discounting their services in exchange for a client's promise to purchase other goods and services from the competitor, either concurrently or in the future. These activities may potentially force us to lower our prices and suffer reduced operating margins. Any of these negative effects could significantly impair our results of operations and financial condition. We may not be able to compete successfully against new or existing competitors.

Our business will suffer if we do not keep up with rapid technological change, evolving industry standards or changing customer requirements.

Rapidly changing technology, evolving industry standards and changing customer needs are common in the software and services market. We expect technological developments to continue at a rapid pace in our industry. Technological developments, evolving industry standards and changing customer needs could cause our business to be rendered obsolete or non-competitive, especially if the market for the core set of business-driven technology solutions and software platforms in which we have expertise does not grow or if such growth is delayed due to market acceptance, economic uncertainty or other conditions. Accordingly, our success will depend, in part, on our ability to:

- continue to develop our technology expertise;
  - enhance our current services;
- develop new services that meet changing customer needs;
  - advertise and market our services; and
- influence and respond to emerging industry standards and other technological changes.

We must accomplish all of these tasks in a timely and cost-effective manner. We might not succeed in effectively doing any of these tasks, and our failure to succeed could have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations, including materially reducing our revenues and operating results.

We may also incur substantial costs to keep up with changes surrounding the Internet. Unresolved critical issues concerning the commercial use and government regulation of the Internet include the following:

- security;
- intellectual property ownership;
  - privacy;
  - taxation; and
  - liability issues.

Any costs we incur because of these factors could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations, including reduced net income.

International operations subject us to additional political and economic risks that could have an adverse impact on our business.

We maintain a global development center in Hangzhou, China and a technology consulting recruiting facility in Chennai, India. Because of our limited experience with facilities outside of the U.S., we are subject to certain risks related to expanding our presence into non-U.S. regions, including risks related to complying with a wide variety of national and local laws, restrictions on the import and export of certain technologies, and multiple and possibly overlapping tax structures. In addition, we may face competition from companies that may have more experience with operations in such countries or with international operations generally. We may also face difficulties integrating new facilities in different countries into our existing operations, as well as integrating employees that we hire in different countries into our existing corporate culture.

Furthermore, there are risks inherent in operating in and expanding into non-U.S. regions, including, but not limited to:

- political and economic instability;
- global health conditions and potential natural disasters;

- unexpected changes in regulatory requirements;
- international currency controls and exchange rate fluctuations;
- reduced protection for intellectual property rights in some countries; and
- additional vulnerability from terrorist groups targeting American interests abroad.

Any one or more of the factors set forth above could have a material adverse effect on our international operations, and, consequently, on our business, financial condition and operating results.

Immigration restrictions related to H1-B visas could hinder our growth and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Approximately 23% of our billable workforce is comprised of skilled foreign nationals holding H1-B visas. We also own a recruiting facility in Chennai, India, to continue to grow our base of H1-B foreign national colleagues. The H1-B visa classification enables us to hire qualified foreign workers in positions that require the equivalent of at least a bachelor's degree in the U.S. in a specialty occupation such as technology systems engineering and analysis. The H1-B visa generally permits an individual to work and live in the U.S. for a period of three to six years, with some extensions available. The number of new H1-B petitions approved in any federal fiscal year is limited, making the H1-B visas necessary to bring foreign employees to the U.S. unobtainable in years in which the limit is reached. If we are unable to obtain all of the H1-B visas for which we apply, our growth may be hindered.

We may not be able to attract and retain information technology consulting professionals, which could affect our ability to compete effectively.

Our success depends in large part upon our ability to attract, train, retain, motivate, manage, and effectively utilize highly skilled information technology consulting professionals. There is often considerable competition for qualified personnel in the information technology services industry. Additionally, our technology professionals are primarily at-will employees. We also use independent subcontractors where appropriate to supplement our employee capacity. Failure to retain highly skilled technology professionals or hire qualified independent subcontractors would impair our ability to adequately manage staff and implement our existing projects and to bid for or obtain new projects, which in turn would adversely affect our operating results.

Our success depends on attracting and retaining senior management and key personnel.

The information technology services industry is highly specialized and the competition for qualified management and key personnel is intense. We believe that our success depends on retaining our senior management team and key technical and business consulting personnel. Retention is particularly important in our business as personal relationships are a critical element of obtaining and maintaining strong relationships with our clients. In addition, as we grow our business, our need for senior experienced management and implementation personnel increases. If a significant number of these individuals resign, or if we are unable to attract top talent, our level of management, technical, marketing, and sales expertise could diminish or otherwise be insufficient for our growth. We may be unable to achieve our revenues and operating performance objectives unless we can attract and retain technically qualified and highly skilled sales, technical, business consulting, marketing, and management personnel. These individuals would be difficult to replace, and losing them could seriously harm our business.

A significant portion of our revenue is dependent upon building long-term relationships with our clients and our operating results could suffer if we fail to maintain these relationships.

Our professional services agreements with clients are in most cases terminable on 10 to 30 days notice. A client may choose at any time to use another consulting firm or choose to perform services we provide through their own internal resources. A sustained decrease in a client's business activity could cause the cancellation of projects. Accordingly, we rely on our clients' interests in maintaining the continuity of our services rather than on contractual requirements. Termination of a relationship with a significant client or with a group of clients that account for a significant portion of our revenues could adversely affect our revenues and results of operations.

If we fail to meet our clients' performance expectations, our reputation may be harmed.

As a services provider, our ability to attract and retain clients depends to a large extent on our relationships with our clients and our reputation for high quality services and integrity. We also believe that the importance of reputation and name recognition is increasing and will continue to increase due to the number of providers of information technology services. As a result, if a client is not satisfied with our services or does not perceive our solutions to be effective or of high quality, our reputation may be damaged and we may be unable to attract new, or retain existing, clients and colleagues.

We could have liability or our reputation could be damaged if we do not protect client data or information systems or if our information systems are breached.

We are dependent on information technology networks and systems to process, transmit and store electronic information and to communicate among our locations and with our partners and clients. Security breaches of this infrastructure could lead to shutdowns or disruptions of our systems and potential unauthorized disclosure of confidential information. We are also required at times to manage, utilize and store sensitive or confidential client or employee data. As a result, we are subject to numerous U.S. and foreign jurisdiction laws and regulations designed to protect this information, such as various U.S. federal and state laws governing the protection of individually identifiable information. If any person, including any of our employees, negligently disregards or intentionally breaches our established controls with respect to such data or otherwise mismanages or misappropriates that data, we could be subject to monetary damages, fines and/or criminal prosecution. Unauthorized disclosure of sensitive or confidential client or employee data, whether through systems failure, employee negligence, fraud or misappropriation, could damage our reputation and cause us to lose clients. Similarly, unauthorized access to or through our information systems or those we develop for our clients, whether by our employees or third parties, could result in negative publicity, legal liability and damage to our reputation.

We may face potential liability to customers if our customers' systems fail.

Our technology solutions are often critical to the operation of our customers' businesses and provide benefits that may be difficult to quantify. If one of our customers' systems fails, the customer could make a claim for substantial damages against us, regardless of our responsibility for that failure. The limitations of liability set forth in our contracts may not be enforceable in all instances and may not otherwise protect us from liability for damages. Our insurance coverage may not continue to be available on reasonable terms or in sufficient amounts to cover one or more large claims. In addition, a given insurer might disclaim coverage as to any future claims. Due to the nature of our business, it is possible that we will be sued in the future. If we experience one or more large claims against us that exceed available insurance coverage or result in changes in our insurance policies, including premium increases or the imposition of large deductible or co-insurance requirements, our business and financial results could suffer.

Our services may infringe upon the intellectual property rights of others.

We cannot be sure that our services do not infringe on the intellectual property rights of third parties, and we may have infringement claims asserted against us. These claims may harm our reputation, cause our management to expend significant time in connection with any defense and cost us money. We may be required to indemnify clients for any expense or liabilities they incur resulting from claimed infringement and these expenses could exceed the amounts paid to us by the client for services we have performed. Any claims in this area, even if won by us, can be costly, time-consuming and harmful to our reputation.

We have only a limited ability to protect our intellectual property rights, which are important to our success.

Our success depends, in part, upon our ability to protect our proprietary methodologies and other intellectual property. Existing laws of some countries in which we provide services or solutions might offer only limited protection of our intellectual property rights. We rely upon a combination of trade secrets, confidentiality policies, nondisclosure and other contractual arrangements to protect our intellectual property rights. The steps we take in this regard might not be adequate to prevent or deter infringement or other misappropriation of our intellectual property, and we might not be able to detect unauthorized use of, or take appropriate and timely steps to enforce, our intellectual property rights.

Depending on the circumstances, we might need to grant a specific client greater rights in intellectual property developed in connection with a contract than we otherwise generally do. In certain situations, we might forego all

rights to the use of intellectual property we help create, which would limit our ability to reuse that intellectual property for other clients. Any limitation on our ability to provide a service or solution could cause us to lose revenue-generating opportunities and require us to incur additional expenses to develop new or modified solutions for future projects.

If our negotiated fees do not accurately anticipate the cost and complexity of performing our work, then our contracts could be unprofitable.

We negotiate fees with our clients utilizing a range of pricing structures and conditions, including time and materials and fixed fee contracts. Our fees are highly dependent on our internal forecasts and predictions about our projects and the marketplace, which might be based on limited data and could turn out to be inaccurate. If we do not accurately estimate the costs and timing for completing projects, our contracts could prove unprofitable for us or yield lower profit margins than anticipated. We could face greater risk when negotiating fees for our contracts that involve the coordination of operations and workforces in multiple locations and/or utilizing workforces with different skillsets and competencies. There is a risk that we will under-price our contracts, fail to accurately estimate the costs of performing the work or fail to accurately assess the risks associated with potential contracts. In particular, any increased or unexpected costs, delays or failures to achieve anticipated cost savings, or unexpected risks we encounter in connection with the performance of this work, including those caused by factors outside our control, could make these contracts less profitable or unprofitable, which could have an adverse effect on our profit margin.

We could be subject to liabilities if our subcontractors or the third parties with whom we partner cannot deliver their project contributions on time or at all.

Large and complex arrangements often require that we utilize subcontractors or that our services and solutions incorporate or coordinate with the software, systems or infrastructure requirements of other vendors and service providers. Our ability to serve our clients and deliver and implement our solutions in a timely manner depends on the ability of these subcontractors, vendors and service providers to meet their project obligations in a timely manner, as well as on our effective oversight of their performance. The quality of our services and solutions could suffer if our subcontractors or the third parties with whom we partner do not deliver their products and services in accordance with project requirements. If our subcontractors or these third parties fail to deliver their contributions on time or at all or if their contributions do not meet project requirements or require us to incur unanticipated costs to meet these requirements, then our ability to perform could be adversely affected and we might be subject to additional liabilities, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, revenues, profitability, or cash flow.

Our profitability could suffer if we are not able to control our costs.

Our ability to control our costs and improve our efficiency affects our profitability. As the continuation of pricing pressures could result in permanent changes in pricing policies and delivery capabilities, we must continuously improve our management of costs. Our short-term cost reduction initiatives, which focus primarily on reducing variable costs, might not be sufficient to deal with all pressures on our pricing. Our long-term cost-reduction initiatives, which focus on reductions in costs for service delivery and infrastructure, rely upon our successful introduction and coordination of multiple geographic and competency workforces and a growing focus on our offshore capabilities. As we increase the number of our professionals and execute our strategies for growth, we might not be able to manage significantly larger and more diverse workforces, control our costs or improve our efficiency, and our profitability could be negatively affected.

We are subject to credit risk related to our accounts receivable.

We provide credit to our customers in the normal course of business and we do not generally obtain collateral or up-front payments. Accordingly, we are not protected against accounts receivable default or bankruptcy by our customers. Although we perform ongoing credit evaluations of our customers and maintain allowances for potential credit losses, such actions and procedures may not be effective in reducing our credit risks and our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. During periods of economic decline, our exposure to credit risks related to our accounts receivable increases.

The loss of one or more of our significant software vendors would have a material and adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

Our business relationships with software vendors enable us to reduce our cost of sales and increase win rates through leveraging our vendors' marketing efforts and strong vendor endorsements. The loss of one or more of these relationships and endorsements could increase our sales and marketing costs, lead to longer sales cycles, harm our reputation and brand recognition, reduce our revenues, and adversely affect our results of operations.

If we do not effectively manage expected future growth, our results of operations and cash flows could be adversely affected.

Our ability to operate profitably with positive cash flows depends partially on how effectively we manage our expected future growth. In order to create the additional capacity necessary to accommodate an increase in demand for our services, we may need to implement new or upgraded operational and financial systems, procedures and controls,

open new offices, and hire additional colleagues. Implementation of these new or upgraded systems, procedures and controls may require substantial management efforts and our efforts to do so may not be successful. The opening of new offices (including international locations) or the hiring of additional colleagues may result in idle or underutilized capacity. We continually assess the expected capacity and utilization of our offices and professionals. We may not be able to achieve or maintain optimal utilization of our offices and professionals. If demand for our services does not meet our expectations, our revenues and cash flows may not be sufficient to offset these expenses and our results of operations and cash flows could be adversely affected.

Our quarterly operating results may be volatile and may cause our stock price to fluctuate.

Our quarterly revenues, expenses and operating results have varied in the past and could vary in the future, which could lead to volatility in our stock price. In addition, many factors affecting our operating results are outside of our control, such as:

- demand for software and services;
  - customer budget cycles;
- changes in our customers' desire for our partners' products and our services;
  - pricing changes in our industry; and
- government regulation and legal developments regarding the use of the Internet.

As a result, if we experience unanticipated changes in the number or nature of our projects or in our employee utilization rates, we could experience large variations in quarterly operating results.

Our services revenues may fluctuate quarterly due to seasonality or timing of completion of projects.

We may experience seasonal fluctuations in our services revenues. We expect that services revenues in the fourth quarter of a given year may typically be lower as there are fewer billable days as a result of vacations and holidays. In addition, we generally perform services on a project basis. While we seek to counterbalance periodic declines in services revenues when a project or engagement is completed or canceled by entering into arrangements to provide additional services to the same or other clients, we may not be able to avoid declines in services revenues when projects are completed. Our inability to obtain sufficient new projects to counterbalance any decreases in work may materially affect our quarter-to-quarter revenues, margins and operating results.

Our software revenues may fluctuate quarterly, leading to volatility in our results of operations.

Our software revenues may fluctuate quarterly and be higher in the fourth quarter of a given year as procurement policies of our clients may result in higher technology spending towards the end of budget cycles. This seasonal trend may materially affect our quarter-to-quarter revenues, margins and operating results.

Our services gross margins are subject to fluctuations as a result of variances in utilization and billing rates.

Our services gross margins are affected by trends in the utilization rate of our professionals, defined as the percentage of our professionals' time billed to customers divided by the total available hours in a period, and in the billing rates we charge our clients. Our operating expenses, including salary, rent and administrative expenses, are relatively fixed and cannot be reduced on short notice to compensate for unanticipated variations in the number or size of projects in process. If a project ends earlier than scheduled, we may need to redeploy our project personnel. Any resulting non-billable time may adversely affect our gross margins.

The average billing rates for our services may decline due to rate pressures from significant customers and other market factors, including innovations and average billing rates charged by our competitors. If there is a sustained downturn in the U.S. economy or in the information technology services industry, rate pressure may increase. Also, our average billing rates will decline if we acquire companies with lower average billing rates than ours. To sell our products and services at higher prices, we must continue to develop and introduce new services and products that incorporate new technologies or high-performance features. If we experience pricing pressures or fail to develop new services, our revenues and gross margins could decline, which could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

If we fail to complete fixed fee contracts within budget and on time, our results of operations could be adversely affected.

In 2009, approximately 11% of our services revenues were earned from engagements performed on a fixed fee basis, rather than on a time and materials basis. Under these contractual arrangements, we bear the risk of cost overruns, completion delays, wage inflation and other cost increases. If we fail to accurately estimate the resources and time required to complete a project or fail to complete our contractual obligations within the scheduled timeframe, our results of operations could be adversely affected. We cannot guarantee that we will price these contracts appropriately in the future, which may result in losses.

We may not be able to maintain profitability.

Although we have been profitable for the past six years, we may not be able to sustain or increase profitability on a quarterly or annual basis in the future and in fact could experience decreased profitability. If we fail to meet public market analysts' and investors' expectations, the price of our common stock will likely fall.

Pursuing and completing potential acquisitions could divert management's attention and financial resources and may not produce the desired business results.

If we pursue any acquisition, our management could spend a significant amount of time and financial resources to pursue and integrate the acquired business with our existing business. To pay for an acquisition, we might use capital stock, cash or a combination of both. Alternatively, we may borrow money from a bank or other lender. If we use capital stock, our stockholders will experience dilution. If we use cash or debt financing, our financial liquidity may be reduced and the interest on any debt financing could adversely affect our results of operations. From an accounting perspective, an acquisition that does not perform as well as originally anticipated may involve amortization or the impairment of significant amounts of intangible assets that could adversely affect our results of operations.

Despite the investment of these management and financial resources, and completion of due diligence with respect to these efforts, an acquisition may not produce the anticipated revenues, earnings or business synergies for a variety of reasons, including:

- difficulties in the integration of services and personnel of the acquired business;
- the failure of management and acquired services personnel to perform as expected;
- the acquisition of fixed fee customer agreements that require more effort than anticipated to complete;
- the risks of entering markets in which we have no, or limited, prior experience, including offshore operations in countries in which we have no prior experience;
- the failure to identify or adequately assess any undisclosed or potential liabilities or problems of the acquired business including legal liabilities;
  - the failure of the acquired business to achieve the forecasts we used to determine the purchase price; or
    - the potential loss of key personnel of the acquired business.

These difficulties could disrupt our ongoing business, distract our management and colleagues, increase our expenses and materially and adversely affect our results of operations.

We may have difficulty in identifying and competing for strategic acquisition and vendor opportunities.

We may acquire or make strategic investments in complementary businesses, technologies, services or products, or enter into strategic alliances with third parties in the future in order to expand our business. We may be unable to identify suitable acquisition and vendor opportunities, or if we do identify a suitable opportunity, we may not complete those transactions on terms commercially favorable to us, or at all. We have historically paid a portion of the purchase price for acquisitions with shares of our common stock. Volatility in our stock prices, or a sustained price decline, could adversely affect our ability to attract acquisition opportunities. If we fail to identify and successfully complete these transactions, our competitive position and our growth prospects could be adversely affected. In addition, we may face competition from other companies with significantly greater resources for acquisition candidates, making it more difficult for us to acquire suitable companies on favorable terms.

Risks Related to Ownership of Our Common Stock

Our stock price has been volatile and may continue to fluctuate widely.

Our common stock is traded on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "PRFT." Our common stock price has been volatile. Our stock price may continue to fluctuate widely as a result of announcements of new services and products by us or our competitors, quarterly variations in operating results, the gain or loss of significant customers, and changes in public market analysts' estimates and market conditions for information technology consulting firms and other technology stocks in general.

We periodically review and consider possible acquisitions of companies that we believe will contribute to our long-term objectives. In addition, depending on market conditions, liquidity requirements and other factors, from time to time we consider accessing the capital markets. These events may also affect the market price of our common stock.

Declines in our stock price and/or operating performance could result in a future impairment of our goodwill or long-lived assets.

We assess potential impairments to goodwill annually and when there is evidence that events or changes in circumstances indicate that an impairment condition may exist. We also assess potential impairments to our long-lived

assets, including property and equipment and certain intangible assets, when there is evidence that events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. General economic conditions in the U.S. can adversely impact the trading prices of securities of many companies, including ours, due to concerns regarding recessionary economic conditions, a lending and financial crisis, a substantial slowdown in economic activity, decreased consumer confidence and other factors. Our stock price has fluctuated in the past and could continue to fluctuate in the future in response to these factors. If the trading price of our common stock were to be adversely affected due to worsening general economic conditions, significant changes in our financial performance or other factors, these events could result in a non-cash impairment charge related to our goodwill or long-lived assets. A significant impairment loss could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and on the carrying value of our goodwill and/or our long-lived assets on our balance sheet.

Our officers, directors, and 5% and greater stockholders own a large percentage of our voting securities and their interests may differ from other stockholders.

Our executive officers, directors and 5% and greater stockholders beneficially own or control approximately 26% of the voting power of our common stock. This concentration of voting power of our common stock may make it difficult for our other stockholders to successfully approve or defeat matters that may be submitted for action by our stockholders. It may also have the effect of delaying, deterring or preventing a change in control of our company.

We may need additional capital in the future, which may not be available to us. The raising of any additional capital may dilute your ownership percentage in our stock.

We had unrestricted cash, cash equivalents, and investments totaling \$28 million and a borrowing capacity of \$50 million at December 31, 2009. We intend to continue to make investments to support our business growth and may require additional funds if our capital is insufficient to pursue business opportunities and respond to business challenges. Accordingly, we may need to engage in equity or debt financings to secure additional funds. If we raise additional funds through further issuances of equity or convertible debt securities, our existing stockholders could suffer dilution, and any new equity securities we issue could have rights, preferences and privileges superior to those of holders of our common stock. Any debt financing secured by us in the future could involve restrictive covenants relating to our capital raising activities and other financial and operational matters, which may make it more difficult for us to obtain additional capital and to pursue business opportunities, including potential acquisitions. In addition, we may not be able to obtain additional financing on terms favorable to us, if at all. If we are unable to obtain adequate financing or financing on terms satisfactory to us, if we require it, our ability to continue to support our business growth and to respond to business challenges could be significantly limited.

It may be difficult for another company to acquire us, and this could depress our stock price.

In addition to the large percentage of our voting securities held by our officers, directors and 5% and greater stockholders, provisions contained in our certificate of incorporation, bylaws and Delaware law could make it difficult for a third party to acquire us, even if doing so would be beneficial to our stockholders. Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws may discourage, delay or prevent a merger or acquisition that a stockholder may consider favorable by authorizing the issuance of "blank check" preferred stock. In addition, provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law also restrict some business combinations with interested stockholders. These provisions are intended to encourage potential acquirers to negotiate with us and allow the Board of Directors the opportunity to consider alternative proposals in the interest of maximizing stockholder value. However, these provisions may also discourage acquisition proposals or delay or prevent a change in control, which could harm our stock price.

Item Unresolved Staff Comments. 1B.

None.

#### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the statements contained in this annual report that are not purely historical statements discuss future expectations, contain projections of results of operations or financial condition or state other forward-looking information. Those statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the statements. The "forward-looking" information is based on various factors and was derived using numerous assumptions. In some cases, you can identify these so-called forward-looking statements by words like "may," "will," "should," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "bel "estimates," "predicts," "potential" or "continue" or the negative of those words and other comparable words. You should be aware that those statements only reflect our predictions. Actual events or results may differ substantially. Important factors that could cause our actual results to be materially different from the forward-looking statements are disclosed under the heading "Risk Factors" in this annual report.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements. We are under no duty to update any of the forward-looking statements after the date of this annual report to conform such statements to actual results.

All forward-looking statements, express or implied, included in this report and the documents we incorporate by reference and attributable to Perficient, Inc. are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. This cautionary statement should also be considered in connection with any subsequent written or oral forward-looking statements that Perficient, Inc. or any persons acting on our behalf may issue.

Item 2. Properties.

Our principal executive operations are located in St. Louis, Missouri where we have leased approximately 5,100 square feet for these functions. We lease 22 offices in major cities across North America, China and India. We do not own any real property. We believe our facilities are adequate to meet our needs in the near future.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

Although we may become a party to litigation and claims arising in the course of business, management currently does not believe the results of these actions will have a material adverse effect on our business or financial condition.

Item 4. Reserved.

#### **PART II**

Item 5.Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

Our common stock is quoted on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "PRFT." The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sale prices per share of our common stock as reported on The Nasdaq Global Select Market since January 1, 2008.

	High	Low
Year Ending December 31, 2009:		
First Quarter	\$ 5.71	\$ 3.10
Second Quarter	7.44	5.12
Third Quarter	8.64	6.31
Fourth Quarter	9.50	7.73
Year Ending December 31, 2008:		
First Quarter	\$ 17.08	\$ 6.43
Second Quarter	11.91	7.82
Third Quarter	10.94	6.04
Fourth Quarter	6.80	2.31

On February 26, 2010, the last reported sale price of our common stock on The Nasdaq Global Select Market, a tier of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC, was \$11.09 per share. There were approximately 345 stockholders of record of our common stock as of February 26, 2010, including 228 restricted account holders.

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock and do not anticipate paying cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Our credit facility currently prohibits the payment of cash dividends without the prior written consent of the lenders.

Information on our Equity Compensation Plan has been included at Part III, Item 12, of this Form 10-K.

#### **Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

In 2008, our Board of Directors approved a share repurchase authority of up to \$20.0 million. In 2009, our Board of Directors approved an additional share repurchase authority of up to \$20.0 million for a total repurchase program of \$40.0 million. The repurchase program expires June 30, 2011. While it is not our intention, the program could be suspended or discontinued at any time, based on market, economic or business conditions. The timing and amount of repurchase transactions will be determined by our management based on its evaluation of market conditions, share price and other factors.

Since the program's inception in 2008, we have repurchased approximately \$27.5 million of our outstanding common stock through December 31, 2009.

			Total	Approximate	
			Number of	Dollar Value	
			Shares	of Shares	
			Purchased	that May	
			as Part of	Yet Be	
	Total	Average	Publicly	Purchased	
	Number of Price Paid		Announced	Under the	
	Shares	Per	Plans or	Plans or	
Period	Purchased	Share (1)	Programs	Programs (2)	
Beginning Balance as of October 1, 2009	3,872,730	\$ 5.66	3,872,730	\$ 8,079,423	
October 1-31, 2009	245,790	8.42	245,790	\$ 6,018,392	
November 1-30, 2009	260,000	8.48	260,000	\$ 13,813,900	
December 1-31, 2009	160,000	8.39	160,000	\$ 12,471,648	
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2009	4,538,520	\$ 6.07	4,538,520		

<sup>(1)</sup> Average price paid per share includes commission.

#### Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

The selected financial data presented for, and as of the end of, each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2009, has been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The financial data presented is not directly comparable between periods as a result of the adoption of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 718 (Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R (As Amended), Share Based Payment) in 2006, and four acquisitions in 2007, three acquisitions in 2006, and two acquisitions in 2005.

The following data should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements appearing in Part II, Item 8, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations appearing in Part II, Item 7.

	Y	ear Ended	De	cember 31,				
		2009		2008		2007	2006	2005
						(In		
Income Statement Data:					th	ousands)		
Revenues	\$	188,150	\$	231,488	\$	218,148	\$ 160,926	\$ 96,997
Gross margin	\$	48,333	\$	73,502	\$	75,690	\$ 53,756	\$ 32,418
Selling, general and administrative	\$	40,042	\$	47,242	\$	41,963	\$ 32,268	\$ 17,917
Depreciation and amortization	\$	5,750	\$	6,949	\$	6,265	\$ 4,406	\$ 2,226
Impairment of intangible assets	\$		\$	1,633	\$		\$ 	\$ 
Income from operations	\$	2,541	\$	17,678	\$	27,462	\$ 17,082	\$ 12,275
Net interest income (expense)	\$	209	\$	528	\$	172	\$ (407)	\$ (643)
Net other income (expense)	\$	260	\$	(915)	\$	20	\$ 174	\$ 43
Income before income taxes	\$	3,010	\$	17,291	\$	27,654	\$ 16,849	\$ 11,675
Net income	\$	1,463	\$	10,000	\$	16,230	\$ 9,567	\$ 7,177

As of December 31,

<sup>(2)</sup> The additional program to repurchase up to \$10.0 million of our outstanding common stock was approved by our Board of Directors on November 3, 2009. The repurchase program expires June 30, 2011.

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	2009	2008		2007	2006	2005
Balance Sheet Data:			(In	thousands)		
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term						
investments	\$ 24,302	\$ 22,909	\$	8,070	\$ 4,549	\$ 5,096
Working capital	\$ 50,205	\$ 56,176	\$	41,368	\$ 24,859	\$ 17,078
Long-term investments	\$ 3,652	\$ 	\$		\$ 	\$ 
Property and equipment, net	\$ 1,278	\$ 2,345	\$	3,226	\$ 1,806	\$ 960
Goodwill and intangible assets, net	\$ 111,773	\$ 115,634	\$	121,339	\$ 81,056	\$ 52,031
Total assets	\$ 184,810	\$ 194,247	\$	189,992	\$ 131,000	\$ 84,935
Current portion of long term debt and line of						
credit	\$ 	\$ 	\$		\$ 1,201	\$ 1,581
Long-term debt and line of credit, less current						
portion	\$ 	\$ 	\$		\$ 137	\$ 5,338
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 168,348	\$ 174,818	\$	165,562	\$ 107,352	\$ 65,911

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

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You should read the following summary together with the more detailed business information and consolidated financial statements and related notes that appear elsewhere in this annual report and in the documents that we incorporate by reference into this annual report. This annual report may contain certain "forward-looking" information within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. This information involves risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause such a difference include, but are not limited to, those discussed in "Risk Factors."

#### Overview

We are an information technology consulting firm serving Forbes Global 2000 ("Global 2000") and other large enterprise companies with a primary focus on the United States. We help our clients gain competitive advantage by using Internet-based technologies to make their businesses more responsive to market opportunities and threats, strengthen relationships with their customers, suppliers and partners, improve productivity, and reduce information technology costs. We design, build and deliver business-driven technology solutions using third-party software products. Our solutions include custom applications, portals and collaboration, eCommerce, customer relationship management, enterprise content management, business intelligence, business integration, mobile technology, technology platform implementations, and service oriented architectures. Our solutions enable our clients to operate a real-time enterprise that dynamically adapts business processes and the systems that support them to meet the changing demands of an increasingly global, Internet-driven and competitive marketplace.

#### Services Revenues

Services revenues are derived from professional services that include developing, implementing, integrating, automating and extending business processes, technology infrastructure, and software applications. Most of our projects are performed on a time and materials basis, while a smaller portion of our revenues are derived from projects performed on a fixed fee basis. Fixed fee engagements represented approximately 11% of our services revenues for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to 13% for the year ended December 31, 2008. For time and material projects, revenues are recognized and billed by multiplying the number of hours our professionals expend in the performance of the project by the established billing rates. For fixed fee projects, revenues are generally recognized using the input method based on the ratio of hours expended to total estimated hours. Amounts invoiced and collected in excess of revenues recognized are classified as deferred revenues. On most projects, we are also reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses such as airfare, lodging and meals. These reimbursements are included as a component of revenues. The aggregate amount of reimbursed expenses will fluctuate depending on the location of our customers, the total number of our projects that require travel, and whether our arrangements with our clients provide for the reimbursement of travel and other project related expenses.

#### Software and Hardware Revenues

Software and hardware revenues are derived from sales of third-party software and hardware. Revenues from sales of third-party software and hardware are generally recorded on a gross basis provided we act as a principal in the transaction. On rare occasions, we do not meet the requirements to be considered a principal in the transaction and act as an agent. In these cases, revenues are recorded on a net basis. Software and hardware revenues are expected to fluctuate depending on our customers' demand for these products.

If we enter into contracts for the sale of services and software or hardware, management evaluates whether the services are essential to the functionality of the software or hardware and whether objective fair value evidence exists for each deliverable in the transaction. If management concludes the services to be provided are not essential to the functionality of the software or hardware and can determine objective fair value evidence exists for each deliverable of the transaction, then we account for each deliverable in the transaction separately, based on the relevant revenue recognition policies. Generally, all deliverables of our multiple element arrangements meet these separation criteria.

#### Cost of revenues

Cost of revenues consists primarily of cash and non-cash compensation and benefits, including bonuses and non-cash compensation related to equity awards, associated with our technology professionals. Cost of revenues also includes the costs associated with subcontractors. Third-party software and hardware costs, reimbursable expenses and other unreimbursed project related expenses are also included in cost of revenues. Project related expenses will fluctuate generally depending on outside factors including the cost and frequency of travel and the location of our customers. Cost of revenues does not include depreciation of assets used in the production of revenues which are primarily personal computers, servers and other information technology related equipment.

#### **Gross Margins**

Our gross margins for services are affected by the utilization rates of our professionals (defined as the percentage of our professionals' time billed to customers divided by the total available hours in the respective period), the salaries we pay our consulting professionals and the average billing rate we receive from our customers. If a project ends earlier than scheduled, we retain professionals in advance of receiving project assignments, or if demand for our services declines, our utilization rate will decline and adversely affect our gross margins. Gross margin percentages of third-party software and hardware sales are typically lower than gross margin percentages for services, and the mix of services and software and hardware for a particular period can significantly impact our total combined gross margin percentage for such period. In addition, gross margin for software and hardware sales can fluctuate due to pricing and other competitive pressures.

#### Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses ("SG&A") are primarily composed of sales related costs, general and administrative salaries, office costs, stock compensation expense, bad debts, and other miscellaneous expenses. We work to minimize selling costs by focusing on repeat business with existing customers and by accessing sales leads generated by our software vendors, most notably IBM, Oracle and Microsoft, whose products we use to design and implement solutions for our clients. These relationships enable us to reduce our selling costs and sales cycle times and increase win rates through leveraging our partners' marketing efforts and endorsements.

# Plans for Growth and Acquisitions

Our goal is to continue to build one of the leading independent information technology consulting firms in North America by expanding our relationships with existing and new clients and through the resumption of our disciplined acquisition strategy. Our future growth plan includes expanding our business with a primary focus on the United States, both organically and through acquisitions. Given the economic conditions during 2008 and 2009, we suspended acquisition activity pending improved visibility into the health of the economy. With the expected return to growth in 2010, we plan to resume our disciplined acquisition strategy. We also intend to further leverage our existing offshore capabilities to support our future growth and provide our clients flexible options for project delivery.

#### **Results of Operations**

The following table summarizes our results of operations as a percentage of total revenues:

Revenues:	2009	2008	2007
Services revenues	88.4%	89.6%	87.8%
Software and hardware revenues	6.9	4.6	6.5
Reimbursable expenses	4.7	5.8	5.7
Total revenues	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cost of revenues (depreciation and amortization, shown separately			
below):			
Project personnel costs	61.0	56.6	52.6
Software and hardware costs	6.2	3.7	5.5
Reimbursable expenses	4.7	5.7	5.7
Other project related expenses	2.4	2.2	1.5
Total cost of revenues	74.3	68.2	65.3
Services gross margin	28.2	34.4	38.4
Software and hardware gross margin	10.2	19.4	15.9

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Total gross margin	25.7	31.8	34.7
Selling, general and administrative	21.3	20.4	19.2
Depreciation and amortization	3.0	3.0	2.9
Impairment of intangible assets	0.0	0.7	0.0
Income from operations	1.4	7.7	12.6
Net interest income	0.1	0.2	0.1
Net other income (expense)	0.1	(0.4)	0.0
Income before income taxes	1.6	7.5	12.7
Provision for income taxes	0.8	3.2	5.2
Net income	0.8%	4.3%	7.5%

Year Ended December 31, 2009 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2008

Revenues. Total revenues decreased 19% to \$188.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 from \$231.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. Services revenues decreased 20% to \$166.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 from \$207.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. Revenue contraction during the year is due to the decreased demand for information technology services market wide and delays in information technology spending by customers, which we believe is related to the general economic slowdown.

Software and hardware revenues increased 21% to \$13.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 from \$10.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 due mainly to the renewal of several larger software licenses and an overall increase in software sales during the first and third quarters of 2009. Reimbursable expenses decreased 34% to \$8.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 from \$13.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 as a result of the decline in services revenue. We do not realize any profit on reimbursable expenses.

Cost of Revenues. Cost of revenues decreased 12% to \$139.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 from \$158.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. The decrease in cost of revenues is directly related to the decrease in revenues and management's efforts in managing costs, primarily headcount. The average number of professionals performing services, including subcontractors, decreased to 1,028 for the year ended December 31, 2009 from 1,165 for the year ended December 31, 2008. Management will continue to manage the cost structure to match demand.

Gross Margin. Gross margin decreased 34% to \$48.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 from \$73.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. Gross margin as a percentage of revenues decreased to 25.7% for the year ended December 31, 2009 from 31.8% for the year ended December 31, 2008 primarily due to a decrease in services gross margin. Services gross margin, excluding reimbursable expenses, decreased to 28.2% or \$47.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 from 34.4% or \$71.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. The decrease in services gross margin is primarily a result of lower utilization due to the decreased demand for information technology services. The average utilization rate of our professionals, excluding subcontractors, decreased to 75% for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to 79% for the year ended December 31, 2008. The average bill rate for our professionals, excluding subcontractors, decreased to \$106 per hour for the year ended December 31, 2008, primarily due to competition in the marketplace and increased usage of China offshore resources. Software and hardware gross margin decreased to 10.2% or \$1.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 from 19.4% or \$2.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. Software revenues have increased while margin is down primarily due to the competition in the marketplace causing lower margin software sales.

Selling, General and Administrative. SG&A expenses decreased 15% to \$40.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 from \$47.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 due primarily to fluctuations in expenses as detailed in the following table:

	Increase /
	(Decrease)
Selling, General and Administrative Expense	(in millions)
Stock compensation expense	\$ 0.7
Bonus expense	(0.1)
Office and technology-related costs	(0.5)
Salary expense	(0.6)
Sales-related costs	(1.7)

Bad debt expense	(3.1)
Other	(1.9)
Net decrease	\$ (7.2)

SG&A expenses, as a percentage of revenues, increased to 21.3% for the year ended December 31, 2009 from 20.4% for the year ended December 31, 2008. Stock compensation expense, salary expense, office and technology-related costs, and sales-related costs all increased as a percentage of revenues compared to the prior year period. Stock compensation expense, as a percentage of revenues, increased due to lower revenues and the restricted stock awards granted in 2008 and 2009. The increase in salary expense, as a percentage of revenues, was primarily the result of lower revenues and the addition of new marketing roles during 2009. Office and technology-related costs, as a percentage of revenues, increased primarily due to the costs associated with the abandonment of office space and lower revenues during 2009. These increases were offset by a decrease in bad debt expense. During 2008, the allowance for doubtful accounts increased due to additional uncertainties regarding collectibility as a result of the overall economic downturn and its impact on certain outstanding receivables. The reserve has decreased in 2009 due to either the collection of previously reserved for balances or write-off of such amounts.

Depreciation. Depreciation expense decreased 31% to \$1.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 from \$2.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. The decrease in depreciation expense is mainly attributable to various assets becoming fully depreciated during 2008 and 2009 and lower spending on capital assets during 2009. Depreciation expense as a percentage of services revenue, excluding reimbursable expenses, was 0.9% and 1.0% for the year ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Amortization. Amortization expense decreased 11% to \$4.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 from \$4.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. The decrease in amortization expense reflects the completion of the amortization of certain acquired intangible assets and the impact of the impairment charge recorded in the fourth quarter of 2008. The impairment charge will also result in lower amortization expense in future periods.

Impairment of Intangible Assets. During the fourth quarter of 2008, we performed an impairment test as of December 31, 2008. As a result of the test performed, we recorded a \$1.6 million impairment charge primarily related to customer relationships we acquired from e tech solutions, Inc. ("E Tech"). The value of these relationships was affected primarily by the loss of a key customer acquired from E Tech, which caused cash flows from the asset group to be lower than originally projected.

Net Interest Income. We had interest income of \$0.2 million, net of interest expense, for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared to interest income of \$0.5 million, net of interest expense, for the year ended December 31, 2008. The decrease in interest income in 2009 resulted from a decrease in the interest earned on the note receivable and the money market account. The note receivable was fully repaid in October 2009 and while our average cash and investments balances increased during 2009, the average interest rates on our accounts decreased compared to the same prior year period.

Net Other Income or Expense. We had other income of \$0.3 million, net of other expense, for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to other expense of \$0.9 million, net of other income, for the year ended December 31, 2008. Other income for the year ended December 31, 2009 is primarily related to government incentives received by our China operations. Additionally, during the third quarter 2008, we expensed \$0.9 million of previously capitalized deferred offering costs related to our shelf registration statement.

Provision for Income Taxes. We provide for federal, state and foreign income taxes at the applicable statutory rates adjusted for non-deductible expenses. Our effective tax rate increased to 51.4% for the year ended December 31, 2009 from 42.2% for the year ended December 31, 2008. The increase in the effective rate is due primarily to the magnified effect of certain state taxes, which are generally based on gross receipts instead of income, permanent items such as meals and entertainment, and non-deductible executive compensation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"), relative to a smaller income base.

Year Ended December 31, 2008 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2007

Revenues. Total revenues increased 6% to \$231.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 from \$218.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2007.

								Explana	tion	for
							Incre	eases/(De	crea	ses) Over
	Financial Results						Prior Year Period			
	(in thousands)						(in thousands)			
					7	Cotal			In	crease/
	For	the Year	For	the Year	Inc	rease/	In	crease	(D	ecrease)
	Ended		Ended (		(Decrease)		Attributable		Attributable	
	D	ecember	December 31, 2007		Over Prior Year Period		to Acquired Companies*		to Base Business**	
	3	1, 2008								
Services Revenues	\$	207,480	\$	191,395	\$	16,085	\$	29,611	\$	(13,526)
Software and Hardware Revenues		10,713		14,243		(3,530)		1,871		(5,401)
Reimbursable Expenses		13,295		12,510		785		1,372		(587)
Total Revenues	\$	231,488	\$	218,148	\$	13,340	\$	32,854	\$	(19,514)

<sup>\*</sup>Defined as companies acquired during 2007; no companies were acquired in 2008.

Services revenues increased 8% to \$207.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 from \$191.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. Services revenues attributable to our base business decreased \$13.5 million while services revenues attributable to the companies acquired in 2007 increased \$29.6 million, resulting in a net increase of \$16.1 million. We experienced a slowdown in demand during the year related to the deterioration of the U.S. economy.

Software and hardware revenues decreased 25% to \$10.7 million in 2008 from \$14.2 million in 2007. Software and hardware revenues attributable to our base business decreased \$5.4 million while software and hardware revenues attributable to acquired companies increased \$1.9 million, resulting in a net decrease of \$3.5 million. Reimbursable expenses increased 6% to \$13.3 million in 2008 from \$12.5 million in 2007 due to acquisitions and an increased number of projects requiring consultant travel. We do not realize any profit on reimbursable expenses.

Cost of revenues. Cost of revenues increased 11% to \$158.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 from \$142.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. Cost of revenues attributable to our base business decreased \$7.9 million while cost of revenues attributable to the companies acquired in 2007 increased \$23.4 million, resulting in a net increase of \$15.5 million. The average number of professionals performing services, including subcontractors, increased to 1,165 for the year ended December 31, 2008 from 984 for the year ended December 31, 2007 primarily related to acquisitions and partially offset with head count reductions related to lower demand for services.

Costs associated with software and hardware sales decreased 28% to \$8.6 million for year ended December 31, 2008 from \$12.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 which directly relates to the decline in software and hardware revenues discussed above. Costs associated with software and hardware sales attributable to our base business decreased \$4.9 million, while costs associated with software and hardware sales attributable to acquired companies increased \$1.5 million, resulting in a net decrease of \$3.4 million.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Defined as businesses owned as of January 1, 2007.

Gross Margin. Gross margin decreased 3% to \$73.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 from \$75.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. Gross margin as a percentage of revenues decreased to 31.8% for the year ended December 31, 2008 from 34.7% for the year ended December 31, 2007 due primarily to a decrease in services gross margin offset by an increase in margin from software and hardware. Services gross margin, excluding reimbursable expenses, decreased to 34.4% in 2008 from 38.4% in 2007 primarily as a result of higher labor costs associated with a soft revenue cycle and delays in the start dates of projects. The average utilization rate of our professionals, excluding subcontractors, decreased to 79% for the year ended December 31, 2008 from 81% for the year ended December 31, 2007. Average hourly billing rates decreased to \$109 for 2008 from \$118 for 2007, primarily due to lower rates associated with the acquisition of the China offshore business and the ePairs business in the second half of 2007. The average hourly bill rate for 2008 excluding China, ePairs, and subcontractors was \$116 compared to \$119 for 2007. Software and hardware gross margin increased to 19.4% in 2008 from 15.9% in 2007 primarily as a result of increased sales of our higher margin internally developed software.

Selling, General and Administrative. SG&A expenses increased 13% to \$47.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 from \$42.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 due primarily to fluctuations in expenses as detailed in the following table:

	Increase /
	(Decrease)
Selling, General and Administrative Expense	(in millions)
Stock compensation expense	\$ 1.7
Office and technology-related costs	1.5
Salary expense	1.4
Sales-related costs	1.0
Bad debt expense	0.8
Customer dispute settlement	0.8
Other	0.6
Bonus expense	(2.6)
Net increase	\$ 5.2

SG&A expenses as a percentage of revenues increased slightly to 20% for the year ended December 31, 2008 from 19% for the year ended December 31, 2007, primarily driven by an increase in stock compensation expense, office and technology-related costs, and salary expense. Stock compensation expense increased primarily due to additional restricted stock awards granted in 2007 and 2008. Investments in our technology infrastructure and offshore resources, as well as increases in our facility costs, caused our office and technology-related costs to rise in 2008. The increase in salary expense was associated with development of our healthcare and communications industry verticals. These increases were offset by a decrease in bonus costs. Bonus costs decreased as a result of not achieving the company-wide performance goals.

Depreciation. Depreciation expense increased 38% to \$2.1 million during 2008 from \$1.6 million during 2007. The increase in depreciation expense is due to both organic and acquisition-related additions of software programs, servers, and other computer equipment to enhance our technology infrastructure. Depreciation expense as a percentage of services revenue, excluding reimbursable expenses, was 1.0% and 0.8% for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Amortization. Amortization increased 2% to \$4.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 from \$4.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The increase in amortization expense reflects the acquisition of intangibles in 2007, as well as the amortization of capitalized costs associated with internal use software.

Impairment of Intangible Assets. During the fourth quarter of 2008, we determined that the continuous trading of our common stock below book value and a loss of a key customer were possible indicators of impairment to goodwill or long-lived assets as defined under ASC Topic 350 (Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets), and ASC Section 360-10-05 (SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets), triggering the necessity of impairment tests as of December 31, 2008. As a result of the tests performed, we recorded a \$1.6 million impairment primarily related to customer relationships we acquired from E Tech. The value of these relationships was affected primarily by the loss of a key customer acquired from E Tech, which caused cash flows from the asset group to be lower than originally projected.

Net Interest Income or Expense. We had interest income, net of interest expense, of \$0.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to interest income, net of interest expense, of \$0.2 million during the year ended December 31, 2007. The increase in interest income in 2008 resulted from higher cash balances throughout 2008 compared to prior year and the receipt of interest payments in connection with a promissory note entered into with a

customer in June 2008.

Other Expense. We expensed \$0.9 million of previously capitalized deferred offering costs during the third quarter of 2008. We no longer intend to use the current shelf registration statement associated with these costs for an equity offering. As required, we wrote off the deferred offering costs.

Provision for Income Taxes. We provide for federal, state and foreign income taxes at the applicable statutory rates adjusted for non-deductible expenses. Our effective tax rate increased to 42.2% for the year ended December 31, 2008 from 41.3% for the year ended December 31, 2007. The effective income tax rate increased primarily as a result of the decreased tax benefit of certain dispositions of incentive stock options by holders.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Selected measures of liquidity and capital resources are as follows (in millions):

	A	As of December 31,				
	2009	2008	2007			
Cash, cash equivalents and investments	\$28.0	\$22.9	\$8.1			
Working capital (including cash and cash equivalents)	\$50.2	\$56.2	\$41.5			
Amounts available under credit facilities	\$50.0	\$49.9	\$49.8			

# Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2009 was \$22.6 million compared to \$25.1 million and \$23.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2009, the components of operating cash flows were net income of \$1.5 million plus non-cash charges of \$15.0 million and net working capital reductions of \$6.1 million. The primary components of operating cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2008 were net income of \$10.0 million plus non-cash charges of \$15.0 million and net working capital reductions of \$0.1 million. The primary components of operating cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2007 were net income of \$16.2 million plus non-cash charges of \$5.1 million and net working capital reductions of \$1.7 million. Our days sales outstanding as of December 31, 2009 increased to 73 days from 71 days at December 31, 2008 and were flat compared to December 31, 2007.

#### Net Cash Used in Investing Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2009, we used \$10.0 million in cash to purchase investments and \$0.7 million in cash to purchase equipment and develop software. For the year ended December 31, 2008, we used \$0.8 million in cash to pay certain acquisition-related costs and \$1.5 million in cash to purchase equipment and develop software. For the year ended December 31, 2007, we used approximately \$26.8 million in cash, net of cash acquired, for acquisitions. In addition, we used approximately \$2.2 million during 2007 to purchase equipment and develop software.

#### Net Cash Provided By Financing Activities

During the year ended December 31, 2009, we received proceeds of \$1.0 million from exercises of stock options and sales of stock through our Employee Stock Purchase Plan and we realized a tax benefit of \$0.6 million related to vesting of stock awards and stock option exercises. We used \$18.4 million to repurchase shares of our common stock through the stock repurchase program. For the year ended December 31, 2008, we made payments of \$0.4 million in fees to establish our new credit facility. We received proceeds of \$0.9 million from exercises of stock options and sales of stock through our Employee Stock Purchase Plan and we realized a tax benefit of \$0.7 million related to vesting of stock awards and stock option exercises. We used \$9.2 million to repurchase shares of our common stock through the stock repurchase program. During the year ended December 31, 2007, we made payments of \$1.3 million on our long-term debt. We received proceeds of \$3.9 million from exercises of stock options and sales of stock through our Employee Stock Purchase Plan and we realized a tax benefit of \$6.9 million related to vesting of stock awards and stock option exercises.

# Availability of Funds from Bank Line of Credit Facilities

In May 2008, we entered into a Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with Silicon Valley Bank ("SVB") and KeyBank National Association ("KeyBank"). The Credit Agreement provides for revolving credit borrowings up to a

maximum principal amount of \$50 million, subject to a commitment increase of \$25 million. The Credit Agreement also allows for the issuance of letters of credit in the aggregate amount of up to \$500,000 at any one time; outstanding letters of credit reduce the credit available for revolving credit borrowings. The credit facility will be used for ongoing, general corporate purposes. Substantially all of our assets are pledged to secure the credit facility. In July 2009, U.S. Bank National Association ("U.S. Bank") assumed \$10 million of KeyBank's commitment.

All outstanding amounts borrowed under the Credit Agreement become due and payable no later than the final maturity date of May 30, 2012. Borrowings under the credit facility bear interest at our option at SVB's prime rate (4.00% on December 31, 2009) plus a margin ranging from 0.00% to 0.50% or one-month LIBOR (0.23% on December 31, 2009) plus a margin ranging from 2.50% to 3.00%. The additional margin amount is dependent on the amount of outstanding borrowings. As of December 31, 2009, we had \$50 million of maximum borrowing capacity. We will incur an annual commitment fee of 0.30% on the unused portion of the line of credit.

As of December 31, 2009, we were in compliance with all covenants under our credit facility and we expect to be in compliance during the next twelve months.

#### Stock Repurchase Program

In 2008, our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$20.0 million of our common stock. In 2009, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to an additional \$20.0 million of the Company's common stock for a total repurchase program of \$40.0 million. The program expires on June 30, 2011.

We established a written trading plan in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), under which we made a portion of our stock repurchases. Additional repurchases will be at times and in amounts as the Company deems appropriate and will be made through open market transactions in compliance with Rule 10b-18 of the Exchange Act, subject to market conditions, applicable legal requirements and other factors.

Since the program's inception in 2008, we have repurchased approximately 4.5 million shares of our outstanding common stock through December 31, 2009 for a total cost of approximately \$27.5 million.

#### Lease Obligations

During the third quarter of 2009, we vacated certain office space as part of ongoing cost reduction initiatives in response to our 2009 revenue contraction. We subleased some of the vacated office space during the fourth quarter of 2009. The accounting for costs associated with the abandonment of office space was calculated using the guidance in ASC Subtopic 420-10 (SFAS No. 146, Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities). A liability of approximately \$0.3 million for lease abandonment costs was recorded in the third quarter of 2009. The lease abandonment costs were classified as "Selling, general and administrative" expense in our Consolidated Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2009.

There were no other material changes outside the ordinary course of business in lease obligations or other contractual obligations in 2009 as disclosed in Note 11, Commitments and Contingencies, in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

# Shelf Registration Statement

In July 2008, we filed a shelf registration statement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") to allow for offers and sales of our common stock from time to time. Approximately four million shares of common stock may be sold under this registration statement if we choose to do so. We determined that we currently have no intent to use the shelf registration to complete an offering. The shelf registration will expire in July 2011.

# **Contractual Obligations**

We have incurred commitments to make future payments under contracts such as leases. Maturities under these contracts are set forth in the following table as of December 31, 2009 (in thousands):

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Contractual Obligations		Total 1 Year		Years		Years		Years		
Operating lease obligations	\$	6,255	\$	2,303	\$	2,852	\$	1,078	\$	22
Total	\$	6 255	\$	2 303	\$	2 852	\$	1.078	\$	22

Payments Due by Period

See Note 10, Income Taxes, in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for information related to our obligations for taxes.

#### Conclusion

If our capital is insufficient to fund our activities in either the short or long-term, we may need to raise additional funds. In the ordinary course of business, we may engage in discussions with various persons in connection with additional financing. If we raise additional funds through the issuance of equity securities, our existing stockholders' percentage ownership will be diluted. These equity securities may also have rights superior to our common stock. Additional debt or equity financing may not be available when needed or on satisfactory terms. If adequate funds are not available on acceptable terms, we may be unable to expand our services, respond to competition, pursue acquisition opportunities or continue our operations.

We believe that the currently available funds, access to capital from our credit facility and cash flows generated from operations will be sufficient to meet our working capital requirements and other capital needs for the next twelve months.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

Our accounting policies are described in Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. We believe our most critical accounting policies include revenue recognition, accounting for goodwill and intangible assets, purchase accounting, accounting for stock-based compensation, and income taxes.

#### Revenue Recognition and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Revenues are primarily derived from professional services provided on a time and materials basis. For time and material contracts, revenues are recognized and billed by multiplying the number of hours expended in the performance of the contract by the established billing rates. For fixed fee projects, revenues are generally recognized using the input method based on the ratio of hours expended to total estimated hours. Amounts invoiced and collected in excess of revenues recognized are classified as deferred revenues. On many projects we are also reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses such as airfare, lodging and meals. These reimbursements are included as a component of revenues. Revenues from software and hardware sales are generally recorded on a gross basis based on our role as a principal in the transaction. On rare occasions, we enter into a transaction where we are not the principal. In these cases, revenue is recorded on a net basis.

Unbilled revenues represent the project time and expenses that have been incurred, but not yet billed to the client, prior to the end of the fiscal period. For time and materials projects, the client is invoiced for the amount of hours worked times the billing rates as stated in the contract. For fixed fee arrangements, the client is invoiced according to the agreed-upon schedule detailing amount and timing of payments in the contract. Clients are typically billed monthly for services provided during that month, but can be billed on a more or less frequent basis as determined by the contract. If the time and expenses are worked/incurred and approved at the end of a fiscal period and the invoice has not yet been sent to the client, the amount is recorded as unbilled revenue once we verify all other revenue recognition criteria have been met.

Revenues are recognized when the following criteria are met: (1) persuasive evidence of the customer arrangement exists, (2) fees are fixed and determinable, (3) delivery and acceptance have occurred, and (4) collectibility is deemed probable. Our policy for revenue recognition in instances where multiple deliverables are sold contemporaneously to the same counterparty is in accordance with ASC Subtopic 985-605 (American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA") Statement of Position ("SOP") 97-2, Software Revenue Recognition), ASC Subtopic 605-25 (Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Issue No. 00-21, Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables), and ASC Section 605-10-S99 (Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") No. 104, Revenue Recognition). Specifically, if we enter into contracts for the sale of services and software or hardware, we evaluate whether the services are essential to the functionality of the software or hardware and whether there is objective fair value evidence for each deliverable in the transaction. If we conclude the services to be provided are not essential to the functionality of the software or hardware and we can determine objective fair value evidence for each deliverable of the transaction, then we account for each deliverable in the transaction separately, based on the relevant revenue recognition policies. Generally, all deliverables of our multiple element arrangements meet these criteria. We may provide multiple services under the terms of an arrangement and are required to assess whether one or more units of accounting are present. Service fees are typically accounted for as one unit of accounting as fair value evidence for individual tasks or milestones is not available. We follow the guidelines discussed above in determining revenues; however, certain judgments and estimates are made and used to determine revenues recognized in any accounting period. If estimates are revised, material differences may result in the amount and timing of revenues recognized for a given period.

Revenues are presented net of taxes assessed by governmental authorities. Sales taxes are generally collected and subsequently remitted on all software and hardware sales and certain services transactions as appropriate.

Allowance for doubtful accounts is based upon specific identification of likely and probable losses. Each accounting period, accounts receivable is evaluated for risk associated with a client's inability to make contractual payments, historical experience and other currently available information. Billed and unbilled receivables that are specifically identified as being at risk are provided for with a charge to revenue or bad debts as appropriate in the period the risk is identified. Considerable judgment is used in assessing the ultimate realization of these receivables, including reviewing the financial stability of the client, evaluating the successful mitigation of service delivery disputes, and gauging current market conditions. If the evaluation of service delivery issues or a client's ability to pay is incorrect, future reductions to revenue or bad debt expense may be incurred.

Goodwill, Other Intangible Assets and Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Goodwill represents the excess purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired, or net liabilities assumed, in a business combination. In accordance with ASC Topic 350, we perform an annual impairment test of goodwill. We evaluate goodwill as of October 1 each year and more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that goodwill might be impaired. As required by ASC Topic 350, the impairment test is accomplished using a two-step approach. The first step screens for impairment and, when impairment is indicated, a second step is employed to measure the impairment.

Our annual goodwill impairment test was performed as of October 1, 2009. Our fair value as of the annual testing date exceeded our book value and consequently, no impairment was indicated.

Our fair value was determined by weighting the results of two valuation methods: 1) market capitalization based on the average price of our common stock, including a control premium, for a reasonable period of time prior to the evaluation date (generally 15 days) and 2) a discounted cash flow model. The fair value calculated using our average common stock price (including a control premium) was weighted 40% while the value calculated by the discounted cash flow model was weighted 60% in our determination of our overall fair value. While the use of our average common stock price, plus a control premium, may be considered the best evidence of fair value in ASC Topic 350, we believe the declines in our stock price over the past two years, and in the market overall, are not consistently aligned with our financial results or outlook. The discounted cash flow approach allows us to calculate our fair value based on operating performance and meaningful financial metrics.

A key assumption used in the calculation of our fair value using our average common stock price was the consideration of a control premium. We reviewed industry premium data and determined an appropriate control premium for the analysis based on the low end of any premium received in transactions over the past several years.

Significant estimates used in the discounted cash flow model included projections of revenue growth, net income margins, discount rate, and terminal business value. The forecasts of revenue growth and net income margins are based upon our long-term view of the business and are used by senior management and the Board of Directors to evaluate operating performance. The discount rate utilized was estimated using the weighted average cost of capital for our industry. The terminal business value was determined by applying a growth factor to the latest year for which a forecast exists.

Other intangible assets include customer relationships, non-compete arrangements and internally developed software, which are being amortized over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives range from three to eight years. Amortization of customer relationships, non-compete arrangements and internally developed software is considered an operating expense and is included in "Amortization" in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations. We periodically review the estimated useful lives of our identifiable intangible assets, taking into consideration any events or circumstances that might result in a lack of recoverability or revised useful life.

During the fourth quarter of 2009, our stock price continued trading above its book value. Based on the continued upward trend of our stock price and positive business and market outlook for the information technology services industry, we did not experience a significant adverse change in our business climate and therefore do not believe a triggering event occurred that would require a detailed test of goodwill for impairment as of December 31, 2009. We will continue to monitor the trend of our stock price and other market indicators to determine whether there is a triggering event that may require us to perform an interim impairment test in the future and record impairment charges to earnings, which could adversely affect our financial results.

#### **Purchase Accounting**

We allocate the purchase price of our acquisitions to the assets and liabilities acquired, including identifiable intangible assets, based on their respective fair values at the date of acquisition. Such fair market value assessments require significant judgments and estimates that can change materially as additional information becomes available. The purchase price is allocated to intangibles based on our estimate and an independent valuation. We finalize the purchase price allocation within twelve months of the acquisition date as certain initial accounting estimates are resolved.

#### Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation

We estimate the fair value of stock option awards on the date of grant utilizing a modified Black-Scholes option pricing model. The Black-Scholes option valuation model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of short-term traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. However, certain assumptions used in the Black-Scholes model, such as expected term, can be adjusted to incorporate the unique characteristics of our stock option awards. Option valuation models require the input of somewhat subjective assumptions including expected stock price volatility and expected term. We believe it is unlikely that materially different estimates for the assumptions used in estimating the fair value of stock options granted would be made based on the conditions suggested by actual historical experience and other data available at the time estimates were made. Restricted stock awards are valued at the price of our common stock on the date of the grant.

#### **Income Taxes**

To record income tax expense, we are required to estimate our income taxes in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate. In addition, income tax expense at interim reporting dates requires us to estimate our expected effective tax rate for the entire year. This involves estimating our actual current tax liability together with assessing temporary differences that result in deferred tax assets and liabilities and expected future tax rates.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Our recent accounting pronouncements are fully described in Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

# **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements, except operating lease commitments as disclosed in Note 11, Commitments and Contingencies, in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Item Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk. 7A.

We are exposed to market risks related to changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. We believe our exposure to market risks is immaterial.

#### **Exchange Rate Sensitivity**

We are exposed to market risks associated with changes in foreign currency exchange rates because we generate a portion of our revenues and incur a portion of our expenses in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. As of December 31, 2009, we were exposed to changes in exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and the Canadian dollar, between the U.S. dollar and the Chinese Yuan, and between the U.S. dollar and the Indian Rupee. We have not hedged foreign currency exposures related to transactions denominated in currencies other than U.S. dollars. Our exposure to foreign currency risk is not significant.

#### **Interest Rate Sensitivity**

We had unrestricted cash, cash equivalents and investments totaling \$28.0 million and \$22.9 million at December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively. The cash equivalents consist of money market funds and the investments consist of corporate bonds, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, U.S. treasury bills and U.S. agency bonds, which are subject to market risk due to changes in interest rates. Fixed interest rate securities may have their market value adversely impacted due to a rise in interest rates, while floating rate securities may produce less income than expected if interest rates fall. We believe that we do not have any material exposure to changes in the market value of our investment portfolio as a result of changes in interest rates. Declines in interest rates, however, will reduce future interest income.

Item Financial Statements and Supplementary Data. 8.

# PERFICIENT, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

2009       2008         (In thousands, except share information)         Current assets:         Cash and cash equivalents       \$ 17,975       \$ 22,909         Short-term investments       6,327          Total cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments       24,302       22,909         Accounts and note receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$315 in 2009       38,244       47,584         Prepaid expenses       1,258       1,374         Other current assets       1,534       3,157         Total current assets       65,338       75,024         Long term investments       3,652
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Long town investments
Long-term investments 3,652
Property and equipment, net 1,278 2,345
Goodwill 104,168 104,178
Intangible assets, net 7,605 11,456
Other non-current assets 2,769 1,244
Total assets \$ 184,810 \$ 194,247
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
Current liabilities:
Accounts payable \$ 3,657 \$ 4,509
Other current liabilities 11,476 14,339
Total current liabilities 15,133 18,848
Other non-current liabilities 1,329 581
Total liabilities \$ 16,462 \$ 19,429
Commitments and contingencies (see Note 11)
Stockholders' equity:
Common stock (\$0.001 par value per share; 50,000,000 shares authorized and
31,621,089 shares issued and 27,082,569 shares outstanding as of December 31, 2009;
30,350,700 shares issued and 28,502,400 shares outstanding as of December 31, 2008) \$ 32 \$
Additional paid-in capital 208,003 197,653
Accumulated other comprehensive loss (273)
Treasury stock, at cost (4,538,520 shares as of December 31, 2009; 1,848,300 shares as
of December 31, 2008) (27,529) (9,179)
Accumulated deficit (11,885) (13,348)
Total stockholders' equity 168,348 174,818
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity \$ 184,810 \$ 194,247

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# PERFICIENT, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009, 2008 AND 2007

Year Ended December 31, 2009 2008 2007 (In thousands, except share and per share information) Revenues: Services \$ 166,397 \$ 207,480 \$ 191,395 Software and hardware 12,968 10,713 14,243 Reimbursable expenses 8,785 13,295 12,510 Total revenues 231,488 218,148 188,150 Cost of revenues (exclusive of depreciation and amortization, shown separately below): Project personnel costs 114,692 114,877 131,019 Software and hardware costs 11,641 11,982 8,639 Reimbursable expenses 12,510 8,785 13,295 Other project related expenses 4,514 3,274 5,033 Total cost of revenues 139,817 157,986 142,458 48,333 75,690 Gross margin 73,502 Selling, general and administrative 40,042 47,242 41,963 Depreciation 1,483 2,139 1,553 Amortization 4,267 4,810 4,712 Impairment of intangible assets 1,633 Income from operations 2,541 17,678 27,462 Net interest income 209 528 172 Net other income (expense) 260 (915)20 Income before income taxes 3.010 17,291 27,654 Provision for income taxes 1,547 7,291 11,424 Net income \$ 1,463 \$ 10,000 \$ 16,230 \$ 0.05 \$ 0.58 Basic net income per share 0.34 \$ Diluted net income per share \$ 0.05 \$ 0.33 \$ 0.54 Shares used in computing basic net income per share 27,538,300 29,412,329 27,998,093 Shares used in computing diluted net income per share 28,558,160 30,121,962 30,350,616

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# PERFICIENT, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009, 2008 AND 2007 (In thousands)

	Common	a Common	Additional	Accumulate Other	ed		Total
	Stock Shares	Stock Amount	Paid-in Capital		sive Treasury Stock	Accumulated Deficit	Stockholders' Equity
Balance at	Silares	Amount	Сарпат	Loss	Stock	Deficit	Equity
December 31, 2006	26,700	\$27	\$147,028	\$ (125	) \$	\$ (39,578)	\$ 107,352
Acquisition purchase		<del>+</del> = .	+ - · · , • = -	+ (	<i>)</i> +	+ (=>,= > )	+
accounting							
adjustments	1,250	1	24,975				24,976
Proceeds from the	-,	_	,,,				,,,
exercise of stock							
options and sales of							
stock through the							
Employee Stock							
Purchase Plan	1,171	1	3,902				3,903
Tax benefit of stock	,		- /				- /
option exercises and							
restricted stock							
vesting			6,889				6,889
Stock compensation			-,				1,111
related to restricted							
stock vesting	302		6,204				6,204
Foreign currency			-, -				-, -
translation							
adjustment				8			8
Net income						16,230	16,230
Total comprehensive							
income							16,238
Balance at							
December 31, 2007	29,423	\$29	\$188,998	\$ (117	) \$	\$ (23,348)	\$ 165,562
Acquisition purchase							
accounting							
adjustments	(19	)	(290	)			(290)
Proceeds from the							
exercise of stock							
options and sales of							
stock through the							
Employee Stock							
Purchase Plan	367	1	922				923
Net tax shortfall							
from stock option							
exercises and							
restricted stock							
vesting			(922	)			(922)

Stock compensation				
related to restricted				
stock vesting and				
retirement savings				
plan contributions	579	 8,945	 	 8,945
Purchases of				
treasury stock	(1,848)	 	 (9,179)	 <b>&amp;</b> #16