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(State or	<b>Delaware</b> other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	95-3086563 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
10	000 Park Drive, Lawrence, Pennsylvania (Address of principal executive offices)	<b>15055</b> (Zip Code)
	Registrant's telephone number, includ	ing area code: <b>724-746-5500</b>
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As of August	7, 2007, there were 17,527,227 shares of common stock, par va	alue \$.001 (the "common stock"), outstanding.

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

In this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007 ("Form 10-K"), Black Box Corporation ("Black Box" or the "Company") is restating its Consolidated Balance Sheets at March 31, 2006, its Consolidated Statements of Income for the years ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, its Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity for the years ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 and as of April 1, 2004, its Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, its quarterly financial data as of and for all quarters ended in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006 and the first two quarters ended in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007 and its Selected Financial Data as of and for the years ended March 31, 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003. This Form 10-K also restates "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" presented in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006 as it relates to the fiscal years ended March 31, 2006 and 2005. All restated information identified above is collectively referred to as the "Restatement." References herein to "Fiscal Year" or "Fiscal" mean the Company's fiscal year ended March 31 for the year referenced.

The Restatement reflects adjustments arising from the determinations of the Audit Committee (the "Audit Committee") of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board"), with the assistance of outside legal counsel, and the Company's management to record additional non-cash charges for stock-based compensation expense and the related income tax effects relating to certain stock option grants during the period from 1992 through September, 2006. Additionally, the Company has recorded an adjustment to its financial statements for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 to reflect the proper accounting treatment for its interest rate swap.

The Company has not amended and does not intend to amend any of its previously-filed reports on Form 10-K or Form 10-Q for the periods affected by the Restatement other than its previously-filed Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A for the three (3) month period ended July 1, 2006, its previously-filed Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A for the three (3) and six (6) month periods ended September 30, 2006 and its previously-filed Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three (3) and nine (9) month periods ended December 30, 2006. As previously disclosed and except as set forth in the filings specifically referenced herein, the consolidated financial statements and related financial information contained in previously-filed reports should no longer be relied upon.

#### Restatement through March 31, 2006

#### **Background**

On November 13, 2006, Black Box received a letter of informal inquiry from the Enforcement Division of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") relating to the Company's stock option practices from January 1, 1997 to present. As a result, the Audit Committee, with the assistance of outside legal counsel, commenced an independent review of the Company's historical stock option grant practices and related accounting for stock option grants during the period from 1992 to the present (the "Review Period").

On February 1, 2007, the Company announced that, while the review of option grant practices was continuing, it believed that it would need to record additional non-cash charges for stock-based compensation expense relating to certain stock option grants and, accordingly, cautioned investors about relying on its historical financial statements until the Company could determine with certainty whether a restatement would be required and, if so, the extent of any such restatement and the periods affected.

On March 19, 2007, although the Audit Committee had not yet completed its review, the Audit Committee concluded that the exercise price of certain stock option grants differed from the fair market value of the underlying shares on the appropriate measurement date. At that time, the Company and the Audit Committee announced that it was currently expected that the Company's additional non-cash, pre-tax charges for stock-based compensation expense relating to certain stock option grants would approximate \$63 million for the Review Period. In addition, the Company and the Audit Committee concluded that the Company would need to restate its previously-issued financial statements contained in reports previously filed by the Company with the SEC. Accordingly, on March 19, 2007, the Company and the Audit Committee concluded that the Company's previously-issued financial statements and other historical financial information and related disclosures for the Review Period, including applicable reports of its current or former independent registered public accounting firms and related press releases, should not be relied upon.

On May 25, 2007, the Company was advised by the Enforcement Division of the SEC that a Formal Order of Private Investigation arising out of the Company's stock option practices had been entered and on May 29, 2007 the Company received a subpoena that was issued by the SEC.

On May 31, 2007, the Company announced that, as a result of the ongoing review of stock option practices, Company management and the Audit Committee expected that the Company's additional non-cash, pre-tax charges for stock-based compensation expense relating to certain stock option grants would approximate \$70 million for the Review Period.

#### **Findings of the Audit Committee**

During the Review Period, the Company granted stock options pursuant to an employee stock option plan and a director stock option plan to acquire approximately 10.9 million shares of common stock. Such plans at all relevant times provided for option grants to be approved by a designated committee of non-employee directors or, in the case of the director stock option plan, by the Board. Approximately 2,000 stock option grants were awarded during the Review Period with 69 recorded grant dates. No stock options have been granted since September, 2006. The Audit Committee reviewed all stock options granted during the Review Period, including option grants to the Company's directors, officers and rank and file employees (including grants to new employees, grants awarded in connection with Company acquisitions and grants made as individual or group performance awards). The Audit Committee's review of the Company's stock option granting practices included a comprehensive examination of reasonably available relevant physical and electronic documents as well as interviews with current and former directors, officers and Company personnel.

The Audit Committee's review was initially focused on determining whether the Company's prior stock option granting practices were in compliance with the plans' granting provisions and applicable law or called into question its accounting for such options. Once it became evident that such issues and accounting implications existed, the inquiry focused on those matters necessary: to determine whether any accounting charges were material and whether a restatement of the Company's previously-issued financial statements would be required; to establish a basis for effecting any required restatement; to assure that, on as timely a basis as possible, the Company could file any required curative disclosures with the SEC and assure its continued eligibility for listing on The NASDAQ Stock Market ("NASDAQ"); and to provide an informed basis for the Company's response to the identified issues, including appropriate corrective and remedial actions.

The following information summarizes certain of the findings of the Audit Committee. The findings identified approximately \$71.5 million of unrecorded expense at the time of grant ( *i.e.* , the difference between the fair market value of the common stock on the appropriate measurement date and the stated exercise price), net of forfeitures, during the Review Period, of which \$70.0 million was recorded in the Company's consolidated financial statements through March 31, 2006 and \$1.5 million of unrecorded expense at the time of grant will be included, beginning at April 1, 2006, in the Company's computation of compensation expense in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment" ("SFAS 123(R)"). The following summarizes the unrecorded expense at the time of grant by time period and category of recipient:

- \$4.2 million for the period from Fiscal 1993 through Fiscal 1997 (\$0.2 million for directors, \$2.5 million for officers and \$1.5 million for rank and file employees)
- \$45.6 million for the period from Fiscal 1998 through August 2002 (\$1.1 million for directors, \$25.7 million for officers and \$18.7 million for rank and file employees)
- \$21.8 million for the period from August 2002 to the present (\$0.04 million for directors, \$0.6 million for officers and \$21.1 million for rank and file employees)

The Audit Committee's additional key findings are summarized below:

Lack of Adequate Documentation: For a majority of grants issued by the Company during the Review Period, there is either no or inadequate documentation of approval actions that satisfies the requisites for establishing a measurement date under Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" ("APB 25"). Of the 69 recorded grant dates, there are documented approval actions by the Board or the Option or Compensation Committee of the Board (the "Compensation Committee") with respect to particular grants for 12 dates. In the period December, 1992 to May, 1996, neither the minutes of the Compensation Committee nor of the Board reflect any action to approve specific grants. In some instances, evidence of single director (the chairman of the Compensation Committee) approval actions exists. This absence of non-employee director level documentation also applies to a majority of grants with a recorded grant date after 1996. In some cases, Compensation Committee minutes contain a reference to reports on the status of the option pool but do not document any action to approve specific grants. Approval documentation for certain grants has internal inconsistencies or conflicts with other documents thereby rendering this documentation unreliable as a basis for establishing a measurement date. In some cases, the only existing documentation is the executed option agreement and/or the entry of the option grant into the option database. Notwithstanding these approval documentation inadequacies, the Company entered into option agreements with grantees and has honored such grants.

Grant Approvals: During the Review Period, relatively few option grants were approved in complete compliance with the Company's stock option plans. Available documentation reflects that the Company approved option grants in a variety of ways. With respect to the employee stock option plan, grants were approved by the Compensation Committee as contemplated by the plan at various times, by the full Board in 1998 and 1999, by a single director (the chairman of the Compensation Committee) on nine recorded grant dates during the period 1994 through 2001 and by the Company's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") at various times. With respect to the director stock option plan, grants were generally approved by the designated Board committee and, in a few cases, by the chairman of the Compensation Committee. In one instance in 2000, there is no conclusive documentary evidence of the approval of director grants other than the signed director option agreements.

The delegation of authority by the Compensation Committee to the CEO with respect to grants to rank and file employees was not fully documented. However, there was an understood and accepted practice between the CEO and the Compensation Committee whereby the CEO made certain awards to individual employees. In some instances, this involved the allocation among rank and file employees of blocks of shares approved by the Compensation Committee; in three (3) such instances, the number of shares ultimately awarded pursuant to this process exceeded the approved size of the block, which was contrary to the understanding of the Compensation Committee members. Further, contrary to the understanding of the Compensation Committee members, the award and/or documentation of those individual grants often significantly lagged the approval of the block grant. In August 2005, the Compensation Committee specifically acknowledged a prior grant of delegated authority to the CEO to make option grants to rank and file employees and ratified all prior awards by the CEO. In some cases, documentation of approval action is either inconclusive or missing, and the Company therefore has been unable to determine what entity or person actually approved specific grants.

Option Pricing: The recorded grant dates for a majority of grants do not match the applicable measurement dates as determined under APB 25. The grants of options with exercise prices lower than the fair market values of the stock on the actual measurement dates did not satisfy the fair market pricing requirement in the Company's plans, as amended in 1998, and were not consistent with the Company's disclosures in SEC filings stating that the exercise price of options was equal to the fair market value of the stock on the date of the grant.

The relationship between the stated exercise price of options and the fair market value of the Company's stock on the date of the identifiable approval actions varied from grant to grant. In some cases, the exercise price of grants reflected the fair market value of the underlying shares on the date of any documented approval action. In other cases, the exercise prices reflected the fair market value of the underlying shares on a date either prior or subsequent to any such documented approval action and the exercise price was lower than the fair market value on the date of any such action. In several such cases before August 2002, the use of such grant dates and lower exercise prices (together with other available evidence) supports a finding that the recorded grant dates and corresponding exercise prices were selected with the benefit of hindsight. For certain grants where the mismatch between the recorded grant date and the approval action was only a matter of days, however, the mismatch appears to have been attributable to inaccurate recording or administrative delays. In some cases, the apparent approval action did not identify all grantees; for example, there are cases where a block grant was approved subject to a later determination of individual grant recipients and grants were recorded with a grant date, and corresponding exercise price, that matched the date of the apparent approval of the block grant and the fair market value of the common stock on that date although individual grant recipients may have been identified some time after approval of the block grant. Finally, in some cases, the approval action for specific grants is not adequately documented. Where the recorded grant date did not satisfy the requisites for a measurement date under APB 25, the Company relied on default methodologies to determine an appropriate measurement date.

Internal Controls: As outlined above, the Company's historical administration of its options program lacked discipline as it relates to proper adherence to the plan requirements, corporate recordkeeping and documentation. Since November 2003, however, the Company has properly administered the stock option program as it relates to awards to directors and officers. During the investigation, the Company identified control gaps related to grants made throughout the Review Period. As of March 31, 2007, the Company implemented additional procedures to its process that are focused on formalized documentation of appropriate approvals and determination of grant terms to employees.

#### **Procedural and Remedial Actions**

The Audit Committee and other relevant Board committees are committed to a continued review and implementation of procedural enhancements and remedial actions in light of the foregoing findings. Consistent with its obligation to act in the best interests of the Company taking into account all relevant facts and circumstances, the Audit Committee is continuing to assess the appropriateness of a broad range of possible procedural enhancements and potential remedial measures in light of the findings of its review.

While the Audit Committee has not completed its consideration of all such steps, procedural enhancements may include recommendations regarding improved stock option administration procedures and controls, training and monitoring compliance with those procedures, corporate recordkeeping, corporate risk assessment, evaluation of the internal compliance environment and other remedial steps that may be appropriate. Any such procedural enhancements will be recommended by the Audit Committee to the Board and/or appropriate Board committee for adoption. In advance of action by the Audit Committee, as noted above, the Company has implemented additional procedures to its process for approving stock option grants that are focused on formalized documentation of appropriate approvals and determination of grant terms to employees.

In light of the findings of the Audit Committee's review, William F. Andrews, Thomas W. Golonski and Thomas G. Greig, three current directors who also served during portions of the Review Period and who hold options as to which the measurement date was adjusted in connection with the Company's restatement, agreed voluntarily to reprice those outstanding options with a recorded exercise price less than the fair market value of the common stock on the accounting measurement date as determined by the Audit Committee so that the exercise price matches the fair market value of the common stock on such accounting measurement date. In addition, Michael McAndrew, who became the Company's Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") in December, 2002, also agreed voluntarily to

reprice the one option granted to him after he became CFO with a recorded exercise price less than the fair market value of the common stock on the accounting measurement date as determined by the Audit Committee so that the exercise price matches the fair market value of the common stock on such accounting measurement date.

The Audit Committee's ongoing review includes an evaluation of the role of and possible claims or other remedial actions against current and former Company personnel who may be found to have had responsibility for identified problems during the Review Period. Accordingly, the Audit Committee has begun to address and is addressing and expects to continue to address issues of individual conduct or responsibility, including those of the Board, CEOs and Chief Financial Officers ("CFOs") serving during the Review Period. In connection therewith, based on the findings of the Audit Committee as to Fred C. Young, the Company's former CEO who resigned on May 20, 2007, the Audit Committee concluded and recommended to the Board, and the Board determined, that Mr. Young could have been terminated due to Cause for Termination (as defined in his agreement dated May 11, 2004) at the time Mr. Young resigned as a director and officer of the Company on May 20, 2007. In light of that determination and the terms of the agreements with Mr. Young, all outstanding stock options held by Mr. Young terminated as of the date of his resignation.

The Audit Committee may recommend additional remedial measures that appropriately address the issues raised by its findings. Such potential remedial measures may include possible claims or other remedial actions against current and former Company personnel who may be found to have been responsible for identified problems during the Review Period.

#### **Restatement Methodologies**

As of April 1, 2006, the Company adopted SFAS 123(R) using the modified prospective transition method. Under this transition method, compensation expense is to be recognized for all share-based compensation awards granted after the date of adoption and for all unvested awards existing on the date of adoption. Prior to April 1, 2006, the Company accounted for stock-based compensation awards to directors, officers and rank and file employees using the intrinsic value method in accordance with APB 25 as allowed under SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" ("SFAS 123"). Under the intrinsic value method, no share-based compensation expense related to stock options was required to be recognized if the exercise price of the stock option was at least equal to the fair market value of the common stock on the "measurement date." APB 25 defines the measurement date as the first date on which are known both (1) the number of shares that an individual grant recipient is entitled to receive and (2) the option or purchase price, if any.

In light of the Audit Committee's review of the Company's stock option granting practices during the Review Period and as to those cases in which the Company previously used a recorded grant date as the measurement date that the Company determined could no longer be relied upon, the Company has developed and applied the following methodologies to remeasure those stock option grants and record the relevant charges in accordance with APB 25 by considering the following sources of information: (i) meeting minutes of the Board and of committees thereof and related materials, (ii) Unanimous Written Consents of the Board and of committees thereof, (iii) the dates on which stock option grants were entered into the Company's stock option database ("create date"), (iv) relevant email correspondence reflecting stock option grant approval actions, (v) individual stock option agreements and related materials, (vi) employee and Board offer letters, (vii) documents relating to acquisitions, (viii) reports on Form 4 filed with the SEC and (ix) guidance of the Office of the Chief Accountant of the SEC on stock option matters as set forth in its letter dated September 19, 2006.

Grants with Appropriate Committee Approval. With respect to grants of approximately 1.0 million shares, or approximately 9% of the total grants in the Review Period, the Company has evidence to support the approval of the grant under the stock option plans by the relevant committee of the Board, and such evidence includes the number of options each individual was entitled to receive and the option price. However, the relationship between these documented approval actions and the originally-recorded grant dates and exercise prices for the options so approved varied during the Review Period. In some cases, grants were recorded with a grant date and a corresponding exercise price that matched the date of the approval action or were otherwise consistent with the terms of the approval action. In other cases, however, the recorded grant dates and corresponding exercise prices of the grants reflected the fair market value of the common stock on a date prior to the committee's documented approval actions. The Company has restated the compensation expense for stock option grants relating to approximately 0.4 million shares of common stock by using the date of the documented approval action as the measurement date. The total additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants is approximately \$1.8 million, net of forfeitures, amortized over the appropriate vesting period through March 31, 2006, of which \$0.07 million relates to director options, \$1.3 million relates to officer options and \$0.4 million relates to rank and file employee options.

Grants with Other Approvals. With respect to grants of approximately 1.9 million shares, or approximately 18% of the total grants in the Review Period, the Company has evidence to support the approval of the grant by the Board, an outside director or the Company's CEO and the identification of the number of options each individual was entitled to receive together with the option price. These grants are distinguished from the grants described in the prior paragraph in that the nature of the approval was not fully consistent with the terms of the relevant stock option plan. As with the grants discussed in the preceding paragraph, the relationship between these documented approval actions and the originally-recorded grant dates and exercise prices for the options so approved varied during the Review Period. In some cases, grants were recorded with a grant date and a corresponding exercise price that matched the date of the approval action or were otherwise consistent with the terms of the approval action. In other cases, however,

the recorded grant dates and corresponding exercise prices of the grants reflected the fair market value of the Company's stock on a date prior to the approval action. The Company has restated the compensation expense for stock option grants relating to approximately 1.6 million shares of common stock by using the date of the documented approval action as the measurement date. The total additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants is approximately \$7.6 million, net of forfeitures, amortized over the appropriate vesting period through March 31, 2006, of which \$0.5 million relates to director options, \$2.6 million relates to officer options and \$4.5 million relates to rank and file employee options.

Grants Lacking Adequate Documentation. With respect to grants of approximately 7.9 million shares (5.0 million shares to rank and file employees), or 73.0% of the total grants in the Review Period, the Company has been unable to locate adequate documentation of approval actions that would satisfy the requisites for a measurement date under APB 25. For these grants, management considered all available relevant information to form a reasonable conclusion as to the most reasonable measurement date. For all grants in this category, the Company has established default methodologies for determining the most appropriate measurement date under APB 25.

With respect to grants entered into the Company's stock option database after September 9, 1999, when the database began to reflect a create date which is the date on which a grant was entered into the system, the Company has determined to use the individual create date for each grant as the APB 25 measurement date, which was in most cases different from the originally-recorded grant date. The Company believes that this create date is the most appropriate methodology in the absence of sufficient evidence of approvals for these grants as it represents the earliest point in time at which the evidence shows that all requisites for the establishment of the measurement date had been satisfied. Such create dates preceded, often by a significant amount of time, the execution of stock option agreements, which, generally, were manually signed by the Company's CEO and manually signed and dated by the grantee. In addition, in almost all cases, a grant entered into the database, which established the create date, ultimately resulted in the creation of a stock option agreement reflecting such grant. Accordingly, while execution of the stock option agreements constituted a clear acknowledgement by the grantee and the Company of the grantee's legal entitlement to the grant, the Company believes the create date more accurately reflects the date of approval than does the signed option agreement. The Company has restated the compensation expense for stock option grants relating to approximately 4.2 million shares of common stock by using the create date as the measurement date. The total additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants is approximately \$49.8 million, net of forfeitures, amortized over the appropriate vesting period through March 31, 2006, of which \$0.5 million relates to director options, \$17.2 million relates to officer options and \$32.2 million relates to rank and file employee options. The Company's procedures for evaluating the appropriateness of measurement dates fixed with reference to such create dates included a sensitivity analysis which provided an understanding of the differences between the additional recorded charge for stock-based compensation expense and the charges that would result from using other identified alternative methods for determining measurement dates. The Company's sensitivity analysis included identifying the range of potential grant dates defined by the recorded grant date and the create date for each grant. The Company then identified the low and high closing prices of the common stock within that range of potential grant dates and applied both the low and high closing prices of the common stock to the number of shares granted for which the create date methodology was utilized to determine the range of potential adjustments to stock-based compensation expense for these grants, which was \$0.09 million to \$73.8 million, net of forfeitures, as compared to the additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants of approximately \$49.8 million, net of forfeitures, included in the Restatement.

For options entered into the Company's option database before September 9, 1999, the Company determined the measurement date generally by reference to signed option agreements (or the deemed signature date for certain options as discussed below). The executed option agreements (hereinafter "signed option agreements"), manually signed by the Company's CEO and manually signed and dated by the grantee, constituted an acknowledgement by the grantee and the Company of the grantee's legal entitlement to the grant and, in the absence of authoritative information as to when all the requisites for the establishment of the measurement date had been satisfied, provides a measurement date framework based on entitlement. The Company has restated the compensation expense for stock option grants relating to approximately 1.4 million shares of common stock by using the signed option agreements as the measurement date. The total additional noncash, pre-tax charge for these grants is approximately \$6.4 million, net of forfeitures, amortized over the appropriate vesting period through March 31, 2006, of which \$0.3 million relates to director options, \$3.6 million relates to officer options and \$2.5 million relates to rank and file employee options. The Company believes this methodology was the most appropriate in the absence of sufficient evidence of approvals for these grants as it represents the earliest point in time at which the evidence shows that all requisites for the establishment of the measurement date had been satisfied for these grants. The Company's procedures for evaluating the appropriateness of measurement dates fixed with reference to the dating of signed option agreements included a sensitivity analysis which provided an understanding of the differences between the additional recorded charge for stock-based compensation expense and the charges that would result from using other identified alternative methods for determining measurement dates. The Company's sensitivity analysis included identifying the range of potential grant dates defined by the recorded grant date and the date of the grantee's signature on the stock option agreement for each grant. The Company then identified the low and high closing prices of the common stock within that range of potential grant dates and applied both the low and high closing prices of the common stock to the number of shares granted for which the signed option agreements methodology was utilized to determine the range of potential adjustments to stock-based compensation expense for these grants, which was \$0.03 million to \$9.6 million, net of forfeitures, as compared to the additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants of approximately \$6.4 million, net of forfeitures, included in the Restatement.

In those cases where no reliably-dated signed option agreement could be located and where no post-September 9, 1999 create date exists (stock option grants totaling approximately 0.9 million shares), the Company used the average period between recorded grant date and date of the signatures on all other grantee signed option agreements with the same grant date as the measurement date. For example, if there were four stock option grants with a grant date of January 1, 1996, the Company had the signed option agreements for three of these stock option grants and the average number of days between the grant date and the signature dates of these three signed option agreements was 20 days, January 21, 1996 was used as the measurement date for the grant for which no signed option agreement could be located. The Company has restated the compensation expense for stock option grants relating to approximately 0.7 million shares of common stock using this "average days to sign agreement" method. The total additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants is approximately \$4.4 million, net of forfeitures, amortized over the appropriate vesting period through March 31, 2006, of which \$0.06 million relates to director options, \$4.2 million relates to officer options and \$0.2 million relates to rank and file employee options. The Company believes this methodology was the most appropriate in the absence of sufficient evidence of approvals for these grants because it gives a reasonable approximation of the measurement date related to these options in light of the available evidence. The Company conducted a sensitivity analysis by comparing the Company's current default methodology (i.e., "average days to sign agreement") with another default methodology. For this analysis, the Company identified the range of potential grant dates defined by the earliest signed option agreement and the latest signed option agreement. The Company then identified the low and high closing prices of the common stock over the range of potential grant dates and applied both the low and high closing prices of the common stock to the number of shares granted to determine the range of potential adjustments to stock-based compensation expense for these grants, which was \$2.6 million to \$5.9 million, net of forfeitures. The Company's analyses indicate that stock-based compensation expense computed using other identified alternative default methodologies would not materially differ from stock-based compensation expense computed using the "average days to sign agreement" methodology. The Company's procedures for evaluating the appropriateness of measurement dates fixed with reference to the average days to sign agreements also included a sensitivity analysis which provided an understanding of the differences between the additional recorded charge for stock-based compensation expense and the charges that would result from using other identified alternative methods for determining measurement dates. The Company's sensitivity analysis included identifying the range of potential grant dates defined by the recorded grant date and the average days to sign agreement for each grant. The Company then identified the low and high closing prices of the common stock within that range of potential grant dates and applied both the low and high closing prices of the common stock to the number of shares granted to determine the range of potential adjustments to stockbased compensation expense for these grants, which was \$0.03 million to \$6.1 million, net of forfeitures, as compared to the additional noncash, pre-tax charge for these grants of approximately \$4.4 million, net of forfeitures, included in the Restatement.

Given the volatility of the common stock during much of the Review Period, the use of methodologies and measurement dates different from those described above could have resulted in a higher or lower cumulative compensation expense which would have caused net income or loss to be different from the amounts reported in the restated consolidated financial statements. The Company's procedures for evaluating the appropriateness of measurement dates fixed using the default methodologies described above also included a sensitivity analysis which provided an understanding of the differences between the additional recorded charge for stock-based compensation expense and the charges that would result from using other identified alternative methods for determining measurement dates. The Company's sensitivity analysis included identifying the range of potential grant dates defined by the recorded grant date and the appropriate measurement date for each grant. The Company then identified the low and high closing prices of the common stock within that range of potential grant dates and applied both the low and high closing prices of the common stock to the number of shares granted to determine the range of potential adjustments to stock-based compensation expense for these grants, which was \$9.3 million to \$99.3 million, net of forfeitures, as compared to the additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants of approximately \$70.0 million, net of forfeitures, included in the Restatement.

#### Other adjustments through March 31, 2006

From 1994 through 1998, the Company did not properly account for stock options for one officer that were modified after the grant date pursuant to a separation agreement. Some of these modifications were not identified in the Company's financial reporting processes and were therefore not properly reflected in its financial statements. As a result, the Company has recorded a non-cash charge for stock-based compensation of \$1.0 million during Fiscal 1999.

#### **Summary**

In summary, the Company recorded cumulative non-cash charges for stock-based compensation of \$70.9 million through March 31, 2006, offset in part by a cumulative income tax benefit of \$27.7 million, for a total after-tax charge of \$43.2 million. These charges had no impact on net sales or cash and cash equivalents as previously reported in the Company's financial statements; as a result, no changes to these items are reflected in the Restatement. Non-cash charges for stock-based compensation expense have been recorded as adjustments to Selling, general & administrative expenses within the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income.

#### 1Q07 and 2Q07 Restatement

#### Stock-based compensation expense

In addition to the Restatement noted above through March 31, 2006, the Company has recorded additional non-cash charges for stock-based compensation during the first and second quarters of Fiscal 2007 of \$1.6 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, offset in part by income tax benefits of \$0.6 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, or total after-tax charges of \$1.0 million and \$1.4 million, respectively. This charge was recorded to reflect additional non-cash, stock-based compensation expense recognized under the fair value method (SFAS 123(R)) because the exercise price for certain stock option grants prior to, but not vested as of March 31, 2006, differed from the fair market value of the underlying shares on the appropriate measurement date, some of which occurred during Fiscal 2007.

#### Accounting for derivatives

On July 26, 2006, the Company entered into an interest rate swap to reduce its exposure from fluctuating interest rates. SFAS No. 133, " *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*" ("SFAS 133") requires that all derivative instruments be recorded on the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at their fair value, and that changes in the derivatives' fair value be recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. From inception of the hedge, the Company had applied a method of cash flow hedge accounting under SFAS 133 to account for the interest rate swap that allowed the Company to assume no ineffectiveness in such agreements, called the "short-cut" method.

Subsequently, the Company analyzed its eligibility for the "short-cut" method in light of certain clarifications delivered by the Office of the Chief Accountant of the SEC, and determined that its interest rate swap did not qualify for the "short-cut" method under SFAS 133 because certain prepayment features relating to the underlying actual debt were not identical to those contained in the interest rate swap. Because the Company's documentation at hedge inception reflected the "short-cut" method rather than the "long-haul" method for determining hedge ineffectiveness, the derivative did not meet the requirements for a cash flow hedge. Documentation for the "long-haul" method of accounting at hedge inception cannot be retrospectively applied under SFAS 133. Therefore, fluctuations in the interest rate swap's fair value should have been recorded through the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income instead of through Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) ("OCI"), which is a component of Stockholders' equity. The adjustment for the second quarter of Fiscal 2007 will decrease reported net income and increase OCI by approximately \$1.4 million. This change in accounting for this derivative instrument could result in significant volatility in the Company's reported net income and earnings per share due to increases and decreases in the fair value of the interest rate swap. However, the derivative instrument remains highly effective and the change in accounting for this derivative instrument does not impact operating cash flows or total Stockholders' equity.

The table below reflects the impact of the additional non-cash charges for stock-based compensation expense and the non-cash charge related to the interest rate swap on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income, including the corresponding cumulative adjustment to Retained earnings as of September 30, 2006 and March 31, 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003 on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. Prior to this Restatement, the Company had not recorded any non-cash stock-based compensation expense in its Consolidated Statements of Income with the exception of \$0.7 million recorded during the second quarter of Fiscal 2005 for a modification of a previous stock option award for a retiring director. All dollar amounts are presented in thousands except per share amounts. Per share amounts may not total due to rounding.

	(As Previously Reported) Net Income	Adjust- ment, Pre-Tax	Income Tax Benefit		Adjust- ment, Net of Tax	(As Restated) Net Income	I	(As reviously Reported) uted EPS		Adjust- ment		(As Restated) Diluted EPS
TV 0.4	<b>4.2.25</b> 0	Φ	Φ (10)	Φ.	2.1	Φ 12.215	Φ.	0.02	Φ.		Φ.	0.02
FY 94	\$ 13,370	\$ 43	\$ (19)	\$	24	\$ 13,346	\$	0.83	\$	(0.02)	\$	0.83
FY 95	14,515	461	(144)		317	14,198		0.89		(0.02)		0.87
FY 96 FY 97	18,278 24,792	406 1,172	(151) (456)		255 716	18,023 24,076		1.10 1.40		(0.01) (0.04)		1.09 1.36
FY 98	32,404	3,595	(1,393)		2,202	30,202		1.40		(0.04) $(0.12)$		1.67
FY 99	38,145	4,506	(1,732)		2,774	35,371		2.09		(0.12) $(0.15)$		1.07
FY 00	48,852	5,778	(2,209)		3,569	45,283		2.60		(0.13) $(0.19)$		2.41
FY 01	64,190	10,290	(3,953)		6,337	57,853		3.22		(0.19) $(0.32)$		2.41
FY 02	62,042	11,333	(4,381)		6,952	55,090		2.97		(0.32) $(0.33)$		2.64
FY 03	48,685	8,927	(2,328)		6,599	42,086		2.39		(0.33) $(0.32)$		2.04
F1 05	46,063	0,921	(2,326)		0,399	42,000	-	2.39	-	(0.32)		2.07
Cumulative 03/31/03	\$ 365,273	\$ 46,511	\$ (16,766)	\$	29,745	\$ 335,528	\$	19.29	\$	(1.52)	\$	17.77
FY 04	47,243	8,197	(4,156)		4,041	43,202		2.52		(0.22)		2.30
Cumulative 03/31/04	\$ 412,516	\$ 54,708	\$ (20,922)	\$	33,786	\$ 378,730	\$	21.80	\$	(1.73)	\$	20.07
FY 05	29,912	5,178	(2,312)		2,866	27,046		1.68		(0.16)		1.52
Cumulative 03/31/05	\$ 442,428	\$ 59,886	\$ (23,234)	\$	36,652	\$ 405,776	\$	23.48	\$	(1.89)	\$	21.59
1Q06	7,394	1,120	(442)		678	6,716		0.43		(0.04)		0.39
2Q06	12,797	1,126	(444)		682	12,115		0.74		(0.04)		0.70
3Q06	12,511	2,431	(959)		1,472	11,039		0.70		(0.08)		0.62
4Q06	4,656	6,368	(2,612)		3,756	900		0.26		(0.21)		0.05
FY 06	\$ 37,358	\$ 11,045	\$ (4,457)	\$	6,588	\$ 30,770	\$	2.13	\$	(0.37)	\$	1.76
Cumulative 03/31/06	\$ 479,786	\$ 70,931	\$ (27,691)	\$	43,240	\$ 436,546	\$	25.61	\$	(2.26)	\$	23.35
1Q07	7.807	1.629	(635)		994	6,813		0.43		(0.06)		0.37
2Q07	13,079	2,210	(806)		1,404	11,675		0.74		(0.08)		0.66
2QYTD07	\$ 20,886	\$ 3,839	\$ (1,441)	\$	2,398	\$ 18,488	\$	1.18	\$	(0.14)	\$	1.04
Cumulative 09/30/06	\$ 500,672	\$ 74,770	\$ (29,132)	\$	45,638	\$ 455,034	\$	26.78	\$	(2.39)	\$	24.39

#### **Income Tax Considerations**

In the course of the investigation, the Company determined that a number of officers may have exercised options for which the application of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), may apply. It is possible that these options will be treated as having been granted at less than fair market value for federal income tax purposes because the Company incorrectly applied the measurement date as defined in APB 25. If such options are deemed to have been granted at less than fair market value, pursuant to Section 162(m) of the Code ("Section 162(m)"), any compensation to officers, including proceeds from options exercised in any given tax year, in excess of \$1.0 million will be disallowed as a deduction for tax purposes. The Company estimates that the potential tax effected liability for any such disallowed Section 162(m) deduction would approximate \$3.6 million, which has been recorded as a current liability within Income taxes within the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company may also incur interest and penalties if it were to incur any such tax liability, which could be material.

In addition, the Company is considering the application of Section 409A of the Code ("Section 409A") to those options for which it incorrectly applied the measurement date as defined in APB 25. It is possible that these options will be treated as having been granted at less than fair market value for federal income tax purposes and thus subject to Section 409A. Accordingly, the Company may adopt measures to address the application of Section 409A. The Company does not currently know what impact Section 409A will have, or any such measures, if adopted, would have, on its results of operations, financial position or cash flows, although such impact could be material.

#### **Expenses Incurred by the Company**

The Company has incurred expenses for legal fees and external audit firm fees, in excess of its insurance deductible of \$0.5 million, in Fiscal 2007, in relation to (i) the Audit Committee's review of the Company's historical stock option practices and related accounting for stock option grants, (ii) the informal inquiry and formal order of investigation by the SEC regarding the Company's past stock option practices, (iii) the previously-disclosed derivative action relating to the Company's historical stock option practices filed against the Company as a nominal defendant and certain of the Company's current and former directors and officers, as to whom it may have indemnification obligations and (iv) related matters. Further, the Company has incurred and expects to continue to incur significant additional expense related to the foregoing matters in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008. The Company and the insurance company for its directors' and officers' indemnification insurance are currently in discussions with respect to which of the fees in excess of the deductible will be paid by the insurance company. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that all fees submitted to the insurance company for reimbursement will be reimbursed under the Company's directors' and officers' indemnification insurance.

#### **PART I**

#### Item 1. Business.

**Overview.** Black Box is the world's largest dedicated network infrastructure services provider. Black Box offers one-source network infrastructure services for communication systems. The Company's service offerings include design, installation, integration, monitoring and maintenance of voice, data and integrated communication systems. The Company's primary service offering is voice solutions, while providing premise cabling and other data related services and products. The Company provides 24/7/365 technical support for all of its solutions which encompasses all major voice and data manufacturers as well as 118,000 network infrastructure products that it sells through its catalog and Internet Web site and its Voice and Data services (collectively referred to as "On-Site services") offices. With more than 3,000 professional technical experts and 173 offices, Black Box serves more than 175,000 clients in 141 countries throughout the world. Founded in 1976, Black Box, a Delaware corporation, operates subsidiaries on five continents and is headquartered near Pittsburgh in Lawrence, Pennsylvania.

Black Box differentiates itself from its competitors by providing exceptional levels of superior technical services for communication solutions, its capability to provide these services globally and its private-labeled BLACK BOX <sup>®</sup> brand network infrastructure products which feature some of the most comprehensive warranties in the industry.

As the world's largest and highest quality network infrastructure services company 100% dedicated to this market, Black Box is in a unique position to capitalize on its service advantages, current leadership position, diverse and loyal client base and strong financial performance.

Industry Background. Black Box participates in the worldwide network infrastructure market estimated at \$20 billion.

Products and services are distributed to this market primarily through value-added resellers, manufacturers, direct marketers, large system integrators and other technical services companies. These companies range from very large, international companies, some of which have access to greater resources than those available to Black Box, to small, local or regionally-focused companies. In addition, competition for our Hotline business includes direct marketing manufacturers, mass merchandisers, "big box" retailers, web retailers and others. Black Box believes that it competes on the basis of its solution features offerings, technical capabilities, service levels and price.

**Business Strategy.** Black Box's business strategy is to provide its clients with one source for services and products to meet all their networking infrastructure needs – whether at a single location or multiple locations worldwide. The Company believes that its combination of worldwide Voice and Data services performed at client locations – integrated with Hotline Services – provides a unique advantage over its competitors in the network infrastructure market. The Company believes its record of consistent operating profitability, positive cash flow and its high rate of repeat clients is evidence of the strength of its strategy. Keys to the Company's success include the following:

#### Expert Technical Support Deployed Three Ways.

<u>Locally at Client Sites.</u> Black Box provides complete voice, data and integrated solutions – including design, installation, remote monitoring and routine and emergency maintenance – with consistent high quality and uniformity. The Company maintains certifications from leading voice and data product manufacturers including Avaya <sup>®</sup>, Cisco <sup>®</sup>, Microsoft <sup>®</sup>, Nortel <sup>®</sup>, NEC <sup>®</sup> and Siemens <sup>®</sup>, among others. In addition, the Company maintains what it believes is the industry's largest staff of Registered Communications Distribution Designers (RCDDs) who assure that all designs meet or exceed ANSI, TIA/EIA and National Electric Code <sup>®</sup> (NEC <sup>®</sup>) standards.

<u>24/7/365 Technical Support.</u> Black Box provides around-the-clock, seven days per week technical support, available to clients in 141 countries worldwide. In Fiscal 2007, the Company's technical experts responded to approximately 1.5 million client calls. Black Box specialists receive continuous training to stay up-to-date on the latest technologies.

<u>www.blackbox.com Internet Web Site.</u> Black Box offers its 24/7/365 technical support on-line at www.blackbox.com. With one click by an existing or a potential client on "Talk to a Tech," a technical expert makes contact with that person immediately. Technical information, including "Black Box Explains" and "Technology Overviews," is always available as well as the ability to easily design and configure custom products on-line.

<u>Worldwide Coverage</u>. With 173 offices serving 141 countries, Black Box has the largest footprint in the industry, serving every major industry sector. This worldwide coverage and 31 years of experience makes one-source project management a reality for Black Box clients. Black Box ensures that clients with these needs receive consistent high-quality design, workmanship and technology from a single service provider. The Company is exposed to certain risks because of its global operations discussed under the caption "International operations" in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors," which is incorporated herein by reference.

<u>Strategic Partnerships with Leading Voice and Data Product Manufacturers.</u> Black Box has partnerships and distribution agreements with leading voice and data product manufacturers. Access to these multi-technology platforms provides Black Box clients with the convenience of a one-source provider for its network infrastructure needs.

Quality Networking Solutions and Comprehensive Warranties. Black Box products and services are covered by an umbrella of protection that extends beyond standard warranties. Black Box was the first in the industry to introduce a "No Questions Asked" product warranty program offering full protection regardless of cause of failure, including accidental, surge or water damage for the life of the warranty – and many products are guaranteed for life. Exclusive to Black Box are its Guaranteed-for-Life Structured Cabling System and Certification Plus ® guarantees that provide assurance that a client's network will operate within the application it was designed to support for life.

<u>Brand Name</u>. BLACK BOX is a widely recognized brand name associated with high quality products and services. The Company believes that the BLACK BOX trademark is important to its business.

<u>ISO 9001:2000 Certified.</u> Black Box has received ISO 9001:2000 certification in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Puerto Rico, Singapore, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States. Rigorous quality control processes must be documented and practiced to earn and maintain ISO 9001:2000 certification.

<u>Proprietary Client List</u>. Over the course of its 31 year history, the Company has built a proprietary mailing list of approximately 1.5 million names representing over 1.0 million clients. This database includes information on the past purchases of its clients. The Company routinely analyzes this data in an effort to enhance client purchasing and ensure that targeted marketing programs reach their specified audiences. The Company believes that its proprietary client list is a valuable asset that represents a significant competitive advantage. The Company does not rent its client list.

<u>Rapid Order Fulfillment</u>. The Company has developed efficient inventory management and order fulfillment systems that allow most standard product to be shipped that same day. Requests for same day counter-to-counter delivery and special labeling, kitting and packaging are also available from Black Box.

**Growth Strategy.** The principle components of Black Box's growth strategy include: (i) cross-selling marketing activities capitalizing on its one-source solution of DVH<sup>TM</sup> (Data, Voice and Hotline) Services, (ii) expanded product offerings and (iii) expanded global technical support services primarily through mergers and acquisitions.

<u>Mergers and Acquisitions.</u> As part of the growth strategy through mergers and acquisitions, the Company has completed the following transactions during Fiscal 2007, Fiscal 2006 and Fiscal 2005:

#### Fiscal 2007

On April 30, 2006, Black Box acquired the privately-held USA Commercial and Government and Canadian operations of NextiraOne, LLC ("NextiraOne"). The acquired operations service commercial and various government agency clients. Black Box and NextiraOne have nearly completed the integration process, including the re-branding of the NextiraOne business as Black Box Network Services.

On May 1, 2006, Black Box acquired Nu-Vision Technologies, Inc. and Nu-Vision Technologies, LLC (collectively referred to as "NUVT"), privately-held companies, which provide planning, installation, monitoring and maintenance services for voice and data network systems. NUVT has an active customer base, which includes commercial, education and various government agency accounts.

On October 30, 2006, Black Box acquired Nortech Telecommunications, Inc. ("NTI"), a privately-held company based out of Chicago, IL. NTI has an active customer base which includes commercial, education and various government agency accounts.

On February 1, 2007, Black Box acquired ADS Telecom, Inc. ("ADS"), a privately-held company based out of Orlando, FL. ADS has an active customer base which includes commercial, financial, healthcare and various government agency accounts.

The results of operations of NextiraOne, NUVT, NTI and ADS are included in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income beginning on their individual acquisition dates during Fiscal 2007.

#### Fiscal 2006

During Fiscal 2006, the Company completed six (6) acquisitions. During the first quarter of Fiscal 2006, the Company acquired Telecommunication Systems Management, Inc. ("TSM"), GTC Technology Group, Inc. and Technology Supply, Inc. (collectively referred to as "GTC") and Business Communications, Inc., Bainbridge Communication, Inc., BCI of Tampa, LLC and Networx, L.L.C. (collectively referred to as "BCI"). These companies provide full-service voice communication solutions and services in the Florida and Virginia markets. During the second quarter of Fiscal 2006, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets and certain liabilities of Universal Solutions of North America, L.L.C. and related entities ("Universal"). Universal primarily provides planning, installation, monitoring and maintenance services for voice and data network systems in 14 states. During the third quarter of Fiscal 2006, the Company purchased 100% of the issued and outstanding equity interests in Communication is World InterActive Networking, Inc. ("C=WIN") and Converged Solutions Group, LLC ("CSG"). Both C=WIN and CSG primarily provide planning, installation and maintenance services for voice and data network systems in 15 states. The results of operations of TSM, GTC, BCI, Universal, C=WIN and CSG are included in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income beginning on their individual acquisition dates during Fiscal 2006.

#### Fiscal 2005

On January 25, 2005, the Company acquired 100% of the outstanding shares of common stock of Norstan, Inc. ("Norstan"). Norstan primarily provides full-service communications solutions and services, delivering voice and data technology solutions and remanufactured equipment to corporate end-users and public sector companies. Norstan had offices throughout the U.S. and Canada. The Norstan solution was complementary to Black Box's existing service solutions and allowed the Company to immediately expand its operational footprint, provide additional marketing opportunities via cross-selling and, most importantly, provide its collective customers a stronger worldwide technical services partner.

These acquired companies, which are focused on servicing the North America Voice Services market, have influenced the composition of the Company's service segments as profiled below:

	Perce	Percent of Consolidated Revenues					
Service Type	FY07	FY06	FY05				
Voice Services	60%	43%	20%				
Hotline Services	22%	30%	42%				
Data Services	18%	27%	38%				
Black Box Total	100%	100%	100%				

Clients. Black Box clients range from small organizations to many of the world's largest corporations and institutions. Black Box clients participate in many diverse industries, including manufacturing, business services, retail, finance, education and government. Revenues from the Company's clients are segmented as 45% from large companies, 20% from medium-sized companies and 35% from small companies.

Marketing. Black Box's services are primarily marketed through direct sales driven by its nearly 300 team members exclusively devoted to these efforts. This sales force is further supported with the Company's direct marketing materials and online through the Company's Internet Web site. Black Box was the first company to engage exclusively in the sale of a broad range of networking products through direct marketing techniques. Black Box targets its catalogs and marketing materials directly to its client-users who make systems design and purchasing decisions. Black Box marketing materials present a wide choice of items using a combination of product features and benefits, photographs, product descriptions, product specifications, compatibility charts, potential applications and other helpful technical information. The Company's catalogs have earned numerous awards in recent years. In 2006, the Black Box Cable Catalog won Multichannel Merchant magazine's top award, Catalog of the Year. The catalog also took top honors in the Computer Equipment and Software category which a Black Box catalog has won for the eleventh year in a row.

**Technical Services.** Black Box believes that its technical services are the foundation of its success enabling the Company to provide services ranging from quick-turn hotline consultation to site surveys, design and engineering, project management, single-site and multi-site installations, remote monitoring, certification and maintenance of voice, data and integrated communication solutions.

**Worldwide Headquarters.** The Company's worldwide headquarters and certain U.S. operations are located in Lawrence, Pennsylvania (a suburb 20 miles south of Pittsburgh). This Company-owned 352,000 square foot facility is on an 84-acre site.

**Products.** Black Box believes that its ability to offer broad, innovative product solutions across multiple technologies, supported by its 24/7/365 technical services capability, has been an important competitive factor. Black Box currently offers more than 118,000 products through its catalogs, On-Site services offices and Internet Web site. New products are regularly introduced.

**Manufacturers and Suppliers.** Black Box utilizes a network of original equipment manufacturers ("OEM") and suppliers throughout the world. Each supplier is monitored for quality, delivery performance and cost through a well-established certification program. This network has manufacturing and engineering capabilities to customize products for specialized applications.

Black Box operates its own manufacturing and assembly operation at its Lawrence, Pennsylvania location. The Company chooses to manufacture certain products in-house when outside OEMs are not economical. Sourcing decisions of in-house versus third-party suppliers are based upon a balance of quality, performance, delivery and cost.

Information Systems. The Company has committed significant resources to the development of information systems that are used to manage all aspects of its business. The Company's systems support and integrate technical support, client services, inventory management, purchasing, distribution activities, accounting and project cost management. The Company continues to develop and implement exclusive worldwide web applications. These applications allow clients to view order status and product availability, view up-to-date information on their projects that are being managed on a world-wide basis and provide a project management and forecasting tool for the Company's offices. A technical knowledge-based application is also used to access problem resolution information to help solve client issues more quickly. Information systems are focused on delivering high quality business applications that are geared to improve internal efficiencies as well as client interactions.

The Company's new product introductions, multiple language requirements and design enhancements require efficient modification of product presentations for its various catalogs. Black Box also supports a publishing system that provides the flexibility and speed for both text and graphic layout. This enables the timely, efficient and cost effective creation of marketing materials.

**Backlog.** The worldwide backlog of unfilled orders believed to be firm ( *i.e.*, to be completed within six months) was approximately \$159 million at March 31, 2007 compared to \$96 million at March 31, 2006.

**Team Members.** As of March 31, 2007, the Company had approximately 4,581 team members worldwide compared to 3,295 as of March 31, 2006. Of the 4,581 current team members, approximately 660 are subject to collective bargaining agreements. The Company believes that its relationship with its team members is good.

**Financial Information.** Financial information regarding the Company, including segment data, is set forth in Item 8 of this Form 10-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**International Revenues.** Revenues from countries outside North America were \$166 million, or 16% of total revenues, for Fiscal 2007 comparable to \$157 million, or 22% of total revenues, for Fiscal 2006.

**Other Information.** The Company maintains an investor relations page on its Internet Web site at http://www.blackbox.com. The Company's annual, quarterly and current reports and amendments to such reports filed with or furnished to the SEC are made available, as soon as reasonably practical after such filing, and may be viewed or downloaded free of charge in the "About Us" section of the Web site. The Company's Standards of Business Conduct, Code of Ethics and Board committee charters are also available on its Web site, and may be viewed or downloaded free of charge in the "About Us" section of the Web site.

#### Item 1A. RISK FACTORS.

The following are some of the potential risk factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those projected in any forward-looking statements. You should carefully consider these factors, as well as the other information contained in this document, when evaluating your investment in our securities. The below list of important factors is not all-inclusive or necessarily in order of importance.

<u>Stock option matters</u> – As previously disclosed, on November 13, 2006, we received a letter of informal inquiry from the Enforcement Division of the SEC relating to the Company's stock option practices from January 1, 1997 to present. Our Audit Committee, with the assistance of outside legal counsel, is conducting an independent review of the Company's historical stock option grant practices and related accounting for stock option grants. On May 24, 2007, the SEC issued a formal order of investigation in connection with this matter, and, on May 29, 2007, we received a document subpoena from the SEC acting pursuant to such order. We have cooperated with the SEC in this matter and intend to continue to do so. *See* the "Explanatory Note" preceding Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-K for more information regarding this and related matters.

On September 20, 2006, the Company received formal notice from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") regarding its intent to begin an audit of the Company's tax years 2004 and 2005. In connection with this normal recurring audit, the IRS has requested certain documentation with respect to stock options for the Company's 2004 and 2005 tax years. The Company has produced various documents requested by the IRS and is currently in the process of responding to additional documentation requests.

In addition, in November, 2006, two stockholder derivative lawsuits were filed against the Company, as a nominal defendant, and several of our current and former officers and directors in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. The two substantially identical stockholder derivative complaints allege that the individual defendants improperly backdated grants of stock options to several officers and directors in violation of our stockholder-approved stock option plans during the period 1996-2002, improperly recorded and accounted for backdated stock options in violation of generally accepted accounting principles, improperly took tax deductions based on backdated stock options in violation of the Code, produced and disseminated false financial statements and SEC filings to our stockholders and to the market that improperly recorded and accounted for the backdated option grants, concealed the alleged improper backdating of stock options and obtained substantial benefits from sales of Company stock while in the possession of material inside information. The complaints seek damages on behalf of the Company against certain current and former officers and directors and allege breach of fiduciary duty, unjust enrichment, securities law violations and other claims. The two lawsuits have been consolidated into a single action as *In re Black Box Corporation Derivative Litigation*, Master

File No. 2:06-CV-1531-TMH, and plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended complaint on January 29, 2007. The parties have stipulated that responses by the defendants, including the Company, are due on or before September 4, 2007.

The stock option investigations and related litigation have imposed, and are likely to continue to impose, significant costs on us, both monetarily and in requiring attention by our management team. While we are unable to estimate the costs that we may incur in the future, these are likely to include:

- professional fees in connection with the conduct of the investigations, the restatement of our financial statements and the defense of the litigation;
- potential damages, fines, penalties or settlement costs; and
- payments to, or on behalf of, our current and former officers and directors subject to the investigation or named in the litigation pursuant to our indemnification obligations (in certain circumstances these indemnification payments are recoverable if it is determined that the officer or director at issue acted improperly, but there is no assurance that we will be able to recover such payments).

While we expect that certain of such costs will be reimbursed pursuant to an insurance policy, at this point such costs have not been reimbursed.

In the course of our investigation, we have determined that a number of executives may have exercised options for which the application of Section 162(m) may apply. It is possible that these options will be treated as having been granted at less than fair market value for federal income tax purposes because we incorrectly applied the measurement date as defined in APB 25. If such options are deemed to have been granted at less than fair market value, pursuant to Section 162(m), any compensation to our executive officers, including proceeds from options exercised in any given tax year in excess of \$1.0 million, will be disallowed as a deduction for tax purposes. We estimate that the potential tax effected liability for any such disallowed Section 162(m) deduction would approximate \$3.6 million. We may also incur interest and penalties if we were to incur any such tax liability, which could be material.

In addition, we are considering the application of Section 409A to those options for which we incorrectly applied the measurement date as defined in APB 25. It is possible that these options will be treated as having been granted at less than fair market value for federal income tax purposes and thus subject to Section 409A. Accordingly, we may adopt remedial measures to address the application of Section 409A. We do not currently know what impact Section 409A will have, or any such remedial measures, if adopted, would have on our results of operations, financial position or cash flows, although such impact could be material.

Adverse developments in the legal proceedings or the investigation arising out of our historical stock option granting practices or any other matter raised as a result thereof could have an adverse impact on our business and our stock price, including increased stock volatility.

<u>Competition</u> – we operate in a highly competitive industry. Our competitors may be able to deliver products and services at better prices or more quickly due to factors beyond our control. New competitors may also arise in the future, which threaten our ability to sustain or grow our market share. We cannot guarantee that we can continue to compete effectively in the future and still be able to sustain our historical levels of profit margin.

<u>Economic environments</u> – we, our customers or our vendors may experience economic hardships due to inflation or recession, changes in laws and regulations, business disruptions due to natural disasters, acts of terrorism or war or other factors that are beyond our control and that could negatively impact our financial condition or our ability to meet our future financial goals.

<u>Successful integration of acquired businesses</u> – we have completed several acquisitions in recent years. Our future financial results are dependent on the successful integration of those acquisitions within the projected timeframes and cost parameters. We also face pressure to adequately conduct our ongoing operations while working toward the integration of these businesses. We cannot guarantee that we will successfully integrate our acquisitions as projected or without disruption to other areas of our business which could have a negative impact on our financial results.

<u>International operations</u> – we operate in several countries outside of the United States. Our operations or our financial condition may be negatively affected by events surrounding our international operations such as changes in laws and regulations, political or economic instability, currency fluctuations, supply chain disruptions, acts of terrorism, natural disasters or other political, economic or environmental factors. We cannot rely on the past results of our international operations as an indicator of future results or assure you that we will not be adversely affected by those factors inherent with international operations.

Retention of key personnel – the success of our business depends on our ability to attract and retain quality employees, executives and directors. We offer comprehensive salary and benefit packages including stock options as a means of attracting and retaining personnel. We face pressure to maintain our profit margins and remain competitive in our industry while we compete for personnel in our local markets with a variety of different businesses that may be able to offer more attractive incentives due to their individual financial situations. We cannot guarantee that we will continue to attract and retain personnel with our current incentives and at costs that are consistent with our projected profit margins. In addition, the success of our compensation program has relied heavily on the use of stock options which provided both a compensation and retention element due to vesting. If we are not able to replicate the compensation and retention benefits historically provided by our stock options, we will need to rely more heavily on other forms of compensation, primarily cash compensation to adequately compensate employees, executives and directors.

<u>Demand for products and services</u> – we and our competitors in the industry are dependent on the demand for the products and services that we deliver. Changes in technology or other unforeseen developments within our industry could result in decreased demand for our products and services. We cannot guarantee that historical levels of demand will continue or increase in the future.

<u>Supply chain and distribution agreements</u> – through our recent acquisitions, we have significant arrangements with a small number of suppliers of voice technology. If we experience disruptions in our supply chain with these manufacturers for any reason or lose our distribution rights, we may not be able to fulfill customer commitments with an acceptable alternative or we may not be able to obtain alternative solutions at similar costs.

<u>Future mergers and acquisitions</u> – a key component of our growth strategy is through strategic mergers and acquisitions. We may not continue to be successful in our search for potential acquisition candidates that are acceptable for our business model, or we may not be successful in our attempts to acquire new businesses that we have identified as attractive acquisition candidates. We cannot guarantee that we will meet our projected growth targets in the future if we are unsuccessful in our efforts to acquire additional businesses.

<u>Public sector business</u> – our revenues from sales to the public sector, including sales to federal, state and local governments and governmental agencies has grown in recent years. These sales are made through various direct contracts, through reseller agreements with government contractors and through open market sales. Government contracting is a highly-regulated area. Failure to comply with the technical requirements of regulations or contracts could subject us to fines, penalties, suspension or debarment from doing business with such customers, which could have a material adverse effect on our business.

<u>Revenue growth</u> – our revenue is primarily generated through individual sales of products and services and the nature of our business provides us with very little guaranteed or contractual revenue beyond a relatively short time horizon. We depend on repeat customer business as well as our ability to develop new customer business to sustain and grow our revenue. Although our focus on delivering high-quality sales and service has proven to be successful in the past, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to grow or even sustain our current level of revenue in the future.

<u>Liquidity</u> – although we generate positive cash flow and have access to a significant amount of additional credit, we cannot be sure that our current liquidity situation will be adequate in future periods. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to maintain our positive cash flow position or to obtain additional credit or raise additional capital which may restrict our ability to operate or to pursue new business opportunities in the future.

<u>Stock price</u> – our stock price is affected by a number of factors, including quarterly variations in our financial results. As a result, our stock price is subject to volatility.

#### Item 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS.

None.

#### Item 2. Properties.

The Company's worldwide headquarters and certain U.S. operations are located in Lawrence, Pennsylvania (located 20 miles south of Pittsburgh) in a 352,000 square foot owned facility on 84 acres.

The Company owns or leases 173 additional offices or facilities throughout the world, none of which are material in nature to Black Box.

The Company believes that its properties are adequate for its present and foreseeable needs.

#### Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

#### Regulatory Matters

As previously disclosed, on November 13, 2006, the Company received a letter of informal inquiry from the Enforcement Division of the SEC relating to the Company's stock option practices from January 1, 1997 to present. On May 24, 2007, the SEC issued a formal order of investigation in connection with this matter and, on May 29, 2007, the Company received a document subpoena from the SEC acting pursuant to such order. The Company has cooperated with the SEC in this matter and intends to continue to do so.

As previously announced, the Audit Committee, with the assistance of outside legal counsel, is conducting an independent review of the Company's historical stock option grant practices and related accounting for stock option grants. *See* the "Explanatory Note" preceding Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-K for more information regarding this and related matters.

On September 20, 2006, the Company received formal notice from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") regarding its intent to begin an audit of the Company's tax years 2004 and 2005. In connection with this normal recurring audit, the IRS has requested certain documentation with respect to stock options for the Company's 2004 and 2005 tax years. The Company has produced various documents requested by the IRS and is currently in the process of responding to additional documentation requests.

At the conclusion of these regulatory matters, the Company could be subject to additional taxes, fines, penalties or other costs which could be material.

#### Litigation Matters

In November, 2006, two stockholder derivative lawsuits were filed against the Company itself, as a nominal defendant, and several of the Company's current and former officers and directors in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. The two substantially identical stockholder derivative complaints allege that the individual defendants improperly backdated grants of stock options to several officers and directors in violation of the Company's stockholder-approved stock option plans during the period 1996-2002, improperly recorded and accounted for backdated stock options in violation of generally accepted accounting principles, improperly took tax deductions based on backdated stock options in violation of the Code, produced and disseminated false financial statements and SEC filings to the Company's stockholders and to the market that improperly recorded and accounted for the backdated option grants, concealed the alleged improper backdating of stock options and obtained substantial benefits from sales of Company stock while in the possession of material inside information. The complaints seek damages on behalf of the Company against certain current and former officers and directors and allege breach of fiduciary duty, unjust enrichment, securities law violations and other claims. The two lawsuits have been consolidated into a single action as *In re Black Box Corporation Derivative Litigation*, Master File No. 2:06-CV-1531-TMH, and plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended complaint on January 29, 2007. The parties have stipulated that responses by the defendants, including the Company, are due on or before September 4, 2007. The Company may have indemnification obligations arising out of this matter to its current and former directors and officers named in this litigation. The Company has made a claim for such costs under an insurance policy.

As previously disclosed, the Company received a subpoena, dated December 8, 2004, from the United States General Services Administration ("GSA"), Office of Inspector General. The subpoena requires production of documents and information. The Company understands that the materials are being sought in connection with an investigation regarding potential violations of the terms of a GSA Multiple Award Schedule contract. The Company has not received any communication on this matter from the GSA since June 2005.

The Company is involved in, or has pending, various legal proceedings, claims, suits and complaints arising out of the normal course of business. Based on the facts currently available to the Company, management believes the matters described under this caption "Litigation Matters" are adequately provided for, covered by insurance, without merit or not probable that an unfavorable outcome will result.

#### Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

No matter was submitted during the three month period ended March 31, 2007 to a vote of security holders, through the solicitation of proxies or otherwise.

#### **Executive Officers of the Registrant**

The executive officers of the Company and their respective ages and positions are as follows:

Name	Age	Position with the Company
Terry Blakemore	50	Interim President and Chief Executive Officer
Michael McAndrew	47	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Secretary and Principal Accounting Officer
Francis W. Wertheimber	54	Senior Vice President – Pacific Rim/Far East

The following is a biographical summary of the experience of the executive officers of the Company:

**TERRY BLAKEMORE**, 50, was appointed as the Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company on May 21, 2007. Previously, on May 15, 2007, the Board had named Mr. Blakemore a Senior Vice President of the Company. Prior to becoming a Senior Vice President, Mr. Blakemore served as a manager of business development and, prior thereto, as a manager of the Company's Voice Services business unit. Mr. Blakemore has been with the Company since 1999.

*MICHAEL MCANDREW*, 47, was promoted to Vice President and Chief Financial Officer on December 13, 2002. He became Secretary and Treasurer on January 31, 2003. He was Manager of Corporate Planning and Analysis prior to December 13, 2002. Mr. McAndrew has been with the Company for 17 years.

**FRANCIS W. WERTHEIMBER**, 54, was promoted to Senior Vice President – Pacific Rim/Far East in May 2004. He was promoted to Vice President – Pacific Rim/Far East on May 9, 1997. He was Managing Director of Black Box Japan prior to May 9, 1997. Mr. Wertheimber has been with Black Box for 14 years.

#### **Directors of the Registrant**

The following sets forth certain information concerning the members of the Board of Directors of the Company:

WILLIAM F. ANDREWS, 75, was elected as a director on May 18, 1992. Mr. Andrews currently is Chairman of Corrections Corporation of America (private prisons), Chairman of Katy Industries, Inc. (diversified manufacturing company) and Chairman of SVP Holdings Limited (Singer sewing machines). He was Chairman of Scovill Fasteners, Inc. and Northwestern Steel and Wire from 1996 to 2001. He has been a principal with Kohlberg & Co., a private investment company, since 1995. He is also a director of Corrections Corporation, Katy Industries, O'Charley's, Inc. and Trex Company, Inc., all publicly-held companies.

**RICHARD L. CROUCH**, 60, was elected as a director on August 10, 2004. Mr. Crouch was a General Partner with the firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP from 1979 to 2004, having served as an Audit Partner principally assigned to public companies. He served in various capacities for the firm, including service as a regional accounting, auditing and Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") services consultant. He retired from the firm on July 2, 2004.

**THOMAS W. GOLONSKI**, 64, was selected to be a director on February 11, 2003 and was elected by our stockholders on August 12, 2003. Mr. Golonski served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of National City Bank of Pennsylvania and Executive Vice President of National City Corporation from 1996 to 2005. He retired from National City in 2005. He is a director of several economic development organizations and active in other charitable and financial organizations.

**THOMAS G. GREIG**, 59, was elected as a director on August 10, 1999 and appointed as non-executive Chairman of the Board in May 2004. Mr. Greig has been a Managing Director of Liberty Capital Partners, a private equity partnership, since 1998. He is also a director of publicly-held Rudolph Technologies, Inc., a number of privately-held companies and a public, not-for-profit foundation.

**EDWARD A. NICHOLSON, PH.D.**, 67, was elected as a director on August 10, 2004. Dr. Nicholson served as President of Robert Morris University from 1989 to 2005 and is presently a Professor of Management at Robert Morris. He has served a number of businesses and government agencies as a consultant in the areas of long-range planning, organization design and labor relations. He is also a director of Brentwood Bank, publicly-held Shopsmith Inc. and several regional economic, charitable and cultural organizations.

#### **PART II**

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#### Common Stock Information:

The common stock is traded on NASDAQ under the symbol "BBOX" and has been assigned to the NASDAQ Global Select tier. As of March 31, 2007, 24,963,338 shares of the common stock were issued, of which 7,436,111 shares were held in treasury.

The following table sets forth the quarterly high and low sale prices of the common stock as reported by the Nasdaq Global Select Market during each of the Company's fiscal quarters indicated below.

	High	Low
Fiscal 2007		
1 st Quarter	\$ 54.09	\$ 35.69
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	43.32	36.51
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	46.60	38.01
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	42.65	34.64
Fiscal 2006		
1 st Quarter	\$ 37.93	\$ 31.83
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	45.94	34.93
3 rd Quarter	50.45	37.82
4 th Quarter	55.37	45.12

On August 7, 2007, the last reported sale price of the common stock was \$39.62 per share.

#### **Dividend Policy:**

Cash dividends of \$0.06 per share of common stock were declared during each quarter during Fiscal 2007 and 2006. Dividends declared during Fiscal 2007 were paid on July 14, 2006, October 13, 2006, January 15, 2007 and April 16, 2007. Dividends declared during Fiscal 2006 were paid on July 15, 2005, October 14, 2005, January 13, 2006 and April 14, 2006. While the Company expects to continue to declare quarterly dividends, the payment of future dividends is at the discretion of the Board and the timing and amount of any future dividends will depend upon earnings, cash requirements and financial condition of the Company. Under the Company's Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated January 24, 2005, as amended February 17, 2005 and March 28, 2006 (collectively, the "Credit Agreement"), the Company is permitted to pay dividends on and repurchase its common stock as long as no Event of Default or Potential Default (each as defined in the Credit Agreement) occurs or is continuing.

#### Stockholders:

As of March 31, 2007, there were approximately 2,227 holders of record of the common stock.

#### Equity Plan Compensation Information:

The information required under Item 5 of Part II of this Form 10-K is incorporated herein by reference to the information set forth under the caption "Equity Plan Compensation Information" in the Proxy Statement.

#### <u>Issuance of Unregistered Securities:</u>

There were no issuances of unregistered securities during the three month period ended March 31, 2007.

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

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	rage Price per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
December 31, 2006				
to January 28, 2007		\$ 		1,063,945
January 29, 2007 to February 25, 2007	56	41.02	56	1,063,889
February 26, 2007 to March 31, 2007	<del></del>			1,063,889
Total	56	\$ 41.02	56	1,063,889

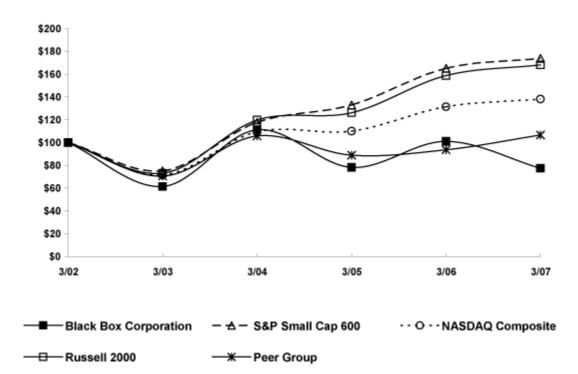
As of December 31, 2006, 1,063,945 shares were available under repurchase programs approved by the Board and announced on November 20, 2003, August 12, 2004 and November 7, 2006.

The repurchase programs have no expiration date and no programs were terminated prior to the full repurchase of the authorized amount.

Additional repurchases of common stock may occur from time to time depending upon factors such as the Company's cash flows and general market conditions. While the Company expects to continue to repurchase shares of the common stock for the foreseeable future, there can be no assurance as to the timing or amount of such repurchases. Under the Company's Credit Agreement, the Company is permitted to repurchase its common stock as long as no Event of Default or Potential Default (each as defined in the Credit Agreement) occurs or is continuing.

#### Performance Graph:

The graph below represents and compares the value, through March 31, 2007, of a hypothetical investment of \$100 made on March 31, 2002, in each of (i) the common stock, (ii) the S&P Small Cap 600, (iii) the Nasdaq Composite, (iv) the Russell 2000 and (v) a peer group of companies determined by the Company (the "Peer Group"), assuming the reinvestment of dividends in each case. The Peer Group consists of CDW Corporation, Cisco Systems, Inc., Avaya Inc., Nortel Networks Corporation, International Business Machines Corporation and Electronic Data Systems Corporation. The Peer Group was added to the performance graph because the Company believes that, given its current mix of revenues generated from network infrastructure On-Site services and products, the performance of this Peer Group is a relevant metric.



	3/31/02	3/31/03	3/31/04	3/31/05	3/31/06	3/31/07
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Black Box Corporation	\$ 100.00	\$ 61.36	\$ 111.18	\$ 78.27	\$ 101.10	\$ 77.36
S&P Small Cap 600	100.00	75.19	117.66	133.05	165.07	173.81
NASDAQ Composite	100.00	71.63	109.32	109.98	131.49	138.22
Russell 2000	100.00	73.04	119.66	126.13	158.73	168.11
Peer Group	100.00	70.54	105.80	88.92	93.67	106.65

#### Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA.

The following tables set forth certain selected historical financial data for the Company for the periods indicated below (in thousands, except for per share amounts). This information should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation," and the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this report. The information presented in the following table has been adjusted to reflect the restatement of the Company's consolidated financial results which is more fully described in Item 7. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation" and Note 3 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements within this Form 10-K. Data and Voice Services may collectively be referred to as "On-Site services." Per share amounts may not total due to rounding.

	Fiscal Year Ended March 31,									
	_	2007		(As Restated) 2006	(	As Restated) 2005	(.	As Restated) 2004	( <i>A</i>	As Restated) 2003
Statements of Income		2007		2000		2002		2001		2002
Revenues										
Hotline products	\$	222,903	\$	\$ 213,946	\$	227,601	\$	237,872	\$	252,105
On-Site services		793,407		507,389		307,475		282,540		352,912
Total		1,016,310		721,335		535,076		520,412		605,017
Cost of sales										
Hotline products		113,780		108,220		108,281		112,949		123,470
On-Site services		528,541		330,765		211,866		191,212		242,700
Total		642,321		438,985		320,147		304,161		366,170
Gross profit		373,989		282,350		214,929		216,251		238,847
Selling, general & administrative expenses		290,355		216,911		165,180		149,002		161,735
Restructuring and other charges				5,290		5,059				6,536
Intangibles amortization		10,285	_	4,999	_	1,332	_	246		377
Operating income		73,349		55,150		43,358		67,003		70,199
Interest expense (income), net		18,407		9,123		2,755		1,808		2,826
Other expenses (income), net	_	42	_	36		115	_	147	_	229
Income before provision for income taxes		54,900		45,991		40,488		65,048		67,144
Provision for income taxes		19,291		15,221	_	13,442	_	21,846		25,058
Net income	\$	35,609	\$	30,770	\$	27,046	\$	43,202	\$	42,086
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Basic earnings per share	\$		\$		\$	1.55	\$	2.38	<b>3</b>	2.13
Diluted earnings per share	\$	2.00	-		\$	1.52	\$	2.30	\$	2.07
Dividends declared per common share	<u>\$</u>	0.24	\$	\$ 0.24	\$	0.22	\$	0.20	\$	0.10
Balance Sheet Data (at end of period):										
Working capital (1)	\$	117,059	\$		\$	,	\$	108,116	\$	118,592
Total assets		1,090,091		815,412		787,064		631,010		639,233
Long-term debt		239,928		122,673		147,196		35,177		49,453
Total debt		240,614		123,722		147,888		36,238		50,379
Stockholders' equity		599,696		552,991		501,288		517,297		506,926

<sup>(1)</sup> Working capital is computed as current assets minus current liabilities.

The following tables reconcile selected historical financial data for the Company from the previously reported results to the restated results for fiscal years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. *See* Note 3 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for reference to our reconciliations for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006. All dollar amounts are in thousands, except per share amounts. Per share amounts may not total due to rounding.

		Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2005					
		As Previously Reported		Adjustment		As Restated	
Statements of Income	- Kt	porticu	Auj	ustilicit	710	resured	
Revenues							
Hotline products	\$ 2	27,601	\$		\$	227,601	
On-Site services		07,475	Ψ		Ψ	307,475	
Total		35,076				535,076	
Cost of sales							
Hotline products	1	08,281				108,281	
On-Site services		11,866				211,866	
Total		20,147				320,147	
Gross profit	2	14,929				214,929	
Selling, general & administrative expenses	1	60,002		5,178		165,180	
Restructuring and other charges		5,059		, 		5,059	
Intangibles amortization		1,332				1,332	
Operating income		48,536		(5,178)		43,358	
Interest expense (income), net		2,755				2,755	
Other expenses (income), net		115				115	
Income before provision for income taxes		45,666		(5,178)		40,488	
Provision for income taxes		15,754		(2,312)		13,442	
Net income	\$	29,912	\$	(2,866)	\$	27,046	
Basic earnings per share	<u>\$</u>	1.72	\$	(0.17)	\$	1.55	
Diluted earnings per share	\$	1.68	\$	(0.16)	\$	1.52	
Dividends declared per common share	\$	0.22	\$ \$ \$		\$	0.22	
Balance Sheet Data (at end of period):							
Working capital (1)		12,535	\$	(3,587)	\$	108,948	
Total assets		72,890		14,174		787,064	
Long-term debt		47,196				147,196	
Total debt		47,888				147,888	
Stockholders' equity (2)	4	90,701		10,587		501,288	

<sup>(1)</sup> Working capital is computed as current assets minus current liabilities.

<sup>(2)</sup> The "Adjustment" to Stockholders' equity for Fiscal 2005 includes a cumulative adjustment from Fiscal 1994 through Fiscal 2005 for stock-based compensation expense, of which \$36,652 and \$47,239 was recorded to decrease Retained earnings and increase additional paid-in capital, respectively.

	 Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2004					
	eviously Reported	Adjus	stment	As ]	Restated	
Statements of Income	•					
Revenues						
Hotline products	\$ 237,872	\$		\$	237,872	
On-Site services	 282,540	-			282,540	
Total	520,412				520,412	
Cost of sales						
Hotline products	112,949				112,949	
On-Site services	191,212				191,212	
Total	304,161				304,161	
Gross profit	216,251				216,251	
Selling, general & administrative expenses	140,805		8,197		149,002	
Restructuring and other charges						
Intangibles amortization	 246				246	
Operating income	75,200		(8,197)		67,003	
Interest expense (income), net	1,808				1,808	
Other expenses (income), net	 147				147	
Income before provision for income taxes	73,245	(	8,197)		65,048	
Provision for income taxes	 26,002	(	4,156)		21,846	
Net income	\$ 47,243	\$	(4,041)	\$	43,202	
Basic earnings per share	\$ 2.60	\$	(0.22)	\$	2.38	
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 2.52	\$	(0.22)	\$	2.30	
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Dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.20	\$	<del></del>	\$	0.20	
Balance Sheet Data (at end of period):						
Working capital (1)	\$ 109,431		1,315)	\$	108,116	
Total assets	617,302		13,708		631,010	
Long-term debt	35,177				35,177	
Total debt	36,238				36,238	
Stockholders' equity (2)	504,904		12,393		517,297	

<sup>(1)</sup> Working capital is computed as current assets minus current liabilities.

<sup>(2)</sup> The "Adjustment" to Stockholders' equity for Fiscal 2004 includes a cumulative adjustment from Fiscal 1994 through Fiscal 2004 for stock-based compensation expense, of which \$33,786 and \$46,179 was recorded to decrease Retained earnings and increase Additional paid-in capital, respectively.

	Previously Reported				
	Keporteu	Adji	ustment	As	Restated
	•				
\$		\$		\$	252,105
					352,912
	605,017				605,017
	123,470				123,470
	242,700				242,700
	366,170				366,170
	238,847				238,847
	152,808		8,927		161,735
					6,536
	377				377
	79,126		(8,927)		70,199
	2,826				2,826
	229				229
	76,071		(8,927)		67,144
	27,386		(2,328)		25,058
\$	48,685	\$	(6,599)	\$	42,086
\$	2.46	\$	(0.33)	\$	2.13
					2.07
	0.10	\$			0.10
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\$		\$		\$	118,592 639,233
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					50,379
					506,926
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<sup>(1)</sup> Working capital is computed as current assets minus current liabilities.

<sup>(2)</sup> The "Adjustment" to Stockholders' equity for the Fiscal 2003 includes a cumulative adjustment from Fiscal 1994 through Fiscal 2003 for stock-based compensation expense, of which \$29,745 and \$42,249 was recorded to decrease Retained earnings and increase Additional paid-in capital, respectively.

#### Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

The discussion and analysis set forth below in this Item 7 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 has been amended to reflect the Restatement as described in the Explanatory Note and in Note 3 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements. For this reason, the data set forth in this section may not be comparable to discussions and data in the Company's previously-filed Annual Reports on Form 10-K . All dollar amounts are presented in thousands unless otherwise noted.

#### Restatement through March 31, 2006

#### **Background**

On November 13, 2006, Black Box received a letter of informal inquiry from the Enforcement Division of the SEC relating to the Company's stock option practices from January 1, 1997 to present. As a result, the Audit Committee, with the assistance of outside legal counsel, commenced an independent review of the Company's historical stock option grant practices and related accounting for stock option grants during the Review Period.

On February 1, 2007, the Company announced that, while the review of option grant practices was continuing, it believed that it would need to record additional non-cash charges for stock-based compensation expense relating to certain stock option grants and, accordingly, cautioned investors about relying on its historical financial statements until the Company could determine with certainty whether a restatement would be required and, if so, the extent of any such restatement and the periods affected.

On March 19, 2007, although the Audit Committee had not yet completed its review, the Audit Committee concluded that the exercise price of certain stock option grants differed from the fair market value of the underlying shares on the appropriate measurement date. At that time, the Company and the Audit Committee announced that it was currently expected that the Company's additional non-cash, pre-tax charges for stock-based compensation expense relating to certain stock option grants would approximate \$63 million for the Review Period. In addition, the Company and the Audit Committee concluded that the Company would need to restate its previously-issued financial statements contained in reports previously filed by the Company with the SEC. Accordingly, on March 19, 2007, the Company and the Audit Committee concluded that the Company's previously-issued financial statements and other historical financial information and related disclosures for the Review Period, including applicable reports of its current or former independent registered public accounting firms and related press releases, should not be relied upon.

On May 25, 2007, the Company was advised by the Enforcement Division of the SEC that a Formal Order of Private Investigation arising out of the Company's stock option practices had been entered and on May 29, 2007 the Company received a subpoena that was issued by the SEC.

On May 31, 2007, the Company announced that, as a result of the ongoing review of stock option practices, Company management and the Audit Committee expected that the Company's additional non-cash, pre-tax charges for stock-based compensation expense relating to certain stock option grants would approximate \$70 million for the Review Period.

#### **Findings of the Audit Committee**

During the Review Period, the Company granted stock options pursuant to an employee stock option plan and a director stock option plan to acquire approximately 10.9 million shares of common stock. Such plans at all relevant times provided for option grants to be approved by a designated committee of non-employee directors or, in the case of the director stock option plan, by the Board. Approximately 2,000 stock option grants were awarded during the Review Period with 69 recorded grant dates. No stock options have been granted since September, 2006. The Audit Committee reviewed all stock options granted during the Review Period, including option grants to the Company's directors, officers and rank and file employees (including grants to new employees, grants awarded in connection with Company acquisitions and grants made as individual or group performance awards). The Audit Committee's review of the Company's stock option granting practices included a comprehensive examination of reasonably available relevant physical and electronic documents as well as interviews with current and former directors, officers and Company personnel.

The Audit Committee's review was initially focused on determining whether the Company's prior stock option granting practices were in compliance with the plans' granting provisions and applicable law or called into question its accounting for such options. Once it became evident that such issues and accounting implications existed, the inquiry focused on those matters necessary: to determine whether any accounting charges were material and whether a restatement of the Company's previously-issued financial statements would be required; to establish a basis for effecting any required restatement; to assure that, on as timely a basis as possible, the Company could file any required curative disclosures with the SEC and assure its continued eligibility for listing on

NASDAQ; and to provide an informed basis for the Company's response to the identified issues, including appropriate corrective and remedial actions.

The following information summarizes certain of the findings of the Audit Committee. The findings identified approximately \$71.5 million of unrecorded expense at the time of grant ( *i.e.* , the difference between the fair market value of the common stock on the appropriate measurement date and the stated exercise price), net of forfeitures, during the Review Period, of which \$70.0 million was recorded in the Company's consolidated financial statements through March 31, 2006 and \$1.5 million of unrecorded expense at the time of grant will be included, beginning at April 1, 2006, in the Company's computation of compensation expense in accordance with SFAS 123(R). The following summarizes the unrecorded expense at the time of grant by time period and category of recipient:

- \$4.2 million for the period from Fiscal 1993 through Fiscal 1997 (\$0.2 million for directors, \$2.5 million for officers and \$1.5 million for rank and file employees)
- \$45.6 million for the period from Fiscal 1998 through August 2002 (\$1.1 million for directors, \$25.7 million for officers and \$18.7 million for rank and file employees)
- \$21.8 million for the period from August 2002 to the present (\$0.04 million for directors, \$0.6 million for officers and \$21.1 million for rank and file employees)

The Audit Committee's additional key findings are summarized below:

Lack of Adequate Documentation: For a majority of grants issued by the Company during the Review Period, there is either no or inadequate documentation of approval actions that satisfies the requisites for establishing a measurement date under APB 25. Of the 69 recorded grant dates, there are documented approval actions by the Board or the Option or Compensation Committee with respect to particular grants for 12 dates. In the period December, 1992 to May, 1996, neither the minutes of the Compensation Committee nor of the Board reflect any action to approve specific grants. In some instances, evidence of single director (the chairman of the Compensation Committee) approval actions exists. This absence of non-employee director level documentation also applies to a majority of grants with a recorded grant date after 1996. In some cases, Compensation Committee minutes contain a reference to reports on the status of the option pool but do not document any action to approve specific grants. Approval documentation for certain grants has internal inconsistencies or conflicts with other documents thereby rendering this documentation unreliable as a basis for establishing a measurement date. In some cases, the only existing documentation is the executed option agreement and/or the entry of the option grant into the option database. Notwithstanding these approval documentation inadequacies, the Company entered into option agreements with grantees and has honored such grants.

Grant Approvals: During the Review Period, relatively few option grants were approved in complete compliance with the Company's stock option plans. Available documentation reflects that the Company approved option grants in a variety of ways. With respect to the employee stock option plan, grants were approved by the Compensation Committee as contemplated by the plan at various times, by the full Board in 1998 and 1999, by a single director (the chairman of the Compensation Committee) on nine recorded grant dates during the period 1994 through 2001 and by the Company's CEO at various times. With respect to the director stock option plan, grants were generally approved by the designated Board committee and, in a few cases, by the chairman of the Compensation Committee. In one instance in 2000, there is no conclusive documentary evidence of the approval of director grants other than the signed director option agreements.

The delegation of authority by the Compensation Committee to the CEO with respect to grants to rank and file employees was not fully documented. However, there was an understood and accepted practice between the CEO and the Compensation Committee whereby the CEO made certain awards to individual employees. In some instances, this involved the allocation among rank and file employees of blocks of shares approved by the Compensation Committee; in three (3) such instances, the number of shares ultimately awarded pursuant to this process exceeded the approved size of the block, which was contrary to the understanding of the Compensation Committee members. Further, contrary to the understanding of the Compensation Committee members, the award and/or documentation of those individual grants often significantly lagged the approval of the block grant. In August 2005, the Compensation Committee specifically acknowledged a prior grant of delegated authority to the CEO to make option grants to rank and file employees and ratified all prior awards by the CEO. In some cases, documentation of approval action is either inconclusive or missing, and the Company therefore has been unable to determine what entity or person actually approved specific grants.

Option Pricing: The recorded grant dates for a majority of grants do not match the applicable measurement dates as determined under APB 25. The grants of options with exercise prices lower than the fair market values of the stock on the actual measurement dates did not satisfy the fair market pricing requirement in the Company's plans, as amended in 1998, and were not consistent with the Company's disclosures in SEC filings stating that the exercise price of options was equal to the fair market value of the stock on the date of the grant.

The relationship between the stated exercise price of options and the fair market value of the Company's stock on the date of the identifiable approval actions varied from grant to grant. In some cases, the exercise price of grants reflected the fair market value of the underlying shares on the date of any documented approval action. In other cases, the exercise prices reflected the fair market value of the underlying shares on a date either prior or subsequent to any such documented approval action and the exercise price was lower than the fair market value on the date of any such action. In several such cases before August 2002, the use of such grant dates and lower exercise prices (together with other available evidence) supports a finding that the recorded grant dates and corresponding exercise prices were selected with the benefit of hindsight. For certain grants where the mismatch between the recorded grant date and the approval action was only a matter of days, however, the mismatch appears to have been attributable to inaccurate recording or administrative delays. In some cases, the apparent approval action did not identify all grantees; for example, there are cases where a block grant was approved subject to a later determination of individual grant recipients and grants were recorded with a grant date, and corresponding exercise price, that matched the date of the apparent approval of the block grant and the fair market value of the common stock on that date although individual grant recipients may have been identified some time after approval of the block grant. Finally, in some cases, the approval action for specific grants is not adequately documented. Where the recorded grant date did not satisfy the requisites for a measurement date under APB 25, the Company relied on default methodologies to determine an appropriate measurement date.

<u>Internal Controls</u>: As outlined above, the Company's historical administration of its options program lacked discipline as it relates to proper adherence to the plan requirements, corporate recordkeeping and documentation. Since November 2003, however, the Company has properly administered the stock option program as it relates to awards to directors and officers. During the investigation, the Company identified control gaps related to grants made throughout the Review Period. As of March 31, 2007, the Company implemented additional procedures to its process that are focused on formalized documentation of appropriate approvals and determination of grant terms to employees.

#### **Procedural and Remedial Actions**

The Audit Committee and other relevant Board committees are committed to a continued review and implementation of procedural enhancements and remedial actions in light of the foregoing findings. Consistent with its obligation to act in the best interests of the Company taking into account all relevant facts and circumstances, the Audit Committee is continuing to assess the appropriateness of a broad range of possible procedural enhancements and potential remedial measures in light of the findings of its review.

While the Audit Committee has not completed its consideration of all such steps, procedural enhancements may include recommendations regarding improved stock option administration procedures and controls, training and monitoring compliance with those procedures, corporate recordkeeping, corporate risk assessment, evaluation of the internal compliance environment and other remedial steps that may be appropriate.

Any such procedural enhancements will be recommended by the Audit Committee to the Board and/or appropriate Board committee for adoption. In advance of action by the Audit Committee, as noted above, the Company has implemented additional procedures to its process for approving stock option grants that are focused on formalized documentation of appropriate approvals and determination of grant terms to employees.

In light of the findings of the Audit Committee's review, William F. Andrews, Thomas W. Golonski and Thomas G. Greig, three current directors who also served during portions of the Review Period and who hold options as to which the measurement date was adjusted in connection with the Company's restatement, agreed voluntarily to reprice those outstanding options with a recorded exercise price less than the fair market value of the common stock on the accounting measurement date as determined by the Audit Committee so that the exercise price matches the fair market value of the common stock on such accounting measurement date. In addition, Michael McAndrew, who became the Company's CFO in December, 2002, also agreed voluntarily to reprice the one option granted to him after he became CFO with a recorded exercise price less than the fair market value of the common stock on the accounting measurement date as determined by the Audit Committee so that the exercise price matches the fair market value of the common stock on such accounting measurement date.

The Audit Committee's ongoing review includes an evaluation of the role of and possible claims or other remedial actions against current and former Company personnel who may be found to have had responsibility for identified problems during the Review Period. Accordingly, the Audit Committee has begun to address and is addressing and expects to continue to address issues of individual conduct or responsibility, including those of the Board, CEOs and CFOs serving during the Review Period. In connection therewith, based on the findings of the Audit Committee as to Fred C. Young, the Company's former CEO who resigned on May 20, 2007, the Audit Committee concluded and recommended to the Board, and the Board determined, that Mr. Young could have been terminated due to Cause for Termination (as defined in his agreement dated May 11, 2004) at the time Mr. Young resigned as a director and officer of the Company on May 20, 2007. In light of that determination and the terms of the agreements with Mr. Young, all outstanding stock options held by Mr. Young terminated as of the date of his resignation.

The Audit Committee may recommend additional remedial measures that appropriately address the issues raised by its findings. Such potential remedial measures may include an evaluation of the role of and possible claims or other remedial actions against current and former Company personnel who may be found to have been responsible for identified problems during the Review Period.

#### **Restatement Methodologies**

As of April 1, 2006, the Company adopted SFAS 123(R) using the modified prospective transition method. Under this transition method, compensation expense is to be recognized for all share-based compensation awards granted after the date of adoption and for all unvested awards existing on the date of adoption. Prior to April 1, 2006, the Company accounted for stock-based compensation awards to directors, officers and rank and file employees using the intrinsic value method in accordance with APB 25 as allowed under SFAS 123. Under the intrinsic value method, no share-based compensation expense related to stock options was required to be recognized if the exercise price of the stock option was at least equal to the fair market value of the common stock on the "measurement date." APB 25 defines the measurement date as the first date on which are known both (1) the number of shares that an individual grant recipient is entitled to receive and (2) the option or purchase price, if any.

In light of the Audit Committee's review of the Company's stock option granting practices during the Review Period and as to those cases in which the Company previously used a recorded grant date as the measurement date that the Company determined could no longer be relied upon, the Company has developed and applied the following methodologies to remeasure those stock option grants and record the relevant charges in accordance with APB 25 by considering the following sources of information: (i) meeting minutes of the Board and of committees thereof and related materials, (ii) Unanimous Written Consents of the Board and of committees thereof, (iii) create date, (iv) relevant email correspondence reflecting stock option grant approval actions, (v) individual stock option agreements and related materials, (vi) employee and Board offer letters, (vii) documents relating to acquisitions, (viii) reports on Form 4 filed with the SEC and (ix) guidance of the Office of the Chief Accountant of the SEC on stock option matters as set forth in its letter dated September 19, 2006.

Grants with Appropriate Committee Approval. With respect to grants of approximately 1.0 million shares, or approximately 9% of the total grants in the Review Period, the Company has evidence to support the approval of the grant under the stock option plans by the relevant committee of the Board, and such evidence includes the number of options each individual was entitled to receive and the option price. However, the relationship between these documented approval actions and the originally-recorded grant dates and exercise prices for the options so approved varied during the Review Period. In some cases, grants were recorded with a grant date and a corresponding exercise price that matched the date of the approval action or were otherwise consistent with the terms of the approval action. In other cases, however, the recorded grant dates and corresponding exercise prices of the grants reflected the fair market value of the common stock on a date prior to the committee's documented approval actions. The Company has restated the compensation expense for stock option grants relating to approximately 0.4 million shares of common stock by using the date of the documented approval action as the measurement date. The total additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants is approximately \$1.8 million, net of forfeitures, amortized over the appropriate vesting period through March 31, 2006, of which \$0.07 million relates to director options, \$1.3 million relates to officer options and \$0.4 million relates to rank and file employee options.

Grants with Other Approvals. With respect to grants of approximately 1.9 million shares, or approximately 18% of the total grants in the Review Period, the Company has evidence to support the approval of the grant by the Board, an outside director or the Company's CEO and the identification of the number of options each individual was entitled to receive together with the option price. These grants are distinguished from the grants described in the prior paragraph in that the nature of the approval was not fully consistent with the terms of the relevant stock option plan. As with the grants discussed in the preceding paragraph, the relationship between these documented approval actions and the originally-recorded grant dates and exercise prices for the options so approved varied during the Review Period. In some cases, grants were recorded with a grant date and a corresponding exercise price that matched the date of the approval action or were otherwise consistent with the terms of the approval action. In other cases, however, the recorded grant dates and corresponding exercise prices of the grants reflected the fair market value of the Company's stock on a date prior to the approval action. The Company has restated the compensation expense for stock option grants relating to approximately 1.6 million shares of common stock by using the date of the documented approval action as the measurement date. The total additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants is approximately \$7.6 million, net of forfeitures, amortized over the appropriate vesting period through March 31, 2006, of which \$0.5 million relates to director options, \$2.6 million relates to officer options and \$4.5 million relates to rank and file employee options.

Grants Lacking Adequate Documentation. With respect to grants of approximately 7.9 million shares (5.0 million shares to rank and file employees), or 73.0% of the total grants in the Review Period, the Company has been unable to locate adequate documentation of approval actions that would satisfy the requisites for a measurement date under APB 25. For these grants, management considered all available relevant information to form a reasonable conclusion as to the most reasonable measurement date. For all grants in this category, the Company has established default methodologies for determining the most appropriate measurement date under APB 25.

With respect to grants entered into the Company's stock option database after September 9, 1999, when the database began to reflect a create date which is the date on which a grant was entered into the system, the Company has determined to use the individual create date for each grant as the APB 25 measurement date, which was in most cases different from the originally-recorded grant date. The Company believes that this create date is the most appropriate methodology in the absence of sufficient evidence of approvals for these grants as it represents the earliest point in time at which the evidence shows that all requisites for the establishment of the measurement date had been satisfied. Such create dates preceded, often by a significant amount of time, the execution of stock option

agreements, which, generally, were manually signed by the Company's CEO and manually signed and dated by the grantee. In addition, in almost all cases, a grant entered into the database, which established the create date, ultimately resulted in the creation of a stock option agreement reflecting such grant. Accordingly, while execution of the stock option agreements constituted a clear acknowledgement by the grantee and the Company of the grantee's legal entitlement to the grant, the Company believes the create date more accurately reflects the date of approval than does the signed option agreement. The Company has restated the compensation expense for stock option grants relating to approximately 4.2 million shares of common stock by using the create date as the measurement date. The total additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants is approximately \$49.8 million, net of forfeitures, amortized over the appropriate vesting period through March 31, 2006, of which \$0.5 million relates to director options, \$17.2 million relates to officer options and \$32.2 million relates to rank and file employee options. The Company's procedures for evaluating the appropriateness of measurement dates fixed with reference to such create dates included a sensitivity analysis which provided an understanding of the differences between the additional recorded charge for stock-based compensation expense and the charges that would result from using other identified alternative methods for determining measurement dates. The Company's sensitivity analysis included identifying the range of potential grant dates defined by the recorded grant date and the create date for each grant. The Company then identified the low and high closing prices of the common stock within that range of potential grant dates and applied both the low and high closing prices of the common stock to the number of shares granted for which the create date methodology was utilized to determine the range of potential adjustments to stock-based compensation expense for these grants, which was \$0.09 million to \$73.8 million, net of forfeitures, as compared to the additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants of approximately \$49.8 million, net of forfeitures, included in the Restatement.

For options entered into the Company's option database before September 9, 1999, the Company determined the measurement date generally by reference to signed option agreements (or the deemed signature date for certain options as discussed below). The executed option agreements (hereinafter "signed option agreements"), manually signed by the Company's CEO and manually signed and dated by the grantee, constituted an acknowledgement by the grantee and the Company of the grantee's legal entitlement to the grant and, in the absence of authoritative information as to when all the requisites for the establishment of the measurement date had been satisfied, provides a measurement date framework based on entitlement. The Company has restated the compensation expense for stock option grants relating to approximately 1.4 million shares of common stock by using the signed option agreements as the measurement date. The total additional noncash, pre-tax charge for these grants is approximately \$6.4 million, net of forfeitures, amortized over the appropriate vesting period through March 31, 2006, of which \$0.3 million relates to director options, \$3.6 million relates to officer options and \$2.5 million relates to rank and file employee options. The Company believes this methodology was the most appropriate in the absence of sufficient evidence of approvals for these grants as it represents the earliest point in time at which the evidence shows that all requisites for the establishment of the measurement date had been satisfied for these grants. The Company's procedures for evaluating the appropriateness of measurement dates fixed with reference to the dating of signed option agreements included a sensitivity analysis which provided an understanding of the differences between the additional recorded charge for stock-based compensation expense and the charges that would result from using other identified alternative methods for determining measurement dates. The Company's sensitivity analysis included identifying the range of potential grant dates defined by the recorded grant date and the date of the grantee's signature on the stock option agreement for each grant. The Company then identified the low and high closing prices of the common stock within that range of potential grant dates and applied both the low and high closing prices of the common stock to the number of shares granted for which the signed option agreements methodology was utilized to determine the range of potential adjustments to stock-based compensation expense for these grants, which was \$0.03 million to \$9.6 million, net of forfeitures, as compared to the additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants of approximately \$6.4 million, net of forfeitures, included in the Restatement.

In those cases where no reliably-dated signed option agreement could be located and where no post-September 9, 1999 create date exists (stock option grants totaling approximately 0.9 million shares), the Company used the average period between recorded grant date and date of the signatures on all other grantee signed option agreements with the same grant date as the measurement date. For example, if there were four stock option grants with a grant date of January 1, 1996, the Company had the signed option agreements for three of these stock option grants and the average number of days between the grant date and the signature dates of these three signed option agreements was 20 days, January 21, 1996 was used as the measurement date for the grant for which no signed option agreement could be located. The Company has restated the compensation expense for stock option grants relating to approximately 0.7 million shares of common stock using this "average days to sign agreement" method. The total additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants is approximately \$4.4 million, net of forfeitures, amortized over the appropriate vesting period through March 31, 2006, of which \$0.06 million relates to director options, \$4.2 million relates to officer options and \$0.2 million relates to rank and file employee options. The Company believes this methodology was the most appropriate in the absence of sufficient evidence of approvals for these grants because it gives a reasonable approximation of the measurement date related to these options in light of the available evidence. The Company conducted a sensitivity analysis by comparing the Company's current default methodology (i.e., "average days to sign agreement") with another default methodology. For this analysis, the Company identified the range of potential grant dates defined by the earliest signed option agreement and the latest signed option agreement. The Company then identified the low and high closing prices of the common stock over the range of potential grant dates and applied both the low and high closing prices of the common stock to the number of shares granted to determine the range of potential adjustments to stock-based compensation expense for these grants, which was \$2.6 million to \$5.9 million, net of forfeitures. The Company's analyses indicate that stock-based compensation expense computed using other identified alternative default methodologies would not materially differ from stock-based compensation expense computed using the "average days to sign agreement" methodology. The Company's procedures for evaluating the appropriateness of measurement dates fixed with reference to the average days to sign agreements also

included a sensitivity analysis which provided an understanding of the differences between the additional recorded charge for stock-based compensation expense and the charges that would result from using other identified alternative methods for determining measurement dates. The Company's sensitivity analysis included identifying the range of potential grant dates defined by the recorded grant date and the average days to sign agreement for each grant. The Company then identified the low and high closing prices of the common stock within that range of potential grant dates and applied both the low and high closing prices of the common stock to the number of shares granted to determine the range of potential adjustments to stock-based compensation expense for these grants, which was \$0.03 million to \$6.1 million, net of forfeitures, as compared to the additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants of approximately \$4.4 million, net of forfeitures, included in the Restatement.

Given the volatility of the common stock during much of the Review Period, the use of methodologies and measurement dates different from those described above could have resulted in a higher or lower cumulative compensation expense which would have caused net income or loss to be different from the amounts reported in the restated consolidated financial statements. The Company's procedures for evaluating the appropriateness of measurement dates fixed using the default methodologies described above also included a sensitivity analysis which provided an understanding of the differences between the additional recorded charge for stock-based compensation expense and the charges that would result from using other identified alternative methods for determining measurement dates. The Company's sensitivity analysis included identifying the range of potential grant dates defined by the recorded grant date and the appropriate measurement date for each grant. The Company then identified the low and high closing prices of the common stock within that range of potential grant dates and applied both the low and high closing prices of the common stock to the number of shares granted to determine the range of potential adjustments to stock-based compensation expense for these grants, which was \$9.3 million to \$99.3 million, net of forfeitures, as compared to the additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants of approximately \$70.0 million, net of forfeitures, included in the Restatement.

#### Other adjustments through March 31, 2006

From 1994 through 1998, the Company did not properly account for stock options for one officer that were modified after the grant date pursuant to a separation agreement. Some of these modifications were not identified in the Company's financial reporting processes and were therefore not properly reflected in its financial statements. As a result, the Company has recorded a non-cash charge for stock-based compensation of \$1.0 million during Fiscal 1999.

# **Summary**

In summary, the Company recorded cumulative non-cash charges for stock-based compensation of \$70.9 million through March 31, 2006, offset in part by a cumulative income tax benefit of \$27.7 million, for a total after-tax charge of \$43.2 million. These charges had no impact on net sales or cash and cash equivalents as previously reported in the Company's financial statements; as a result, no changes to these items are reflected in the Restatement. Non-cash charges for stock-based compensation expense have been recorded as adjustments to Selling, general & administrative expenses within the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income.

# 1Q07 and 2Q07 Restatement

# Stock-based compensation expense

In addition to the Restatement noted above through March 31, 2006, the Company has recorded additional non-cash charges for stock-based compensation during the first and second quarters of Fiscal 2007 of \$1.6 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, offset in part by income tax benefits of \$0.6 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, or total after-tax charges of \$1.0 million and \$1.4 million, respectively. This charge was recorded to reflect additional non-cash, stock-based compensation expense recognized under the fair value method (SFAS 123(R)) because the exercise price for certain stock option grants prior to, but not vested as of March 31, 2006, differed from the fair market value of the underlying shares on the appropriate measurement date, some of which occurred during Fiscal 2007.

### Accounting for derivatives

On July 26, 2006, the Company entered into an interest rate swap to reduce its exposure from fluctuating interest rates. SFAS 133 requires that all derivative instruments be recorded on the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at their fair value, and that changes in the derivatives' fair value be recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. From inception of the hedge, the Company had applied a method of cash flow hedge accounting under SFAS 133 to account for the interest rate swap that allowed the Company to assume no ineffectiveness in such agreements, called the "short-cut" method.

Subsequently, the Company analyzed its eligibility for the "short-cut" method in light of certain clarifications delivered by the Office of the Chief Accountant of the SEC, and determined that its interest rate swap did not qualify for the "short-cut" method under SFAS 133 because certain prepayment features relating to the underlying actual debt were not identical to those contained in the interest rate swap. Because the Company's documentation at hedge inception reflected the "short-cut" method rather than the "long-haul" method for determining hedge ineffectiveness, the derivative did not meet the requirements for a cash flow hedge. Documentation for the "long-haul" method of accounting at hedge inception cannot be retrospectively applied under SFAS 133. Therefore, fluctuations

in the interest rate swap's fair value should have been recorded through the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income instead of through OCI, which is a component of Stockholders' equity. The adjustment for the second quarter of Fiscal 2007 will decrease reported net income and increase OCI by approximately \$1.4 million. This change in accounting for this derivative instrument could result in significant volatility in the Company's reported net income and earnings per share due to increases and decreases in the fair value of the interest rate swap. However, the derivative instrument remains highly effective and the change in accounting for this derivative instrument does not impact operating cash flows or total Stockholders' equity.

The table below reflects the impact of the additional non-cash charges for stock-based compensation expense and the non-cash charge related to the interest rate swap on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income, including the corresponding cumulative adjustment to Retained earnings as of September 30, 2006 and March 31, 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003 on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. Prior to this Restatement, the Company had not recorded any non-cash stock-based compensation expense in its Consolidated Statements of Income with the exception of \$0.7 million recorded during the second quarter of Fiscal 2005 for a modification of a previous stock option award for a retiring director. All dollar amounts are presented in thousands except per share amounts. Per share amounts may not total due to rounding.

	(As Previously Reported) Net Income	Adjust- ment, Pre-Tax	Income Tax Benefit	Adjust- ment, Net of Tax	(As Restated) Net Income	(As Previously Reported) Diluted EPS	Adjust- ment	(As Restated) Diluted EPS
FY 94	\$ 13,370	\$ 43	\$ (19)	\$ 24	\$ 13,346	\$ 0.83	\$	\$ 0.83
FY 95	14,515	461	(144)	317	14,198	0.89	(0.02)	0.87
FY 96	18,278	406	(151)	255	18,023	1.10	(0.01)	1.09
FY 97	24,792	1,172	(456)	716	24,076	1.40	(0.04)	1.36
FY 98	32,404	3,595	(1,393)	2,202	30,202	1.79	(0.12)	1.67
FY 99	38,145	4,506	(1,732)	2,774	35,371	2.09	(0.15)	1.94
FY 00	48,852	5,778	(2,209)	3,569	45,283	2.60	(0.19)	2.41
FY 01	64,190	10,290	(3,953)	6,337	57,853	3.22	(0.32)	2.90
FY 02	62,042	11,333	(4,381)	6,952	55,090	2.97	(0.33)	2.64
FY 03	48,685	8,927	(2,328)	6,599	42,086	2.39	(0.32)	2.07
Cumulative 03/31/03	\$ 365,273	\$ 46,511	\$ (16,766)	\$ 29,745	\$ 335,528	\$ 19.29	\$ (1.52)	\$ 17.77
FY 04	47,243	8,197	(4,156)	4,041	43,202	2.52	(0.22)	2.30
Cumulative 03/31/04	\$ 412,516	\$ 54,708	\$ (20,922)	\$ 33,786	\$ 378,730	\$ 21.80	\$ (1.73)	\$ 20.07
FY 05	29,912	5,178	(2,312)	2,866	27,046	1.68	(0.16)	1.52
Cumulative 03/31/05	\$ 442,428	\$ 59,886	\$ (23,234)	\$ 36,652	\$ 405,776	\$ 23.48	\$ (1.89)	\$ 21.59
1Q06	7,394	1,120	(442)	678	6,716	0.43	(0.04)	0.39
2Q06	12,797	1,126	(444)	682	12,115	0.43	(0.04)	0.70
3006	12,511	2,431	(959)	1,472	11,039	0.70	(0.08)	0.62
4Q06	4,656	6,368	(2,612)	3,756	900	0.26	(0.21)	0.05
FY 06	\$ 37,358	\$ 11,045	\$ (4,457)	\$ 6,588	\$ 30,770	\$ 2.13	\$ (0.37)	\$ 1.76
Cumulative 03/31/06	\$ 479,786	\$ 70,931	\$ (27,691)	\$ 43,240	\$ 436,546	\$ 25.61	\$ (2.26)	\$ 23.35
1Q07	7,807	1,629	(635)	994	6,813	0.43	(0.06)	0.37
2Q07	13,079	2,210	(806)	1,404	11,675	0.74	(0.08)	0.66
2QYTD07	\$ 20,886	\$ 3,839	\$ (1,441)	\$ 2,398	\$ 18,488	\$ 1.18	\$ (0.14)	\$ 1.04
Cumulative 09/30/06	\$ 500,672	\$ 74,770	\$ (29,132)	\$ 45,638	\$ 455,034	\$ 26.78	\$ (2.39)	\$ 24.39

# **Income Tax Considerations**

In the course of the investigation, the Company determined that a number of officers may have exercised options for which the application of Section 162(m) of the Code may apply. It is possible that these options will be treated as having been granted at less than fair market value for federal income tax purposes because the Company incorrectly applied the measurement date as defined in APB 25. If such options are deemed to have been granted at less than fair market value, pursuant to Section 162(m), any compensation to officers, including proceeds from options exercised in any given tax year, in excess of \$1.0 million will be disallowed as a deduction for tax purposes. The Company estimates that the potential tax effected liability for any such disallowed Section 162(m) deduction would approximate \$3.6 million, which has been recorded as a current liability within Income taxes within the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company may also incur interest and penalties if it were to incur any such tax liability, which could be material.

In addition, the Company is considering the application of Section 409A to those options for which it incorrectly applied the measurement date as defined in APB 25. It is possible that these options will be treated as having been granted at less than fair market value for federal income tax purposes and thus subject to Section 409A. Accordingly, the Company may adopt measures to address the application of Section 409A. The Company does not currently know what impact Section 409A will have, or any such measures, if adopted, would have, on its results of operations, financial position or cash flows, although such impact could be material.

#### **Expenses Incurred by the Company**

The Company has incurred expenses for legal fees and external audit firm fees, in excess of its insurance deductible of \$0.5 million, in Fiscal 2007, in relation to (i) the Audit Committee's review of the Company's historical stock option practices and related accounting for stock option grants, (ii) the informal inquiry and formal order of investigation by the SEC regarding the Company's past stock option practices, (iii) the previously-disclosed derivative action relating to the Company's historical stock option practices filed against the Company as a nominal defendant and certain of the Company's current and former directors and officers, as to whom it may have indemnification obligations and (iv) related matters. Further, the Company has incurred and expects to continue to incur significant additional expense related to the foregoing matters in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008. The Company and the insurance company for its directors' and officers' indemnification insurance are currently in discussions with respect to which of the fees in excess of the deductible will be paid by the insurance company. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that all fees submitted to the insurance company for reimbursement will be reimbursed under the Company's directors' and officers' indemnification insurance.

# **The Company**

Black Box is the world's largest dedicated network infrastructure services provider. Black Box offers one-source network infrastructure services for communication systems. The Company's service offerings include design, installation, integration, monitoring and maintenance of voice, data and integrated communication systems. The Company's primary service offering is voice solutions, while providing premise cabling and other data related services and products. The Company provides 24/7/365 technical support for all of its solutions which encompasses all major voice and data manufacturers as well as 118,000 network infrastructure products that it sells through its catalog and Internet Web site and its Voice and Data services (collectively referred to as "On-Site services") offices. References herein to "Fiscal Year" or "Fiscal" mean the Company's fiscal year ended March 31 for the year referenced.

Management is presented with and reviews revenues and operating income by geographical segment. In addition, revenues and gross profit information by service type are provided herein for purposes of further analysis.

The Company has completed several acquisitions from April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2007 that have had a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements and, more specifically, North America Voice Services for the periods under review. Fiscal 2005 acquisitions include Norstan, Inc. ("Norstan"). Fiscal 2006 acquisitions include (i) Telecommunication Systems Management, Inc. ("TSM"), (ii) GTC Technology Group, Inc. and Technology Supply, Inc. (collectively referred to as "GTC"), (iii) Business Communications, Inc., Bainbridge Communication, Inc., BCI of Tampa, LLC and Networx, L.L.C. (collectively referred to as "BCI"), (iv) Universal Solutions of North America, L.L.C. and related entities ("Universal"), (v) Communication is World InterActive Networking, Inc. ("C=WIN") and (vi) Converged Solutions Group, LLC ("CSG"). Fiscal 2007 acquisitions include (i) USA Commercial and Government and Canadian operations of NextiraOne, LLC ("NextiraOne"), (ii) Nu-Vision Technologies, Inc. and Nu-Vision Technologies, LLC (collectively referred to as "NUVT"), (iii) Nortech Telecommunications, Inc. ("NTI") and (iv) ADS Telecom, Inc. ("ADS"). The acquisitions noted above are collectively referred to as the "Acquired Companies." References to the Acquired Companies within our comparison of Fiscal 2006 and Fiscal 2006 are intended to describe the Acquired Companies from April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2007. References to the Acquired Companies within our comparison of Fiscal 2006 and Fiscal 2005 are intended to describe the Acquired Companies from April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2006. The results of operations of the Acquired Companies are included in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income beginning on their respective acquisition dates.

In connection with certain acquisitions, the Company incurs expenses that it excludes when evaluating the continuing operations of the Company. The following table is included to provide a schedule of the past, current and an estimate of future acquisition-related expenses based on the acquisition activity through March 31, 2007.

			Years Ende	d March 31,		
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Thereafter
Gross profit						
Inventory write-up on acquisitions	\$ 1,028	\$ 1,543	\$	\$	\$	\$
Selling, general & administrative						
Asset write-up depreciation expense on acquisitions	913	450	2,646	2,035	1,844	104
Amortization						
Amortization of intangible assets on acquisitions	759	3,821	10,075	6,177	5,106	61,791
Total	\$ 2,700	\$ 5,814	\$ 12,721	\$ 8,212	\$ 6,950	\$ 61,895

The following table is included to provide a schedule of an estimate of acquisition-related expenses for Fiscal 2008 (by quarter) based on the acquisition activity through March 31, 2007.

	1Q08	2Q08	3Q08	4Q08	FY08
Selling, general & administrative					
Asset write-up depreciation expense on acquisitions	\$ 659	\$ 496	\$ 440	\$ 440	\$ 2,035
Amortization					
Amortization of intangible assets on acquisitions	2,277	1,307	1,307	1,286	6,177
Total	\$ 2,936	\$ 1,803	\$ 1,747	\$ 1,726	\$ 8,212

During the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2006, the Company incurred a pre-tax charge of \$7,065 related to an adjustment of earnings over multiple years, from Fiscal 2003 through Fiscal 2006, from the Company's Italian Operations ("Italian Operations Adjustment"). Of the total charge, \$3,588 was recorded in Cost of Sales and \$3,477 was recorded in Selling, general & administrative expense. The Italian Operations Adjustment resulted from intentional misconduct by certain local operational and financial managers of the Company's Italian Operations acting in collusion with one another for the purpose of overstating local financial results. All involved team members have been terminated and the Company intends to pursue all available legal remedies against these individuals. The misconduct was brought to the Company management's attention by a team member of the Italian Operations pursuant to the Company's "Open Door" Policy. Company management responded by immediately suspending the management team of the Italian Operations and conducting a full investigation of the matter. The Company believes that all accounting irregularities have been identified, corrective action taken and that the Italian Operations Adjustment captures all necessary corrections.

The Company's management concluded, with the concurrence of the Audit Committee, that the impact of the Italian Operations Adjustment was not material to the Company's consolidated financial statements for any interim or annual period between Fiscal 2003 through Fiscal 2006. In reaching this conclusion, the Company reviewed and analyzed the SEC's Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") No. 99, "Materiality," in order to determine that the impact was not material on a quantitative or qualitative basis to any one period. As a result, the Company recorded a cumulative adjustment in the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2006.

Information on revenues and operating income by reportable geographic segment (North America, Europe and All Other) is presented below. The tables below should be read in conjunction with the following discussion. The additional non-cash charges for stock-based compensation expense was recorded in Selling, general & administrative expenses which is included in the Company's measure of Operating Income. *See* Note 3 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

				Y	ear Ended M	Iarch 31,			
		2007			(As Rest 2006			(As Rest 2005	
		\$	% of total revenue		\$	% of total revenue		\$	% of total revenue
Revenues									
North America	\$	850,088	83.7%	\$	564,700	78.3%	\$	355,013	66.3%
Europe		129,278	12.7%		120,051	16.6%		142,838	26.7%
All Other		36,944	3.6%		36,584	5.1%		37,225	7.0%
Total	\$	1,016,310	100%		721,335	100%	\$	535,076	100%
Operating income									
North America	\$	49,481		\$	42,505		\$	21,620	
% of North America revenues		5.8%			7.5%			6.1%	
Europe	\$	16,442		\$	5,518		\$	13,639	
% of Europe revenues		12.7%			4.6%			9.5%	
All Other	\$	7,426		\$	7,127		\$	8,099	
% of All Other revenues	_	20.1%		_	19.5%			21.8%	
Total	\$	73,349	7.2%	\$	55,150	7.6%	\$	43,358	8.1%
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Reconciling items	Φ	24.705		ф	10.407		Φ	16004	
North America	\$	24,785		\$	18,407		\$	16,334	
Europe					10,807			1,003	
All Other			2.40:	_		4.00:	Φ.	15.005	0.5
Total	\$	24,785	2.4%	\$	29,214	4.0%	\$	17,337	3.2%

Information on revenues and gross profit by service type (Data Services, Voice Services and Hotline Services) is presented below. The additional non-cash charges for stock-based compensation expense were recorded in Selling, general & administrative expenses which is not included in the Company's measure of Gross Profit and therefore does not impact the following table or the corresponding discussions.

				Ye	ar Ended Ma	arch 31,		
		2007			2000	6	200:	5
		\$	% of total revenue		\$	% of total revenue	\$	% of total revenue
Revenues								
Data Services	\$	182,129	17.9%	\$	196,585	27.2%	\$ 200,935	37.6%
Voice Services		611,278	60.2%		310,804	43.1%	106,540	19.9%
Hotline Services		222,903	21.9%		213,946	29.7%	 227,601	42.5%
Total	\$	1,016,310	100%	\$	721,335	100%	\$ 535,076	100%
Gross profit								
Data Services	\$	55,598		\$	57,068		\$ 59,354	
% of Data Services revenues		30.5%			29.0%		29.5%	
Voice Services	\$	209,268		\$	119,556		\$ 36,255	
% of Voice Services revenues		34.2%			38.5%		34.0%	
Hotline Services	\$	109,123		\$	105,726		\$ 119,320	
% of Hotline Services revenues		49.0%		_	49.4%		 52.4%	
Total	\$	373,989	36.8%	\$	282,350	39.1%	\$ 214,929	40.2%
Reconciling items								
Data Services	\$			\$	2,071		\$ 	
Voice Services	·				´			
Hotline Services					1,517			
Total	\$			\$	3,588	0.5%		

The Company has received notification that its distribution agreement with Avaya, Inc. will be terminated effective September 8, 2007. The Company is in discussions with Avaya concerning the future business relationship of the parties and the handling of key accounts. The Company is evaluating the potential financial impact of this event as well as potential business strategies to minimize such impact. The Company currently anticipates that this impact will not have a material impact on its Fiscal 2008 operating results.

# Fiscal 2007 Compared To Fiscal 2006

# **Total Revenues**

Total revenues for Fiscal 2007 were \$1,016,310, an increase of 41% compared to total revenues for Fiscal 2006 of \$721,335. The increase was primarily due to the incremental revenue from the Acquired Companies, which added \$367,211 and \$52,427 for Fiscal 2007 and Fiscal 2006, respectively. Excluding the effects of the acquisitions and the positive exchange rate impact of \$7,956 relative to the U.S. dollar, total revenues would have decreased 4% from \$668,908 to \$641,143 for the reasons discussed below.

# **Revenues by Geography**

# North America

Revenues in North America for Fiscal 2007 were \$850,088, an increase of 51% compared to revenues for Fiscal 2006 of \$564,700. The increase was primarily due to the incremental revenue from the Acquired Companies, which added \$367,211 and \$52,427 for Fiscal 2007 and Fiscal 2006, respectively. Excluding the effects of the acquisitions and the positive exchange rate impact of \$1,009 relative to the U.S. dollar, North American revenues would have decreased 6% from \$512,273 to \$481,868. The Company believes the decrease is due to the completion of several nonrecurring projects; offset in part by success in the Company's Data, Voice and Hotline ("DVH") cross-selling initiatives.

## **Europe**

Revenues in Europe for Fiscal 2007 were \$129,278, an increase of 8% compared to revenues for Fiscal 2006 of \$120,051. Excluding the positive exchange rate impact of \$7,078 relative to the U.S. dollar, Europe revenues would have increased 2% from \$120,051 to \$122,200. The Company believes the increase is due to the success in the Company's DVH cross-selling initiatives.

# All Other Revenues

Revenues for All Other for Fiscal 2007 were \$36,944, an increase of 1% compared to revenues for Fiscal 2006 of \$36,584. Excluding the negative exchange rate impact of \$131 relative to the U.S. dollar, All Other revenues would have increased 1% from \$36,584 to \$37,075.

# Revenue by Service Type

# Data Services

Revenues from Data Services for Fiscal 2007 were \$182,129, a decrease of 7% compared to revenues for Fiscal 2006 of \$196,585. Excluding the positive exchange rate impact of \$3,351 relative to the U.S. dollar for its International Data Services, Data Service revenues would have decreased 9% from \$196,585 to \$178,778. The Company believes the decrease in Data Services revenues was due to the completion of several nonrecurring projects.

# Voice Services

Revenues from Voice Services for Fiscal 2007 were \$611,278, an increase of 97% compared to revenues for Fiscal 2006 of \$310,804. The increase was primarily due to the incremental revenue from the Acquired Companies, which added \$367,211 and \$52,427 for Fiscal 2007 and Fiscal 2006, respectively. Excluding the effects of the acquisitions, Voice Services revenues would have decreased 6% from \$258,377 to \$244,067. The Company believes that this decrease in Voice Services revenues is primarily due to the completion of several nonrecurring projects and planned post-merger client attrition from the acquisition of Norstan in the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2005. There was no exchange rate impact on Voice Service revenues as all of the Company's Voice Services revenue is denominated in U.S. dollars.

# **Hotline Services**

Revenues from Hotline Services for Fiscal 2007 were \$222,903, an increase of 4% compared to revenues for Fiscal 2006 of \$213,946. Excluding the positive exchange rate impact of \$4,587 relative to the U.S. dollar for its International Hotline Services, Hotline Service revenues would have increased 2% from \$213,946 to \$218,316. The Company believes this increase is primarily due to the success in the Company's DVH cross-selling initiatives.

#### **Gross Profit**

Gross profit dollars for Fiscal 2007 were \$373,989, an increase of 32% compared to gross profit dollars for Fiscal 2006 of \$282,350. The Company believes the increase in gross profit dollars was primarily due to the acquisition of the Acquired Companies. Gross profit as a percent of revenues for Fiscal 2007 was 36.8%, a decrease of 2.3% compared to gross profit as a percentage of revenues for Fiscal 2006 of 39.1%. The Company believes the percent decrease was due primarily to the impact of lower gross profit in its Voice Services segment driven by the acquisition of NextiraOne, partially offset by certain non-cash or non-operating expenses incurred by the Company during Fiscal 2006, including \$1,543 of inventory write-ups due to acquisitions and \$3,588 for the Italian Operations Adjustment (discussed above) for which there were no comparable expenses for Fiscal 2007.

Gross profit dollars for Data Services for Fiscal 2007 were \$55,598, or 30.5% of revenues, compared to gross profit dollars for Fiscal 2006 of \$57,068, or 29.0% of revenues. Gross profit dollars for Voice Services for Fiscal 2007 were \$209,268, or 34.2% of revenues, compared to gross profit dollars for Fiscal 2006 of \$119,556, or 38.5% of revenues. Gross profit dollars for Hotline Services for Fiscal 2007 were \$109,123, or 49.0% of revenues, compared to gross profit dollars for Fiscal 2006 of \$105,726, or 49.4% of revenues.

# **Selling, General & Administrative Expenses**

Selling, general & administrative expenses for Fiscal 2007 were \$290,355, an increase of \$73,444 compared to Selling, general & administrative expense for Fiscal 2006 of \$216,911. The increase in Selling, general & administrative expense dollars over the prior year was due primarily to the Acquired Companies. Selling, general & administrative expense as a percent of revenue for Fiscal 2007 were 28.6% compared to 30.1% for Fiscal 2006. During Fiscal 2006, the Company incurred \$3,477 for the Italian Operations Adjustment (discussed above) for which there was no comparable expense during Fiscal 2007. The decrease in Selling, general & administrative expense as a percent of revenue was due primarily to lower Selling, general & administrative expense as a percent of revenues related to the Acquired Companies and a decrease in non-cash stock-based compensation expense of \$1,737, partially offset by non-cash or non-operating expenses of \$2,196 for depreciation expense on asset write-ups due to acquisitions and \$1,777 for employee severance.

# **Restructuring and Other Charges**

The Company did not record any restructuring charges during Fiscal 2007. During the first quarter of Fiscal 2006, the Company recorded a restructuring charge of \$5,290. This charge was comprised of \$3,473 for staffing level adjustments and \$1,817 for real estate consolidations in Europe and North America. Of this charge, \$3,742 and \$1,548 related to Europe and North America, respectively. *See* Note 11 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

#### **Intangibles Amortization**

Intangibles amortization for Fiscal 2007 was \$10,285, an increase of \$5,286 compared to intangible amortization for Fiscal 2006 of \$4,999. The increase was primarily attributable to the amortization of intangible assets acquired through the purchase of the Acquired Companies. *See* Note 7 and 10 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

#### **Operating Income**

Operating income for Fiscal 2007 was \$73,349, or 7.2% of revenues, an increase of \$18,199 compared to operating income for Fiscal 2006 of \$55,150, or 7.6% of revenues.

# **Interest Expense, Net**

Net interest expense for Fiscal 2007 was \$18,407, an increase of \$9,284 compared to net interest expense for Fiscal 2006 of \$9,123. The increase in interest expense is due to an increase in the weighted average outstanding debt and weighted average interest rate from approximately \$155,898 and 5.1% for Fiscal 2006, respectively, to approximately \$253,129 and 6.2% for Fiscal 2007, respectively. The increase in debt relates primarily to the acquisitions of NextiraOne and NUVT during the first quarter of Fiscal 2007. Also included in interest expense for Fiscal 2007 is \$1,734 related to the change in fair value of the Company's interest rate swap.

# **Provision for Income Taxes**

The tax provision for Fiscal 2007 was \$19,291, an effective tax rate of 35.1%. This compares to the tax provision for Fiscal 2006 of \$15,221, an effective tax rate of 33.1%. The tax rate for Fiscal 2007 was higher than Fiscal 2006 due to the impact of book stock option expense and the associated tax asset and changes in the overall mix of taxable income among worldwide offices. The Company anticipates that its deferred tax asset is realizable in the foreseeable future.

#### **Net Income**

As a result of the foregoing, net income for Fiscal 2007 was \$35,609, or 3.5% of revenues, compared to net income for Fiscal 2006 of \$30,770, or 4.3% of revenues.

#### Fiscal 2006 Compared To Fiscal 2005

#### **Total Revenues**

Total revenues for Fiscal 2006 were \$721,335, an increase of 35% compared to total revenues for Fiscal 2005 of \$535,076. The increase was primarily due to the incremental revenue from the Acquired Companies, which added \$227,313 and \$35,208 for Fiscal 2006 and Fiscal 2005, respectively. Excluding the effects of the acquisitions and the negative exchange rate impact of \$4,321 relative to the U.S. dollar, total revenues would have decreased less than 1% from \$499,868 to \$498,343 for the reasons discussed below.

# **Revenues by Geography**

# North America

Revenues in North America for Fiscal 2006 were \$564,700, an increase of 59% compared to revenues for Fiscal 2005 of \$355,013. The increase was primarily due to the incremental revenue from the Acquired Companies, which added \$227,313 and \$35,208 for Fiscal 2006 and Fiscal 2005, respectively. Excluding the effects of the acquisitions and the negative exchange rate impact of \$281 relative to the U.S. dollar, North American revenues would have increased 6% from \$319,805 to \$337,668. The Company believes this increase was generally due to the increased demand for Data and Voice Services and success in the Company's DVH cross-selling initiatives.

#### Europe

Revenues in Europe for Fiscal 2006 were \$120,051, a decrease of 16% compared to revenues for Fiscal 2005 of \$142,838. Excluding the negative exchange rate impact of \$4,046 relative to the U.S. dollar, Europe revenues would have decreased 13% from \$142,838 to \$124,097. The Company believes the decrease was due to the weak general economic conditions that affected client demand and the Italian Operations Adjustment.

# All Other

Revenues for All Other for Fiscal 2006 were \$36,584, a decrease of 2% compared to revenues for Fiscal 2005 of \$37,225. Excluding the negative exchange rate impact of \$556 relative to the U.S. dollar, All Other revenues would have decreased less than 1%.

#### **Revenue by Service Type**

# Data Services

Revenues from Data Services for Fiscal 2006 were \$196,585, a decrease of 2% compared to revenues for Fiscal 2005 of \$200,935. Excluding the negative exchange rate impact of \$1,357 relative to the U.S. dollar for its International Data Services, Data Service revenues would have decreased 1% from \$200,935 to \$197,942. The Company believes the decline in Data Services revenues was driven by weak general economic conditions in the European market and the Italian Operations Adjustment.

#### Voice Services

Revenues from Voice Services for Fiscal 2006 were \$310,804, an increase of 192% compared to revenues for Fiscal 2005 of \$106,540. The increase was primarily due to the incremental revenue from the Acquired Companies, which added \$227,313 and \$35,208 for Fiscal 2006 and Fiscal 2005, respectively. Excluding the effects of the acquisitions, Voice Services revenues would have increased 17% from \$71,332 to \$83,491. The Company believes the increase in Voice Services revenues was driven by increased client demands and the Company's ability to successfully cross-sell its DVH services to existing customers. There was no exchange rate impact on Voice Services revenues as all of the Company's Voice Services revenue is denominated in U.S. dollars.

# **Hotline Services**

Revenues from Hotline Services for Fiscal 2006 were \$213,946, a decrease of 6% compared to revenues for Fiscal 2005 of \$227,601. Excluding the negative exchange rate impact of \$2,966 relative to the U.S. dollar for its International Hotline Services, Hotline Services revenues would have decreased 5% from \$227,601 to \$216,912. The Company believes the decline in Hotline Services revenues was driven by weak general economic conditions in the European market and the Italian Operations Adjustment.

#### **Gross Profit**

Gross profit dollars for Fiscal 2006 were \$282,350, an increase of 31% compared to gross profit dollars for Fiscal 2005 of \$214,929. The Company believes the increase in gross profit dollars was primarily due to the acquisition of the Acquired Companies, offset in part by the Italian Operations Adjustment. Gross profit as a percent of revenues for Fiscal 2006 was 39.1%, a decrease of 1.1% compared to gross profit as a percentage of revenues for Fiscal 2005 of 40.2%. The Company believes the percent decrease was primarily related to a lower gross profit percent in Hotline Services and the Italian Operations Adjustment.

Gross profit dollars for Data Services for Fiscal 2006 were \$57,068, or 29.0% of revenues, compared to gross profit dollars for Fiscal 2005 of \$59,354, or 29.5% of revenues. Gross profit dollars for Voice Services for Fiscal 2006 were \$119,556, or 38.5% of revenues, compared to gross profit dollars for Fiscal 2005 of \$36,255, or 34.0% of revenues. Gross profit dollars for Hotline Services for Fiscal 2006 were \$105,726, or 49.4% of revenues, compared to gross profit dollars for Fiscal 2005 of \$119,320, or 52.4% of revenues.

# Selling, General & Administrative Expenses

Selling, general & administrative expenses for Fiscal 2006 were \$216,911, an increase of \$51,731 compared to Selling, general & administrative expenses for Fiscal 2005 of \$165,180. The dollar increase is primarily due to the acquisition of the Acquired Companies offset in part by lower expenses as a result of execution of a previously announced restructuring plan. Selling, general & administrative expenses as a percent of revenue for Fiscal 2006 were 30.1% compared to 30.9% for Fiscal 2005, which included an increase in non-cash stock-based compensation expense of \$5,187. During Fiscal 2006, the Company incurred \$3,477 for the Italian Operations Adjustment (discussed above) for which there was no comparable expense during Fiscal 2005.

# **Restructuring and Other Charges**

During the first quarter of Fiscal 2006, the Company recorded a restructuring charge of \$5,290. This charge was comprised of \$3,473 for staffing level adjustments and \$1,817 for real estate consolidations in Europe and North America. Of this charge, \$3,742 and \$1,548 related to Europe and North America, respectively. *See* Note 11 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

During the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2005, the Company recorded a restructuring charge of \$5,059. This charge was comprised of \$3,019 for staffing level adjustments and for real estate consolidations in Europe and North America and \$2,040 for the satisfaction of a previously-disclosed litigation judgment. Of this charge, \$4,056 and \$1,003 related to North America and Europe, respectively. *See* Note 17 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

# **Intangibles Amortization**

Intangibles amortization for Fiscal 2006 was \$4,999, an increase of \$3,667 compared to intangible amortization for Fiscal 2005 of \$1,332. The increase was primarily attributable to the amortization of intangible assets acquired through the purchase of the Acquired Companies. *See* Note 7 and 10 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

# **Operating Income**

Operating income for Fiscal 2006 was \$55,150, or 7.6% of revenues, an increase of 27% compared to operating income for Fiscal 2005 of \$43,358, or 8.1% of revenues.

# **Interest Expense, Net**

Net interest expense for Fiscal 2006 was \$9,123, an increase of 231% compared to net interest expense for Fiscal 2005 of \$2,755 due to an increase in the weighted average outstanding debt of \$80,921 from \$74,977 for Fiscal 2005 to \$155,898 for Fiscal 2006. The increase in debt relates primarily to the Acquired Companies during Fiscal 2006. Additionally, the weighted average interest rate on outstanding debt for Fiscal 2006 was 5.10% compared to the Fiscal 2005 rate of 2.98%.

# **Provision for Income Taxes**

The tax provision for Fiscal 2006 was \$15,221, an effective tax rate of 33.1%. This compares to the tax provision for Fiscal 2005 of \$13,442, an effective tax rate of 33.2%. The tax rate for Fiscal 2006 was lower than that for Fiscal 2005 due to the impact of book stock option expense and the associated tax asset. The annual effective tax rate is lower than the U.S. statutory rate of 35.0% primarily due to foreign income taxes at rates lower than 35.0%. The Company anticipates that its deferred tax asset is realizable in the foreseeable future.

#### **Net Income**

As a result of the foregoing, net income for Fiscal 2006 was \$30,770, or 4.3% of revenues, compared to net income for Fiscal 2005 of \$27,046, or 5.1% of revenues.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

#### **Cash Flows from Operating Activities**

Net cash provided by operating activities for Fiscal 2007 was \$36,636. Significant factors contributing to a source of cash were: net income of \$35,609 inclusive of non-cash charges of \$22,610, \$9,308 and \$1,734 for amortization / depreciation expense, stock-based compensation expense and change in fair value of interest rate swap, respectively; a decrease in other current assets of \$6,126; a decrease in accounts receivable of \$19,202 inclusive of a non-cash contract adjustment of \$18,400; and an increase in billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts of \$3,304. Significant factors contributing to a use of cash were: an increase in costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts and net inventory of \$13,323 and \$3,595, respectively; a decrease in the short and long term restructuring reserve of \$17,913; a decrease of deferred revenue of \$19,369, inclusive of a non-cash contract adjustment of \$18,400; and an offset of \$5,269 related to accrued acquisition costs, which have not been recognized as Investing Activities at year-end. Changes in the above accounts are based on an average Fiscal 2007 exchange rate.

Net cash provided by operating activities for Fiscal 2006 was \$51,797. Significant factors contributing to a source of cash were: net income of \$30,770, inclusive of non-cash charges of \$13,930 and \$11,045 for amortization / depreciation expense and stock compensation expense, respectively; a decrease in accounts receivable and costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts of \$9,369 and \$3,573, respectively; and a decrease in net inventory consistent with efforts to increase inventory turns. Significant factors contributing to a use of cash were: a decrease in the short and long term restructuring reserve of \$5,948; a decrease of deferred revenue and billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts of \$3,267; and an offset of \$5,825 related to accrued acquisition costs, which have not been recognized as Investing Activities at year-end. Changes in the above accounts are based on an average Fiscal 2006 exchange rate.

Net cash provided by operating activities for Fiscal 2005 was \$52,206. Significant factors contributing to a source of cash were: net income of \$27,046 inclusive of non-cash charges of \$7,955 and \$5,858 for amortization / depreciation expense and stock compensation expense, respectively; a decrease in accounts receivable and costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts of \$8,878 and \$7,635, respectively, consistent with the decrease in revenue; and an increase in billings/collections efforts. Changes in the above accounts are based on an average Fiscal 2005 exchange rate.

As of March 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$17,157, \$11,207 and \$11,592, respectively, working capital of \$117,059, \$99,669 and \$108,948, respectively, and a current ratio of 1.52, 1.76 and 1.85, respectively.

The Company believes that its cash provided by operating activities and availability under its credit facility will be sufficient to fund the Company's working capital requirements, capital expenditures, dividend program, potential stock repurchases, potential future acquisitions or strategic investments and other cash needs for the next 12 months.

# **Investing Activities**

Net cash used by investing activities during Fiscal 2007 was \$134,909. Significant factors contributing to a use of cash were: \$5,886 for gross capital expenditures and \$127,716 to acquire NextiraOne, NUVT, NTI and ADS. *See* Note 10 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details regarding these acquisitions.

Net cash used by investing activities during Fiscal 2006 was \$43,730. Significant factors contributing to a use of cash were: \$4,115 for gross capital expenditures and \$40,682 to acquire TSM, GTC, BCI, Universal, C=WIN and CSG. See Note 10 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details regarding these acquisitions.

Net cash used by investing activities during Fiscal 2005 was \$104,765. Significant factors contributing to a use of cash were: \$3,506 for gross capital expenditures and \$102,553 to acquire Norstan. *See* Note 10 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details regarding this acquisition.

# **Financing Activities**

Net cash provided by financing activities during Fiscal 2007 was \$104,703. Significant factors contributing to the cash inflow were \$114,175 of net borrowings on long term debt and \$14,970 of proceeds from the exercise of stock options. Significant uses of cash were \$20,209 for the repurchase of common stock and \$4,203 for the payment of dividends.

Net cash used in financing activities during Fiscal 2006 was \$7,978. Significant factors contributing to the cash outflow were \$26,107 in long term debt payments and \$4,094 for the payment of dividends. Significant factors contributing to the cash inflow was \$23,320 from the exercise of stock options.

Net cash provided by financing activities during Fiscal 2005 was \$55,800. Significant factors contributing to the cash inflow were \$110,450 of net borrowings on long term debt and \$7,919 of proceeds from the exercise of stock options. Significant uses of cash were \$56,912 for the repurchase of common stock and \$3,847 for the payment of dividends.

#### **Total Debt**

Revolving Credit Agreement - The Company has entered into the Credit Agreement with Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania, as agent, and a group of lenders. The Credit Agreement expires on March 28, 2011. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement are permitted up to a maximum amount of \$310,000, which includes up to \$15,000 of swing line loans and \$25,000 of letters of credit. The Credit Agreement may be increased by the Company up to an additional \$90,000 with the approval of the lenders and may be unilaterally and permanently reduced by the Company to not less than the then outstanding amount of all borrowings. Interest on outstanding indebtedness under the Credit Agreement accrues, at the Company's option, at a rate based on either: (a) the greater of (i) the prime rate per annum of the agent then in effect and (ii) 0.50% plus the rate per annum announced by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as being the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions arranged by Federal funds brokers on the previous trading day or (b) a rate per annum equal to the LIBOR rate plus 0.75% to 1.25% (determined by a leverage ratio based on the Company's EBITDA). The Credit Agreement requires the Company to maintain compliance with certain non-financial and financial covenants such as minimum net worth, leverage and fixed charge coverage ratios. As of March 31, 2007, the Company was in compliance with all financial covenants under the Credit Agreement.

For Fiscal 2007, the Company increased net borrowings under the Credit Agreement by approximately \$115,412. The Company primarily utilized the proceeds from net borrowings to fund the acquisitions of NextiraOne and NUVT during the first quarter of Fiscal 2007, NTI during the third quarter of Fiscal 2007 and ADS during the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2007 and to repurchase the common stock during the second and third quarters of Fiscal 2007.

As of March 31, 2007, the Company had total debt outstanding of \$240,614. Total debt was comprised of \$236,715 outstanding under the Credit Agreement, \$1,734 for the fair value of an interest rate swap, \$2,123 of obligations under capital leases and \$42 of various other third-party, non-employee loans. The maximum amount of debt outstanding under the Credit Agreement, the weighted average balance outstanding under the Credit Agreement and the weighted average interest rate on all outstanding debt for Fiscal 2007 was \$284,470, \$253,129 and 6.2%, respectively, compared to \$173,535, \$155,898 and 5.1%, respectively, for Fiscal 2006.

# **Dividends**

Fiscal 2007 - During each of the four (4) quarters in Fiscal 2007, the Board declared cash dividends of \$0.06 (\$0.24 for Fiscal 2007) per share on all outstanding shares of the common stock at the close of business on June 30, 2006, September 29, 2006, December 29, 2006 and March 30, 2007. The dividends totaled \$4,200 (including \$1,052 for the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2007) and were paid on July 14, 2006, October 13, 2006, January 15, 2007 and April 16, 2007.

Fiscal 2006 - During each of the four (4) quarters in Fiscal 2006, the Board declared cash dividends of \$0.06 (\$0.24 for Fiscal 2006) per share on all outstanding shares of the common stock at the close of business on June 30, 2005, September 30, 2005, December 30, 2005 and March 31, 2006. The dividends totaled \$4,137 (including \$1,055 for the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2006) and were paid on July 15, 2005, October 14, 2005, January 13, 2006 and April 14, 2006.

Fiscal 2005 - During Fiscal 2005, the Board declared cash dividends of \$0.22 per share for a total dividend payout of \$3,955.

While the Company expects to continue to declare dividends for the foreseeable future, there can be no assurance as to the timing or amount of such dividends.

# Repurchase of Common Stock

Fiscal 2007 - During Fiscal 2007, the Company repurchased 500,712 shares of its common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$20,209, or an average purchase price per share of \$40.36.

Fiscal 2006 - During Fiscal 2006, the Company repurchased 565 shares of its common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$27, or an average purchase price per share of \$47.45.

Fiscal 2005 - During Fiscal 2005, the Company repurchased 1,400,486 shares of its common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$56,912, or an average purchase price per share of \$40.64.

Since the inception of the repurchase program in April 1999 through March 31, 2007, the Company has repurchased 7,436,111 shares for an aggregate purchase price of \$317,033, or an average purchase price per share of \$42.63. As of March 31, 2007, 1,063,889 shares were available under repurchase programs approved by the Board. Additional repurchases of common stock may occur from time to time depending upon factors such as the Company's cash flows and general market conditions. While the Company expects to continue to repurchase shares of the common stock for the foreseeable future, there can be no assurance as to the timing or amount of such repurchases. Under the Company's Credit Agreement, the Company is permitted to repurchase its common stock as long as no Event of Default or Potential Default (each as defined in the Credit Agreement) occurs or is continuing.

# **Contractual Obligations**

The Company has various contractual obligations and commitments to make future payments including debt agreements, operating and capital lease obligations and discounted lease rental commitments.

The following table summarizes significant contractual obligations and commitments of the Company as of March 31, 2007. Except as set forth in the following table, the Company does not have any material long-term purchase obligations or other long-term liabilities that are reflected on its balance sheet as of March 31, 2007:

		Pay	yments Due by Po	eriod	
	Less than 1			More than	_
	year	1-3 years	3-5 years	5 years	Total
Long-term debt obligations	\$	\$	\$ 236,715	\$	\$ 236,715
Interest expense on long-term debt	15,847	31,695	15,782		63,324
Capital lease obligations	686	1,193	286		2,165
Operating lease obligations	29,825	35,436	14,880	3,561	83,702
Total contractual obligations	\$ 46,358	\$ 68,324	\$ 267,663	\$ 3,561	\$ 385,906

The estimated interest expense payments reflected in the table above are based on both the amount outstanding under the credit facility and the weighted average interest rate in effect as of March 31, 2007.

As of March 31, 2007, the Company had commercial commitments of \$4,009, which are generally due within the next twelve months.

# **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a current or future effect on its financial condition, changes in its financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources, other than those disclosed above, that are material to investors.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

The Company's consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which require the Company to make estimates and assumptions that may affect the reported financial condition and results of operations should actual results differ. The Company bases its estimates and assumptions on the best available information and believes them to be reasonable for the circumstances. The Company's significant accounting policies are described in Note 2 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements. The Company believes that of its significant accounting policies, the following may involve a higher degree of judgment and complexity.

# Allowance for doubtful accounts receivable

The Company records an allowance for doubtful accounts receivable as an offset to accounts receivable in order to present a net balance the Company believes will be collected. This allowance is based on both recent trends of certain accounts receivable ("specific reserve") estimated to be a greater credit risk as well as general trends of the entire accounts receivable pool ("general reserve"). The Company computes a specific reserve by identifying specifically at-risk accounts receivable and applying historic reserve factors to the outstanding balance. The Company computes a general reserve by reviewing the accounts receivable aging and applying reserve factors based upon the age of the account receivable. If our estimate of uncollectible accounts receivable should prove inaccurate at some future date, the results of operations for the period could be materially affected by any necessary correction to the allowance for doubtful accounts.

#### **Inventories**

The Company's inventory is valued at the lower of cost or market value and has been reduced by an allowance for excess and obsolete inventories. The Company records an estimate for slow moving and obsolete inventory ("inventory reserve") based upon product knowledge, physical inventory observation, future demand, market conditions and an aging analysis of the inventory on hand. If actual market conditions are less favorable than those projected by management at some future date, the results of operations for the period could be materially affected by any necessary correction to the inventory reserve.

#### **Deferred Income Taxes**

The Company records deferred income tax assets and liabilities in its Consolidated Balance Sheets related to events that impact our financial statements and tax returns in different periods. Deferred tax asset and liability balances are computed by identifying differences between the book basis and tax basis of assets and liabilities ("temporary differences") which are multiplied by the current tax rate. A valuation allowance is provided on deferred tax assets if it is determined that it is more likely than not that the asset will not be realized. If the Company's estimate of the realizable deferred tax assets should prove inaccurate at some future date, the results of operations for the period could be materially affected by any necessary correction to the deferred tax asset allowance.

# **Long-Lived Assets other than Goodwill**

The Company reviews long-lived assets, including property, plant, equipment and indefinite / definite lived intangibles for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If the sum of the estimated future cash flows (undiscounted) expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of an asset is less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognized. Measurement of an impairment loss is based on the fair value of the asset. No impairments of long-lived assets have been identified during any of the periods presented.

# Goodwill

The Company's Goodwill is subject to, at a minimum, an annual impairment assessment of its carrying value. Goodwill impairment is deemed to exist if the net book value of a reporting unit exceeds its estimated fair value. Estimated fair values of the reporting units are estimated using an earnings model and a discounted cash flow valuation model. The discounted cash flow model incorporates the Company's estimates of future cash flows, allocations of certain assets and cash flows among reporting units, future growth rates and management's judgment regarding the applicable discount rates used to discount those estimated cash flows. If the Company's estimates and assumptions used in the discounted cash flow valuation model should prove inaccurate at some future date, the results of operations for the period could be materially affected by an impairment of goodwill. No impairment of goodwill has been identified during any of the periods presented.

# **Loss Contingencies**

The Company incurs contingencies as a normal part of its business operations, such as future warranty obligations and potential liabilities relating to legal or regulatory matters. The Company accrues for contingent obligations when a loss is probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated.

# **Restructuring Costs**

The Company accrues the cost of restructuring activities in accordance with the appropriate accounting guidance depending upon the facts and circumstances surrounding the situation. The Company exercises its judgment in estimating the total costs of each of these activities. As these activities are implemented, the actual costs may differ from the estimated costs due to changes in the facts and circumstances that were not foreseen at the time of the initial cost accrual.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

Within the Company's Hotline Services, revenues are recognized when title to products sold passes to the customer, which generally occurs upon shipment from the Company's location.

Within the Company's Data Services and Voice Services segments, revenues are recognized from maintenance service contracts, moves, adds and changes and network integration services, when the services are provided. Service contracts are generally pre-billed and are reflected on the balance sheet as deferred revenue and are generally recognized over the service period on a straight-line basis. Revenues from the sale and installation of products and systems are recognized using the percentage-of-completion method based upon the proportion of actual costs incurred to estimated total costs. At the time a loss on a contract becomes known, the entire

amount of the estimated loss is recognized immediately in the financial statements. The Company has historically made reasonably accurate estimates of the extent of progress towards completion, contract revenues and contract costs on its long-term contracts. However, due to uncertainties inherent in the estimation process, actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

# **Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

In February, 2007, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued SFAS No. 159, " *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities—Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115*" ("SFAS 159"). SFAS 159 permits an entity to elect to measure eligible items at fair value ("fair value option") including many financial instruments. The provisions of SFAS 159 are effective for the Company as of April 1, 2008. If the fair value option is elected, the Company will report unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. Upfront costs and fees related to items for which the fair value option is elected shall be recognized in earnings as incurred and not deferred. The fair value option may be applied for a single eligible item without electing it for other identical items, with certain exceptions, and must be applied to the entire eligible item and not to a portion of the eligible item. The Company is currently evaluating the irrevocable election of the fair value option pursuant to SFAS 159.

#### Prior Year Misstatements on Current Year Financial Statements

In September, 2006, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108 ("SAB 108"), "Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements." SAB 108 provides interpretive guidance on how the effects of prior year uncorrected misstatements should be considered when quantifying misstatements in current year financial statements for the purpose of a materiality assessment. SAB 108 is effective as of the Company's fiscal year end March 31, 2007. The Company adopted SAB 108 as of March 31, 2007. The adoption of SAB 108 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

# Fair Value Measurements

In September, 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements" ("SFAS 157"), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 is effective for the Company beginning on April 1, 2008. The Company is evaluating the impact of the adoption of SFAS 157 on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

# Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans

In September, 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 158, "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans" ("SFAS 158"). This standard requires, among other things, companies to recognize on the balance sheet the funded or unfunded status of pension and other postretirement benefit plans and to recognize the change in funded status in the period the change occurs through comprehensive income. The provisions of SFAS 158 are effective as of the Company's fiscal year ended March 31, 2007. The Company adopted SFAS 158 as of March 31, 2007. The Company adopted SFAS 158 as of March 31, 2007. The adoption of SFAS 158 had no impact on the Company's Statement of Operations on the date of adoption. However, the Company did record a liability of \$3,452 representing the unfunded portion of the CWA Plan included in Other liabilities within the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets and an unrecognized gain of \$2,717 (\$1,670 net of tax) into OCI.

#### Uncertainty in Income Taxes

In July, 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes" ("FIN 48"). FIN 48 requires that realization of an uncertain income tax position must be "more likely than not" (i.e., greater than 50% likelihood of receiving a benefit) before it can be recognized in the financial statements. Further, FIN 48 prescribes the benefit to be recorded in the financial statements as the amount most likely to be realized assuming a review by tax authorities having all relevant information and applying current conventions. FIN 48 also clarifies the financial statement classification of tax-related penalties and interest and sets forth new disclosures regarding unrecognized tax benefits. FIN 48 is effective for the next fiscal year beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company plans to adopt FIN 48 as of April 1, 2007, as required. The Company expects to record an increase in contingent tax liabilities and a decrease to Retained earnings through a cumulative effect adjustment of between approximately \$4.0 million and \$6.0 million upon adoption of FIN 48.

# Definition of Settlement in FIN 48

In May, 2007, the FASB issued staff position No. FIN 48-1, "Definition of Settlement in FASB Interpretation No. 48" ("FSP FIN 48-1") which amended FIN 48 to provide guidance about how an enterprise should determine whether a tax position is effectively settled for the purpose of recognizing previously unrecognized tax benefits. Under FSP FIN 48-1, a tax position could be effectively settled on completion of an examination by a taxing authority. The Company plans to adopt FSP FIN 48-1 in conjunction with adoption of FIN 48 as of April 1, 2007. The Company does not expect a material adjustment to the Company's consolidated financial statements upon the adoption of FSP FIN 48-1.

Stock-Based Compensation

On April 1, 2006, the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS 123(R). For Fiscal 2007, the Company recognized compensation expense of \$9,308 (\$6,050 net of tax) or \$0.34 per diluted share on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income. *See* Note 2 and Note 14 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for reference.

Tax Effects of Share-Based Payment Awards

On November 10, 2005, the FASB issued Staff Position No. SFAS 123(R)-3, "Transition Election Related to Accounting for Tax Effects of Share-Based Payment Awards" ("SFAS 123(R)-3"). The alternative transition method includes simplified methods to establish the beginning balance of the Additional paid-in capital pool ("APIC pool") related to the tax effects of employee share-based compensation, and to determine the subsequent impact on the APIC pool and Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows of the tax effects of employee share-based compensation awards that are outstanding upon adoption of SFAS 123(R). The Company has elected this transition method for calculating tax effects of share-based payment awards.

# **Inflation**

The overall effects of inflation on the Company have been nominal. Although long-term inflation rates are difficult to predict, the Company continues to strive to minimize the effect of inflation through improved productivity and cost reduction programs as well as price adjustments within the constraints of market competition.

# **Cautionary Forward Looking Statements**

When included in this Form 10-K or in documents incorporated herein by reference, the words "expects," "intends," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates" and analogous expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements are inherently subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, the timing and final outcome of the ongoing review of the Company's stock option practices, including the related SEC investigation, shareholder derivative lawsuit, NASDAQ process regarding listing of the common stock and tax matters, and the impact of any actions that may be required or taken as a result of such review, SEC investigation, shareholder derivative lawsuit, NASDAQ process or tax matters, levels of business activity and operating expenses, expenses relating to corporate compliance requirements, cash flows, global economic and business conditions, successful integration of acquisitions, including the NextiraOne business, the timing and costs of restructuring programs, successful marketing of DVH (Data, Voice, Hotline) services, successful implementation of our M&A program, including identifying appropriate targets, consummating transactions and successfully integrating the businesses, competition, changes in foreign, political and economic conditions, fluctuating foreign currencies compared to the U.S. dollar, rapid changes in technologies, client preferences, the ability of the Company to identify, acquire and operate additional technical services companies, the Company's arrangements with suppliers of voice equipment and technology and various other matters, many of which are beyond the Company's control. These forward-looking statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and speak only as of the date of this Form 10-K. The Company expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or any changes in the Company's expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any statement is based.

# Item 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

The Company is exposed to market risks in the ordinary course of business that include interest rate volatility and foreign currency exchange rates volatility. Market risk is measured as the potential negative impact on earnings, cash flows or fair values resulting from a hypothetical change in interest rates or foreign currency exchange rates over the next year. The Company does not hold or issue any other financial derivative instruments (other than those specifically noted below) nor does it engage in speculative trading of financial derivatives.

### **Interest Rate Risk**

The Company's primary interest rate risk relates to its long-term debt obligations. As of March 31, 2007, the Company had total long-term obligations of \$240,614, including the current portion of those obligations of \$686. Of the outstanding debt, \$2,165 was in fixed rate obligations, \$100,000 was in variable rate debt that was effectively converted to a fixed rate through an interest rate swap agreement during Fiscal 2007 and \$138,449 was in variable rate obligations. As of March 31, 2007, an instantaneous 100 basis point increase in the interest rate of the variable rate debt would reduce the Company's net income in the subsequent fiscal year by \$1,404 (\$913 net of tax) assuming the Company employed no intervention strategies.

To mitigate the risk of interest-rate fluctuations associated with the Company's variable rate long-term debt, the Company has implemented an interest-rate risk management strategy that incorporates the use of derivative instruments to minimize significant unplanned fluctuations in earnings caused by interest-rate volatility. The Company's goal is to manage interest-rate sensitivity by modifying the re-pricing characteristics of certain balance sheet liabilities so that the net-interest margin is not, on a material basis, adversely affected by the movements in interest rates.

On July 26, 2006, the Company entered into an interest rate swap which has been used to effectively convert a portion of the Company's variable rate debt to fixed rate. The interest rate swap has a notional value of \$100,000 reducing to \$50,000 after three years and does not qualify for hedge accounting. Changes in the fair market value of the interest rate swap are recorded as an asset or liability in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets and Interest expense (income) in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income.

# Foreign Exchange Rate Risk

The Company has operations, clients and suppliers worldwide, thereby exposing the Company's financial results to foreign currency fluctuations. In an effort to reduce this risk of foreign currency fluctuations, the Company generally sells and purchases inventory based on prices denominated in U.S. dollars. Intercompany sales to subsidiaries are generally denominated in the subsidiaries' local currency. The Company has entered and will continue in the future, on a selective basis, to enter into foreign currency forward contracts to reduce the foreign currency exposure related to certain intercompany transactions, primarily trade receivables and loans. All of the foreign currency forward contracts have been designated and qualify as cash flow hedges. The effective portion of any changes in the fair value of the derivative instruments is recorded in OCI until the hedged forecasted transaction occurs or the recognized currency transaction affects earnings. Once the forecasted transaction occurs or the recognized currency transaction affects earnings, the effective portion of any related gains or losses on the cash flow hedge is reclassified from OCI to the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income. In the event it becomes probable that the hedged forecasted transaction will not occur, the ineffective portion of any gain or loss on the related cash flow hedge would be reclassified from OCI to the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income.

As of March 31, 2007, the Company had open foreign exchange contracts in Australian and Canadian dollars, Danish krone, Euros, Japanese yen, Mexican pesos, Norwegian kroner, Pounds sterling, Swedish krona and Swiss francs. The open contracts have contract rates ranging from 1.2446 to 1.2980 Australian dollar, 1.1412 to 1.1442 Canadian dollar, 5.5680 to 5.8136 Danish krone, 0.7406 to 0.7732 Euro, 105.47 to 110.10 Japanese yen, 11.0112 to 11.0735 Mexican peso, 5.9442 to 6.3840 Norwegian kroner, 0.5053 to 0.5435 Pound sterling, 6.7671 to 7.1925 Swedish krona and 1.1938 to 1.2146 Swiss franc, all per U.S. dollar. The total open contracts had a notional amount of approximately \$56,719, have a fair value of \$56,371 and will expire within twenty-four months.

# Item 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA.

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# REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors and Stockholders Black Box Corporation Lawrence, Pennsylvania

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Black Box Corporation as of March 31, 2007 and 2006 and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2007. We have also audited the schedule listed in the accompanying index. These financial statements and schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and schedule are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and schedule, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements and schedule. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Black Box Corporation at March 31, 2007 and 2006 and the results of its operations and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2007, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Also, in our opinion, the schedule presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

As discussed in Note 3, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2006 and 2005 and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended March 31, 2006 have been restated.

Also, as disclosed in Note 14 to the consolidated financial statements, effective April 1, 2006, the Company adopted the fair value method of accounting provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share Based Payment."

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the effectiveness of Black Box Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2007, based on criteria established in *Internal Control*—

Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) and our report dated August 10, 2007 expressed an unqualified opinion on management's assessment and an adverse opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ BDO Seidman, LLP

Chicago, Illinois August 10, 2007

# BLACK BOX CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME $^{(1)}$

	Y	ear Ended March	n 31,
In thousands, except per share amounts	2007	(As Restated) 2006	(As Restated) 2005
Revenues	2007	2000	2005
Hotline products	\$ 222,903	\$ 213,946	\$ 227,601
On-Site services	793,407	507,389	307,475
Total	1,016,310	721,335	535,076
Cost of sales			
Hotline products	113,780	108,220	108,281
On-Site services	528,541	330,765	211,866
Total	642,321	438,985	320,147
Gross profit	373,989	282,350	214,929
Selling, general & administrative expenses	290,355	216,911	165,180
Restructuring and other charges		5,290	5,059
Intangibles amortization	10,285	4,999	1,332
Operating income	73,349	55,150	43,358
Interest expense (income), net	18,407	9,123	2,755
Other expenses (income), net	42	36	115
Income before provision for income taxes	54,900	45,991	40,488
Provision for income taxes	19,291	15,221	13,442
Net income	\$ 35,609	\$ 30,770	\$ 27,046
Earnings per common share:			
Basic	\$ 2.03	\$ 1.79	\$ 1.55
Diluted	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.52
Weighted average common shares outstanding			
Basic	17,512	17,164	17,411
Diluted	17,808	17,544	17,845
Dividends per share	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.22

<sup>(1)</sup> See Note 3 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

See Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

# BLACK BOX CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (1)

		Mar	rch 31,			
			(A	s Restated)		
In thousands, except par value		2007		2006		
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	17,157	\$	11,207		
Accounts Receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$14,253 and \$9,517		161,733		116,713		
Inventories, net		72,807		53,926		
Costs/estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts		61,001		23,803		
Deferred tax asset		10,562		8,973		
Prepaid and other current assets		20,495		16,502		
Total current assets		343,755		231,124		
Property, plant and equipment, net		39,051		35,124		
Goodwill, net		568,647		468,724		
Intangibles:		ŕ				
Customer relationships, net		68,016		24,657		
Other intangibles, net		33,258		30,783		
Deferred tax asset		33,481		19,909		
Other assets		3,883		5,091		
Total assets	\$	1,090,091	\$	815,412		
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Liabilities						
Accounts payable	\$	74,727	\$	44,943		
Accrued compensation and benefits		21,811		13,954		
Deferred revenue		35,630		22,211		
Billings in excess of costs/estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts		19,027		8,648		
Current maturities of long-term debt		686		1,049		
Income taxes		13,430		9,511		
Other liabilities		61,385		31,139		
Total current liabilities		226,696		131,455		
Long-term debt		239,928		122,673		
Other liabilities		23,771		8,293		
Total liabilities		490,395		262,421		
Stockholders' equity						
Preferred Stock authorized 5,000, par value \$1.00, none issued						
Common Stock authorized 100,000, par value \$.001, 17,527 and 17,593 shares outstanding		25		25		
Additional paid-in capital		441,283		418,141		
Treasury stock, at cost 7,436 and 6,935 shares		(317,033)		(296,824)		
Accumulated other comprehensive income		25,399		13,036		
Retained earnings		450,022		418,613		
Total stockholders' equity		599,696		552,991		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	1,090,091	\$	815,412		
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<sup>(1)</sup> See Note 3 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

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# BLACK BOX CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (1)

	Commo	on Stoc	:k						Accumulat		her Compi come	reher	ısive				
In thousands	Shares		\$.001 par)	A	Additional Paid-in Capital	,	Treasury Stock		Foreign Currency Trans- lation		erivative truments	E	Defined Benefit Tension		Retained Earnings		Total
Balance at March 31, 2004	23,394	\$	23	\$	324,219	\$		\$	17,418	\$	454	\$		\$	402,675	\$	504,904
Cumulative Effect of Restatement	23,394	φ		φ	46,179	φ	(237,003)	Ψ		φ		Ф		Ψ	(33,786)	φ	12,393
Balance at March 31, 2004 (as																	,
restated)	23,394	\$	23	\$	370,398	\$	(239,885)	\$	17,418	\$	454	\$		\$	368,889	\$	517,297
Comprehensive Income (Loss):																	
Net income (as restated)															27,046		27,046
Foreign currency translation adjustment									4,987								4,987
Net change in fair value of cash									4,707								4,207
flow hedging instruments											147						147
Amounts reclassified into																	
results of operations											(454)					_	(454)
Comprehensive Income (as																	31,726
restated): Stock compensation expense (as																	31,720
restated)					5,858												5,858
Dividends declared					-										(3,955)		(3,955)
Repurchases of common stock							(56,912)										(56,912)
Exercise of options, net of tax	381		1		7,919												7,920
Tax impact from stock options (as restated)					(646)												(646)
Balance at March 31, 2005 (as restated)	23,775	\$	24	¢	383,529	\$	(296,797)	\$	22,405	\$	147	\$		\$	391,980	\$	501,288
Comprehensive Income (Loss):	23,113	Ψ	27	Ψ	303,327	Ψ	(2)0,1)1)	Ψ	22,703	Ψ	17/	Ψ		Ψ	371,700	Ψ	301,200
Net income (as restated)															30,770		30,770
Foreign currency translation adjustment									(10,511)								(10,511)
Net change in fair value of cash flow hedging instruments											1,142						1,142
Amounts reclassified into											(1.47)						(147)
results of operations											(147)						(147)
Comprehensive Income (as restated): Stock compensation expense (as																	21,254
restated)					11,045												11,045
Dividends declared															(4,137)		(4,137)
Repurchases of common stock							(27)										(27)
Exercise of options, net of tax	753		1		23,320												23,321
Tax impact from stock options (as restated)					247												247
Balance at March 31, 2006 (as	24.520	¢	25	ф	410 141	d.	(207.024)	ф	11.004	ф	1 1 40	d		ф	410 (12	Φ.	550 004
restated) Comprehensive Income (Loss):	24,528	\$	25	\$	418,141	\$	(296,824)	\$	11,894	\$	1,142	\$		\$	418,613	\$	552,991
Net income															35,609		35,609
Foreign currency translation															,		,
adjustment									11,458								11,458
Net change in fair value of cash																	
flow hedging instruments (net of tax)											(111)						(111)
Amounts reclassified into											, í						
results of operations											(654)					_	(654)
Comprehensive Income:																	46,302
Adjustment to initially apply SFAS No. 158 (net of tax)													1,670				1,670
Stock compensation expense					9,308												9,308
Dividends declared															(4,200)		(4,200)
Repurchases of common stock							(20,209)										(20,209)
Exercise of options, net of tax	435				14,970												14,970
Tax impact from stock options					(1,136)												(1,136)
Balance at March 31, 2007	24,963	\$	25	\$	441,283	\$	(317,033)	\$	23,352	\$	377	\$	1,670	\$	450,022	\$	599,696

<sup>(1)</sup> See Note 3 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

# BLACK BOX CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS $^{(1)}$

		Y	ear	Ended Marcl	h 31,	,
T (1)		200	(A	s Restated)	(A	s Restated)
In thousands		2007		2006		2005
Operating Activities						
Net income	\$	35,609	\$	30,770	\$	27,046
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used for) operating						
activities:		22 (10		12.020		7.055
Intangibles amortization and depreciation		22,610		13,930		7,955
Deferred taxes		(1,266)		(1,222)		(1,835)
Stock compensation expense		9,308		11,045		5,858
Tax impact from stock options		1,136		(247)		646
Change in fair value of interest rate swap		1,734				
Changes in operating assets and liabilities (net of acquisitions):		40.000		0.240		0.050
Accounts receivable, net		19,202		9,369		8,878
Inventories, net		(3,595)		5,000		(76)
All other current assets excluding deferred tax asset		3,349		2,799		3,811
Liabilities exclusive of long term debt	_	(51,451)		(19,647)		(77)
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$	36,636	\$	51,797	\$	52,206
Investing Activities						
Capital expenditures	\$	(5,886)	\$	(4,115)	\$	(3,506)
Capital disposals		1,017		1,445		1,187
Acquisition of businesses (payments)/recoveries		(127,716)		(40,682)		(102,553)
Prior merger-related (payments)/recoveries		(2,324)		(378)		107
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	\$	(134,909)	\$	(43,730)	\$	(104,765
Financing Activities						
Proceeds from borrowings	\$	354,254	\$	192,882	\$	238,409
Repayment of borrowings		(240,079)		(218,989)		(127,959)
Repayment on discounted lease rentals		(30)		(890)		(458)
Proceeds from exercise of options		14,970		23,320		7,919
Deferred financing costs				(180)		(1,352)
Payment of dividends		(4,203)		(4,094)		(3,847)
Purchase of treasury stock		(20,209)		(27)		(56,912)
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	\$	104,703	\$	(7,978)	\$	55,800
Foreign currency exchange impact on cash	\$	(480)	\$	(474)	\$	(955)
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$	5,950	\$	(385)	\$	2,286
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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	\$	11,207	\$	11,592	\$	9,306
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	17,157	\$	11,207	\$	11,592
Supplemental Cash Flow:						
Cash paid for interest	\$	15,333	\$	8,336	\$	3,045
Cash paid for income taxes		16,877		17,223		17,064
Non-cash financing activities:		,		.,		
Dividends payable		1,052		1,055		1,011
Capital leases		915		1,214		714

<sup>(1)</sup> See Note 3 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

See Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

# BLACK BOX CORPORATION NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **Note 1: Business and Basis of Presentation**

Black Box Corporation ("Black Box" or the "Company") is the world's largest dedicated network infrastructure services provider. Black Box offers one-source network infrastructure services for communication systems. The Company's service offerings include design, installation, integration, monitoring and maintenance of voice, data and integrated communication systems. The Company's primary service offering is voice solutions, while providing premise cabling and other data related services and products. The Company provides 24/7/365 technical support for all of its solutions which encompasses all major voice and data manufacturers as well as 118,000 network infrastructure products that it sells through its catalog and Internet Web site and its Voice and Data services (collectively referred to as "On-Site services") offices.

References herein to "Fiscal Year" or "Fiscal" mean the Company's fiscal year ended March 31 for the year referenced. All references to dollar amounts herein are presented in thousands, except per share amounts, unless otherwise noted.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the parent company and its subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Certain items in the consolidated financial statements of prior years have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

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

# **Note 2: Significant Accounting Policies**

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates fair value.

# Allowance for doubtful accounts receivable

An allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded as an offset to accounts receivable in order to present a net balance the Company believes will be collected. In estimating the appropriate balance for this allowance, the Company considers (1) specific reserves for accounts it believes may prove to be uncollectible and (2) additional reserves, based on historical collections, for the remainder of its accounts. Additions to the allowance for doubtful accounts are charged to Selling, general & administrative expense within the Company's Consolidated Statement of Income, and deductions from the allowance are recorded when specific accounts receivable are written off as uncollectible.

#### Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market. The Company uses the first-in, first-out average cost method to value the majority of its inventory. However, several locations within the Company use other valuation methods, including first-in, first-out ("FIFO") and actual current costs. The Company records an estimate for slow moving and obsolete inventory based upon product knowledge, physical inventory observation and an aging analysis of the inventory on hand. Upon a subsequent sale or disposal of the impaired inventory, the corresponding reserve is relieved to ensure the cost basis of the inventory reflects any reductions.

# Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Maintenance, repairs and minor renewals are charged to operations as incurred. Major renewals and betterments, which substantially extend the useful life of the property, are capitalized at cost. Upon sale or other disposition of assets, the costs and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and the resulting gain or loss, if any, is reflected in income.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of 30-40 years for buildings and improvements and 3 to 5 years for machinery and equipment. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over their lease terms, or useful lives, if shorter. The Company reviews property, plant and equipment for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If the sum of the estimated future cash flows (undiscounted) expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of an asset is less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognized. Measurement of an impairment loss is based on the fair value of the asset. No impairment of property, plant and equipment has been identified during any of the periods presented.

# Goodwill

Goodwill is the excess of purchase price over the value of net assets acquired in acquisitions. Goodwill is subject to, at a minimum, an annual impairment assessment of its carrying value. Goodwill impairment is deemed to exist if the net book value of a reporting unit exceeds its estimated fair value. Estimated fair values of the reporting units are estimated using an earnings model and a discounted cash flow valuation model. The discounted cash flow model incorporates the Company's estimates of future cash flows, allocations of certain assets and cash flows among reporting units, future growth rates and management's judgment regarding the applicable discount rates used to discount those estimated cash flows. No impairment of goodwill has been identified during any of the periods presented.

#### **Intangible Assets**

Definite-lived intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives of 3-5 years for non-compete agreements, one year for backlog and 10-20 years for customer relationships. Indefinite-lived intangible assets not subject to amortization consist solely of the Company's trademark portfolio also obtained through acquisitions. The Company reviews intangible assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If the sum of the estimated future cash flows (undiscounted) expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of an asset is less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognized. Measurement of an impairment loss is based on the fair value of the asset. No impairments of intangible assets have been identified during any of the periods presented.

#### Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

#### Foreign Currency Forward Contract

The Company has operations, clients and suppliers worldwide, thereby exposing the Company's financial results to foreign currency fluctuations. In an effort to reduce this risk of foreign currency fluctuations, the Company generally sells and purchases inventory based on prices denominated in U.S. dollars. Intercompany sales to subsidiaries are generally denominated in the subsidiaries' local currency. The Company has entered and will continue in the future, on a selective basis, to enter into foreign currency forward contracts to reduce the foreign currency exposure related to certain intercompany transactions, primarily trade receivables and loans. All of the foreign currency forward contracts have been designated and qualify as cash flow hedges. The effective portion of any changes in the fair value of the derivative instruments is recorded in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) ("OCI") until the hedged forecasted transaction occurs or the recognized currency transaction affects earnings. Once the forecasted transaction occurs or the recognized currency transaction affects earnings, the effective portion of any related gains or losses on the cash flow hedge is reclassified from OCI to the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income. In the event it becomes probable that the hedged forecasted transaction will not occur, the ineffective portion of any gain or loss on the related cash flow hedge would be reclassified from OCI to the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income.

# Interest Rate Swap

To mitigate the risk of interest-rate fluctuations associated with the Company's variable rate long-term debt, the Company has implemented an interest-rate risk management strategy that incorporates the use of derivative instruments to minimize significant unplanned fluctuations in earnings caused by interest-rate volatility. The Company's goal is to manage interest-rate sensitivity by modifying the re-pricing characteristics of certain balance sheet liabilities so that the net-interest margin is not, on a material basis, adversely affected by the movements in interest rates. The Company's interest rate swap does not meet the requirements for hedge accounting and is marked to market through Interest expense (income) in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations.

# Foreign Currency Translation

The financial statements of the Company's foreign subsidiaries, except those subsidiaries in Brazil and Mexico, are recorded in the local currency, which is the functional currency. Foreign currency assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars at the rate of exchange existing at the year-end date. Revenues and expenses are translated at the average monthly exchange rates. Adjustments resulting from these translations are recorded in OCI in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets and will be included in income upon sale or liquidation of the foreign investment. Gains and losses from foreign currency transactions, denominated in a currency other than the functional currency, are recorded in Other Expenses (Income) in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income. The U.S. dollar is the functional currency for those subsidiaries located in Brazil and Mexico.

# Revenue

Within the Company's Hotline Services segment, revenues are recognized when title to products sold passes to the customer, which generally occurs upon shipment from the Company's location.

Within the Company's Data Services and Voice Services segments, revenues are recognized from maintenance service contracts, moves, adds and changes and network integration services when the services are provided. Service contracts are generally pre-billed and are reflected on the balance sheet as deferred revenue and are generally recognized over the service period on a straight-line basis. Revenues from the sale and installation of products and systems are recognized using the percentage-of-completion method based upon the proportion of actual costs incurred to estimated total costs. At the time a loss on a contract becomes known, the entire amount of the estimated loss is recognized immediately in the financial statements. The Company has historically made reasonably accurate estimates of the extent of progress towards completion, contract revenues and contract costs on its long-term contracts. However, due to uncertainties inherent in the estimation process, actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

Sales returns - At the time of sale, an estimate for sales returns is recorded based on historical experience.

Warranties: Estimated future warranty costs related to certain products are charged to operations in the period the related revenue is recognized based on historical experience.

Shipping and Handling Fees and Costs — All fees billed to clients for shipping and handling are classified as a component of Net Revenues. All costs associated with shipping and handling are classified as a component of Cost of Sales.

#### **Stock-Based Compensation**

On April 1, 2006, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment" ("SFAS 123(R)") which requires companies to estimate the fair value of share-based payment awards and recognize compensation expense over the requisite service period for the portion of the award that is ultimately expected to vest. Prior to the adoption of SFAS 123(R), the Company accounted for share-based awards to employees and directors using the intrinsic value method in accordance with Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" ("APB 25") as allowed under SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" ("SFAS 123"). Under the intrinsic value method, no stock-based compensation expense related to stock options was required to be recognized if the exercise price of the Company's stock options granted to employees and directors was equal to or greater than the fair market value of the underlying stock on the measurement date.

The Company adopted SFAS 123(R) using the modified prospective transition method which requires compensation cost to be recognized for all share-based payments granted after the date of adoption and for all unvested awards existing on the date of adoption. In accordance with the modified prospective transition method, the Company's consolidated financial statements for prior periods have not been retroactively adjusted to reflect, and do not include, the impact of SFAS 123(R). However, the modified prospective transition method does require the Company to provide pro forma disclosure of specific income statement line items for periods prior to the adoption of SFAS 123(R) as if the fair-value-based method had been applied to all awards. *See* Note 14.

SFAS 123(R) requires companies to estimate the fair value of share-based payment awards on the grant-date using an option-pricing model. Upon adoption of SFAS 123(R), the Company began using the Black-Scholes option pricing model as the method of valuation for the Company's stock options. The model requires the use of various assumptions. The key assumptions are summarized as follows:

Expected volatility: The Company estimates the volatility of its common stock, par value \$.001 per share (the "common stock"), at the date of grant based on the historical volatility of its common stock.

Dividend yield: The Company estimates the dividend yield assumption based on the Company's historical and projected dividend payouts.

Risk-free interest rate: The Company derives its risk-free interest rate on the observed interest rates appropriate for the term of the Company's employee stock options.

Annual forfeiture rate and expected holding period: The Company estimates the annual forfeiture rate and expected holding period based on historical experience.

Amortization period: The Company recognizes the fair value of awards into expense over the requisite service periods associated with the award.

# Advertising Expenses

Catalogs and other direct marketing pieces are capitalized and amortized over their expected period of future benefit ranging from 1-2 years, which is recorded in Prepaid and other current assets within the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. All other advertising costs are expensed as incurred.

Advertising expense was \$9,120, \$9,414 and \$11,649 for Fiscal 2007, Fiscal 2006 and Fiscal 2005, respectively and is recorded in Selling, general & administrative expenses.

# **Income Taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes using an asset and liability approach, which requires the recognition of deferred income tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in the Company's financial statements or tax returns. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the temporary differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates. A valuation allowance is provided on deferred tax assets if it is determined that it is more likely than not that the asset will not be realized.

# Earnings per common Share

Basic earnings per common share ("basic EPS") are computed by dividing income available to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per common share ("diluted EPS") is computed similarly to that of basic EPS, except that the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period is adjusted to include the number of additional common shares that would have been outstanding if the dilutive potential common shares had been issued.

# Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

In February, 2007, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued SFAS No. 159, " *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities—Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115*" ("SFAS 159"). SFAS 159 permits an entity to elect to measure eligible items at fair value ("fair value option") including many financial instruments. The provisions of SFAS 159 are effective for the Company as of April 1, 2008. If the fair value option is elected, the Company will report unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. Upfront costs and fees related to items for which the fair value option is elected shall be recognized in earnings as incurred and not deferred. The fair value option may be applied for a single eligible item without electing it for other identical items, with certain exceptions, and must be applied to the entire eligible item and not to a portion of the eligible item. The Company is currently evaluating the irrevocable election of the fair value option pursuant to SFAS 159.

#### Prior Year Misstatements on Current Year Financial Statements

In September, 2006, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108, "Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements" ("SAB 108"). SAB 108 provides interpretive guidance on how the effects of prior year uncorrected misstatements should be considered when quantifying misstatements in current year financial statements for the purpose of a materiality assessment. The SEC staff believes that registrants should quantify errors using both a balance sheet and an income statement approach and evaluate whether either approach results in quantifying a misstatement that, when all relevant quantitative and qualitative factors are considered, is material. SAB 108 is effective as of the Company's fiscal year end March 31, 2007. The Company adopted SAB 108 as of March 31, 2007. The adoption of SAB 108 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### Fair Value Measurements

In September, 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements" ("SFAS 157"), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 is effective for the Company beginning on April 1, 2008. The requirements of SFAS 157 will be applied prospectively except for certain derivative instruments that would be adjusted through the opening balance of Retained earnings in the period of adoption. The Company is evaluating the impact of the adoption of SFAS 157 on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

# Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans

On April 30, 2006, the Company acquired the USA Commercial and Government and Canadian operations of NextiraOne, LLC ("NextiraOne"), who is a sponsor of a non-contributory defined benefit plan (the "CWA Plan") for the Communication Workers of America Local 1109 ("CWA 1109"). Benefits from the CWA Plan are based upon years of service and rates negotiated by the Company and CWA 1109. Pension costs are funded to satisfy minimum requirements prescribed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

In September, 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 158, "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans" ("SFAS 158") that would amend SFAS No. 87, "Employers' Accounting for Pensions," SFAS No. 88, "Employers' Accounting for Settlements and Curtailments of Defined Benefit Pension Plans and for Termination Benefits," SFAS No. 106, "Employers' Accounting for Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions" and SFAS No. 132 (Revised 2003), "Employers' Disclosures about Pensions and Other Postretirement Benefits." This standard requires, among other things, companies to recognize on the balance sheet the funded or unfunded status of pension and other postretirement benefit plans and to recognize the change in funded status in the period the change occurs through comprehensive income. The provisions of SFAS 158 are effective as of the Company's fiscal year ended March 31, 2007. The Company adopted SFAS 158 as of March 31, 2007. The adoption of SFAS 158 had no impact on the Company's Statement of Operations on the date of adoption. However, the Company did record a liability of \$3,452 representing the unfunded portion of the CWA Plan included in Other liabilities within the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets and an unrecognized gain of \$2,717 (\$1,670 net of tax) into OCI.

# Uncertainty in Income Taxes

In July, 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes" ("FIN 48"). FIN 48 requires that realization of an uncertain income tax position must be "more likely than not" (i.e., greater than 50% likelihood of receiving a benefit) before it can be recognized in the financial statements. Further, FIN 48 prescribes the benefit to be recorded in the financial statements as the amount most likely to be realized assuming a review by tax authorities having all relevant information and applying current conventions. FIN 48 also clarifies the financial statement classification of tax-related penalties and interest and sets forth new disclosures regarding unrecognized tax benefits. FIN 48 is effective for the next fiscal year beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company plans to adopt FIN 48 as of April 1, 2007, as required. The Company expects to record an increase in contingent tax liabilities and a decrease to Retained earnings through a cumulative effect adjustment of between approximately \$4.0 million and \$6.0 million upon adoption of FIN 48.

#### Definition of Settlement in FIN 48

In May, 2007, the FASB issued staff position No. FIN 48-1, "Definition of Settlement in FASB Interpretation No. 48" ("FSP FIN 48-1") which amended FIN 48 to provide guidance about how an enterprise should determine whether a tax position is effectively settled for the purpose of recognizing previously unrecognized tax benefits. Under FSP FIN 48-1, a tax position could be effectively settled on completion of an examination by a taxing authority. The Company plans to adopt FSP FIN 48-1 in conjunction with adoption of FIN 48 as of April 1, 2007. The Company does not expect a material adjustment to the Company's consolidated financial statements upon the adoption of FSP FIN 48-1.

#### Stock-Based Compensation

In December, 2004, the FASB issued SFAS 123(R). SFAS 123(R) is a revision of SFAS No. 123, supersedes APB 25 and amends SFAS No. 95, "Statement of Cash Flows." SFAS 123(R) requires that companies recognize all share-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options, in the financial statements. The recognized cost is based on the fair value of the equity or liability instruments issued. Pro-forma disclosure of this cost is no longer an alternative under SFAS 123(R). SFAS 123(R) was effective for public companies at the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning after June 15, 2005.

As permitted by SFAS 123, the Company accounted for its stock-based compensation plans under APB 25's intrinsic value method and, as such, recognized no stock-based compensation expense if the exercise price of the Company's stock options granted to employees and directors was equal to or greater than the fair market value of the underlying stock on the measurement date. The adoption of SFAS 123(R)'s fair value method has had no impact on the Company's overall financial position or cash flows. Based on SFAS 123(R), the Company transitioned to the new requirements by using the modified prospective transition method. This transition method requires compensation cost to be recognized for all share-based payments granted after the date of adoption and for all unvested awards existing on the date of adoption.

SFAS 123(R) also requires the benefits of tax deductions in excess of recognized compensation cost be reported as a financing cash flow, rather than as an operating cash flow as required under past standards. This requirement will reduce net operating cash flows and increase net financing cash flows in periods after adoption when the benefits of tax deductions are in excess of recognized compensation cost.

The Company adopted the provisions of SFAS 123(R) as of April 1, 2006. For Fiscal 2007, the Company recognized compensation expense of \$9,308 (\$6,050 net of tax) or \$0.34 per diluted share on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income. *See* Significant Accounting Policies (within this Note 2) and Note 14 for further reference to the disclosures required by SFAS 123(R).

#### Tax Effects of Share-Based Payment Awards

On November 10, 2005, the FASB issued Staff Position No. SFAS 123(R)-3, "Transition Election Related to Accounting for Tax Effects of Share-Based Payment Awards" ("SFAS 123(R)-3"). The alternative transition method includes simplified methods to establish the beginning balance of the additional paid-in capital pool ("APIC pool") related to the tax effects of employee share-based compensation, and to determine the subsequent impact on the APIC pool and Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows of the tax effects of employee share-based compensation awards that are outstanding upon adoption of SFAS 123(R). The company has elected this transition method for calculating tax effects of share-based payment awards.

# **Note 3: Restatement of Consolidated Financial Statements**

# Restatement through March 31, 2006

# **Background**

On November 13, 2006, Black Box received a letter of informal inquiry from the Enforcement Division of the SEC relating to the Company's stock option practices from January 1, 1997 to present. As a result, the Audit Committee (the "Audit Committee") of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board"), with the assistance of outside legal counsel, commenced an independent review of the Company's historical stock option grant practices and related accounting for stock option grants during the period from 1992 to the present (the "Review Period").

On February 1, 2007, the Company announced that, while the review of option grant practices was continuing, it believed that it would need to record additional non-cash charges for stock-based compensation expense relating to certain stock option grants and, accordingly, cautioned investors about relying on its historical financial statements until the Company could determine with certainty whether a restatement would be required and, if so, the extent of any such restatement and the periods affected.

On March 19, 2007, although the Audit Committee had not yet completed its review, the Audit Committee concluded that the exercise price of certain stock option grants differed from the fair market value of the underlying shares on the appropriate measurement date. At that time, the Company and the Audit Committee announced that it was currently expected that the Company's additional non-cash, pre-tax charges for stock-based compensation expense relating to certain stock option grants would approximate \$63 million for the Review Period. In addition, the Company and the Audit Committee concluded that the Company would need to restate its previously-issued financial statements contained in reports previously filed by the Company with the SEC. Accordingly, on March 19, 2007, the Company and the Audit Committee concluded that the Company's previously-issued financial statements and other historical financial information and related disclosures for the Review Period, including applicable reports of its current or former independent registered public accounting firms and related press releases, should not be relied upon.

On May 25, 2007, the Company was advised by the Enforcement Division of the SEC that a Formal Order of Private Investigation arising out of the Company's stock option practices had been entered and on May 29, 2007 the Company received a subpoena that was issued by the SEC.

On May 31, 2007, the Company announced that, as a result of the ongoing review of stock option practices, Company management and the Audit Committee expected that the Company's additional non-cash, pre-tax charges for stock-based compensation expense relating to certain stock option grants would approximate \$70 million for the Review Period.

# **Findings of the Audit Committee**

During the Review Period, the Company granted stock options pursuant to an employee stock option plan and a director stock option plan to acquire approximately 10.9 million shares of the common stock. Such plans at all relevant times provided for option grants to be approved by a designated committee of non-employee directors or, in the case of the director stock option plan, by the Board. Approximately 2,000 stock option grants were awarded during the Review Period with 69 recorded grant dates. No stock options have been granted since September, 2006. The Audit Committee reviewed all stock options granted during the Review Period, including option grants to the Company's directors, officers and rank and file employees (including grants to new employees, grants awarded in connection with Company acquisitions and grants made as individual or group performance awards). The Audit Committee's review of the Company's stock option granting practices included a comprehensive examination of reasonably available relevant physical and electronic documents as well as interviews with current and former directors, officers and Company personnel.

The Audit Committee's review was initially focused on determining whether the Company's prior stock option granting practices were in compliance with the plans' granting provisions and applicable law or called into question its accounting for such options. Once it became evident that such issues and accounting implications existed, the inquiry focused on those matters necessary: to determine whether any accounting charges were material and whether a restatement of the Company's previously-issued financial statements would be required; to establish a basis for effecting any required restatement; to assure that, on as timely a basis as possible, the Company could file any required curative disclosures with the SEC and assure its continued eligibility for listing on The NASDAQ Stock Market ("NASDAQ"); and to provide an informed basis for the Company's response to the identified issues, including appropriate corrective and remedial actions.

The following information summarizes certain of the findings of the Audit Committee. The findings identified approximately \$71.5 million of unrecorded expense at the time of grant ( *i.e.* , the difference between the fair market value of the common stock on the appropriate measurement date and the stated exercise price), net of forfeitures, during the Review Period, of which \$70.0 million was recorded in the Company's consolidated financial statements through March 31, 2006 and \$1.5 million of unrecorded expense at the time of grant will be included, beginning at April 1, 2006, in the Company's computation of compensation expense in accordance with SFAS 123(R). The following summarizes the unrecorded expense at the time of grant by time period and category of recipient:

- \$4.2 million for the period from Fiscal 1993 through Fiscal 1997 (\$0.2 million for directors, \$2.5 million for officers and \$1.5 million for rank and file employees)
- \$45.6 million for the period from Fiscal 1998 through August 2002 (\$1.1 million for directors, \$25.7 million for officers and \$18.7 million for rank and file employees)
- \$21.8 million for the period from August 2002 to the present (\$0.04 million for directors, \$0.6 million for officers and \$21.1 million for rank and file employees)

The Audit Committee's additional key findings are summarized below:

Lack of Adequate Documentation: For a majority of grants issued by the Company during the Review Period, there is either no or inadequate documentation of approval actions that satisfies the requisites for establishing a measurement date under APB 25. Of the 69 recorded grant dates, there are documented approval actions by the Board or the Option or Compensation Committee of the Board (the "Compensation Committee") with respect to particular grants for 12 dates. In the period December, 1992 to May, 1996, neither the minutes of the Compensation Committee nor of the Board reflect any action to approve specific grants. In some instances, evidence of single director (the chairman of the Compensation Committee) approval actions exists. This absence of non-employee director level documentation also applies to a majority of grants with a recorded grant date after 1996. In some cases, Compensation Committee minutes contain a reference to reports on the status of the option pool but do not document any action to approve specific grants. Approval documentation for certain grants has internal inconsistencies or conflicts with other documents thereby rendering this documentation unreliable as a basis for establishing a measurement date. In some cases, the only existing documentation is the executed option agreement and/or the entry of the option grant into the option database. Notwithstanding these approval documentation inadequacies, the Company entered into option agreements with grantees and has honored such grants.

Grant Approvals: During the Review Period, relatively few option grants were approved in complete compliance with the Company's stock option plans. Available documentation reflects that the Company approved option grants in a variety of ways. With respect to the employee stock option plan, grants were approved by the Compensation Committee as contemplated by the plan at various times, by the full Board in 1998 and 1999, by a single director (the chairman of the Compensation Committee) on nine recorded grant dates during the period 1994 through 2001 and by the Company's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") at various times. With respect to the director stock option plan, grants were generally approved by the designated Board committee and, in a few cases, by the chairman of the Compensation Committee. In one instance in 2000, there is no conclusive documentary evidence of the approval of director grants other than the signed director option agreements.

The delegation of authority by the Compensation Committee to the CEO with respect to grants to rank and file employees was not fully documented. However, there was an understood and accepted practice between the CEO and the Compensation Committee whereby the CEO made certain awards to individual employees. In some instances, this involved the allocation among rank and file employees of blocks of shares approved by the Compensation Committee; in three (3) such instances, the number of shares ultimately awarded pursuant to this process exceeded the approved size of the block, which was contrary to the understanding of the Compensation Committee members. Further, contrary to the understanding of the Compensation Committee members, the award and/or documentation of those individual grants often significantly lagged the approval of the block grant. In August 2005, the Compensation Committee specifically acknowledged a prior grant of delegated authority to the CEO to make option grants to rank and file employees and ratified all prior awards by the CEO. In some cases, documentation of approval action is either inconclusive or missing, and the Company therefore has been unable to determine what entity or person actually approved specific grants.

Option Pricing: The recorded grant dates for a majority of grants do not match the applicable measurement dates as determined under APB 25. The grants of options with exercise prices lower than the fair market values of the stock on the actual measurement dates did not satisfy the fair market pricing requirement in the Company's plans, as amended in 1998, and were not consistent with the Company's disclosures in SEC filings stating that the exercise price of options was equal to the fair market value of the stock on the date of the grant.

The relationship between the stated exercise price of options and the fair market value of the Company's stock on the date of the identifiable approval actions varied from grant to grant. In some cases, the exercise price of grants reflected the fair market value of the underlying shares on the date of any documented approval action. In other cases, the exercise prices reflected the fair market value of the underlying shares on a date either prior or subsequent to any such documented approval action and the exercise price was lower than the fair market value on the date of any such action. In several such cases before August 2002, the use of such grant dates and lower exercise prices (together with other available evidence) supports a finding that the recorded grant dates and corresponding exercise prices were selected with the benefit of hindsight. For certain grants where the mismatch between the recorded grant date and the approval action was only a matter of days, however, the mismatch appears to have been attributable to inaccurate recording or administrative delays. In some cases, the apparent approval action did not identify all grantees; for example, there are cases where a block grant was approved subject to a later determination of individual grant recipients and grants were recorded with a grant date, and corresponding exercise price, that matched the date of the apparent approval of the block grant and the fair market value of the common stock on that date although individual grant recipients may have been identified some time after approval of the block grant. Finally, in some cases, the approval action for specific grants is not adequately documented. Where the recorded grant date did not satisfy the requisites for a measurement date under APB 25, the Company relied on default methodologies to determine an appropriate measurement date.

Internal Controls: As outlined above, the Company's historical administration of its options program lacked discipline as it relates to proper adherence to the plan requirements, corporate recordkeeping and documentation. Since November 2003, however, the Company has properly administered the stock option program as it relates to awards to directors and officers. During the investigation, the Company identified control gaps related to grants made throughout the Review Period. As of March 31, 2007, the Company implemented additional procedures to its process that are focused on formalized documentation of appropriate approvals and determination of grant terms to employees.

# **Procedural and Remedial Actions**

The Audit Committee and other relevant Board committees are committed to a continued review and implementation of procedural enhancements and remedial actions in light of the foregoing findings. Consistent with its obligation to act in the best interests of the Company taking into account all relevant facts and circumstances, the Audit Committee is continuing to assess the appropriateness of a broad range of possible procedural enhancements and potential remedial measures in light of the findings of its review.

While the Audit Committee has not completed its consideration of all such steps, procedural enhancements may include recommendations regarding improved stock option administration procedures and controls, training and monitoring compliance with those procedures, corporate recordkeeping, corporate risk assessment, evaluation of the internal compliance environment and other remedial steps that may be appropriate. Any such procedural enhancements will be recommended by the Audit Committee to the Board and/or appropriate Board committee for adoption. In advance of action by the Audit Committee, as noted above, the Company has implemented additional procedures to its process for approving stock option grants that are focused on formalized documentation of appropriate approvals and determination of grant terms to employees.

In light of the findings of the Audit Committee's review, William F. Andrews, Thomas W. Golonski and Thomas G. Greig, three current directors who also served during portions of the Review Period and who hold options as to which the measurement date was adjusted in connection with the Company's restatement, agreed voluntarily to reprice those outstanding options with a recorded exercise price less than the fair market value of the common stock on the accounting measurement date as determined by the Audit Committee so that the exercise price matches the fair market value of the common stock on such accounting measurement date. In addition, Michael McAndrew, who became the Company's Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") in December, 2002, also agreed voluntarily to reprice the one option granted to him after he became CFO with a recorded exercise price less than the fair market value of the common stock on the accounting measurement date as determined by the Audit Committee so that the exercise price matches the fair market value of the common stock on such accounting measurement date.

The Audit Committee's ongoing review includes an evaluation of the role of and possible claims or other remedial actions against current and former Company personnel who may be found to have had responsibility for identified problems during the Review Period. Accordingly, the Audit Committee has begun to address and is addressing and expects to continue to address issues of individual conduct or responsibility, including those of the Board, CEOs and CFOs serving during the Review Period. In connection therewith, based on the findings of the Audit Committee as to Fred C. Young, the Company's former CEO who resigned on May 20, 2007, the Audit Committee concluded and recommended to the Board, and the Board determined, that Mr. Young could have been terminated due to Cause for Termination (as defined in his agreement dated May 11, 2004) at the time Mr. Young resigned as a director and officer of the Company on May 20, 2007. In light of that determination and the terms of the agreements with Mr. Young, all outstanding stock options held by Mr. Young terminated as of the date of his resignation.

The Audit Committee may recommend additional remedial measures that appropriately address the issues raised by its findings. Such potential remedial measures may include possible claims or other remedial actions against current and former Company personnel who may be found to have been responsible for identified problems during the Review Period.

# **Restatement Methodologies**

As of April 1, 2006, the Company adopted SFAS 123(R) using the modified prospective transition method. Under this transition method, compensation expense is to be recognized for all share-based compensation awards granted after the date of adoption and for all unvested awards existing on the date of adoption. Prior to April 1, 2006, the Company accounted for stock-based compensation awards to directors, officers and rank and file employees using the intrinsic value method in accordance with APB 25 as allowed under SFAS 123. Under the intrinsic value method, no share-based compensation expense related to stock options was required to be recognized if the exercise price of the stock option was at least equal to the fair market value of the common stock on the "measurement date." APB 25 defines the measurement date as the first date on which are known both (1) the number of shares that an individual grant recipient is entitled to receive and (2) the option or purchase price, if any.

In light of the Audit Committee's review of the Company's stock option granting practices during the Review Period and as to those cases in which the Company previously used a recorded grant date as the measurement date that the Company determined could no longer be relied upon, the Company has developed and applied the following methodologies to remeasure those stock option grants and record the relevant charges in accordance with APB 25 by considering the following sources of information: (i) meeting minutes of the Board and of committees thereof and related materials, (ii) Unanimous Written Consents of the Board and of committees thereof, (iii) the dates on which stock option grants were entered into the Company's stock option database ("create date"), (iv) relevant email correspondence reflecting stock option grant approval actions, (v) individual stock option agreements and related materials, (vi) employee and Board offer letters, (vii) documents relating to acquisitions, (viii) reports on Form 4 filed with the SEC and (ix) guidance of the Office of the Chief Accountant of the SEC on stock option matters as set forth in its letter dated September 19, 2006.

Grants with Appropriate Committee Approval. With respect to grants of approximately 1.0 million shares, or approximately 9% of the total grants in the Review Period, the Company has evidence to support the approval of the grant under the stock option plans by the relevant committee of the Board, and such evidence includes the number of options each individual was entitled to receive and the option price. However, the relationship between these documented approval actions and the originally-recorded grant dates and exercise prices for the options so approved varied during the Review Period. In some cases, grants were recorded with a grant date and a corresponding exercise price that matched the date of the approval action or were otherwise consistent with the terms of the approval action. In other cases, however, the recorded grant dates and corresponding exercise prices of the grants reflected the fair market value of the common stock on a date prior to the committee's documented approval actions. The Company has restated the compensation expense for stock option grants relating to approximately 0.4 million shares of common stock by using the date of the documented approval action as the measurement date. The total additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants is approximately \$1.8 million, net of forfeitures, amortized over the appropriate vesting period through March 31, 2006, of which \$0.07 million relates to director options, \$1.3 million relates to officer options and \$0.4 million relates to rank and file employee options.

Grants with Other Approvals. With respect to grants of approximately 1.9 million shares, or approximately 18% of the total grants in the Review Period, the Company has evidence to support the approval of the grant by the Board, an outside director or the Company's CEO and the identification of the number of options each individual was entitled to receive together with the option price. These grants are distinguished from the grants described in the prior paragraph in that the nature of the approval was not fully consistent with the terms of the relevant stock option plan. As with the grants discussed in the preceding paragraph, the relationship between these documented approval actions and the originally-recorded grant dates and exercise prices for the options so approved varied during the Review Period. In some cases, grants were recorded with a grant date and a corresponding exercise price that matched the date of the approval action or were otherwise consistent with the terms of the approval action. In other cases, however, the recorded grant dates and corresponding exercise prices of the grants reflected the fair market value of the Company's stock on a date prior to the approval action. The Company has restated the compensation expense for stock option grants relating to approximately 1.6 million shares of common stock by using the date of the documented approval action as the measurement date. The total additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants is approximately \$7.6 million, net of forfeitures, amortized over the appropriate vesting period through March 31, 2006, of which \$0.5 million relates to director options, \$2.6 million relates to officer options and \$4.5 million relates to rank and file employee options.

Grants Lacking Adequate Documentation . With respect to grants of approximately 7.9 million shares (5.0 million shares to rank and file employees), or 73.0% of the total grants in the Review Period, the Company has been unable to locate adequate documentation of approval actions that would satisfy the requisites for a measurement date under APB 25. For these grants, management considered all available relevant information to form a reasonable conclusion as to the most reasonable measurement date. For all grants in this category, the Company has established default methodologies for determining the most appropriate measurement date under APB 25.

With respect to grants entered into the Company's stock option database after September 9, 1999, when the database began to reflect a create date which is the date on which a grant was entered into the system, the Company has determined to use the individual create date for each grant as the APB 25 measurement date, which was in most cases different from the originally-recorded grant date. The Company believes that this create date is the most appropriate methodology in the absence of sufficient evidence of approvals for these grants as it represents the earliest point in time at which the evidence shows that all requisites for the establishment of the measurement date had been satisfied. Such create dates preceded, often by a significant amount of time, the execution of stock option agreements, which, generally, were manually signed by the Company's CEO and manually signed and dated by the grantee. In addition, in almost all cases, a grant entered into the database, which established the create date, ultimately resulted in the creation of a stock option agreement reflecting such grant. Accordingly, while execution of the stock option agreements constituted a clear acknowledgement by the grantee and the Company of the grantee's legal entitlement to the grant, the Company believes the create date more accurately reflects the date of approval than does the signed option agreement. The Company has restated the compensation expense for stock option grants relating to approximately 4.2 million shares of common stock by using the create date as the measurement date. The total additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants is approximately \$49.8 million, net of forfeitures, amortized over the appropriate vesting period through March 31, 2006, of which \$0.5 million relates to director options, \$17.2 million relates to officer options and \$32.2 million relates to rank and file employee options. The Company's procedures for evaluating the appropriateness of measurement dates fixed with reference to such create dates included a sensitivity analysis which provided an understanding of the differences between the additional recorded charge for stock-based compensation expense and the charges that would result from using other identified alternative methods for determining measurement dates. The Company's sensitivity analysis included identifying the range of potential grant dates defined by the recorded grant date and the create date for each grant. The Company then identified the low and high closing prices of the common stock within that range of potential grant dates and applied both the low and high closing prices of the common stock to the number of shares granted for which the create date methodology was utilized to determine the range of potential adjustments to stock-based compensation expense for these grants, which was \$0.09 million to \$73.8 million, net of forfeitures, as compared to the additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants of approximately \$49.8 million, net of forfeitures, included in the Restatement.

For options entered into the Company's option database before September 9, 1999, the Company determined the measurement date generally by reference to signed option agreements (or the deemed signature date for certain options as discussed below). The executed option agreements (hereinafter "signed option agreements"), manually signed by the Company's CEO and manually signed and dated by the grantee, constituted an acknowledgement by the grantee and the Company of the grantee's legal entitlement to the grant and, in the absence of authoritative information as to when all the requisites for the establishment of the measurement date had been satisfied, provides a measurement date framework based on entitlement. The Company has restated the compensation expense for stock option grants relating to approximately 1.4 million shares of common stock by using the signed option agreements as the measurement date. The total additional noncash, pre-tax charge for these grants is approximately \$6.4 million, net of forfeitures, amortized over the appropriate vesting period through March 31, 2006, of which \$0.3 million relates to director options, \$3.6 million relates to officer options and \$2.5 million relates to rank and file employee options. The Company believes this methodology was the most appropriate in the absence of sufficient evidence of approvals for these grants as it represents the earliest point in time at which the evidence shows that all requisites for the establishment of the measurement date had been satisfied for these grants. The Company's procedures for evaluating the appropriateness of measurement dates fixed with reference to the dating of signed option agreements included a sensitivity analysis which provided an understanding of the differences between the additional recorded charge for stock-based compensation expense and the charges that would result from using other identified alternative methods for determining measurement dates. The Company's sensitivity analysis included identifying the range of potential grant dates defined by the recorded grant date and the date of the grantee's signature on the stock option agreement for each grant. The Company then identified the low and high closing prices of the common stock within that range of potential grant dates and applied both the low and high closing prices of the common stock to the number of shares granted for which the signed option agreements methodology was utilized to determine the range of potential adjustments to stock-based compensation expense for these grants, which was \$0.03 million to \$9.6 million, net of forfeitures, as compared to the additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants of approximately \$6.4 million, net of forfeitures, included in the Restatement.

In those cases where no reliably-dated signed option agreement could be located and where no post-September 9, 1999 create date exists (stock option grants totaling approximately 0.9 million shares), the Company used the average period between recorded grant date and date of the signatures on all other grantee signed option agreements with the same grant date as the measurement date. For example, if there were four stock option grants with a grant date of January 1, 1996, the Company had the signed option agreements for three of these stock option grants and the average number of days between the grant date and the signature dates of these three signed option agreements was 20 days, January 21, 1996 was used as the measurement date for the grant for which no signed option agreement could be located. The Company has restated the compensation expense for stock option grants relating to approximately 0.7 million shares of common stock using this "average days to sign agreement" method. The total additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants is approximately \$4.4 million, net of forfeitures, amortized over the appropriate vesting period through March 31, 2006, of which \$0.06 million relates to director options, \$4.2 million relates to officer options and \$0.2 million relates to rank and file employee options. The Company believes this methodology was the most appropriate in the absence of sufficient evidence of approvals for these grants because it gives a reasonable approximation of the measurement date related to these options in light of the available evidence. The Company conducted a sensitivity analysis by comparing the Company's current default methodology (i.e., "average days to sign agreement") with another default methodology. For this analysis, the Company identified the range of potential grant dates defined by the earliest signed option agreement and the latest signed option agreement. The Company then identified the low and high closing prices of the common stock over the range of potential grant dates and applied both the low and high closing prices of the common stock to the number of shares granted to determine the range of potential adjustments to stock-based compensation expense for these grants, which was \$2.6 million to \$5.9 million, net of forfeitures. The Company's analyses indicate that stock-based compensation expense computed using other identified alternative default methodologies would not materially differ from stock-based compensation expense computed using the "average days to sign agreement" methodology. The Company's procedures for evaluating the appropriateness of measurement dates fixed with reference to the average days to sign agreements also included a sensitivity analysis which provided an understanding of the differences between the additional recorded charge for stock-based compensation expense and the charges that would result from using other identified alternative methods for determining measurement dates. The Company's sensitivity analysis included identifying the range of potential grant dates defined by the recorded grant date and the average days to sign agreement for each grant. The Company then identified the low and high closing prices of the common stock within that range of potential grant dates and applied both the low and high closing prices of the common stock to the number of shares granted to determine the range of potential adjustments to stockbased compensation expense for these grants, which was \$0.03 million to \$6.1 million, net of forfeitures, as compared to the additional noncash, pre-tax charge for these grants of approximately \$4.4 million, net of forfeitures, included in the Restatement.

Given the volatility of the common stock during much of the Review Period, the use of methodologies and measurement dates different from those described above could have resulted in a higher or lower cumulative compensation expense which would have caused net income or loss to be different from the amounts reported in the restated consolidated financial statements. The Company's procedures for evaluating the appropriateness of measurement dates fixed using the default methodologies described above also included a sensitivity analysis which provided an understanding of the differences between the additional recorded charge for stock-based compensation expense and the charges that would result from using other identified alternative methods for determining measurement dates. The Company's sensitivity analysis included identifying the range of potential grant dates defined by the recorded grant date and the appropriate measurement date for each grant. The Company then identified the low and high closing prices of the common stock within that range of potential grant dates and applied both the low and high closing prices of the common stock to the number of shares granted to determine the range of potential adjustments to stock-based compensation expense for these grants, which was \$9.3 million, net of forfeitures, as compared to the additional non-cash, pre-tax charge for these grants of approximately \$70.0 million, net of forfeitures, included in the Restatement.

# Other adjustments through March 31, 2006

From 1994 through 1998, the Company did not properly account for stock options for one officer that were modified after the grant date pursuant to a separation agreement. Some of these modifications were not identified in the Company's financial reporting processes and were therefore not properly reflected in its financial statements. As a result, the Company has recorded a non-cash charge for stock-based compensation of \$1.0 million during Fiscal 1999.

# **Summary**

In summary, the Company recorded cumulative non-cash charges for stock-based compensation of \$70.9 million through March 31, 2006, offset in part by a cumulative income tax benefit of \$27.7 million, for a total after-tax charge of \$43.2 million. These charges had no impact on net sales or cash and cash equivalents as previously reported in the Company's financial statements; as a result, no changes to these items are reflected in the Restatement. Non-cash charges for stock-based compensation expense have been recorded as adjustments to Selling, general & administrative expenses within the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income.

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## Stock-based compensation expense

In addition to the Restatement noted above through March 31, 2006, the Company has recorded additional non-cash charges for stock-based compensation during the first and second quarters of Fiscal 2007 of \$1.6 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, offset in part by income tax benefits of \$0.6 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, or total after-tax charges of \$1.0 million and \$1.4 million, respectively. This charge was recorded to reflect additional non-cash, stock-based compensation expense recognized under the fair value method (SFAS 123(R)) because the exercise price for certain stock option grants prior to, but not vested as of March 31, 2006, differed from the fair market value of the underlying shares on the appropriate measurement date, some of which occurred during Fiscal 2007.

#### Accounting for derivatives

On July 26, 2006, the Company entered into an interest rate swap to reduce its exposure from fluctuating interest rates. SFAS No.133, " *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*" ("SFAS 133") requires that all derivative instruments be recorded on the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at their fair value, and that changes in the derivatives' fair value be recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. From inception of the hedge, the Company had applied a method of cash flow hedge accounting under SFAS 133 to account for the interest rate swap that allowed the Company to assume no ineffectiveness in such agreements, called the "short-cut" method.

Subsequently, the Company analyzed its eligibility for the "short-cut" method in light of certain clarifications delivered by the Office of the Chief Accountant of the SEC, and determined that its interest rate swap did not qualify for the "short-cut" method under SFAS 133 because certain prepayment features relating to the underlying actual debt were not identical to those contained in the interest rate swap. Because the Company's documentation at hedge inception reflected the "short-cut" method rather than the "long-haul" method for determining hedge ineffectiveness, the derivative did not meet the requirements for a cash flow hedge. Documentation for the "long-haul" method of accounting at hedge inception cannot be retrospectively applied under SFAS 133. Therefore, fluctuations in the interest rate swap's fair value should have been recorded through the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income instead of through OCI, which is a component of Stockholders' equity. The adjustment for the second quarter of Fiscal 2007 will decrease reported net income and increase OCI by approximately \$1.4 million. This change in accounting for this derivative instrument could result in significant volatility in the Company's reported net income and earnings per share due to increases and decreases in the fair value of the interest rate swap. However, the derivative instrument remains highly effective and the change in accounting for this derivative instrument does not impact operating cash flows or total Stockholders' equity.

The table below reflects the impact of the additional non-cash charges for stock-based compensation expense and the non-cash charge related to the interest rate swap on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income, including the corresponding cumulative adjustment to Retained earnings as of September 30, 2006 and March 31, 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003 on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. Prior to this Restatement, the Company had not recorded any non-cash stock-based compensation expense in its Consolidated Statements of Income with the exception of \$0.7 million recorded during the second quarter of Fiscal 2005 for a modification of a previous stock option award for a retiring director. All dollar amounts are presented in thousands except per share amounts. Per share amounts may not total due to rounding.

	Previo Repor Net Inc	teď)		Adjust- ment, Pre-Tax		Income Tax Benefit		Adjust- ment, Net of Tax		(As Restated) et Income	Re	(As eviously ported) ted EPS	A	Adjust- ment		(As estated) Diluted EPS
FY 94	\$ 13	,370	\$	43	\$	(19)	\$	24	\$	13,346	\$	0.83	\$		\$	0.83
FY 95		,515	7	461	-	(144)	-	317	-	14,198	T	0.89	-	(0.02)	-	0.87
FY 96		,278		406		(151)		255		18,023		1.10		(0.01)		1.09
FY 97	24	,792		1,172		(456)		716		24,076		1.40		(0.04)		1.36
FY 98	32	,404		3,595		(1,393)		2,202		30,202		1.79		(0.12)		1.67
FY 99		,145		4,506		(1,732)		2,774		35,371		2.09		(0.15)		1.94
FY 00		,852		5,778		(2,209)		3,569		45,283		2.60		(0.19)		2.41
FY 01		,190		10,290		(3,953)		6,337		57,853		3.22		(0.32)		2.90
FY 02		,042		11,333		(4,381)		6,952		55,090		2.97		(0.33)		2.64
FY 03	48	,685		8,927		(2,328)		6,599		42,086		2.39		(0.32)		2.07
Cumulative	\$ 365	,273	\$	46,511	\$	(16,766)	\$	29,745	\$	335,528	\$	19.29	\$	(1.52)	\$	17.77
03/31/03																
FY 04	47	,243		8,197		(4,156)		4,041		43,202		2.52		(0.22)		2.30
Cumulative 03/31/04	\$ 412	,516	\$	54,708	\$	(20,922)	\$	33,786	\$	378,730	\$	21.80	\$	(1.73)	\$	20.07
FY 05	29	,912		5,178		(2,312)		2,866		27,046		1.68		(0.16)		1.52
Cumulative	\$ 442	,428	\$	59,886	\$	(23,234)	\$	36,652	\$	405,776	\$	23.48	\$	(1.89)	\$	21.59
03/31/05																
1Q06		,394		1,120		(442)		678		6,716		0.43		(0.04)		0.39
2Q06		,797		1,126		(444)		682		12,115		0.74		(0.04)		0.70
3Q06		,511		2,431		(959)		1,472		11,039		0.70		(0.08)		0.62
4Q06	4	,656		6,368		(2,612)		3,756		900		0.26		(0.21)		0.05
FY 06	\$ 37	,358	\$	11,045	\$	(4,457)	\$	6,588	\$	30,770	\$	2.13	\$	(0.37)	\$	1.76
Cumulative 03/31/06	\$ 479	,786	\$	70,931	\$	(27,691)	\$	43,240	\$	436,546	\$	25.61	\$	(2.26)	\$	23.35
1Q07	7.	,807		1,629		(635)		994		6,813		0.43		(0.06)		0.37
2Q07	13	,079		2,210	_	(806)		1,404		11,675		0.74		(0.08)		0.66
2QYTD07	\$ 20	,886	\$	3,839	\$	(1,441)	\$	2,398	\$	18,488	\$	1.18	\$	(0.14)	\$	1.04
Cumulative 09/30/06	\$ 500	,672	\$	74,770	\$	(29,132)	\$	45,638	\$	455,034	\$	26.78	\$	(2.39)	\$	24.39

#### **Income Tax Considerations**

In the course of the investigation, the Company determined that a number of officers may have exercised options for which the application of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), may apply. It is possible that these options will be treated as having been granted at less than fair market value for federal income tax purposes because the Company incorrectly applied the measurement date as defined in APB 25. If such options are deemed to have been granted at less than fair market value, pursuant to Section 162(m) of the Code ("Section 162(m)"), any compensation to officers, including proceeds from options exercised in any given tax year, in excess of \$1.0 million will be disallowed as a deduction for tax purposes. The Company estimates that the potential tax effected liability for any such disallowed Section 162(m) deduction would approximate \$3.6 million, which has been recorded as a current liability within Income taxes within the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company may also incur interest and penalties if it were to incur any such tax liability, which could be material.

In addition, the Company is considering the application of Section 409A of the Code ("Section 409A") to those options for which it incorrectly applied the measurement date as defined in APB 25. It is possible that these options will be treated as having been granted at less than fair market value for federal income tax purposes and thus subject to Section 409A. Accordingly, the Company may adopt measures to address the application of Section 409A. The Company does not currently know what impact Section 409A will have, or any such measures, if adopted, would have on its results of operations, financial position or cash flows, although such impact could be material.

## **Expenses Incurred by the Company**

The Company has incurred expenses for legal fees and external audit firm fees, in excess of its insurance deductible of \$0.5 million, in Fiscal 2007, in relation to (i) the Audit Committee's review of the Company's historical stock option practices and related accounting for stock option grants, (ii) the informal inquiry and formal order of investigation by the SEC regarding the Company's past stock option practices, (iii) the previously-disclosed derivative action relating to the Company's historical stock option practices filed against the Company as a nominal defendant and certain of the Company's current and former directors and officers, as to whom it may have indemnification obligations and (iv) related matters. Further, the Company has incurred and expects to continue to incur significant additional expense related to the foregoing matters in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008. The Company and the insurance company for its directors' and officers' indemnification insurance are currently in discussions with respect to which of the fees in excess of the deductible will be paid by the insurance company. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that all fees submitted to the insurance company for reimbursement will be reimbursed under the Company's directors' and officers' indemnification insurance.

## **Restatement Impact on the Consolidated Statements of Income**

The following tables reconcile the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income from the previously reported results to the restated results for Fiscal 2006 and Fiscal 2005. All dollar amounts are in thousands, except per share amounts. Per share amounts may not total due to rounding.

	Ye	Year Ended March 31, 2006							
In thousands, except per share amounts	As Previous Report		Adjustment	As Restated					
Revenues	Кероге	cu	Aujustment	As Restated					
Hotline products	\$ 213,9	46	\$	\$ 213,946					
On-Site services	507,3			507,389					
Total	721,3			721,335					
Cost of sales									
Hotline products	108,2			108,220					
On-Site services	330,7	65		330,765					
Total	438,9	85		438,985					
Gross profit	282,3	50		282,350					
Selling, general & administrative expenses	205,8	66	11,045	216,911					
Restructuring and other charges	5,2		·	5,290					
Intangibles amortization	4,9	99		4,999					
Operating income	66,1	95	(11,045)	55,150					
Interest expense (income), net	9,1	23		9,123					
Other expenses (income), net		36		36					
Income before provision for income taxes	57,0	36	(11,045)	45,991					
Provision for income taxes	19,6	78	(4,457)	15,221					
Net income	\$ 37,3	<u>58</u>	\$ (6,588)	\$ 30,770					
Earnings per common share:									
Basic	\$ 2.	18	\$ (0.39)	\$ 1.79					
Diluted		13	\$ (0.38)	\$ 1.75					
Weighted average common shares outstanding									
Basic	17,1	64		17,164					
Diluted	17,5	44		17,544					
Dividends per share	\$ 0.	24	\$	\$ 0.24					

	Year	Year Ended March 31, 2005							
	As Previously								
In thousands, except per share amounts	Reported	Adjustment	As Restated						
Revenues									
Hotline products	\$ 227,601		\$ 227,601						
On-Site services	307,475		307,475						
Total	535,076		535,076						
Cost of sales									
Hotline products	108,281		108,281						
On-Site services	211,866	<u></u>	211,866						
Total	320,147		320,147						
Gross profit	214,929		214,929						
Selling, general & administrative expenses	160,002	5,178	165,180						
Restructuring and other charges	5,059		5,059						
Intangibles amortization	1,332		1,332						
Operating income	48,536	(5,178)	43,358						
Interest expense (income), net	2,755		2,755						
Other expenses (income), net	115		115						
Income before provision for income taxes	45,666	(5,178)	40,488						
Provision for income taxes	15,754	(2,312)	13,442						
Net income	\$ 29,912	\$ (2,866)	\$ 27,046						
Earnings per common share:									
Basic	\$ 1.72	\$ (0.17)	\$ 1.55						
Diluted	\$ 1.68		\$ 1.52						
Weighted average common shares outstanding									
Basic	17,411		17,411						
Diluted	17,845		17,845						
Dividends per chere	\$ 0.22	\$	¢ 0.22						
Dividends per share	\$ 0.22	\$	\$ 0.22						

# **Restatement Impact on the Consolidated Balance Sheets**

The following tables reconcile the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets from the previously reported results to the restated results as of March 31, 2006. All dollar amounts are in thousands.

		N	March	31, 2006	
	As	Previously			
		Reported	Ad	justment	As Restated
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	11,207	\$		\$ 11,207
Accounts receivable, net		116,713			116,713
Inventories, net		53,926			53,926
Costs / estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts		23,803			23,803
Deferred tax asset		8,973			8,973
Prepaid and other current assets		16,502			16,502
Total current assets		231,124			231,124
Property, plant and equipment, net		35,124			35,124
Goodwill, net		468,724			468,724
Intangibles:					
Customer relationships, net		24,657			24,657
Other intangibles, net		30,783			30,783
Deferred tax asset		4,231		15,678	19,909
Other assets		5,091			5,091
Total assets	\$	799,734	\$	15,678	\$ 815,412
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$	44,943	\$		\$ 44,943
Accrued compensation and benefits	·	13,954			13,954
Deferred revenue		22,211			22,211
Billings in excess of costs / estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts		8,648			8,648
Current maturities of long-term debt		1,049			1,049
Income taxes		5,924		3,587	9,511
Other liabilities		31,139			31,139
Total current liabilities		127,868		3,587	131,455
Long-term debt		122,673			122,673
Other liabilities		8,293			8,293
Total liabilities		258,834		3,587	262,421
Stockholders' equity					
Preferred stock					
Common stock		25			25
Additional paid-in capital		362,810		55,331	418,141
Treasury stock		(296,824)			(296,824)
Accumulated other comprehensive income		13,036			13,036
Retained earnings		461,853		(43,240)	418,613
Total stockholders' equity		540,900		12,091	552,991
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	799,734	\$	15,678	\$ 815,412
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# **Restatement Impact on the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

The following tables reconcile the Company's Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows from the previously reported results to the restated results for Fiscal 2006 and Fiscal 2005. All dollar amounts are in thousands.

	Year Ended March 31, 2006				5	
	As	Previously				
In thousands		Reported	Ad	ljustment	As	Restated
Operating Activities						
Net income	\$	37,358	\$	(6,588)	\$	30,770
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used for) operating	·	,	·			ĺ
activities:						
Intangibles amortization and depreciation		13,930				13,930
Deferred taxes		(212)		(1,010)		(1,222)
Stock compensation expense		` <u></u>		11,045		11,045
Tax impact from stock options		(3,200)		2,953		(247)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:						
Accounts receivable, net		9,369				9,369
Inventories, net		5,000				5,000
All other current assets excluding deferred tax asset		9,199		(6,400)		2,799
Liabilities exclusive of long term debt		(19,647)				(19,647)
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$	51,797	\$		\$	51,797
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Investing Activities						
Capital expenditures	\$	(4,115)	\$		\$	(4,115)
Capital disposals		1,445			•	1,445
Acquisition of businesses (payments)/recoveries		(40,682)				(40,682)
Prior merger-related (payments)/recoveries		(378)				(378)
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	\$	(43,730)	\$		\$	(43,730)
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Financing Activities						
Proceeds from borrowings	\$	192,882	\$		\$	192,882
Repayment of borrowings		(218,989)	•		•	(218,989)
Repayment on discounted lease rentals		(890)				(890)
Proceeds from exercise of options		23,320				23,320
Deferred financing costs		(180)				(180)
Payment of dividends		(4,094)				(4,094)
Purchase of treasury stock		(27)				(27)
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	\$	(7,978)	\$		\$	(7,978)
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Foreign currency exchange impact on cash	\$	(474)	\$		\$	(474)
Totalgh currency exchange impact on each	Ψ	(171)	Ψ		Ψ	(17.1)
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$	(385)	\$		\$	(385)
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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	\$	11,592	\$		\$	11,592
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	11,207	\$		\$	11,207
Supplemental Cash Flow:						
Cash paid for interest	\$	8,336	\$		\$	8,336
Cash paid for income taxes		17,223				17,223
Non-cash financing activities:						
Dividends payable		1,055				1,055
Capital leases		1,214				1,214

	Year Ended March 31, 2005				;	
In thousands	As	Previously Reported	اء ۸	lingtmont	<b>A</b> a	Doctoted
		Keporteu	Au	justment	AS	Restated
Operating Activities	Φ.	20.012	ф	(2.055)	Φ.	27.046
Net income	\$	29,912	\$	(2,866)	\$	27,046
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used for) operating						
activities:		<b>5</b> 055				5055
Intangibles amortization and depreciation		7,955				7,955
Deferred taxes		(77)		(1,758)		(1,835)
Stock compensation expense		680		5,178		5,858
Tax impact from stock options		(3,472)		4,118		646
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:						
Accounts receivable, net		8,878				8,878
Inventories, net		(76)				(76)
All other current assets excluding deferred tax asset		3,811				3,811
Liabilities exclusive of long term debt		4,595		(4,672)		(77)
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$	52,206	\$		\$	52,206
Investing Activities						
Capital expenditures	\$	(3,506)	\$		\$	(3,506)
Capital disposals		1,187			·	1,187
Acquisition of businesses (payments)/recoveries		(102,553)				(102,553)
Prior merger-related (payments)/recoveries		107				107
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	\$	(104,765)	\$		\$	(104,765)
Timomoino Antinitto						
Financing Activities Proceeds from borrowings	\$	238,409	\$		\$	238,409
	Ф		Ф		Ф	
Repayment of borrowings		(127,959)				(127,959)
Repayment on discounted lease rentals		(458)				(458)
Proceeds from exercise of options		7,919 (1,352)				7,919
Deferred financing costs		(1,352)				(1,352)
Payment of dividends		(3,847)				(3,847)
Purchase of treasury stock		(56,912)			_	(56,912)
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	\$	55,800	\$		\$	55,800
Foreign currency exchange impact on cash	\$	(955)	\$		\$	(955)
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,286	\$		\$	2,286
	Ψ	2,200	Ψ		Ψ	2,200
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	\$	9,306	\$		\$	9,306
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	11,592	\$		\$	11,592
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Supplemental Cash Flow:	Ф	2.045	Φ		Ф	2.045
Cash paid for interest	\$	3,045	\$		\$	3,045
Cash paid for income taxes		17,064				17,064
Non-cash financing activities:						
Dividends payable		1,011				1,011
Capital leases		714				714

## **Note 4: Inventories**

The Company's inventories consist of the following:

	Ma	rch 31,
	2007	2006
Raw materials	\$ 1,774	\$ 1,426
Finished goods	93,794	66,787
Subtotal	95,568	68,213
Excess and obsolete inventory reserves	(22,761)	(14,287)
Inventory, net	\$ 72,807	\$ 53,926

## Note 5: Property, Plant and Equipment

The Company's property, plant and equipment consist of the following:

	Ma	arch 31,
	2007	2006
Land	\$ 2,369	\$ 2,369
Building and improvements	27,537	26,052
Machinery	69,525	58,562
Subtotal	99,431	86,983
Accumulated depreciation	(60,380)	(51,859)
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 39,051	\$ 35,124

Depreciation expense was \$12,325, \$8,931 and \$6,623 for Fiscal 2007, Fiscal 2006 and Fiscal 2005, respectively.

### Note 6: Goodwill

The following table summarizes changes to goodwill at the Company's reporting units during Fiscal 2007 and Fiscal 2006.

	North			
	America	Europe	All Other	Total
Balance as of March 31, 2005	\$ 371,865	\$ 70,734	\$ 1,968	\$ 444,567
Currency translation	24	(5,271)	33	(5,214)
Current period acquisitions (Note 10)	28,993			28,993
Earn-out payments			41	41
Other	116	221		337
Balance as of March 31, 2006	\$ 400,998	\$ 65,684	\$ 2,042	\$ 468,724
Currency translation	10	7,381	78	7,469
Current period acquisitions (Note 10)	95,911			95,911
Prior period acquisitions	(3,544)			(3,544)
Other	87			87
Balance as of March 31, 2007	\$ 493,462	\$ 73,065	\$ 2,120	\$ 568,647

At March 31, 2007, certain merger agreements provided for contingent payments (earn-out) of up to \$4,588. If future operating performance goals of the acquired companies are met, goodwill will be adjusted for the amount of the contingent payments.

## **Note 7: Intangible Assets**

The following table summarizes the gross carrying amount, accumulated amortization and net carrying amount by major intangible asset class:

	March 31,						
		2007			2006		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accum. Amort.	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accum. Amort.	Net Carrying Amount	
Definite-lived							
Non-compete agreements	\$ 7,963	\$ 3,414	\$ 4,549	\$ 4,894	\$ 1,851	\$ 3,043	
Customer relationships	71,989	3,973	68,016	25,654	997	24,657	
Acquired backlog	10,783	9,813	970	3,935	3,934	1	
Total	\$ 90,735	\$ 17,200	\$ 73,535	\$ 34,483	\$ 6,782	\$ 27,701	
Indefinite-lived							
Trademarks	35,992	8,253	27,739	35,992	8,253	27,739	
Total	\$ 126.727	\$ 25,453	\$ 101.274	\$ 70.475	\$ 15.035	\$ 55.440	

The Company's indefinite-lived intangible assets consist solely of the Company's trademark portfolio obtained through business acquisitions. The Company's definite-lived intangible assets are comprised of employee non-compete contracts, backlog and customer relationships also obtained through business acquisitions.

The following table summarizes the changes to carrying amounts of intangible assets during the period:

	Tr	ademarks	on-Competes and Backlog	Re	Customer elationships	Total
Balance as of March 31, 2005	\$	27,739	\$ 4,833	\$	11,585	\$ 44,157
Amortization expense			(4,116)		(883)	(4,999)
Currency translation			(24)			(24)
Current period acquisitions (Note 10)			2,351		13,955	16,306
Balance at March 31, 2006	\$	27,739	\$ 3,044	\$	24,657	\$ 55,440
Amortization expense			(7,309)		(2,976)	(10,285)
Currency translation			52			52
Current period acquisitions (Note 10)			8,977		39,931	48,908
Prior period acquisitions			755		6,404	7,159
Balance at March 31, 2007	\$	27,739	\$ 5,519	\$	68,016	\$ 101,274

Intangible asset amortization expense was \$10,285, \$4,999 and \$1,332 for Fiscal 2007, Fiscal 2006 and Fiscal 2005, respectively. The Company acquired definite-lived intangibles from the completion of several acquisitions during Fiscal 2007 and Fiscal 2006 ( *see* Note 10). The recorded estimate for definite-lived intangibles of \$48,908 was based on a preliminary allocation pending completion of third-party valuation. The Company recorded amortization expense of \$7,542 for Fiscal 2007 for these newly-acquired definite-lived assets.

The following table details the estimated intangible amortization expense for the next five years. These estimates are based on the carrying amounts of intangible assets as of March 31, 2007 that are subject to change pending the outcome of purchase accounting related to current acquisitions:

Years Ending March	h 31,
2008	\$ 6,363
2009	5,221
2010	5,092
2011	4,518
2012	4,135
Thereafter	48,206
Total	\$ 73,535

### **Note 8: Indebtedness**

The Company's long-term debt consists of the following:

	March 3	<b>1</b> ,
	2007	2006
Revolving credit agreement	\$ 236,715	\$ 121,303
Interest rate swap fair value ( See Note 9)	1,734	
Capital lease obligations	2,123	1,891
Other	42	528
Total debt	\$ 240,614	\$ 123,722
Less: current portion	(686)	(1,049)
Long-term debt	\$ 239,928	\$ 122,673

Revolving Credit Agreement - On March 28, 2006, the Company entered into a Second Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated January 24, 2005, as amended February 17, 2005 (collectively, the "Credit Agreement") with Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania, as agent, and a group of lenders. The Credit Agreement expires on March 28, 2011. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement are permitted up to a maximum amount of \$310,000, which includes up to \$15,000 of swing line loans and \$25,000 of letters of credit. The Credit Agreement may be increased by the Company up to an additional \$90,000 with the approval of the lenders and may be unilaterally and permanently reduced by the Company to not less than the then outstanding amount of all borrowings. Interest on outstanding indebtedness under the Credit Agreement accrues, at the Company's option, at a rate based on either: (a) the greater of (i) the prime rate per annum of the agent then in effect and (ii) 0.50% plus the rate per annum announced by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as being the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions arranged by Federal funds brokers on the previous trading day or (b) a rate per annum equal to the LIBOR rate plus 0.75% to 1.25% (determined by a leverage ratio based on the Company's EBITDA). The Credit Agreement requires the Company to maintain compliance with certain non-financial and financial covenants such as minimum net worth, leverage and fixed charge coverage ratios. As of March 31, 2007, the Company was in compliance with all financial covenants under the Credit Agreement.

For Fiscal 2007, the Company increased net borrowings under the Credit Agreement by approximately \$115,412. The Company primarily utilized the proceeds from net borrowings to fund the acquisitions of NextiraOne and Nu-Vision Technologies, Inc. and Nu-Vision Technologies, LLC (collectively referred to as "NUVT") during the first quarter of Fiscal 2007, Nortech Telecommunications, Inc. ("NTI") during the third quarter of Fiscal 2007 and ADS Telecom, Inc. ("ADS") during the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2007 and to repurchase common stock during the second and third quarters of Fiscal 2007.

As of March 31, 2007, the Company had total debt outstanding of \$240,614. Total debt was comprised of \$236,715 outstanding under the credit agreement, \$1,734 for the fair value of an interest rate swap, \$2,123 of obligations under capital leases and \$42 of various other third-party, non-employee loans. The maximum amount of debt outstanding under the Credit Agreement, the weighted average balance outstanding under the Credit Agreement and the weighted average interest rate on all outstanding debt for Fiscal 2007 was \$284,470, \$253,129 and 6.2%, respectively, compared to \$173,535, \$155,898 and 5.1%, respectively, for Fiscal 2006.

Capital Lease Obligations - The capital lease obligations are primarily for equipment. The lease agreements have remaining terms ranging from less than one year to five years with interest rates ranging from 3.83% to 11.73%.

Other - Other debt is comprised of various bank and third party loans secured by specific pieces of equipment and real property. The loans have remaining terms of less than one to three years with interest rates ranging from 0.0% to 5.9%.

*Unused Available Borrowings* - As of March 31, 2007, the Company had \$4,009 outstanding in letters of credit and \$69,276 available under the Credit Agreement.

At March 31, 2007, scheduled maturities or required payments of long-term debt for each of the five succeeding fiscal years were as follows:

Years E	nding March 31,
2008	\$ 686
2009	714
2010	479
2011	238,688
2012	47
Total	\$ 240,614

## Note 9: Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

## Foreign Currency Forward Contracts:

The Company enters into foreign currency forward contracts to hedge exposure to variability in expected fluctuations in foreign currencies. As of March 31, 2007, the Company had open contracts in Australian and Canadian dollars, Danish krone, Euros, Japanese yen, Mexican pesos, Norwegian kroner, Pounds sterling, Swedish krona and Swiss francs, which have been designated as cash flow hedges. These contracts had a notional amount of approximately \$56,719 and a fair value of \$56,371 and mature within the next twenty-four months.

As of March 31, 2007, an unrecognized gain of \$619 (\$377 net of tax) on all open foreign currency forward contracts is included in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets as a component of OCI. This unrecognized gain is expected to be credited to earnings over the life of the maturing contracts as the hedged forecasted transaction occurs and it is expected that the gain will be offset by currency losses on the items being hedged.

The Company recognized gains of \$869 (\$654 net of tax) and \$865 into earnings on matured contracts for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. There was no hedge ineffectiveness for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2007 and 2006.

### Interest Rate Swap:

To mitigate the risk of interest-rate fluctuations associated with the Company's variable rate long term debt, the Company has implemented an interest-rate risk management strategy that incorporates the use of derivative instruments to minimize significant unplanned fluctuations in earnings caused by interest rate volatility. The Company's goal is to manage interest-rate sensitivity by modifying the re-pricing characteristics of certain balance sheet liabilities so that the net-interest margin is not, on a material basis, adversely affected by the movements in interest rates.

On July 26, 2006, the Company entered into an interest rate swap which has been used to effectively convert a portion of the Company's variable rate debt to fixed rate. The interest rate swap has a notional value of \$100,000 reducing to \$50,000 after three years and does not qualify for hedge accounting. For Fiscal 2007, the Company recognized a loss of \$1,734 related to the change in fair value of the interest rate swap included in Interest expense (income) within the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income. The loss is recorded as a component of Long-term debt in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

### **Note 10: Acquisitions**

### Fiscal 2007

During the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2007, the Company acquired ADS, a privately-held company based out of Orlando, FL. ADS has an active customer base which includes commercial, financial, healthcare and various government agency accounts. In connection with the ADS acquisition, the Company has made a preliminary allocation to goodwill and definite-lived intangible assets, respectively. The definite-lived intangible assets recorded represent the estimated fair market value of customer relationships and non-compete agreements. The Company estimates that the definite-lived intangibles are to be amortized over a period of five to 20 years.

During the third quarter of Fiscal 2007, the Company acquired NTI, a privately-held company based out of Chicago, IL. In connection with the NTI acquisition, the Company has made a preliminary allocation to goodwill and definite-lived intangible assets. The definite-lived intangible assets recorded represent the estimated fair market value of customer relationships and non-compete agreements. The Company estimates that the definite-lived intangibles are to be amortized over a period of five to 20 years.

The acquisitions of ADS and NTI, taken individually, did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

During the first quarter of Fiscal 2007, the Company acquired NextiraOne. The following table summarizes the value of the NextiraOne assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition.

	At Aj	oril 30, 2006
Current assets, primarily consisting of accounts receivable and inventories	\$	90,448
Property, plant and equipment		9,996
Other non-current assets		19,623
Intangible assets		24,100
Goodwill		73,995
Total assets acquired	\$	218,162
Current liabilities, primarily consisting of deferred revenue, restructuring reserve and accrued expenses	\$	113,705
Other non-current liabilities, primarily consisting of restructuring reserve		23,734
Total liabilities acquired	\$	137,439
Net assets acquired	\$	80,723

The following table details the amounts recorded to each major intangible asset class:

	At April	1 30, 2006
Backlog	\$	6,700
Customer relationships and contracts		17,400
Total intangible assets*	\$	24,100

<sup>\*</sup> The estimated weighted average amortization period for these definite-lived assets is 12.5 years.

The transaction resulted in \$73,995 of goodwill, parts of which are deductible for tax purposes (see Note 13 for further reference). The Company paid this premium for NextiraOne in order to further expand its operational footprint in the voice and data technology markets. In addition, the purchase increased the Company's solutions offerings, providing for a stronger worldwide technical services partner for its collective clients.

The Company paid a cash total of \$97,305 for the outstanding interests in NextiraOne which included an estimate for the equity book value (total assets less total liabilities, as adjusted by the parties for certain items) as of the closing date. The actual equity book value adjustment was confirmed during the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2007 resulting in a return to the Company of \$7,996. The costs of the acquisitions were funded with borrowings under the Credit Agreement described in Note 8.

Included in the total cash paid at closing was \$42,143 that was allocated to escrow accounts, including a general escrow and an escrow for certain specified items regarding litigation, accounts receivable, deposits and credits, equipment leases, accounts payable, worker's compensation and real estate leases. The amounts in escrow have been and will continue to be released to NextiraOne's seller or to the Company in accordance with the terms of the agreements. As of March 31, 2007, \$11,011 was returned to the Company related to certain items as set forth in the terms of the agreements recorded as an offset to Goodwill in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. In addition, the Company incurred \$2,425 of transaction costs bringing the total purchase price for NextiraOne to \$80,723 as of March 31, 2007.

After consummation of the acquisition, the Company began to integrate NextiraOne products, employees and facilities with its own. In so doing, the Company incurred \$15,760 of costs related to facility consolidations and \$10,766 of severance costs for the separation of approximately 300 employees. In accordance with SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations" ("SFAS 141"), these costs were properly included in the purchase price allocation for NextiraOne. The majority of the severance costs will be paid in Fiscal 2007 with certain facility costs extending through Fiscal 2014.

Also, during the first quarter of Fiscal 2007, the Company acquired NUVT. In connection with the NUVT acquisition, the Company has made a preliminary allocation of \$15,648 to goodwill, parts of which are deductible for tax purposes (see Note 13 for further reference) and \$18,601 to definite-lived intangible assets. The definite-lived intangible assets recorded represent the estimated fair market value of acquired backlog, customer relationships and non-compete agreements. The Company estimates that the definite-lived intangibles are to be amortized over a period of one to 20 years.

The allocation of the purchase price for these Fiscal 2007 acquisitions (excluding NextiraOne) is based on preliminary estimates of the fair values of certain assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of the date of the acquisition. Management, with the assistance of independent valuation specialists, is currently assessing the fair values of the tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The preliminary allocations of purchase price are dependant upon certain estimates and assumptions, which are preliminary and may vary from the amounts reported herein.

NextiraOne and NUVT contributed On-Site services revenues of \$242,251 and \$57,629, respectively, during Fiscal 2007.

The following unaudited pro-forma summary presents the Company's results of operations as if the acquisitions of NextiraOne and NUVT had occurred on April, 1 2005 and does not purport to represent what the Company's results of operations would have been had the acquisitions occurred on such date or at the beginning of the period indicated, or to project the Company's results of operations for any future date or period or to be a fair reflection of the assets purchased at the date of acquisition. As noted above, the acquisitions of ADS and NTI, taken individually, did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements, thus each acquisition is excluded from the following proforma summary. The pro-forma results of operations exclude the impact of nonrecurring or extraordinary adjustments, together with related income tax effects. These pro-forma results of operations do not include the effects of cost synergies and one-time nonrecurring transactions associated with the acquisition.

	Fiscal Year F	Ended March 31,
	2007	2006
Revenue (Pro-forma)	\$ 1,046,956	\$ 1,230,106
Net income from continuing operations (Pro-forma), net of tax	\$ 33,809	\$ 35,886
Earnings per common share (Pro-forma)		
Basic	\$ 1.93	\$ 2.09
Diluted	\$ 1.90	\$ 2.05

### Fiscal 2006

During the third quarter of Fiscal 2006, the Company purchased 100% of the issued and outstanding equity interests of Communication is World InterActive Networking, Inc. ("C=WIN") and Converged Solutions Group, LLC ("CSG"). C=WIN has an active customer base which includes commercial and various government agency accounts. CSG has an active customer base which includes commercial, education, health care and various government agency accounts. The C=WIN and CSG acquisitions primarily provide planning, installation and maintenance services for voice and data network systems in 15 states. In connection with the acquisitions, the Company has allocated \$6,167 and \$9,620 to goodwill and definite-lived intangible assets, respectively. The definite-lived intangible assets recorded represent the estimated fair market value of acquired customer relationships and non-compete agreements. The Company estimates that the definite-lived intangibles are to be amortized over a period of four to 20 years.

During the second quarter of Fiscal 2006, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets and certain liabilities of Universal Solutions of North America, L.L.C. and related entities ("Universal"). Universal primarily provides planning, installation and maintenance services for voice and data network systems in 14 states. In connection with the acquisition, the Company has allocated \$9,498 and \$8,000 to goodwill and definite-lived intangible assets, respectively. The definite-lived intangible assets recorded represent the estimated fair market value of acquired customer relationships and non-compete agreements. The definite-lived intangibles are being amortized over a period of five to 20 years.

During the first quarter of Fiscal 2006, the Company acquired 100% of the issued and outstanding equity interests of Telecommunication Systems Management, Inc. ("TSM"), GTC Technology Group, Inc. and Technology Supply, Inc. (collectively referred to as "GTC") and Business Communications, Inc., Bainbridge Communication, Inc., BCI of Tampa, LLC and Networx, L.L.C. (collectively referred to as "BCI"). These companies primarily provide full-service voice communication solutions and services in the Florida and Virginia markets. In connection with the acquisitions, the Company has allocated \$8,385 and \$5,846 to goodwill and definite-lived intangible assets, respectively. The definite-lived intangible assets recorded represent the fair market value of acquired customer relationships and non-compete agreements. The definite-lived intangibles are being amortized over a period of five to 20 years.

The results of operations of TSM, GTC, BCI, Universal, C=WIN and CSG are included in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income beginning on their individual acquisition dates during Fiscal 2006. The acquisitions taken individually did not have a material impact on the Company's results of operations. The costs of the acquisitions were funded with borrowings under the Credit Agreement described in Note 8.

### Fiscal 2005

On December 20, 2004, the Company signed a definitive agreement to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Norstan, Inc. ("Norstan") common stock for \$5.60 per share in cash via a tender offer and merger. On January 25, 2005, the Company completed its cash tender offer and purchased approximately 86% of the outstanding shares of Norstan common stock. Also, on January 25, 2005, the Company acquired 6,000,000 Norstan shares through the exercise of a stock option granted by Norstan. The Company's exercise of the option resulted in the Company owning in excess of 90% of the outstanding shares of Norstan and qualified the Company to complete a short-form merger under Minnesota law. The remaining Norstan shares not acquired in the tender offer were then acquired through the short-form merger, also effected on January 25, 2005. In the merger, each share of Norstan common stock was converted into the right to receive \$5.60 per share in cash, the same consideration paid for shares in the tender offer. As a result of the tender offer and merger, Norstan is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

The following table summarizes the value of the Norstan assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition.

	At Jan	uary 25, 2005
Current assets, primarily consisting of accounts receivable and inventories	\$	71,141
Property, plant and equipment		12,649
Other non-current assets		18,779
Intangible assets		15,971
Goodwill		58,741
Total assets acquired	\$	177,281
Current liabilities, primarily consisting of deferred revenue, restructuring reserve and accrued expenses	\$	61,128
Other non-current liabilities, primarily consisting of restructuring reserve		8,744
Total liabilities acquired	\$	69,872
Net assets acquired	\$	107,409

The following table details the amounts recorded to each major intangible asset class:

	At January 25, 20	05
Non-compete agreements	\$ 3.	342
Backlog	3,93	30
Customer relationships and contracts	11,69	99
Total intangible assets	\$ 15,9	71

The amortization period is three years for non-compete agreements, one year for backlog and 20 years for customer relationships.

The transaction resulted in \$58,741 of goodwill, none of which is deductible for tax purposes. The Company paid a premium for Norstan in order to further expand its operational footprint in the voice and data technology markets. In addition, the purchase increased the Company's solutions offerings and customer market, providing for a stronger worldwide technical services partner for its collective clients.

The Company paid a total of \$77,717 for all outstanding shares through the cash tender offer and subsequent merger. The Company also paid \$5,764 for all vested and unvested options and warrants outstanding at the date of the merger. In addition, the Company repaid Norstan's credit facility outstanding at the date of the merger of \$17,500 and incurred transaction costs of \$6,428 directly related to the acquisition (consisting primarily of banking, key-employee change of control payments and other professional fees), bringing the total acquisition cost to approximately \$102,553, net of cash acquired of \$4,859. The cost of the Norstan acquisition was funded with borrowings under the Credit Agreement.

After consummation of the acquisition, the Company began to integrate Norstan's products, employees and facilities with its own. In connection with these integration actions, the Company incurred severance costs of \$2,887 for the separation of approximately 150 employees. In addition, the Company incurred integration costs for facility consolidations of \$11,874. The majority of the severance costs were paid in Fiscal 2006 with certain facility costs extending through Fiscal 2012.

The following unaudited pro forma summary presents the Company's results of operations as if the acquisition had occurred at the beginning of the period indicated and does not purport to represent what the Company's results of operations would have been had the acquisition occurred on such date or at the beginning of the period indicated, or to project the Company's results of operations for any future date or period. The pro forma results of operations include adjustments to give effect to amortization of intangibles and other adjustments, together with related income tax effects. These pro forma results of operations do not include the effects of cost synergies and one-time nonrecurring transactions associated with the acquisition.

	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year Ended March 31,		
	2005	2004		
Revenue (Pro-forma)	\$ 716,853	\$ 746,261		
Net Income from continuing operations (Pro-forma), net of tax	\$ 22,451	\$ 32,732		
Earnings per common share (Pro-forma)				
Basic	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.80		
Diluted	\$ 1.26	\$ 1.74		

Norstan had an April fiscal year-end, which differed from the Company's March year-end. However, as the difference was less than 93 days, the pro forma information compiled for Fiscal 2004 was not required to be adjusted to account for the different year-ends. For Fiscal 2005 pro forma information, the Company's audited income statement for Fiscal 2005 (which included Norstan's results of operations effective January 25, 2005) was combined with Norstan's unaudited income statement for the period April 1, 2004 through January 24, 2005.

## Note 11: Restructuring and Other Charges

## Fiscal 2007

In connection with the acquisition of NextiraOne during the first quarter of Fiscal 2007, the Company committed to a plan of reorganization of NextiraOne's operations. In so doing, the Company incurred \$15,760 of costs related to facility consolidations and \$10,766 of severance costs for the separation of approximately 300 employees. In accordance with SFAS 141, these costs were properly included in the purchase price allocation for NextiraOne. The Company paid \$14,574 during Fiscal 2007 relating to such obligations, with the balance for certain facility cost payments extending through Fiscal 2014. *See* Note 10 for additional information.

### Fiscal 2006

During the first quarter of Fiscal 2006, the Company recorded a restructuring charge of \$5,290 related to staffing level adjustments and real estate consolidation in Europe and North America. This charge was in connection with the restructuring initiated during the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2005 and discussed below. The majority of restructuring costs have now been recognized with the exception of certain facility costs, which will extend through Fiscal 2012.

### Fiscal 2005

During the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2005, the Company committed to a plan to right-size the organization and align the expense structure with anticipated revenues and changing market demand for its solutions and services and, as a result, recorded restructuring and other charges of \$3,019. This amount was comprised of \$2,406 related to real estate consolidations, such as idle facility rent obligations and the write-off of leasehold improvements and \$613 relating to staffing level adjustments, including the involuntary termination of approximately 28 employees in its Europe segment. In aggregate, \$2,016 and \$1,003 related to North America and Europe, respectively.

Also, during the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2005, the Company recorded "Other Charges" of \$2,040 related to the satisfaction of a previously disclosed litigation judgment where the Company had appealed an adverse arbitration award. By opinion filed March 9, 2005, the Court of Appeals affirmed the decision of the District Court confirming the award. This charge was comprised of \$1,778 awarded to the plaintiff, which included interest, fees and costs as well as \$262 of legal fees incurred by the Company previously capitalized in Goodwill. The Company accrued the award of \$1,800 within Other liabilities on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. On May 6, 2005, the Company paid the award of \$1,800 in satisfaction of this judgment in full.

In connection with the acquisition of Norstan during the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2005, the Company committed to a plan of reorganization of the Norstan operations. In so doing, the Company incurred severance costs of \$2,887 for the separation of approximately 150 employees. In addition, the Company incurred integration costs for facility consolidations of \$11,874. The majority of the severance costs were paid in Fiscal 2006 with certain facility costs extending through Fiscal 2012.

The following table summarizes the changes to the restructuring reserve during the period:

	Employee			
	Severance	Facili	ity Closures	Total
Balance at March 31, 2005	\$ 2,789	\$	13,809	\$ 16,598
Restructuring charge	3,473		1,817	5,290
Acquisition adjustments ( see Note 10)	66		298	364
Asset write-downs			(636)	(636)
Cash expenditures	 (6,068)		(4,850)	 (10,918)
Balance at March 31, 2006	\$ 260	\$	10,438	\$ 10,698
Acquisition adjustments ( see Note 10)	10,766		16,268	27,034
Asset write-downs			(391)	(391)
Cash expenditures	(8,020)		(9,893)	(17,913)
Balance at March 31, 2007	\$ 3,006	\$	16,422	\$ 19,428

Of the \$19,428 above, \$9,788 is classified as a current liability under Other liabilities on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets for the period ended March 31, 2007.

## **Note 12: Operating Leases**

The Company leases offices, facilities, equipment and vehicles throughout the world. While most of the leases are operating leases that expire over the next 8 years, certain vehicles and equipment are leased under capital leases that expire over the next 5 years. As leases expire, it can be expected that, in the normal course of business, certain leases will be renewed or replaced.

Certain lease agreements include renewal options and escalating rents over the lease terms. Generally, the Company expenses rent on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease which commences on the date the Company has the right to control the property. The cumulative expense recognized on a straight-line basis in excess of the cumulative payments is included in Accrued Expenses and Other liabilities in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. Rent expense was \$23,381, \$16,059 and \$12,484 for Fiscal 2007, Fiscal 2006 and Fiscal 2005, respectively.

The future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable capital and operating leases with initial or remaining terms of one year or more as of March 31, 2007 are as follows:

2008	\$ 30,511
2009	22,969
2010	13,660
2011	9,125
2012	6,041
Thereafter through 2015	3,561
Total minimum lease payments	\$ 85,867

In connection with the NextiraOne acquisition, the Company obtained various contractual obligations in the form of operating leases for facilities and vehicles of approximately \$35,120 at the acquisition date. The remaining balance for those contractual obligations is included within the total minimum lease payments provided above.

Of the total minimum lease payments provided above, \$16,268 relates to future payments for facility consolidations that have been previously recognized within the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income or were derived from the Company's acquisitions, the amount of which is included in the opening balance sheet for that acquisition.

## **Note 13: Income Taxes**

The domestic and foreign components of pre-tax income from continuing operations for the years ended March 31 are as follows:

	 March 31,					
		(As	(As Restated)		Restated)	
	2007		2006		2005	
Domestic	\$ 27,523	\$	29,186	\$	30,595	
Foreign	 27,377		16,805		9,893	
Consolidated	\$ 54,900	\$	45,991	\$	40,488	

The provision / (benefit) for income tax charged to continuing operations for the years ended March 31 are as follows:

		March 31,						
				Restated) 2006	(As	Restated) 2005		
Current:								
Federal	\$	12,598	\$	11,506	\$	12,784		
State		1,363		1,230		1,118		
Foreign		4,384		5,038		3,449		
Total current		18,345		17,774		17,351		
Deferred		946		(2,553)		(3,909)		
Total provision for income taxes	\$	19,291	\$	15,221	\$	13,442		

Reconciliations between income taxes from continuing operations computed using the federal statutory income tax rate and the Company's effective tax rate for the years ended March 31 are as follows:

		March 31,	
	2007	(As Restated) 2006	(As Restated) 2005
Federal statutory tax rate	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%
Foreign taxes, net of foreign tax credits	(1.3)		0.7
Effect of permanent book / tax differences	(0.1)	2.7	1.1
State income taxes, net of federal benefit	1.8	(0.2)	(1.5)
Valuation allowance	0.9	(3.1)	(3.0)
Other, net	(1.2)	(1.3)	0.9
Effective tax rate	35.1%	33.1%	33.2%

The components of current and long-term deferred tax liabilities/assets at March 31 are as follows:

		March 31,			
		2007	(As	Restated) 2006	
Deferred Tax Liabilities:		2007		2000	
Tradename and trademarks	\$	10,035	\$	9,684	
Amortization of intangibles	· ·	11,244	·	8,940	
Unremitted earnings of foreign subsidiaries		3,080		2,109	
Basis of fixed assets		2		4,586	
Other prepaid items		341		22	
Gross deferred tax liabilities		24,702		25,341	
Deferred Tax Assets:					
Net operating losses		17,172		16,519	
Restructuring reserves		13,533		6,462	
Outsourced leases		22		6,403	
Basis of finished goods inventory		9,515		3,166	
Reserve for bad debts		5,452		2,796	
Miscellaneous accrued expenses		3,452		230	
Foreign tax credit carry-forwards		2,569		2,109	
Accrued employee costs		767		1,093	
Foreign exchange		438		719	
Unexercised stock options		17,285	-	15,678	
Gross deferred tax assets		70,205		55,175	
Valuation allowance		(1,460)		(952)	
Net deferred tax assets		68,745		54,223	
Net deferred tax assets/(liabilities)	\$	44,043	\$	28,882	

At March 31, 2007, the Company had \$4,861, \$75,008 and \$30,993 of federal, state and foreign gross net operating loss carry-forwards, respectively. As a result of the Company's reorganization in 1992 and concurrent ownership change and the Company's acquisition of Norstan, Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") limits the amount of net operating losses available to the Company to approximately \$3,565 per year. The federal net operating loss carry-forwards expire in Fiscal 2021. The state net operating loss carry-forwards expire at various times through Fiscal 2017, with the exception of \$274 for Austria, \$138 for Belgium, \$3,341 for Brazil, \$110 for Denmark and \$1,675 for France, which have no expirations.

A valuation allowance is provided when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The Company has recorded a valuation allowance of \$1,460 for certain state and foreign net operating loss carry-forwards anticipated to produce no tax benefit. The valuation allowance was increased in Fiscal 2007 by \$508 in order to reflect the inability to use certain state net operating loss carry-forwards.

In connection with the acquisitions of NextiraOne, NUVT, NTI and ADS, the Company acquired approximately \$96,000 of goodwill. The Company believes that \$65,549 will be recognized as a tax deduction over the next 15 years. In addition, the Company recorded approximately \$19,197 of deferred tax assets related to purchase accounting.

In general, except for certain earnings in Japan and earnings associated with inter-company loan balances, it is the Company's intention to reinvest all undistributed earnings of non-U.S. subsidiaries for an indefinite period of time. Therefore, except for the exceptions noted above, no deferred U.S. income taxes have been provided on undistributed earnings of non-U.S. subsidiaries, which aggregate approximately \$13,796 based on exchange rates at March 31, 2007. However, additional taxes could be necessary if future foreign earnings were loaned to the parent, if the foreign subsidiaries declare dividends to the U.S. parent or the Company should sell its stock in the subsidiaries.

During Fiscal 2007, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") commenced examination of the Company's U.S. federal income tax return for Fiscal 2004 and Fiscal 2005. The IRS has not yet proposed an adjustment to the Company's filing position in connection with this examination. Upon completion of this examination, it is reasonably possible that the total amount of recognized and unrecognized benefits may change. Any change would impact the effective rate. However, an estimate of the tax impact on the effective tax rate for any potential adjustment cannot be made at this time.

See Note 20 for subsequent events and the related impact on the Company's income taxes.

### **Note 14: Incentive Compensation Plans**

### Performance Bonus

The Company has variable compensation plans covering certain team members. These plans provide a bonus contingent on the attainment of certain annual or quarterly performance targets. The Company recorded expense of \$4,562, \$5,431 and \$1,123 under their variable compensation plans for Fiscal 2007, Fiscal 2006 and Fiscal 2005, respectively.

## Profit Sharing and Savings Plan ("the plans")

The Company has multiple profit sharing and savings plans which qualify as deferred salary arrangements under Section 401(k) of the Code. Participants may elect to contribute a portion of their eligible compensation, subject to limits imposed by the plans, which are partially matched by the Company. The Company recorded expense of \$3,569, \$3,532 and \$2,243 for these plans during Fiscal 2007, Fiscal 2006 and Fiscal 2005, respectively.

### Stock-Based Compensation

The Company has two stock option plans, the 1992 Stock Option Plan, as amended (the "Employee Plan"), and the 1992 Director Stock Option Plan, as amended (the "Director Plan"). As of March 31, 2007, the Employee Plan is authorized to issue stock options and stock appreciation rights ("SARs") for up to 9,200,000 shares of common stock. The Employee Plan provides that options are to be granted by a committee appointed by the Board to key employees of the Company; such stock options generally become exercisable in equal amounts over a three-year period. As of March 31, 2007, the Director Plan is authorized to issue stock options and SARs for up to 270,000 shares of common stock. The Director Plan provides that options are to be granted by the Board or a committee appointed by the Board; such options generally become exercisable in equal amounts over a three-year period. No SARs have been issued under either plan.

Stock-based compensation expense includes (i) compensation expense for share-based awards granted prior to, but not yet vested as of March 31, 2006, based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the pro-forma provisions of SFAS 123 and (ii) compensation expense for the share-based payment awards granted subsequent to March 31, 2006 based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 123(R). During Fiscal 2007, the Company recognized compensation expense of \$9,308 (\$6,050 net of tax) or \$0.34 per diluted share which is recorded in Selling, general & administrative expenses on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income.

As a result of the Restatement, the Company has restated its stock-based compensation expense recognized under the intrinsic value method (APB 25) for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2006 and 2005. The following table reconciles the Company's stock-based compensation expense from the previously-reported results to the restated results for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2006 and 2005.

		Stock-Based Compensation Expense, Pre-Tax					
	(As I	Previously					
For the fiscal years ended March 31,		Reported)	A	djustment	(As Restated)		
2006	\$		\$	11,045	\$	11,045	
2005		680		5,178		5,858	

As noted above, the restated stock-based compensation expense for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 was \$11,045 (\$7,234 net of tax), or approximately \$0.41 per diluted share, and \$5,858 (\$3,834 net of tax), or approximately \$0.21 per diluted share, respectively.

The following table summarizes the activity of the Company's stock options as of and for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005.

		2007			2006			2005	
Shares in thousands	Shares		Weighted- Average Exercise Price (per share)	Shares		Weighted- Average Exercise Price (per share)	Shares	Exer	Veighted- Average cise Price per share)
Outstanding at beginning of period	5,055	\$	38.28	4,780	\$	37.14	4,414	\$	36.40
Granted	70		39.12	1,256		38.51	924		34.86
Exercised	(435)		34.42	(753)		30.95	(381)		20.78
Forfeited or expired	(69)		38.71	(228)		39.84	(177)		42.01
Outstanding at end of period	4,621	\$	38.66	5,055	\$	38.28	4,780	\$	37.14
Exercisable at end of period	4,130	\$	39.12	4,247	\$	39.07	3,143	\$	37.33
Weighted average fair value of options granted during the period using Black-									
Scholes option pricing model		\$	17.88		\$	22.79		\$	21.03

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during Fiscal 2007, Fiscal 2006 and Fiscal 2005, was \$3,597, \$10,931, and \$8,870, respectively. See Note 20 for subsequent events and the related impact on the Company's outstanding stock options.

The following table summarizes certain information regarding the Company's non-vested shares as of and for the period ending March 31, 2007.

	Number of Shares (in 000's)	Weighted- Average Grant- Date Fair Value
Non-vested as of 4/1/06	808	\$ 19.59
Granted	65	17.82
Forfeited	(366)	19.69
Vested	(17)_	20.87
Non-vested as of 3/31/07	490	19.29

The weighted average fair value of stock options granted during the period and the stock-based compensation expense recognized during Fiscal 2007 were based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model using the following weighted average assumptions.

	Fiscal 2007
Expected life (in years)	5.7
Risk free interest rate	4.18%
Annual forfeiture rate	1.53%
Volatility	45.47%
Dividend yield	0.60%

The following table summarizes certain information regarding the Company's outstanding stock options at March 31, 2007:

		<b>Options Outstanding</b>				Options Exercisable				
Range of Exercise Prices	Shares Out- standing (000's)	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Average Intrinsic Value (000's)	Shares Exer- cisable (000's)	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Average Intrinsic Value (000's)		
\$19.95 - \$26.60	257	1.3	\$ 21.85	\$ 3,715	257	1.3	\$ 21.85	\$ 3,715		
\$26.60 - \$33.25	315	1.9	30.14	1,936	314	1.9	30.14	1,936		
\$33.25 - \$39.90	1,777	8.0	37.18	1,678	1,287	8.2	38.10	754		
\$39.90 - \$46.55	2,114	4.6	42.40	_	2,114	4.6	42.40	_		
\$46.55 - \$53.20	154	2.6	49.39	_	154	2.6	49.39	_		
\$53.20 - \$59.85	2	2.8	55.88	_	2	2.8	55.88	_		
\$59.85 - \$66.50	2	2.7	63.22		2	2.7	63.22	_		
\$19.95 - \$66.50	4,621	5.5	\$ 38.66	\$ 7,329	4,130	5.2	\$ 39.12	\$ 6,405		

The aggregate intrinsic value in the preceding table represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value, based on the Company's average stock price ( *i.e.* , average of the open and close of the common stock) on March 31, 2007 of \$36.29, which would have been received by the option holders had all option holders exercised their options as of that date. As of March 31, 2007, there was approximately \$4,281 of total unrecognized pre-tax compensation expense related to non-vested stock options granted under the plans which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.5 years.

### Pro forma Information

The Company adopted SFAS 123(R) using the modified prospective transition method. The modified prospective transition method requires the Company to provide pro forma disclosure of specific income statement line items for periods prior to the adoption of SFAS 123(R) as if the fair-value-based method had been applied to all awards. The following table illustrates the pro forma effect on Net Income (Loss) and Net Income (Loss) per share prior to the adoption of SFAS 123(R). This table only shows pro forma amounts for Fiscal 2006 and Fiscal 2005 since the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS 123(R) on April 1, 2006 and, therefore, compensation expenses are recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Income for all share-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested as of, March 31, 2006. Per share amounts may not total due to rounding.

	Years Ended March 31,			
	(As	Restated) 2006	(As	Restated) 2005
Net income (Loss) - As reported	\$	30,770	\$	27,046
Plus: Stock-based compensation expense included in reported net income, net of related tax		11,045		5,623
Less: Stock-based compensation expense determined by the fair value method for all				
awards, net of related tax		(43,420)		(21,724)
Net Income (Loss) - Pro-forma	\$	(1,605)	\$	10,945
Earnings per common share				
Basic — as reported	\$	1.79	\$	1.55
Basic — pro-forma	\$	(0.09)	\$	0.63
Diluted — as reported	\$	1.75	\$	1.52
Diluted — pro-forma	\$	(0.09)	\$	0.61

On October 31, 2005, in response to the issuance of SFAS 123(R), the Compensation Committee authorized the acceleration of the vesting of all of the Company's outstanding out-of-the-money unvested stock options held by current employees, including officers and directors. Approximately 405,224 options that would otherwise have vested from time to time over the next three years became immediately exercisable. Such stock options had an exercise price greater than \$39.77, the approximate fair market value of the common stock on October 31, 2005. The accelerated vesting of these options increased the pro-forma compensation expense for the three months ended December 31, 2005 by approximately \$4,217, net of tax.

The Company issued options, with a stated grant date of October 31, 2005, to purchase approximately 989,700 shares of common stock which were granted fully vested, the effect of which increased the pro-forma compensation expense for Fiscal 2006 by approximately \$14,656, net of tax.

The following tables reconcile the pro-forma information required by SFAS 123(R) from the previously reported results to the restated results for Fiscal 2006 and Fiscal 2005. All dollar amounts are in thousands, except per share amounts. Per share amounts may not total due to rounding.

	Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2006						
	1	As previously reported	A	djustment	A	s Restated	
Net income (Loss) - As reported	\$	37,358	\$	(6,588)	\$	30,770	
Plus: Stock-based compensation expense included in reported net income, net of related tax				11,045		11,045	
Less: Stock-based compensation expense determined by the fair value method for all awards, net of related tax		(23,972)		(19,448)		(43,420)	
Net Income (Loss) - Pro-forma	\$	13,386	\$	(14,991)	\$	(1,605)	
Earnings per common share							
Basic – as reported	\$	2.18	\$	(0.39)	\$	1.79	
Basic – pro-forma	\$	0.78	\$	(0.87)	\$	(0.09)	
Diluted – as reported	\$	2.13	\$	(0.38)	\$	1.75	
Diluted – pro-forma	\$	0.76	\$	(0.85)	\$	(0.09)	

	Fiscal Year ended March 31, 2005						
	1	As previously reported	A	djustment	A	s Restated	
Net income (Loss) - As reported	\$	29,912	\$	(2,866)	\$	27,046	
Plus: Stock-based compensation expense included in reported net income, net of related tax		445		5,178		5,623	
Less: Stock-based compensation expense determined by the fair value method for all awards, net of related tax		(9,492)		(12,232)		(21,724)	
Net Income (Loss) - Pro-forma	\$	20,865	\$	(9,920)	\$	10,945	
Earnings per common share							
Basic – as reported	\$	1.72	\$	(0.17)	\$	1.55	
Basic – pro-forma	\$	1.20	\$	(0.57)	\$	0.63	
Diluted – as reported	\$	1.68	\$	(0.16)	\$	1.52	
Diluted – pro-forma	\$	1.17	\$	(0.56)	\$	0.61	

During the second quarter of Fiscal 2005, the Company recorded compensation expense as a result of a modification to a retiring director's stock option agreements. The Company recorded non-cash stock-based compensation expense of \$680 (\$445 net of tax) that was recorded as a component of Selling, general & administrative expense.

The pro forma impacts computed above were based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model using the following weighted average assumptions.

	Year Ended M	arch 31,
	2006	2005
Expected life (in years)	5.6	5.1
Risk free interest rate	4.2%	3.5%
Volatility	49.0%	60.0%
Dividend yield	0.6%	0.6%

## **Note 15: Earnings Per Share**

The following table details the computation of basic and diluted earnings per common share from continuing operations:

	March 31,					
		2007	(As	Restated) 2006	(As	Restated) 2005
Net income, as reported	\$	35,609	\$	30,770	\$	27,046
Weighted average common shares outstanding (basic)		17,512		17,164		17,411
Effect of dilutive securities from employee stock options		296		380		434
Weighted average common shares outstanding (diluted)		17,808	'	17,544		17,845
Basic earnings per common share	\$	2.03	\$	1.79	\$	1.55
Dilutive earnings per common share	\$	2.00	\$	1.75	\$	1.52

The Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding (diluted) computation is not impacted during any period where the exercise price of a stock option is greater than the average market price. There were 1,246,215, 1,287,219 and 875,060 non-dilutive stock options outstanding during Fiscal 2007, Fiscal 2006 and Fiscal 2005, respectively that are not included in the corresponding period Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding (diluted) computation.

# **Note 16: Repurchase of Common Stock**

Fiscal 2007 - During Fiscal 2007, the Company repurchased 500,712 shares of its common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$20,209, or an average purchase price per share of \$40.36.

Fiscal 2006 - During Fiscal 2006, the Company repurchased 565 shares of its common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$27, or an average purchase price per share of \$47.45.

Fiscal 2005 - During Fiscal 2005, the Company repurchased 1,400,486 shares of its common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$56,912, or an average purchase price per share of \$40.64.

Since the inception of the repurchase program in April 1999 through March 31, 2007, the Company has repurchased 7,436,111 shares for an aggregate purchase price of \$317,033, or an average purchase price per share of \$42.63. As of March 31, 2007, 1,063,889 shares were available under repurchase programs approved by the Board. Additional repurchases of common stock may occur from time to time depending upon factors such as the Company's cash flows and general market conditions. While the Company expects to continue to repurchase shares of common stock for the foreseeable future, there can be no assurance as to the timing or amount of such repurchases. Under the Company's Credit Agreement, the Company is permitted to repurchase its common stock as long as no Event of Default or Potential Default (each as defined in the Credit Agreement) occurs or is continuing.

## **Note 17: Commitments and Contingencies**

#### Regulatory Matters

As previously disclosed, on November 13, 2006, the Company received a letter of informal inquiry from the Enforcement Division of the SEC relating to the Company's stock option practices from January 1, 1997 to present. On May 24, 2007, the SEC issued a formal order of investigation in connection with this matter, and, on May 29, 2007, the Company received a document subpoena from the SEC acting pursuant to such order. The Company has cooperated with the SEC in this matter and intends to continue to do so.

As previously disclosed, the Audit Committee, with the assistance of outside legal counsel, is conducting an independent review of the Company's historical stock option grant practices and related accounting for stock option grants. *See* the "Explanatory Note" preceding Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-K for more information regarding this and related matters.

On September 20, 2006, the Company received formal notice from the IRS regarding its intent to begin an audit of the Company's tax years 2004 and 2005. In connection with this normal recurring audit, the IRS has requested certain documentation with respect to stock options for the Company's 2004 and 2005 tax years. The Company has produced various documents requested by the IRS and is currently in the process of responding to additional documentation requests.

At the conclusion of these regulatory matters, the Company could be subject to additional taxes, fines, penalties or other costs which could be material.

### **Litigation Matters**

In November 2006, two stockholder derivative lawsuits were filed against the Company itself, as a nominal defendant, and several of the Company's current and former officers and directors in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. The two substantially identical stockholder derivative complaints allege that the individual defendants improperly backdated grants of stock options to several officers and directors in violation of the Company's stockholder-approved stock option plans during the period 1996-2002, improperly recorded and accounted for backdated stock options in violation of generally accepted accounting principles, improperly took tax deductions based on backdated stock options in violation of the Code, produced and disseminated false financial statements and SEC filings to the Company's stockholders and to the market that improperly recorded and accounted for the backdated option grants, concealed the alleged improper backdating of stock options and obtained substantial benefits from sales of Company stock while in the possession of material inside information. The complaints seek damages on behalf of the Company against certain current and former officers and directors and allege breach of fiduciary duty, unjust enrichment, securities law violations and other claims. The two lawsuits have been consolidated into a single action as *In re Black Box Corporation Derivative Litigation*, Master File No. 2:06-CV-1531-TMH, and plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended complaint on January 29, 2007. The parties have stipulated that responses by the defendants, including the Company, are due on or before September 4, 2007. The Company may have indemnification obligations arising out of this matter to its current and former directors and officers named in this litigation. The Company has made a claim for such costs under an insurance policy.

As previously disclosed, the Company received a subpoena, dated December 8, 2004, from the United States General Services Administration ("GSA"), Office of Inspector General. The subpoena requires production of documents and information. The Company understands that the materials are being sought in connection with an investigation regarding potential violations of the terms of a GSA Multiple Award Schedule contract. The Company has not received any communication on this matter from the GSA since June 2005.

The Company is, as a normal part of its business operations, a party to legal proceedings in addition to those described in current and previous filings. Based on the facts currently available to the Company, management believes the matters described under this caption "Litigation Matters" are adequately provided for, covered by insurance, without merit or not probable that an unfavorable outcome will result.

## **Product Warranties**

Estimated future warranty costs related to certain products are charged to operations in the period the related revenue is recognized. The product warranty liability reflects the Company's best estimate of probable liability under those warranties. As of March 31, 2007 and 2006, the Company has recorded a warranty reserve of \$4,214 and \$1,383, respectively.

There has been no significant or unusual activity during Fiscal 2007 other than the acquisitions as discussed in Note 10.

### **Note 18: Segment Reporting**

Management reviews financial information for the consolidated Company accompanied by disaggregated information on net revenues, operating income and assets by geographic region for the purpose of making operational decisions and assessing financial performance. Additionally, Management is presented with and reviews net revenues and gross profit by service type. The accounting policies of the individual operating segments are the same as those of the Company.

The following table presents financial information about the Company's reportable segments by geographic region:

	 March 31,					
		(As Restated)		(As Restated)		
	2007		2006		2005	
North America						
Revenues	\$ 850,088	\$	564,700	\$	355,013	
Operating income	49,481		42,505		21,620	
Depreciation	11,742		8,012		5,144	
Amortization	10,156		4,472		878	
Segment assets (as of March 31)	1,007,695		761,424		719,936	
Europe						
Revenues	\$ 129,278	\$	120,051	\$	142,838	
Operating income	16,442		5,518		13,639	
Depreciation	498		671		1,213	
Amortization	91		491		398	
Segment assets (as of March 31)	139,531		116,717		134,982	
All Other						
Revenues	\$ 36,944	\$	36,584	\$	37,225	
Operating income	7,426		7,127		8,099	
Depreciation	85		248		266	
Amortization	38		36		56	
Segment assets (as of March 31)	17,318		16,416		15,357	

The sum of the segment revenues, operating income, depreciation and amortization equals the consolidated revenues, operating income, depreciation and amortization. The following reconciles segment assets to total consolidated assets for the periods referenced below:

	 <b>March 31</b> ,					
	 (As Restated)			(As Restated)		
	2007		2006		2005	
Segment assets for North America, Europe and All Other	\$ 1,164,544	\$	894,557	\$	870,275	
Corporate eliminations	 (74,453)		(79,145)		(83,211)	
Total consolidated assets	\$ 1,090,091	\$	815,412	\$	787,064	

The following table presents financial information about the Company by service type:

	March 31,				
	 2007		2006		2005
Data Services					
Revenues	\$ 182,129	\$	196,585	\$	200,935
Gross Profit	55,598		57,068		59,354
Voice Services					
Revenues	\$ 611,278	\$	310,804	\$	106,540
Gross Profit	209,268		119,556		36,255
<b>Hotline Services</b>					
Revenues	\$ 222,903	\$	213,946	\$	227,601
Gross Profit	109,123		105,726		119,320

The sum of service type revenues and gross profit equals consolidated revenues and gross profit.

# **Note 19: Quarterly Data (Unaudited)**

The following tables represent summary Quarterly (Unaudited) Consolidated Statements of Income for Fiscal 2007 and Fiscal 2006. All dollar amounts are in thousands, except per share amounts. Earnings per share data may not compute due to rounding.

	Fiscal Year 2007 (Unaudited)								
	(As	Restated)	(As	Restated)					
		1Q07		2Q07		3Q07	4Q07		FY07
Revenues									
Hotline products	\$	52,225	\$	55,063	\$	57,770	\$ 57,845	\$	222,903
On-Site services		178,170		216,262		207,036	191,939		793,407
Total		230,395		271,325		264,806	249,784		1,016,310
Cost of sales									
Hotline products		25,461		27,847		29,887	30,585		113,780
On-Site services		119,090		144,442		138,234	 126,775		528,541
Total		144,551		172,289		168,121	157,360		642,321
Gross profit		85,844		99,036		96,685	92,424		373,989
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Selling, general & administrative		70,202		73,599		73,940	72,614		290,355
expenses Restructuring and other charges		70,202		13,399		73,940	72,014		290,333
Intangibles Amortization		1,506		1,931		2,677	4,171		10,285
mangioles / mortization		1,500		1,731		2,077	 7,171		10,203
Operating income		14,136		23,506		20,068	15,639		73,349
Interest expense (income), net		3,640		5,521		4,061	5,185		18,407
Other expenses (income), net		115		72		(122)	(23)		42
T h-fi-i fi									
Income before provision for income taxes		10,381		17,913		16,129	10,477		54,900
taxes		10,361		17,913		10,129	10,477		34,900
Provision for income taxes		3,568		6,238		5,636	3,849		19,291
Net income	\$	6,813	\$	11,675	\$	10,493	\$ 6,628	\$	35,609
Earnings per common share:									
Basic	\$	0.39	\$	0.67	\$	0.60	\$ 0.38	\$	2.03
Diluted	\$	0.37	\$	0.66	\$	0.59	\$ 0.37	\$	2.00

**Net income** 

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Earnings per common share:

	Fiscal Year 2006 (Unaudited)					
	(As Restated) 1Q06	(As Restated) 2Q06	(As Restated) 3Q06	(As Restated) 4Q06	(As Restated) FY06	
Revenues						
Hotline products	\$ 53,452	\$ 54,056	\$ 52,771	\$ 53,667	\$ 213,946	
On-Site services	125,830	130,994	129,364	121,201	507,389	
Total	179,282	185,050	182,135	174,868	721,335	
Cost of sales						
Hotline products	25,874	26,829	26,308	29,209	108,220	
On-Site services	82,468	84,339	82,425	81,533	330,765	
Total	108,342	111,168	108,733	110,742	438,985	
Gross profit	70,940	73,882	73,402	64,126	282,350	
Selling, general & administrative						
expenses	52,040	51,773	52,872	60,226	216,911	
Restructuring and other charges	5,290				5,290	
Intangibles Amortization	1,558	1,328	1,349	764	4,999	
Operating income	12,052	20,781	19,181	3,136	55,150	
Interest expense (income), net	1,959	2,330	2,397	2,437	9,123	
Other expenses (income), net	(75)	40	114	(43)	36	
Income before provision for income						
taxes	10,168	18,411	16,670	742	45,991	
Provision for income taxes	3,452	6,296	5,631	(158)	15,221	

During the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2006, the Company incurred a pre-tax charge of \$7.1 million related to an adjustment of earnings over multiple years, from Fiscal 2003 through Fiscal 2006, from the Company's Italian Operations ("Italian Operations Adjustment"). The Italian Operations Adjustment resulted from intentional misconduct by certain local operational and financial managers of the Company's Italian Operations acting in collusion with one another for the purpose of overstating local financial results.

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The Company's management concluded, with the concurrence of the Audit Committee, that the impact of the Italian Operations Adjustment was not material to the Company's consolidated financial statements for any interim or annual period between Fiscal 2003 through Fiscal 2006. In reaching this conclusion, the Company reviewed and analyzed the SEC's Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 99, "Materiality," in order to determine that the impact was not material on a quantitative or qualitative basis to any one period. As a result, the Company recorded a cumulative adjustment in the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2006.

# Restatement Impact on the Quarterly (Unaudited) Consolidated Statements of Income

The following tables reconcile the Company's Quarterly (Unaudited) Consolidated Statements of Income from the previously reported results to the restated results for Fiscal Years Ended March 31, 2007 and 2006. All dollar amounts are in thousands, except per share amounts. Per share amounts may not total due to rounding.

	Three Month Period Ended September 30, 2006 (Unaudited)							
	As Previou	sly						
In thousands, except per share amounts	Report	ted Adjustment	As Restated					
Revenues								
Hotline products	\$ 55,0	)63 \$	\$ 55,063					
On-Site services	216,2	262	216,262					
Total	271,3	325	271,325					
Cost of sales								
Hotline products	27,8	347	27,017					
On-Site services	144,4	<u></u>	144,442					
Total	172,2		172,289					
Gross profit	99,0		99,036					
Selling, general & administrative expenses	72,7	784 815	73,599					
Restructuring and other charges								
Intangibles amortization	1,9	931	1,931					
Operating income	24,3	321 (815	23,506					
Interest expense (income), net	4,1	1,395	5,521					
Other expenses (income), net		72	72					
Income before provision for income taxes	20,1	(2,210	17,913					
Provision for income taxes	7,0	)44 (806	6,238					
Net income	\$ 13,0	\$ (1,404)	\$ 11,675					
Earnings per common share:								
Basic		.75 \$ (0.08						
Diluted	\$ 0	.74 \$ (0.08	) \$ 0.66					

	Three Month Period Ended June 30, 2006 (Unaudited)						
In thousands, except per share amounts	As Previously Reported		As Restated				
Revenues							
Hotline products	\$ 52,225		\$ 52,225				
On-Site services	178,170		178,170				
Total	230,395		230,395				
Cost of sales							
Hotline products	25,461		25,461				
On-Site services	119,090		119,090				
Total	144,551		144,551				
Gross profit	85,844		85,844				
Selling, general & administrative expenses	68,573	1,629	70,202				
Restructuring and other charges	<del></del>		<del></del>				
Intangibles amortization	1,506		1,506				
Operating income	15,765	(1,629)	14,136				
Interest expense (income), net	3,640		3,640				
Other expenses (income), net	115		115				
Income before provision for income taxes	12,010	(1,629)	10,381				
Provision for income taxes	4,203	(635)	3,568				
Net income	\$ 7,807	\$ (994)	\$ 6,813				
Earnings per common share:							
Basic	\$ 0.44	. ,					
Diluted	\$ 0.43	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.37				

	Three Mon	Three Month Period Ended March 31, 2006 (Unaudited)						
	As Previously							
In thousands, except per share amounts	Reported	Adjustment	As Restated					
Revenues								
Hotline products	\$ 53,667		\$ 53,667					
On-Site services	121,201		121,201					
Total	174,868	<del></del>	174,868					
Cost of sales								
Hotline products	29,209		29,209					
On-Site services	81,533		81,533					
Total	110,742		110,742					
Gross profit	64,126		64,126					
Selling, general & administrative expenses	53,858	6,368	60,226					
Restructuring and other charges	<u> </u>		·					
Intangibles amortization	764	<u> </u>	764					
Operating income	9,504	(6,368)	3,136					
Interest expense (income), net	2,437		2,437					
Other expenses (income), net	(43		(43)					
Income before provision for income taxes	7,110	(6,368)	742					
Provision for income taxes	2,454	(2,612)	(158)					
Net income	\$ 4,656	\$ (3,756)	\$ 900					
Earnings per common share:								
Basic	\$ 0.26		\$ 0.05					
Diluted	\$ 0.26	\$ (0.21)	\$ 0.05					

	<b>Three Month Period Ended December 31, 2005 (Unaudited)</b>							
	As Previously							
In thousands, except per share amounts	Reported	Adjustment	As Restated					
Revenues								
Hotline products	\$ 52,771	\$	\$ 52,771					
On-Site services	129,364		129,364					
Total	182,135		182,135					
Cost of sales								
Hotline products	26,308		26,308					
On-Site services	82,425		82,425					
Total	108,733		108,733					
Gross profit	73,402		73,402					
Selling, general & administrative expenses	50,441	2,431	52,872					
Restructuring and other charges								
Intangibles amortization	1,349		1,349					
Operating income	21,612	(2,431)	19,181					
Interest expense (income), net	2,397		2,397					
Other expenses (income), net	114		114					
Income before provision for income taxes	19,101	(2,431)	16,670					
Provision for income taxes	6,590	(959)	5,631					
Net income	\$ 12,511	\$ (1,472)	\$ 11,039					
Earnings per common share:								
Basic	\$ 0.72	\$ (0.08)	\$ 0.64					
Diluted	\$ 0.70	\$ (0.08)	\$ 0.62					

	Three Month Period Ended October 1, 2005 (Unaudited)							
		Previously						
In thousands, except per share amounts		Reported	Adju	ıstment	As I	Restated		
Revenues								
Hotline products	\$	54,056	\$		\$	54,056		
On-Site services		130,994				130,994		
Total		185,050				185,050		
Cost of sales								
Hotline products		26,829				26,829		
On-Site services		84,339				84,339		
Total		111,168				111,168		
Gross profit		73,882				73,882		
Selling, general & administrative expenses		50,647		1,126		51,773		
Restructuring and other charges								
Intangibles amortization		1,328		<u></u>		1,328		
Operating income		21,907		(1,126)		20,781		
Interest expense (income), net		2,330				2,330		
Other expenses (income), net		40				40		
Income before provision for income taxes		19,537		(1,126)		18,411		
Provision for income taxes		6,740		(444)		6,296		
Net income	\$	12,797	\$	(682)	\$	12,115		
Earnings per common share:								
Basic	\$	0.75	\$	(0.04)	\$	0.71		
Diluted	\$	0.74	\$	(0.04)	\$	0.70		

	T	Three Month Period Ended July 2, 2005 (Unaudited)							
	As P	reviously							
In thousands, except per share amounts	:	Reported	Adjı	ustment	As l	Restated			
Revenues									
Hotline products	\$	53,452	\$		\$	53,452			
On-Site services		125,830				125,830			
Total		179,282	'		<u>-</u>	179,282			
Cost of sales									
Hotline products		25,874				25,874			
On-Site services		82,468				82,468			
Total		108,342				108,342			
Gross profit		70,940				70,940			
Selling, general & administrative expenses		50,920		1,120		52,040			
Restructuring and other charges		5,290				5,290			
Intangibles amortization		1,558				1,558			
Operating income		13,172		(1,120)		12,052			
Interest expense (income), net		1,959				1,959			
Other expenses (income), net		(75)			<u> </u>	(75)			
Income before provision for income taxes		11,288		(1,120)		10,168			
Provision for income taxes		3,894		(442)		3,452			
Net income	\$	7,394	\$	) (678	\$	6,716			
Earnings per common share:									
Basic	\$	0.44	\$	(0.04)	\$	0.40			
Diluted	\$	0.43	\$	(0.04)	\$	0.39			

The following tables represent summary Quarterly (Unaudited) Consolidated Balance Sheets for Fiscal 2007 and Fiscal 2006. All dollar amounts are in thousands.

	(As Restated) June 30, 2006 (Unaudited)	Sept	(As Restated) tember 30, 2006 (Unaudited)	Decen	nber 30, 2006 (Unaudited)	March 31, 2007
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,360	\$	15,758	\$	15,362	\$ 17,157
Accounts receivable, net	172,315		185,333		184,403	161,733
Inventories, net	68,243		71,877		74,077	72,807
Costs / estimated earnings in excess of billings on						
uncompleted contracts	55,400		56,553		59,200	61,001
Deferred tax asset	8,873		9,489		10,456	10,562
Prepaid and other current assets	28,662		27,606		26,045	20,495
Total current assets	347,853		366,616		369,543	343,755
Property, plant and equipment, net	39,029		41,595		39,252	39,051
Goodwill, net	593,188		586,273		588,556	568,647
Intangibles:						
Customer relationships, net	54,036		53,996		55,962	68,016
Other intangibles, net	35,471		34,799		36,493	33,258
Deferred tax asset	19,065		18,526		17,920	33,481
Other assets	4,969		4,343		4,192	3,883
Total assets	\$ 1,093,611	\$	1,106,148	\$	1,111,918	\$1,090,091
Liabilities						
Accounts payable	\$ 73,753	\$	87,127	\$	75,982	\$ 74,727
Accrued compensation and benefits	25,644		20,656		23,443	21,811
Deferred revenue	53,365		51,120		48,998	35,630
Billings in excess of costs / estimated earnings on						
uncompleted contracts	15,483		20,571		21,444	19,027
Current maturities of long-term debt	704		608		587	686
Income taxes	9,887		11,818		60,428	13,430
Other liabilities	68,344		64,780		11,782	61,385
Total current liabilities	247,180		256,680		242,664	226,696
Long-term debt	243,886		251,945		253,938	239,928
Other liabilities	31,509		27,708		26,754	23,771
Total liabilities	522,575		536,333		523,356	490,395
Stockholders' equity						
Preferred Stock						
Common Stock	25		25		25	25
Additional paid-in capital	424,141		430,061		437,096	441,283
Treasury stock	(296,824)		(314,411)		(317,030)	(317,033)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	19,329		19,141		24,025	25,399
Retained earnings	424,365		434,999		444,446	450,022
Total stockholders' equity	571,036		569,815		588,562	599,696
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,093,611	\$	1,106,148	\$	1,111,918	\$1,090,091

	Ju	Restated) ly 2, 2005 naudited)	Octol	s Restated) ber 1, 2005 Unaudited)	Decem	As Restated) aber 31, 2005 (Unaudited)		s Restated) ch 31, 2006
Assets	ф	11.000	Φ	11.025	Ф	10 142	Ф	11 207
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	11,008	\$	11,925	\$	12,143	\$	11,207
Accounts receivable, net		115,141		131,757		125,632		116,713
Inventories, net Costs / estimated earnings in excess of billings on		52,454		53,154		53,448		53,926
uncompleted contracts		29,770		24,052		28,093		23,803
Deferred tax asset		10,031		10,496		11,084		8,973
Prepaid and other current assets		17,877		19,228		18,483		16,502
Total current assets		236,281		250,612		248,883		231,124
Property, plant and equipment, net		36,173		36,330		36,117		35,124
Goodwill, net		448,993		457,362		468,871		468,724
Intangibles:				,		,.,.		
Customer relationships, net		14,257		19,807		24,333		24,657
Other intangibles, net		32,572		31,596		31,240		30,783
Deferred tax asset		18,382		18,642		17,719		19,909
Other assets		4,728		4,548		4,480		5,091
Total assets	\$	791,386	\$	818,897	\$	831,643	\$	815,412
Liabilities								
Accounts payable	\$	32,647	\$	38,301	\$	39,487	\$	44,943
Accrued compensation and benefits		13,833		11,382		12,650		13,954
Deferred revenue		22,401		21,931		21,473		22,211
Billings in excess of costs / estimated earnings on								
uncompleted contracts		10,821		11,472		11,604		8,648
Current maturities of long-term debt		981		576		716		1,049
Income taxes		11,763		13,331		12,600		9,511
Other liabilities		40,472		44,018		44,933		31,139
Total current liabilities		132,918		141,011		143,463		131,455
Long-term debt		150,903		149,308		141,304		122,673
Other liabilities		9,107		8,629		8,142		8,293
Total liabilities		292,928		298,948		292,909		262,421
Stockholders' equity								
Preferred Stock								
Common Stock		24		24		24		25
Additional paid-in capital		384,598		394,219		405,618		418,141
Treasury stock		(296,797)		(296,807)		(296,811)		(296,824)
Accumulated other comprehensive income		12,946		13,739		11,135		13,036
Retained earnings		397,687		408,774		418,768		418,613
Total stockholders' equity		498,458		519,949		538,734		552,991
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	791,386	\$	818,897	\$	831,643	\$	815,412

## Restatement Impact on the Quarterly (Unaudited) Consolidated Balance Sheets

The following tables reconcile the Company's Quarterly (Unaudited) Consolidated Balance Sheets from the previously reported results to the restated results for the periods ended September 30 and June 30 of 2006 and December 31, October 1 and July 2 of 2005. See Note 3 for reference to the reconciliation from the previously reported results to the restated results for the period ended March 31, 2006. All dollar amounts are in thousands.

	September 30, 2006 (Unaudited)			
	As Previously Reported	Adjustment	As Restated	
Assets	•	U		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,758	\$	\$ 15,758	
Accounts receivable, net	185,333		185,333	
Inventories, net	71,877		71,877	
Costs / estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts	56,553		56,553	
Deferred tax asset	9,489		9,489	
Prepaid and other current assets	27,606		27,606	
Total current assets	366,616		366,616	
Property, plant and equipment, net	41,595		41,595	
Goodwill, net	586,273		586,273	
Intangibles:				
Customer relationships, net	53,996		53,996	
Other intangibles, net	34,799		34,799	
Deferred tax asset	2,654	15,872	18,526	
Other assets	4,343		4,343	
Total assets	\$ 1,090,276	\$ 15,872	\$ 1,106,148	
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 87,127	\$	\$ 87,127	
Accrued compensation and benefits	20,656		20,656	
Deferred revenue	51,120		51,120	
Billings in excess of costs / estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	20,571		20,571	
Current maturities of long-term debt	608		608	
Income taxes	8,719	3,099	11,818	
Other liabilities	64,780		64,780	
Total current liabilities	253,581	3,099	256,680	
Long-term debt	251,945		251,945	
Other liabilities	27,708		27,708	
Total liabilities	533,234	3,099	536,333	
Stockholders' equity				
Preferred Stock				
Common Stock	25		25	
Additional paid-in capital	373,045	57,016	430,061	
Treasury stock	(314,411)		(314,411)	
Accumulated other comprehensive income	17,746	1,395	19,141	
Retained earnings  Total stockholders' equity	480,637 <b>557,042</b>	(45,638) 12,773	434,999 <b>569,815</b>	
<u> </u>	ŕ	ŕ		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,090,276	\$ 15,872	\$ 1,106,148	

	June 30, 2006 (Unaudited)			
	As Previously Reported Adjustment		As Restated	
Assets	•	Ū		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,360	\$	\$ 14,360	
Accounts receivable, net	172,315		172,315	
Inventories, net	68,243		68,243	
Costs / estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts	55,400		55,400	
Deferred tax asset	8,873		8,873	
Prepaid and other current assets	28,662		28,662	
Total current assets	347,853		347,853	
Property, plant and equipment, net	39,029		39,029	
Goodwill, net	593,188		593,188	
Intangibles:				
Customer relationships, net	54,036		54,036	
Other intangibles, net	35,471		35,471	
Deferred tax asset	3,189	15,876	19,065	
Other assets	4,969		4,969	
Total assets	\$ 1,077,735	\$ 15,876	\$ 1,093,611	
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 73,753	\$	\$ 73,753	
Accrued compensation and benefits	25,644		25,644	
Deferred revenue	53,365		53,365	
Billings in excess of costs / estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	15,483		15,483	
Current maturities of long-term debt	704		704	
Income taxes	6,300	3,587	9,887	
Other liabilities	68,344		68,344	
Total current liabilities	243,593	3,587	247,180	
Long-term debt	243,886		243,886	
Other liabilities	31,509		31,509	
Total liabilities	518,988	3,587	522,575	
Stockholders' equity				
Preferred Stock				
Common Stock	25		25	
Additional paid-in capital	367,618	56,523	424,141	
Treasury stock	(296,824)		(296,824)	
Accumulated other comprehensive income	19,329		19,329	
Retained earnings	468,599	(44,234)	424,365	
Total stockholders' equity	558,747	12,289	571,036	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,077,735	\$ 15,876	\$ 1,093,611	

	December 31, 2005 (Unaudited)				
	As Previously		_		
	Reported	Adjustment	As Restated		
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,143	\$	\$ 12,143		
Accounts receivable, net	125,632		125,632		
Inventories, net	53,448		53,448		
Costs / estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts	28,093		28,093		
Deferred tax asset	11,084		11,084		
Prepaid and other current assets	18,483		18,483		
Total current assets	248,883	<del></del>	248,883		
Property, plant and equipment, net	36,117		36,117		
Goodwill, net	468,871		468,871		
Intangibles:					
Customer relationships, net	24,333		24,333		
Other intangibles, net	31,240		31,240		
Deferred tax asset	3,979	13,740	17,719		
Other assets	4,480		4,480		
Total assets	\$ 817,903	\$ 13,740	\$ 831,643		
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 39,487	\$	\$ 39,487		
Accrued compensation and benefits	12,650		12,650		
Deferred revenue	21,473		21,473		
Billings in excess of costs / estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	11,604		11,604		
Current maturities of long-term debt	716		716		
Income taxes	9,013	3,587	12,600		
Other liabilities	44,933		44,933		
Total current liabilities	139,876	3,587	143,463		
Long-term debt	141,304		141,304		
Other liabilities	8,142		8,142		
Total liabilities	289,322	3,587	292,909		
Stockholders' equity					
Preferred Stock					
Common Stock	24		24		
Additional paid-in capital	355,981	49,637	405,618		
Treasury stock	(296,811)		(296,811)		
Accumulated other comprehensive income	11,135		11,135		
Retained earnings	458,252	(39,484)	418,768		
Total stockholders' equity	528,581	10,153	538,734		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 817,903	\$ 13,740	\$ 831,643		

	October 1, 2005 (Unaudited)					
	As I	Previously Reported	Adj	ustment	As	Restated
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	11,925	\$		\$	11,925
Accounts receivable, net		131,757				131,757
Inventories, net		53,154				53,154
Costs / estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts		24,052				24,052
Deferred tax asset		10,496				10,496
Prepaid and other current assets		19,228				19,228
Total current assets		250,612				250,612
Property, plant and equipment, net		36,330				36,330
Goodwill, net		457,362				457,362
Intangibles:						
Customer relationships, net		19,807				19,807
Other intangibles, net		31,596				31,596
Deferred tax asset		4,561		14,081		18,642
Other assets		4,548				4,548
Total assets	\$	804,816	\$	14,081	\$	818,897
Liabilities						
Accounts payable	\$	38,301	\$		\$	38,301
Accrued compensation and benefits		11,382				11,382
Deferred revenue		21,931				21,931
Billings in excess of costs / estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts		11,472				11,472
Current maturities of long-term debt		576				576
Income taxes		9,744		3,587		13,331
Other liabilities		44,018				44,018
Total current liabilities		137,424		3,587		141,011
Long-term debt		149,308				149,308
Other liabilities		8,629				8,629
Total liabilities		295,361		3,587		298,948
Stockholders' equity						
Preferred Stock						
Common Stock		24				24
Additional paid-in capital		345,713		48,506		394,219
Treasury stock		(296,807)				(296,807)
Accumulated other comprehensive income		13,739				13,739
Retained earnings		446,786		(38,012)		408,774
Total stockholders' equity		509,455		10,494		519,949
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	804,816	\$	14,081	\$	818,897

	July 2, 2005 (Unaudited)					
		Previously Reported	Adjı	ustment	As	Restated
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	11,008	\$		\$	11,008
Accounts receivable, net		115,141				115,141
Inventories, net		52,454				52,454
Costs / estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts		29,770				29,770
Deferred tax asset		10,031				10,031
Prepaid and other current assets		17,877				17,877
Total current assets		236,281				236,281
Property, plant and equipment, net		36,173				36,173
Goodwill, net		448,993				448,993
Intangibles:						
Customer relationships, net		14,257				14,257
Other intangibles, net		32,572				32,572
Deferred tax asset		3,984		14,398		18,382
Other assets		4,728				4,728
Total assets	\$	776,988	\$	14,398	\$	791,386
Liabilities						
Accounts payable	\$	32,647	\$		\$	32,647
Accrued compensation and benefits		13,833				13,833
Deferred revenue		22,401				22,401
Billings in excess of costs / estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts		10,821				10,821
Current maturities of long-term debt		981				981
Income taxes		8,176		3,587		11,763
Other liabilities		40,472				40,472
Total current liabilities		129,331		3,587		132,918
Long-term debt		150,903				150,903
Other liabilities		9,107				9,107
Total liabilities		289,341		3,587		292,928
Stockholders' equity						
Preferred Stock						
Common Stock		24				24
Additional paid-in capital		336,457		48,141		384,598
Treasury stock		(296,797)				(296,797)
Accumulated other comprehensive income		12,946				12,946
Retained earnings		435,017		(37,330)		397,687
Total stockholders' equity		487,647		10,811		498,458
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	776,988	\$	14,398	\$	791,386

# **Note 20: Subsequent Events**

As discussed in Note 3, the Audit Committee's ongoing review includes an evaluation of the role of and possible claims or other remedial actions against current and former Company personnel who may be found to have had responsibility for identified problems during the Review Period. Accordingly, the Audit Committee has begun to address and is addressing and expects to continue to address issues of individual conduct or responsibility, including those of the Board, CEOs and CFOs serving during the Review Period. In connection therewith, based on the findings of the Audit Committee as to Fred C. Young, the Company's former CEO who resigned on May 20, 2007, the Audit Committee concluded and recommended to the Board, and the Board determined, that Mr. Young could have been terminated due to Cause for Termination (as defined in his agreement dated May 11, 2004) at the time Mr. Young resigned as a director and officer of the Company on May 20, 2007. In light of that determination and the terms of the agreements with Mr. Young, all outstanding stock options held by Mr. Young (1,455,402 shares) terminated as of the date of his resignation.

This event occurred during the first quarter of Fiscal 2008 and the Company has determined that it should be considered a first quarter of Fiscal 2008 event for accounting purposes. This event will have the following impacts on the Company's consolidated financial statements and related notes for Fiscal 2008: (1) decrease the Company's outstanding stock options by 1,455,402, (2) immaterial impact on the Diluted earnings per common share computation, (3) a decrease in our deferred tax assets of \$4,637 with the offsetting entry of \$3,899 to Additional paid-in capital and (4) additional tax expense impact of approximately \$738.

The Audit Committee may recommend additional remedial measures that appropriately address the issues raised by its findings. Such potential remedial measures may include possible claims or other remedial actions against current and former Company personnel who may be found to have been responsible for identified problems during the Review Period.

# Item 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.

None.

### Item 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")), that are designed to ensure that required information is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the required timeframe, as specified in the rules set forth by the SEC. Our disclosure controls and procedures are also designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed is accumulated and communicated to management, including the CEO and CFO, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

As a result of the findings of the Audit Committee, as more fully described in the "Explanatory Note" within this Form 10-K, the Company's management, including the CEO and CFO, have determined that there was a material weakness in the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2007, as more fully described below in "Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting".

### Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f). Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Internal control over financial reporting cannot provide absolute assurance of achieving financial reporting objectives because of its inherent limitations. Internal control over financial reporting is a process that involves human diligence and compliance and is subject to lapses in judgment and breakdowns resulting from human failures. Internal control over financial reporting also can be circumvented by collusion or improper management override. Because of such limitations, there is a risk that material misstatements may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis by internal control over financial reporting. However, these inherent limitations are known features of the financial reporting process. Therefore, it is possible to design into the process safeguards to reduce, though not eliminate, this risk.

Management conducted an assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2007 based on the framework established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO"). A material weakness is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected.

Based on the conclusions of the Board, related to the findings of the Audit Committee's review of the Company's historical stock option practices, a material weakness existed in internal controls over financial reporting relating to the potential for management override of controls. The potential for management override of controls existed due to the employment of a certain member of the Company's management as of March 31, 2007. Accordingly, management has determined this control deficiency constituted a material weakness as of March 31, 2007.

### Attestation Report of the Registered Public Accounting Firm

Company management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2007 has been audited by BDO Seidman, LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in its report which appears below.

## Remediation of Material Weakness

As of March 31, 2007, based on the conclusions of the Board, related to the findings of the Audit Committee's review of the Company's historical stock option practices, a material weakness existed due to the potential for management override of controls. The material weakness no longer exists as of the date of this filing since the referenced member of the Company's management is no longer employed by the Company. Management has and will continue to adopt all recommendations from the Board and Audit Committee related to this matter.

### Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In connection with the preparation of its amended Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q/A for the quarters ended July 1, 2006 and September 30, 2006 and its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 30, 2006 which were filed with the SEC on July 23, 2007, an evaluation was performed, under the supervision and with the participation of Company management, including the CEO and the CFO, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of July 1, 2006, September 30, 2006 and December 30, 2006. Based on those evaluations, management, including the CEO and the CFO, concluded that, as of July 1, 2006, September 30, 2006 and December 30, 2006, the Company had a material weakness in internal control over financial reporting with respect to the Company's stock option grant practices and related accounting for stock option grants and that, as a result of this material weakness in internal control over financial reporting, its disclosure controls and procedures were not effective as of July 1, 2006, September 30, 2006 and December 30, 2006.

During the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2007, management has made significant revisions to the Company's internal control structure surrounding the Company's stock option grant practices, including the formalization of documentation with respect to appropriate approvals for stock option grants and additional levels of review with respect to stock option grant terms, which management believes should facilitate the prevention and/or detection of material errors in future periods.

There have been no other significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors which could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date the Company's management carried out its evaluation.

# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Board of Directors Black Box Corporation Lawrence, Pennsylvania

We have audited management's assessment, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, that Black Box Corporation did not maintain effective internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2007, because of the effect of the material weakness identified in management's assessment, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assessment and an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, evaluating management's assessment, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

A material weakness is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected. The following material weakness has been identified and included in management's assessment: There existed a material weakness in internal controls over financial reporting due to a certain member of management's override of the historical stock option grant process prior to 2002. This member of the Company's management remained employed through March 31, 2007, and the Company did not have sufficient safeguards in place to monitor its control practices in this area or prevent other opportunities for management override.

This material weakness was considered in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit tests applied in our audit of the 2007 financial statements, and this report does not affect our report dated August 10, 2007, on those financial statements.

In our opinion, management's assessment that Black Box Corporation did not maintain effective internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2007, is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the COSO criteria. Also in our opinion, because of the effect of the material weakness described above on the achievement of the objectives of the control criteria, Black Box Corporation has not maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2007, based on the COSO criteria. We do not express or take any other form of assurance on management's statements referring to any remediation of the material weakness that are included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.

/s/ BDO Seidman, LLP

Chicago, Illinois August 10, 2007

Item 9B. OTHER INFORMATION.

None.

#### **PART III**

## Item 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE.

Certain of the information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the information set forth under Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the caption "Business – Other Information" in Item 1 and under the caption "Executive Officers of the Registrant."

The other information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the information set forth under the captions "Annual Meeting Matters," "Board of Directors and Certain Board Committees" and "Litigation Involving Directors and Officers" in the Proxy Statement, which is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

### Item 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the information under the captions "Compensation of Directors" and "Executive Compensation and Other Information" in the Proxy Statement.

### Item 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS.

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the information set forth under the captions "Equity Plan Compensation Information," "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners" and "Security Ownership of Management" in the Proxy Statement.

### Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE.

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the information set forth under the captions "Annual Meeting Matters" and "Board of Directors and Certain Board Committees" in the Proxy Statement.

### Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the information set forth under the caption "Independent Public Accountants" in the Proxy Statement.

### PART IV

### Item 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES.

Financial statements, financial statement schedules and exhibits not listed below have been omitted where the required information is included in the consolidated financial statements or notes thereto, or is not applicable or required.

- (a) Documents filed as part of this report
- (1) Financial Statements no financial statements have been filed in this Annual Report on Form 10-K other than those in Item 8
- (2) Financial Statement ScheduleSchedule II Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

and Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania (3)

(3) Exhibits

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10.24	Summary of Director Compensation (14)
21.1	Subsidiaries of the Registrant (9)
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Accounting Firm (14)
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32.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (14)
99.1	Definitive Proxy Statement for the 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (14)

Filed as an exhibit to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company, file number 0-18706, filed with the SEC on December 23, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup> Filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company, file number 0-18706, filed with the SEC on April 13, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.

- Filed as an exhibit to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company, file number 0-18706, filed with the SEC on May 4, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.
- Filed as Exhibit 3(i) to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company, file number 0-18706, filed with the SEC on November 14, 2000, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (5) Filed as an exhibit to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company, file number 0-18706, filed with the SEC on June 14, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.
- <sup>(6)</sup> Filed as Exhibit (b)(2) to Amendment No. 4 to the Schedule TO filed by the Company and SF Acquisition Co. on January 26, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference.
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- (14) Filed herewith.
- (b) The Company hereby files as exhibits to the Annual Report on Form 10-K the exhibits set forth in Item 15 (a)(3) hereof which are not incorporated by reference.
- (c) The Company hereby files as a financial statement schedule to this Annual Report on Form 10-K the financial statement schedule which is set forth in Item 15 (a)(2) hereof.

### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

# **BLACK BOX CORPORATION**

Dated: August 13, 2007

/s/ Michael McAndrew

Michael McAndrew, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Secretary and Principal Accounting Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signatures	Capacity	Date
/s/ WILLIAM F. ANDREWS William F. Andrews	Director	August 13, 2007
/s/ RICHARD L. CROUCH Richard L. Crouch	Director	August 13, 2007
/s/ THOMAS W. GOLONSKI Thomas W. Golonski	Director	August 13, 2007
/s/ THOMAS G. GREIG Thomas G. Greig	Director and Chairman of the Board	August 13, 2007
/s/ EDWARD A. NICHOLSON Edward A. Nicholson	Director	August 13, 2007
/s/ TERRY BLAKEMORE Terry Blakemore	Interim President and Chief Executive Officer	August 13, 2007
/s/ MICHAEL MCANDREW Michael McAndrew	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, Treasurer and Principal Accounting Officer	August 13, 2007
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# SCHEDULE II

# BLACK BOX CORPORATION

# Valuation and Qualifying Accounts (Dollars in thousands)

Description	Begi	lance at inning of Period	Cha	ditions arged to penses	1	ditions from uisitions	eductions from deserves	at	Salance End of Period
Year Ended March 31, 2007									
Inventory reserves	\$	14,287	\$	3,036	\$	12,735	\$ (7,297)	\$	22,761
Allowance for doubtful accounts/sales returns		9,517		8,710		5,423	(9,397)		14,253
Restructuring reserve		10,698				27,034	(18,304)		19,428
Year Ended March 31, 2006									
Inventory reserves	\$	12,546	\$	4,136	\$	43	\$ (2,438)	\$	14,287
Allowance for doubtful accounts/sales returns		7,342		9,182		49	(7,056)		9,517
Restructuring reserve		16,598		5,290		364	(11,554)		10,698
Year Ended March 31, 2005									
Inventory reserves	\$	4,840	\$	2,106	\$	9,335	\$ (3,735)	\$	12,546
Allowance for doubtful accounts/sales returns		10,426		7,097		1,042	(11,223)		7,342
Restructuring reserve		593		3,019		14,761	(1,775)		16,598

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- (1) Filed as an exhibit to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company, file number 0-18706, filed with the SEC on December 23, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (2) Filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company, file number 0-18706, filed with the SEC on April 13, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (3) Filed as an exhibit to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company, file number 0-18706, filed with the SEC on May 4, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.
- <sup>(4)</sup> Filed as Exhibit 3(i) to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company, file number 0-18706, filed with the SEC on November 14, 2000, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (5) Filed as an exhibit to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company, file number 0-18706, filed with the SEC on June 14, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (6) Filed as Exhibit (b)(2) to Amendment No. 4 to the Schedule TO filed by the Company and SF Acquisition Co. on January 26, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference.
- <sup>(7)</sup> Filed as an exhibit to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company, file number 0-18706, filed with the SEC on February 10, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (8) Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of the Company, file number 0-18706, filed with the SEC on February 23, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (9) Filed as an exhibit to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company, file number 0-18706, filed with the SEC on July 23, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (10) Filed as an exhibit to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company, file number 0-18706, filed with the SEC on November 12, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.
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- (13) Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company, file number 0-18706, filed with the SEC on November 9, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (14) Filed herewith.

July 25, 2007

Michael McAndrew Black Box Corporation of Pennsylvania Norstan, Inc. 1000 Park Drive Lawrence, PA 15055

Agent")

Re: SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT dated as of January 24, 2005, as amended by First Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of February 17, 2005 and Second Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of March 28, 2006, as the same may be or have been further amended from time to time (the "Credit Agreement") entered into by and among BLACK BOX CORPORATION OF PENNSYLVANIA, a Delaware corporation ("BBCPA"), and NORSTAN, INC., a Minnesota corporation ("Norstan" – BBCPA and Norstan are sometimes individually referred to therein as a "Borrower" and collectively as the "Borrowers"), BLACK BOX CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (the "Parent"), the guarantors parties thereto from time to time (together with the Parent, the "Guarantors"), the Lenders parties thereto from time to time and CITIZENS BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA, a banking association organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as administrative agent for the Lenders parties thereunder (in such capacity, together with the successors in such capacity, the "

# Dear Mr. McAndrew:

Reference is made to the Credit Agreement. Terms in this letter agreement that are not defined in this letter agreement shall have the meanings given to those terms in the Credit Agreement, unless the circumstances clearly require otherwise.

You have advised that the Borrowers may not deliver the audited consolidated statements of income, cash flows and changes in stockholders' equity of the Parent and its consolidated Subsidiaries for the fiscal year of the Parent and its consolidated Subsidiaries ended March 31, 2007 and the associated Compliance Certificate within 120 days of the end of such fiscal year, as required by Sections 6.01(a), 6.01 (c) and 6.01(d) of the Credit Agreement. In addition, you have advised that the Parent has not filed its Annual Report on Form 10-K for its fiscal year ended March 31, 2007 (the "Form 10-K") with the Securities and Exchange Commission on a timely basis, as is required under Section 6.07(a) of the Credit Agreement. Accordingly, the Borrowers have advised the Lenders that Potential Defaults and Events of Default may have occurred and may occur, as described above, with regard to Section 6.01(a), (c) and (d) and Section 6.07(a) of the Credit Agreement (collectively, the "Specified Defaults"). The Specified Defaults are among the subjects of a letter agreement dated June 11, 2007.

The Borrowers have requested the Lenders to waive the Specified Defaults until the earlier to occur of (i) the first date on which the Borrowers shall have filed the Form 10-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall have delivered to the Lenders such annual financial statements and related documentation and (ii) August 31, 2007. Subject to the terms

and conditions of this letter agreement, the Required Lenders agree that the Specified Defaults are hereby waived until, and only until, the earlier to occur of (i) the first date on which the Borrowers shall have filed the Form 10-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall have delivered to the Lenders such annual financial statements and related documentation and (ii) August 31, 2007 (the period ending on such earlier date being herein referred to as the "Waiver Period".)

The Borrowers represent and warrant that: (i) subject to the third sentence of this paragraph, all of the representations and warranties contained in the Credit Agreement, the Notes and the other Loan Documents are true and correct, as if made on the date hereof, (ii) after giving effect to the terms of this letter agreement, no Event of Default or Potential Default exists on and as of the date hereof and the Borrowers are in compliance with all of the terms of the Credit Agreement, the Notes and the other Loan Documents, and (iii) the Borrowers are authorized to execute and deliver this letter agreement. The Lenders have been advised by the Parent that, as a result of the Parent's ongoing review of its stock option practices, the Parent is restating its historical financial statements to record additional non-cash compensation expense related to stock option grants and to make other related adjustments. Accordingly, the Lenders have been advised by the Parent that the financial statements, certificates, documents and other information previously delivered to the Lenders were not accurate and complete in all material respects with respect to these potential adjustments. The Lenders and the Agent specifically reserve all rights they may have with respect to such matters, including without limitation rights under Article V of the Credit Agreement notwithstanding the fact that Revolving Credit Loans have been made subsequent to February 28, 2007 and subsequent to June 11, 2007 and may continue to be made after the date of this letter agreement; provided, however, that during the Designated Period (as defined below), the Lenders and the Agent will not utilize such inaccuracy or incompleteness to declare an Event of Default. As used herein, the term "Designated Period" means the period ending on the earlier to occur of (i) the end of the Waiver Period and (ii) the date on which the Lenders become aware of information with respect to such matters which information is, in the judgment of the Agent or the Required Lenders, when viewed together with the information provided to the Lenders by the Parent on or before July 24, 2007, materially more adverse to the Parent than the information provided to the Lenders by the Parent on or before July 24, 2007.

Except as specifically waived hereby for the Waiver Period (or, in the case of the inaccuracy and incompleteness referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph, the Designated Period), each of the Credit Agreement and the Loan Documents shall remain in full force and effect and the Borrowers ratify and affirm each of the Credit Agreement and the Loan Documents in its respective entirety. The waiver set forth in this letter agreement shall apply only to the Specified Defaults (or, in the case of declaration of an Event of Default arising out of the inaccuracy or incompleteness referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph, only to such inaccuracy or incompleteness) and only for the Waiver Period or the Designated Period, as the case may be, and no other, further or broader waiver shall be implied. Neither the execution and delivery of this waiver and of the prior letter agreements dated February 28, 2007, May 28, 2007, and June 11, 2007, respectively, nor the making of Revolving Loans prior to or after the date hereof notwithstanding the matters referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph shall be construed to establish a course of conduct or imply that any other, future or further waivers shall be considered, provided or agreed to.

Nothing contained in this letter agreement shall be construed to impair any rights or remedies of the Agent or the Lenders or their successors and assigns under the Credit Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents or to affect or impair any rights or powers that the Agent or the Lenders may have under the Credit Agreement or the other Loan Documents, whether for the recovery of the indebtedness of the Borrowers to the Lenders in case of non-fulfillment of the terms, provisions and covenants contained in this letter agreement or the terms, rights, powers and covenants of the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents not specifically waived

by this letter agreement for the Waiver Period or the Designated Period, as the case may be. All rights, powers and remedies of the Agent and the Lenders under any other agreement now or at any time hereafter in force between the Agent, the Lenders and the Borrowers shall be cumulative and not alternative and shall be in addition to all rights, powers and remedies given to the Agent and the Lenders by law.

If the foregoing accurately sets forth our understanding with respect to the matters contained herein, please accept this letter agreement by signing where indicated below. This letter agreement shall not be enforceable against the Lenders and shall not act as a waiver of any of the terms of the Credit Agreement until such time as it has been accepted by the Borrowers, the Guarantors and the Required Lenders.

Very truly yours,

CITIZENS BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA

By: /s/ Debra L. McAllonis Title: Senior Vice President

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Agreed to and accepted on the date first above written

Borrowers:

# BLACK BOX CORPORATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

By: /s/ Michael McAndrew

Title: Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer

NORSTAN, INC.

By: /s/ Michael McAndrew

Title: Vice President, CFO, Secretary & Treasurer

**GUARANTORS**:

BLACK BOX CORPORATION and each of the DOMESTIC SUBSIDIARIES which are Guarantors

By: /s/ Michael McAndrew

Title: Secretary

SIGNATURES CONTINUED ON THE NEXT PAGE

# Agreed to and accepted as of the date first above written

### LENDERS:

# WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By: /s/ Patrick J. Kaufmann

Printed name: Patrick J. Kaufmann Title: Senior Vice President

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., successor by merger to

Fleet National Bank

By: /s/ Kenneth A. Wood

Printed name: Kenneth A. Wood Title: Senior Vice President

NATIONAL CITY BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA

By: /s/ Brian V. Ciaverella

Printed name: Brian V. Ciaverella Title: Senior Vice President

**US BANK** 

By: /s/ David J. Dannemiller

Printed name: David J. Dannemiller

Title: Vice President

KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By: /s/ David A. Wild

Printed name: David A. Wild

Title: Vice President

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# MELLON BANK, N.A.

By: /s/ Daniel J. Lenckos

Printed name: Daniel J. Lenckos Title: First Vice President

# FIFTH THIRD BANK

By: /s/ Jim Janovsky

Printed name: Jim Janovsky

Title: Vice President

### **COMERICA BANK**

By: /s/ Erica M. Krzeminski

Printed name: Erica M. Krzeminski Title: Assistant Vice President

# PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK

By: /s/ George F. Paik

Printed name: George F. Paik

Title: Vice President

# PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By: /s/ Thomas A. Majeski

Printed name: Thomas A. Majeski

Title: Vice President

### SUMMARY OF DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Directors who are not employees of Black Box Corporation (the "Company") receive directors' fees of \$7,500 per annum, paid quarterly, and an additional fee of \$2,000 for each meeting of the Board of Directors attended in person and \$1,000 for each meeting of the Board of Directors attended via telephone. The Chairman of the Board also receives an annual fee of \$60,000, paid quarterly. Non-employee directors also may receive grants of stock options or stock appreciation rights under the 1992 Director Stock Option Plan, as amended (the "Director Plan"). During Fiscal 2007, non-employee directors were each granted an option to purchase 7,000 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), under the Director Plan at an exercise price of \$39.41 per share, the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date of grant of the options.

Members of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors receive a fee of \$1,500 for each meeting of the Audit Committee attended in person or by telephone. The Chairman of the Audit Committee also receives an annual fee of \$6,000, paid quarterly.

Members of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, Governance Committee of the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors receive a fee of \$1,000 for each meeting of such committee attended in person or by telephone.

In addition, the Company maintains directors' and officers' liability insurance. Directors also are reimbursed customary expenses for attending meetings of the board of directors, board committees and stockholders.

# CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Form S-8 (Nos. 33-75254, 33-75252, 33-92656, 333-01978, 333-34839, 333-34837, 333-81521, 333-81523, 333-64410, 333-64412, 333-100294, 333-100295, 333-116550, 333-116551, 333-125839, 333-125840, and 333-129838) and the Registration Statements on Form S-4 (Nos. 333-77343, 333-43752 and 333-64656) of our report dated August 10, 2007 relating to the consolidated financial statements, financial statement schedule, and the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting of Black Box Corporation included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007. Our report on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting expresses an adverse opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2007.

/s/ BDO Seidman, LLP

Chicago, Illinois August 10, 2007

# **CERTIFICATION**

- I, Terry Blakemore, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Black Box Corporation;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f)) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 13, 2007	
/s/ Terry Blakemore	
Torry Blokomoro	

Chief Executive Officer

# **CERTIFICATION**

- I, Michael McAndrew, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Black Box Corporation;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 13, 2007	
/s/ Michael McAndrew	
Michael McAndrew	

Chief Financial Officer

# **CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO**

## 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Annual Report of Black Box Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the period ended March 31, 2007 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), each of the undersigned officers of the Company, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, certifies that to his knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Terry Blakemore	
Terry Blakemore Chief Executive Officer August 13, 2007	
/s/ Michael McAndrew	
Michael McAndrew Chief Financial Officer	

August 13, 2007

This certification is made solely for purposes of 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, subject to the knowledge standard contained therein, and not for any other purpose.

# BLACK BOX CORPORATION 1000 Park Drive Lawrence, Pennsylvania 15055

Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on October 4, 2007

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To the Stockholders of Black Box Corporation:

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Black Box Corporation (the "Company") will be held at the offices of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 20th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219 on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, to consider and act upon the following matters:

- 1. The election of five (5) members of the Board of Directors; and
- 2. Ratification of the appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

Stockholders also will be asked to consider such other matters as may properly come before the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors has established the close of business on Monday, August 13, 2007 as the record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting.

IT IS REQUESTED, WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, THAT YOU COMPLETE, DATE AND SIGN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD AND RETURN IT IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michael McAndrew, Secretary

August 13, 2007

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# BLACK BOX CORPORATION

1000 Park Drive Lawrence, Pennsylvania 15055

# PROXY STATEMENT FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

October 4, 2007

This proxy statement is being furnished to the holders of common stock, par value \$.001 per share ("Common Stock"), of Black Box Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the solicitation by our Board of Directors ("Board of Directors" or "Board") of proxies to be voted at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") scheduled to be held on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, at the offices of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 20th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219, or at any adjournment thereof. This proxy statement and form of proxy were first mailed to stockholders on or about August 17, 2007. A copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K ("2007 Form 10-K") for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007 ("Fiscal 2007") is being furnished with this proxy statement.

Only holders of Common Stock of record as of the close of business on Monday, August 13, 2007 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and at any adjournment thereof. On that date, 17,527,227 shares of Common Stock, each entitled to one vote per share, were outstanding.

All shares of Common Stock represented by valid proxies received by the Secretary of the Company prior to the Annual Meeting will be voted as specified in the form of proxy. If no specification is made, the shares will be voted FOR each of the nominees named below for election as director and FOR ratification of the appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008. Unless otherwise indicated by the stockholder, the proxy card also confers discretionary authority on the Board-appointed proxies to vote the shares represented by the proxy on any matter that is properly presented for action at the Annual Meeting of which management had no knowledge prior to the mailing of this proxy statement. A stockholder giving a proxy has the power to revoke it at any time prior to its exercise by delivering to the Secretary of the Company a written revocation or a duly executed proxy bearing a later date (although no revocation shall be effective until actual notice thereof has been given to the Secretary of the Company) or by attending the meeting and voting his or her shares in person.

Under our Second Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended ("Certificate of Incorporation"), Amended and Restated By-laws ("By-laws") and applicable state law, abstentions and broker non-votes (which arise from proxies delivered by brokers and others, where the record holder has not received direction on voting and does not have discretionary authority to vote on one or more matters) are each included in the determination of the number of shares present for purposes of determining a quorum. At the Annual Meeting, directors will be elected by a plurality vote and all other matters will be decided by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not votes cast and will not be included in calculating the number of votes necessary for approval of the matter.

Our Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees named below for election as director and FOR ratification of the appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

# ANNUAL MEETING MATTERS

# **Proposal 1 – Election of Directors**

Our By-laws provide that the number of directors constituting our entire Board shall be nine (9), or such other number as shall be fixed by the stockholders or by our Board. At present, our Board has fixed the number of directors at five (5) members. All directors are independent under the listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market ("Nasdaq").

All of our directors stand for election each year. Our Board has nominated five (5) persons for election to the position of director at the Annual Meeting. Therefore, five (5) directors are to be elected at the Annual Meeting to hold office for a term of one (1) year and until their respective successors are elected and qualified, subject to the right of our stockholders to remove any director as provided in our By-laws. Stockholders may fill any vacancy in the office of a director. In the absence of a stockholder vote, a vacancy in the office of a director may be filled by the remaining directors then in office, even if less than a quorum, or by the sole remaining director. Any director elected by our Board to fill a vacancy will serve until his or her successor is elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal. If our Board increases the number of directors, it may fill any vacancy so created.

The holders of Common Stock have one vote for each share owned as of the record date in the election of directors. The five (5) nominees receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes will be elected as directors for terms expiring in 2008.

The persons named as proxies on the enclosed proxy card were selected by our Board and have advised our Board that, unless authority is withheld, they intend to vote the shares represented by them at the Annual Meeting FOR the election of the following nominees to our Board of Directors: William F. Andrews, Richard L. Crouch, Thomas W. Golonski, Thomas G. Greig and Edward A. Nicholson, Ph.D. All of the nominees presently serve as directors on our Board.

Our Board knows of no reason why any nominee for director would be unable to serve as director. If, at the time of the Annual Meeting, any of the named nominees is unable or unwilling to serve as a director, the persons named as proxies intend to vote for such substitute as may be nominated by our Board of Directors.

The following sets forth certain information concerning nominees for election to our Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting:

William F. Andrews, 75, was elected as a director on May 18, 1992. Mr. Andrews currently is Chairman of Corrections Corporation of America (private prisons), Chairman of Katy Industries, Inc. (diversified manufacturing company) and Chairman of SVP Holdings Limited (Singer sewing machines). He was Chairman of Scovill Fasteners, Inc. and Northwestern Steel and Wire from 1996 to 2001. He has been a principal with Kohlberg & Co., a private investment company, since 1995. He is also a director of Corrections Corporation, Katy Industries, O'Charley's, Inc. and Trex Company, Inc., all publicly-held companies.

**Richard L. Crouch**, 60, was elected as a director on August 10, 2004. Mr. Crouch was a General Partner with the firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP from 1979 to 2004, having served as an Audit Partner principally assigned to public companies. He served in various capacities for the firm, including service as a regional accounting, auditing and Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") services consultant. He retired from the firm on July 2, 2004.

**Thomas W. Golonski**, 64, was selected to be a director on February 11, 2003 and was elected by our stockholders on August 12, 2003. Mr. Golonski served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of National City Bank of Pennsylvania and Executive Vice President of National City Corporation from 1996 to 2005. He retired from National City in 2005. He is a director of several economic development organizations and active in other charitable and financial organizations.

**Thomas G. Greig**, 59, was elected as a director on August 10, 1999 and appointed as non-executive Chairman of the Board in May 2004. Mr. Greig has been a Managing Director of Liberty Capital Partners, a private equity partnership, since 1998. He is also a director of publicly-held Rudolph Technologies, Inc., a number of privately-held companies and a public, not-for-profit foundation.

**Edward A. Nicholson, Ph.D.**, 67, was elected as a director on August 10, 2004. Dr. Nicholson served as President of Robert Morris University from 1989 to 2005 and is presently a Professor of Management at Robert Morris. He has served a number of businesses and government agencies as a consultant in the areas of longrange planning, organization design and labor relations. He is also a director of Brentwood Bank, publicly-held Shopsmith Inc. and several regional economic, charitable and cultural organizations.

Our Board of Directors unanimously recommends that our stockholders vote FOR each of the nominees for election to our Board.

#### Proposal 2 – Ratification of the Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

In August 2007, the Audit Committee of our Board appointed BDO Seidman, LLP ("BDO") as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008. As a sound governance matter, our Audit Committee has determined to submit the appointment to our stockholders for ratification at the Annual Meeting.

The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting is required for the ratification by our stockholders of such appointment. Unless otherwise directed by our stockholders, proxies will be voted FOR the ratification of the appointment of BDO as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008. In the event that this appointment is not ratified by the stockholders, our Audit Committee will consider this vote in determining its future appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm. Even if the appointment is ratified, our Audit Committee, in its discretion, may change the appointment at any time during the year if it determines that such change would be in our and our stockholders' best interests.

A representative of BDO is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting, will not be making a statement but will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Our Board of Directors unanimously recommends that our stockholders vote FOR approval of Proposal 2.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CERTAIN BOARD COMMITTEES

Our Board of Directors held seven (7) meetings during Fiscal 2007. During Fiscal 2007, each director attended all meetings of our Board and each committee on which such director served. Most regular Board meetings and certain committee meetings include an executive session attended only by the non-employee members of our Board.

Stockholders can communicate with our Board or individual directors by writing to the Company's Secretary at: Black Box Corporation, 1000 Park Drive, Lawrence, Pennsylvania 15055. Our Board believes that our annual meetings are also appropriate for stockholder communications with our Board. Our Board strongly encourages board member attendance at all meetings, including annual meetings with stockholders. All current directors, and former director Fred C. Young, attended the annual meeting of stockholders held in August 2006.

Our Board of Directors has four (4) standing committees: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Nominating Committee and the Governance Committee.

#### **Audit Committee**

Our Audit Committee consists of Mr. Richard L. Crouch, as chair, Mr. Thomas W. Golonski and Mr. Thomas G. Greig. Each member of this committee is independent under Nasdaq's listing standards for audit committee members.

Our Audit Committee's duties include:

- sole authority and direct responsibility over the selection (subject to stockholder ratification if the committee so elects) of our independent registered public accounting firm
- evaluation, retention and replacement of our independent registered public accounting firm
- responsibility for determining the compensation and other terms of engagement of such independent auditors

Our Audit Committee has such other duties and responsibilities as are set forth in its written charter adopted by our Board, a copy of which is posted in the "About Us" section of our Web site at http://www.blackbox.com. These other duties and responsibilities include pre-approval of all audit services and permitted non-audit services, oversight of the independent auditors, review of financial statements and SEC filings, review of the lead audit partner, review of the auditors' independence, discussions with the auditors regarding the planning and scope of the audit, discussions regarding our internal controls over financial reporting and the establishment of procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal controls and auditing and the confidentiality thereof. Our Audit Committee may, from time to time, delegate authority for pre-approval of audit services and permitted non-audit services to its chair.

Our Audit Committee or its chair pre-approved all services performed by BDO during Fiscal 2007.

Our Board has determined that all of the members of our Audit Committee, Messrs. Crouch, Golonski and Greig, qualify as audit committee financial experts within the meaning of SEC regulations and that they have the requisite level of financial sophistication required under Nasdaq's listing standards. Our Board has also determined that Messrs. Crouch, Golonski and Greig are independent within the meaning of Item 7(d)(3)(iv) of Schedule 14A of the SEC's proxy rules.

Our Audit Committee met thirteen (13) times in Fiscal 2007.

#### **Compensation Committee**

Our Compensation Committee consists of Mr. Thomas W. Golonski, as chair, Mr. Richard L. Crouch and Mr. Thomas G. Greig. Each member of this committee is independent under Nasdaq's listing standards.

Our Compensation Committee's duties include:

- · reviewing and recommending to our Board the total compensation of our executive officers
- administering our stock option plans

Our Compensation Committee operates under a written charter adopted by our Board, a copy of which is posted in the "About Us" section of our Web site. The committee's charter permits it to delegate to subcommittees such power and authority within the scope of its authority as it deems appropriate, subject to certain restrictions set forth therein. Additionally, under our 1992 Stock Option Plan, as amended (the "Employee Plan"), our committee previously had delegated certain authority to our Chief Executive Officer to make stock option grants to non-executive employees. For a description of our committee's processes and procedures for the consideration and determination of executive officer compensation, see the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this proxy statement.

Our Compensation Committee met five (5) times in Fiscal 2007.

# **Nominating Committee**

Our Nominating Committee consists of Edward A. Nicholson, Ph.D., as chair, Mr. William F. Andrews and Mr. Thomas G. Greig. Each member of this committee is independent under Nasdaq's listing standards.

Our Nominating Committee's duties include:

- identifying and evaluating potential candidates for any Board vacancies, including any individuals recommended by committee members, other Board members, management or our current stockholders or identified by third-party executive search firms
- recommending to our Board individuals to be nominated for election as directors by stockholders at our annual meeting
- recommending to our Board, from time to time, individuals to be elected by it to fill Board vacancies

This committee considers the independence, experience relative to our business and the needs of our Board, diversity and the ability to represent our stockholders in evaluating potential nominees. Potential Board members should show a willingness to fully participate in Board meetings, a proven track record of career accomplishments, the ability to make sound judgments and possess leadership qualities.

It is our Nominating Committee's policy to consider stockholder proposals for nominees for election as directors that are nominated in accordance with our Certificate of Incorporation and our By-laws, and other applicable laws, including the rules and regulations of the SEC and any stock market on which our stock is listed for trading or quotation. Generally, such recommendations made by a stockholder entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the meeting at which such proposed nominee is to be considered are required to be written and received by the Secretary of the Company within a prescribed time period prior to the annual or special meeting. See the "Stockholder Nominations and Proposals" section of this proxy statement for a description of the procedures to be followed in order to submit a recommendation for a nominee.

Our Nominating Committee operates under a written charter adopted by our Board, a copy of which is posted in the "About Us" section of our Web site.

The Nominating Committee met three (3) times in Fiscal 2007.

#### **Governance Committee**

Our Governance Committee consists of Mr. William F. Andrews, as chair, Mr. Thomas W. Golonski and Edward A. Nicholson, Ph.D. Each member of this committee is independent under Nasdag's listing standards.

Our Governance Committee's duties include:

- responsibility for reviewing, on an ongoing basis, the corporate governance practices and principles established and implemented by our Board and management
- monitoring trends and regulatory requirements in corporate governance and recommending to our Board any changes in our corporate governance practices and functions based upon such trends and regulatory requirements
- performing an annual evaluation of the objectives and performance of the members of our Board in connection with its review of the compensation paid to Board members

Director compensation is determined based on the collective experience and knowledge of the members of our Governance Committee. The committee has engaged an outside compensation consultant to assist the committee with the determination of appropriate non-employee director compensation.

Our Governance Committee monitors our corporate governance scoring as developed by Institutional Shareholder Services ("ISS"), an independent service. Our ISS Corporate Governance Quotient score as of June 2007 indicated that we outperformed 83% of the companies in the technology hardware and equipment group and 66% of the companies in the Standard & Poor's 600 Index.

Our Governance Committee operates under a written charter adopted by our Board, a copy of which is posted in the "About Us" section of our Web site.

Our Governance Committee met two (2) times in Fiscal 2007.

# LITIGATION INVOLVING DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

In November 2006, two stockholder derivative lawsuits were filed against the Company itself, as a nominal defendant, and several of our current and former officers and directors, including Fred C. Young, Roger E. M. Croft, Michael McAndrew, Francis Wertheimber, William F. Andrews and Thomas G. Greig, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. The two substantially identical stockholder derivative complaints allege that the individual defendants improperly backdated grants of stock options to several officers and directors in violation of our stockholder-approved stock option plans, improperly recorded and accounted for backdated stock options in violation of generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), improperly took tax deductions based on backdated stock options in violation of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), produced and disseminated false financial statements and SEC filings to our stockholders and to the market that improperly recorded and accounted for the backdated option grants, concealed the alleged improper backdating of stock options and obtained substantial benefits from sales of our Common Stock while in the possession of material inside information. The complaints seek damages on behalf of the Company against certain current and former officers and directors and allege breach of fiduciary duty, unjust enrichment, securities law violations and other claims.

The two lawsuits have been consolidated into a single action as *In re Black Box Corporation Derivative Litigation*, Master File No. 2:06-CV-1531-TMH, and plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended complaint on January 29, 2007. The parties have stipulated that responses by the defendants, including the Company, are due on or before September 4, 2007.

# POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE APPROVAL OF TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PERSONS

Our policies and procedures for review, approval or ratification of transactions with related persons are not contained in a single policy or procedure; instead, relevant aspects of such program are drawn from various corporate documents. Most importantly, our Audit Committee's charter provides that it must review and, if appropriate, approve or ratify all transactions between us and any related persons.

Our Standards of Business Conduct require that all of our and our subsidiaries' directors, officers and employees refrain from activities that might involve a conflict of interest. Additionally, our Code of Ethics provides that each of our and our subsidiaries' directors, officers and employees must openly and honestly handle any actual, apparent or potential conflict between that individual's personal and business relationships and our interests. Before making any investment, accepting any position or benefit, participating in any transaction or business arrangement or otherwise acting in a manner that creates or appears to create a conflict of interest, such person must make a full disclosure of all relevant facts and circumstances to, and obtain the prior written approval of, our Chief Financial Officer or our General Counsel. Our Chief Financial Officer and our General Counsel make reports to our Audit Committee, pursuant to the terms of its charter, regarding compliance with our Code of Ethics. Further, our Chief Financial Officer makes reports to the Audit Committee with respect to proposed related party transactions for which that committee's approval would be required.

# COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

The following table sets forth the compensation of our non-employee directors in Fiscal 2007:

# **DIRECTOR COMPENSATION - FISCAL 2007**

Name (1)	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Option Awards (3)(4)(5) (\$)	Total (\$)
William F. Andrews	9,750	56,561	66,311
Richard L. Crouch	35,250	56,561	91,811
Thomas W. Golonski	29,250	56,561	85,811
Thomas G. Greig	89,250	56,561	145,811
Edward A. Nicholson, Ph.D.	9,750	56,561	66,311

- (1) Fred C. Young was a director until his resignation on May 20, 2007. Mr. Young's compensation for Fiscal 2007 is reported in the "Summary Compensation Table" and other tables in this proxy statement. He did not receive any additional compensation in connection with his service on our Board.
- (2) During Fiscal 2007, each of our non-employee directors received a fee of \$7,500 per annum, paid quarterly, and an additional fee of \$375 for each Board meeting attended in person. Our non-executive Chairman of the Board also received an annual fee of \$60,000, paid quarterly. Audit Committee members

- received a fee of \$1,500 for each meeting of the committee attended in person or by telephone. Our Audit Committee chair also received an annual fee of \$6,000, paid quarterly.
- (3) Our Board and our stockholders have adopted our 1992 Director Stock Option Plan, as amended (the "Director Plan"), and have authorized the issuance of stock options and stock appreciation rights covering up to 270,000 shares of Common Stock under this plan (subject to appropriate adjustments in the event of stock splits, stock dividends and similar dilutive events). Under the Director Plan, our Compensation Committee may grant stock options and stock appreciation rights to our non-employee directors.
- (4) Reflects the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes for Fiscal 2007, in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment" ("SFAS 123(R)"), and, thus, includes amounts from awards granted in and prior to Fiscal 2007. See Note 14 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2007 Form 10-K regarding weighted-average assumptions underlying the valuation of stock options granted in Fiscal 2007 and Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006 ("2006 Form 10-K") regarding weighted-average assumptions underlying the valuation of stock options granted in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006 ("Fiscal 2006"), the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005 ("Fiscal 2005") and the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004 ("Fiscal 2004"). In September 2006, our non-employee directors were each granted an option to purchase 7,000 shares of Common Stock, under the Director Plan, at an exercise price of \$39.41 per share, the fair market value of the Common Stock on the grant date. The grant date fair value of these options, computed in accordance with SFAS 123(R), was \$129,868.
- (5) The following table sets forth the outstanding options, both exercisable and unexercisable, held by each non-employee director as of March 31, 2007:

Name	Outstanding Options (#)
William F. Andrews	59,002
Richard L. Crouch	20,000
Thomas W. Golonski	31,000
Thomas G. Greig	46,002
Edward A. Nicholson, Ph.D.	20,000

# **Changes to Director Compensation**

On May 21, 2007, upon recommendation of the Governance Committee, our Board elected to increase the compensation that non-employee directors receive with respect to attendance at Board and Board committee meetings (other than the Audit Committee). Following the increase, such directors will receive a fee of \$2,000 for each Board meeting attended in person, \$1,000 for each Board meeting attended by telephone and \$1,000 for each Board committee meeting attended in person or by telephone (other than the Audit Committee). Our Governance Committee has engaged an outside compensation consultant to assist the committee with the determination of appropriate non-employee director compensation.

# **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND OTHER INFORMATION**

#### COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

# Role of Our Compensation Committee and Our Compensation Philosophy

Our Compensation Committee evaluates and recommends to our Board our compensation philosophy and practices and is charged with administering our compensation program for our named executive officers: Fred C. Young, our former Chief Executive Officer; R. Terry Blakemore, our interim President and Chief Executive Officer; Michael McAndrew, our Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary; Roger E. M. Croft, our Senior Vice President and Francis W. Wertheimber, our Senior Vice President. Our Compensation Committee believes that the total executive compensation package paid to our named executive officers should be designed to pay-for-performance by facilitating the achievement of our short- and long-range goals, recognizing individual executive performance and contributions and promoting increased value creation for our stockholders.

# **Objectives of Our Compensation Program**

In line with our philosophy, our Compensation Committee has developed the following objectives for our compensation program which are to:

- hire, train, develop, compensate and retain high quality executives for our success
- provide incentives for executives to align their goals with those of our stockholders in the form of fixed and at-risk, variable compensation

Our compensation program rewards our named executive officers and other key employees for:

- outstanding contributions to the achievement of our goals and overall success, particularly growth in annual profits and cash flow
- successful completion of acquisitions of targeted companies and their integration into the Company

#### **Components of Our Executive Compensation Program**

- · base salary
- annual cash bonus
- long-term incentive compensation in the form of stock options

In designing our compensation program, our Compensation Committee, in line with our pay-for-performance philosophy, has historically placed emphasis upon at-risk, variable compensation in the form of annual cash bonuses and/or grants of stock options. In the case of stock options, stock options were granted under the Employee Plan which was amended in the fiscal years ended March 31, 1995 through 2006 pursuant to stockholder votes to increase the number of shares available for the grant of options thereunder. At our annual meeting of stockholders in August 2006, the proposed amendment to the Employee Plan to increase the number of shares available for issuance was not approved by our stockholders. As a result, in Fiscal 2007, our Compensation Committee did not have a sufficient number of shares available to grant stock options to our named executive officers and other key employees in accordance with historical practices.

Our Compensation Committee has been and is currently re-evaluating the nature and structure of our compensation program and the relative mix of cash and equity incentives to be awarded to our named executive officers and other key employees. Our Compensation Committee continues to believe, however, that some form of equity compensation will continue to be an important part of our executive compensation program.

# **Overview of Annual Setting of Executive Compensation**

Under our current process, our Chief Executive Officer meets with our Compensation Committee and makes recommendations to the committee regarding each element of compensation to be paid to our named executive officers (other than our Chief Executive Officer) and other key employees, which recommendations are based upon the individual's performance in the prior fiscal year, the individual's experience, the requirements of the position

and the individual's relative ability to impact our overall success. Our Compensation Committee considers our Chief Executive Officer's recommendations and further uses the committee members' collective knowledge of industry and market pay practices of similarly-situated executives as well as our overall compensation philosophy in connection with approving each component of compensation paid to our named executive officers and other key employees. Our Compensation Committee then submits its recommendations to our Board for review and approval. In the case of our Chief Executive Officer, our Compensation Committee reviews the Chief Executive Officer's performance in the prior fiscal year, experience and impact on our overall success, and uses the committee members' collective knowledge of industry and market pay practices regarding chief executive officer compensation and makes recommendations regarding each element of his compensation to our Board for review, discussion and approval.

Our Compensation Committee believes that the annual compensation paid to our named executive officers and other key employees has been competitive with that paid to other similarly-situated executives in the industry. As mentioned above, our Compensation Committee has been and is currently engaged in a re-evaluation of our compensation program and has hired an outside compensation consultant to assist the committee with the development of a more formal, competitive compensation program for our named executive officers and other key employees for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008 ("Fiscal 2008") and beyond.

#### **Summary of Fiscal 2007 Executive Compensation Program Decisions**

The following is a summary of the compensation decisions, described in more detail below with respect to our named executive officers, that were made with respect to Fiscal 2007: (i) for each named executive officer (other than Messrs. Blakemore and Croft, for the reasons discussed below), our Board approved their respective base salaries, (ii) for Mr. Wertheimber, our Board, based on the recommendation of our Compensation Committee, approved the payment of a discretionary bonus of \$100,000 and (iii) for Mr. McAndrew, our Compensation Committee approved the grant to him of a bonus in the form of cash or stock options as selected by him.

#### Base Salary

Our Compensation Committee and our Chief Executive Officer together annually review the base salaries of each of our named executive officers (other than our Chief Executive Officer) and, in the case of our Chief Executive Officer, the committee conducts its own review. In line with our pay-for-performance philosophy, base salaries are typically set below market, with more emphasis placed upon performance-based compensation in the form of cash bonuses and stock options. Each year, our Compensation Committee may recommend to our Board to keep base salary levels the same or to increase or decrease them based upon whether they are competitive in the industry, the executive's performance and/or on whether an executive's contributions to us have been significant during the year. In Fiscal 2007, the base salaries of Messrs. Young, Wertheimber and McAndrew were increased, in light of their respective performance and greater job responsibilities as a result of our growth, to \$600,000, \$250,000 and \$250,000, respectively. At the time our Compensation Committee and our Board reviewed and approved the base salaries of our named executive officers, Mr. Blakemore was not an executive officer and, thus, Mr. Young determined his base salary for Fiscal 2007 (although the committee was aware of Mr. Blakemore's base salary level as determined by Mr. Young). Mr. Croft and the Company had previously agreed upon his salary in light of his reduced role in the management of the Company and, therefore, there was no reason to review his salary for Fiscal 2007.

For information regarding the Fiscal 2007 base salaries of our named executive officers, see the "Summary Compensation Table" in this proxy statement.

#### **Bonuses**

In years prior to Fiscal 2007, our Compensation Committee and our Board had approved annual cash bonus plans, generally in which bonus payments were made if the performance goals were achieved. If the targets were not achieved, the committee generally did not recommend that our Board approve the payment of a bonus. In recent years, some of the goals of the annual cash bonus plans, among others, were achievement of earnings per share, accounts receivable levels as measured by days sales outstanding ("DSOs") and operating income targets.

Our Compensation Committee, in light of its on-going re-evaluation of the compensation program, determined not to adopt an annual cash bonus plan applicable to our named executive officers in Fiscal 2007 (but did do so for

Fiscal 2008 as described below). Instead, a Fiscal 2007 bonus arrangement for Mr. Blakemore was reviewed by our Board and authorized by our Chief Executive Officer in February 2006 and, in the case of our named executive officers at that time, our Compensation Committee determined to review Fiscal 2007 performance and then potentially to approve discretionary bonuses based on performance.

The Fiscal 2007 bonus arrangement for Mr. Blakemore provided that if revenues generated from merger and acquisition activities met or exceeded \$100 million, he would be entitled to receive a target bonus of \$100,000. Such target was exceeded and he was paid a \$100,000 bonus under this arrangement.

Additionally, in May 2007, our Compensation Committee and our Board approved the payment of a \$100,000 discretionary bonus to Mr. Wertheimber based on operating margin and DSOs performance of the business unit under his management in Fiscal 2007. No other bonuses were determined to be paid.

# Long-Term Compensation - Stock Options

In determining the number of stock options to grant to our named executive officers, our Compensation Committee takes into consideration individual performance, the individual's contribution to our financial performance for the fiscal year and the shares available for granting under the Employee Plan, with the understanding that the Black-Scholes value of the options granted has remained fairly consistent from year to year. In Fiscal 2006, based upon individual performance, our Compensation Committee and our Board had approved stock option awards to Messrs. Young, Wertheimber and McAndrew.

As described above, given the limited availability of shares under the Employee Plan to grant option awards in Fiscal 2007, our Compensation Committee determined to grant only one award to our named executive officers. In connection with his exceptional performance in the successful closing of the acquisition of NextiraOne, LLC (the "NXO Acquisition"), Mr. McAndrew was offered the choice of a discretionary cash bonus of \$100,000 or a grant of a stock option to purchase 10,000 shares of Common Stock with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the Common Stock on the grant date. Mr. McAndrew chose an option award, which award vests ratably over a three-year period and is subject to the terms and conditions of the Employee Plan and the form of stock option agreement adopted by our Compensation Committee. In addition, Mr. Blakemore was awarded a stock option to purchase 10,000 shares of Common Stock for his leading role in the NXO Acquisition. Since Mr. Blakemore was not an executive officer at the time of the grant of such award, his grant was determined by Mr. Young.

For more information regarding the Employee Plan and the Fiscal 2007 stock option awards to Mr. McAndrew and Mr. Blakemore, see the "Summary Compensation Table" and the "Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table" in this proxy statement.

#### **Historical Equity Grant Practices and New Grant Policy**

In November 2006, we received a letter of informal inquiry from the Enforcement Division of the SEC relating to our stock option practices from January 1, 1997 to the present. As a result, our Audit Committee, with the assistance of outside legal counsel, commenced an independent review of our historical stock option grant practices and related accounting for stock option grants during the period from 1992 to the present (the "Review Period"). Our Audit Committee concluded, among other things, that for a majority of grants issued by us there was either no or inadequate documentation of approval actions that satisfies the requisites for establishing a measurement date under GAAP, that relatively few option grants were approved in complete compliance with our stock option plans, that the delegation of authority by our Compensation Committee to our Chief Executive Officer to approve grants to rank and file employees was not fully documented, that, in several cases, the use of grant dates and lower exercise prices, together with other available evidence, supports a finding that these dates and exercise prices were selected with the benefit of hindsight and that our internal controls with respect to stock option grants were inadequate. In light of these conclusions, we have restated our historical financial statements as set forth in our 2007 Form 10-K, our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended December 30, 2006 and our amended Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q/A for the fiscal quarters ended September 30, 2006 and July 1, 2006. Such filings contain detailed information about the restatement, its underlying circumstances and related matters.

Our Audit Committee expects to recommend to our Board and/or its appropriate committees procedural enhancements that appropriately address the issues raised by the committee's findings. While our Audit Committee

has not completed its consideration of all such steps, procedural enhancements may include recommendations regarding improved stock option administration procedures and controls, training and monitoring compliance with those procedures, corporate recordkeeping, corporate risk assessment, evaluation of the internal compliance environment and other remedial steps that may be appropriate. Any such procedural enhancements will be recommended by our Audit Committee to our Board and/or appropriate Board committee for adoption. In advance of action by our Audit Committee, we have implemented additional procedures to our process for approving stock option grants that are focused on formalized documentation of appropriate approvals and determination of grant terms to employees and directors. Such procedures that have been implemented, as well as any procedural enhancements and remedial measures that will be adopted, will apply to our existing stock option plans.

In light of the findings of our Audit Committee's review, William F. Andrews, Thomas W. Golonski and Thomas G. Greig, three of our current directors who also served during portions of the Review Period and who hold options as to which the measurement date was adjusted in connection with our restatement, agreed voluntarily to reprice those outstanding options with a recorded exercise price less than the fair market value of our Common Stock on the accounting measurement date as determined by our Audit Committee so that the exercise price matches the fair market value of our Common Stock on such accounting measurement date. In addition, Michael McAndrew, who became our Chief Financial Officer in December 2002, also agreed voluntarily to reprice the one option granted to him after he became Chief Financial Officer with a recorded exercise price less than the fair market value of our Common Stock on the accounting measurement date as determined by our Audit Committee so that the exercise price matches the fair market value of our Common Stock on such accounting measurement date.

Our Audit Committee's ongoing review includes an evaluation of the role of and possible claims or other remedial actions against our current and former personnel who may be found to have had responsibility for identified problems during the Review Period. Accordingly, our Audit Committee has begun to address and is addressing and expects to continue to address issues of individual conduct or responsibility, including those of our Board, Chief Executive Officers and Chief Financial Officers serving during the Review Period. In connection therewith, based on the findings of our Audit Committee as to Fred C. Young, our former Chief Executive Officer who resigned on May 20, 2007, our Audit Committee concluded and recommended to our Board, and our Board determined, that Mr. Young could have been terminated due to Cause for Termination (as defined in his agreement dated May 11, 2004) at the time Mr. Young resigned as a director and as an officer of the Company on May 20, 2007. In light of that determination and the terms of the agreements with Mr. Young, all outstanding stock options held by Mr. Young terminated as of the date of his resignation.

Our Audit Committee may recommend additional remedial measures that appropriately address the issues raised by its findings. Such potential remedial measures may include possible claims or other remedial actions against our current and former personnel who may be found to have been responsible for identified problems during the Review Period.

# **Description of Compensation Practices and Policies for Fiscal 2008**

In connection with Mr. Blakemore assuming the executive positions of interim President and Chief Executive Officer, our Compensation Committee approved the payment to him of a bonus in the amount of \$75,000.

Since the amendment to the Employee Plan was not approved by our stockholders at our annual meeting of stockholders held in August 2006, our Compensation Committee determined to place greater emphasis upon the variable cash component of the compensation program. In May 2007, our Compensation Committee approved an executive incentive bonus plan for Fiscal 2008 under which a bonus pool will be created based on reported operating earnings per share. Payout of the bonus pool will be based upon DSOs at fiscal year end with, on the low end, 75% of the pool payable upon the achievement of approximately 90% of the DSOs target and, on the high end, 100% payout of the pool upon the achievement of 100% of the DSOs target. Additionally, payments may be made at the discretion of our Board. Messrs. Blakemore, Wertheimber and McAndrew are participants in this plan as well as other key employees. The bonus pool, if paid out, will be shared equally by each participant in the plan and participants must be employed with us on the payment date to be entitled to such bonus.

# **Change-in-Control Arrangements**

We entered into an agreement with Mr. Young in May 2004, with Messrs. Croft and Wertheimber in November 2004 and with Messrs. McAndrew and Blakemore in May 2007. Mr. Young resigned from his position as our Chief Executive Officer and as a director on May 20, 2007.

The agreements with Messrs. Croft, Wertheimber, McAndrew and Blakemore generally provide for certain benefits to these named executive officers in the event that their respective employment is terminated within two (2) years of a change of control either by (i) us for a reason other than cause, death, disability or retirement or (ii) the named executive officer's resignation for good reason.

Our Compensation Committee and our Board approved these agreements and the change-in-control provisions in the Employee Plan to reduce the distraction regarding the impact of such a transaction on the personal situation of a named executive officer and to incent them to remain with us through the consummation of a change-in-control transaction, if any.

#### **Report of the Compensation Committee**

The Compensation Committee reviewed and discussed with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis set forth in this proxy statement. Based on the foregoing review and discussions, the Compensation Committee recommended to our Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement.

The information contained in this report does not constitute soliciting material and should not be deemed filed or incorporated by reference into any other Company filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent the Company specifically incorporates it by reference into such filing.

#### **Compensation Committee:**

Thomas W. Golonski, Chairman Richard L. Crouch Thomas G. Greig

#### SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE - FISCAL 2007

The following table sets forth cash compensation paid by us and our subsidiaries, as well as other compensation paid or accrued during Fiscal 2007, to (i) our principal executive officer during Fiscal 2007, Fred C. Young, (ii) R. Terry Blakemore, who was appointed our interim President and Chief Executive Officer on May 21, 2007 following Mr. Young's resignation, (iii) our principal financial officer, Michael McAndrew, (iv) Francis W. Wertheimber, an executive officer at the end of Fiscal 2007 who received total compensation (determined in accordance with SEC rules) in Fiscal 2007 that exceeded \$100,000 and (v) Roger E. M. Croft, who was an executive officer during Fiscal 2007 but was not serving as an executive officer as of the last day of Fiscal 2007 (each, a "Named Executive Officer"). Such compensation was paid for services rendered in all capacities to us and our subsidiaries:

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Option Awards (1) (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Fred C. Young, Chief Executive Officer <sup>(2)</sup>	2007	481,437	_	1,535,561	_	_	5,826 <sup>(3)</sup>	2,022,824
R. Terry Blakemore, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer	2007	186,058	_	351,482	100,000	152,746 <sup>(4)</sup>	13,282(5)	803,568
Michael McAndrew, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary	2007	164,959	_	286,697	_	_	4,663 <sup>(3)</sup>	456,319
Francis W. Wertheimber, Senior Vice President	2007	217,759 (6)	100,000	299,801	_		59,509(6)(7)	677,069
Roger E. M. Croft, Senior Vice President	2007	122,010 (8)	_	299,801	_	_	71,639(8)(9)	493,450

- (1) Reflects the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes for Fiscal 2007, in accordance with SFAS 123(R), and, thus, includes amounts from awards granted in and prior to Fiscal 2007. See Note 14 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2007 Form 10-K regarding weighted-average assumptions underlying the valuation of stock options granted in Fiscal 2007 and Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2006 Form 10-K regarding weighted-average assumptions underlying the valuation of stock options granted in Fiscal 2006, Fiscal 2005 and Fiscal 2004.
- (2) Mr. Young resigned from his position as our Chief Executive Officer and as a director on May 20, 2007.
- (3) Represents amounts paid by us for the individual under a 401(k) plan and payments for life insurance premiums.
- (4) Mr. Blakemore participates in the Retirement and Security Program of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (the "NTCA Plan"). One of our subsidiaries is a member of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association, which sponsors the NTCA Plan, a multiple employer pension plan in which such subsidiary participates as a contributing employer. The amount in this column represents the aggregate change in actuarial present value of his accumulated benefits under the NTCA Plan from December 31, 2005 to December 31, 2006 (the last day of the NTCA Plan's most recently completed fiscal year). For more information regarding the NTCA Plan and the assumptions used to calculate this amount, see the "Pension Benefits Table" and "Understanding Our Pension Benefits Table" in this proxy statement.

- (5) Represents the Company's contributions to the NTCA Plan and payments for life insurance premiums.
- (6) Represents amounts paid in Japanese yen and converted to U.S. dollars using an exchange rate as of March 30, 2007 (.008486 U.S. dollars for each Japanese yen).
- (7) Mr. Wertheimber is a resident of Japan and, under Japanese law, must enroll in Japan's national pension system to which we make contributions. For Fiscal 2007, we contributed \$47,210 to this pension system on his behalf. We also provided him with a vehicle allowance and paid certain other vehicle-related expenses.
- (8) Represents amounts paid in British pounds sterling and converted to U.S. dollars using an exchange rate as of March 30, 2007 (1.9679 U.S. dollars for each British pound sterling).
- (9) Mr. Croft is a resident of the United Kingdom and participates (along with other similarly-situated employees in the United Kingdom) in a private pension scheme to which we make contributions. For Fiscal 2007, we contributed \$31,010 to this pension scheme on his behalf. He also received vehicle and fuel allowances of \$40,629.

#### GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS - FISCAL 2007

The following table sets forth each grant of awards made to our Named Executive Officers in Fiscal 2007 under plans established by us:

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Possible Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards Target (\$)	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (1) (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Closing Market Price on Date of Grant (\$)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (2) (\$)
Fred C. Young	_	_	_		_	_
R. Terry Blakemore	04/12/2006	— 100,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	10,000	39.77	46.25(4)	245,708
Michael McAndrew	06/15/2006	_	10,000	38.97(5)	39.19 <sup>(5)</sup>	180,300
Francis W. Wertheimber	_		_		_	_
Roger E. M. Croft	_	_	_	_	_	_

- (1) Our Board and our stockholders have adopted the Employee Plan and have authorized the issuance of options and stock appreciation rights covering up to 9,200,000 shares of Common Stock under this plan (subject to appropriate adjustments in the event of stock splits, stock dividends and similar dilutive events). Stock options and stock appreciation rights may be granted under the Employee Plan to key salaried and hourly employees (including those who may also be directors but who are not members of our Compensation Committee).
- (2) Calculated in accordance with SFAS 123(R).
- (3) For Fiscal 2007, we established a bonus arrangement for Mr. Blakemore that did not include a threshold or maximum award level. He achieved the pre-established performance objectives in connection with his bonus arrangement and was, therefore, paid the full amount of the target award, as set forth in the "Summary Compensation Table" in this proxy statement. Additional information with respect to his bonus arrangement is provided in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this proxy statement.

- (4) In connection with the review of our historical stock option grant practices as described in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis Historical Equity Grant Practices and New Grant Policy" section of this proxy statement, this option grant was deemed by our Audit Committee to have a "measurement date" for purposes of SFAS 123(R) of April 12, 2006, the date that such option was entered into our stock option database. The "Closing Market Price on Date of Grant" is the closing price of our Common Stock on April 12, 2006.
- (5) SEC rules require disclosure of the closing market price of the underlying security on the grant date where the exercise price is less than such closing market price. The exercise price of this option, in accordance with the provisions of the Employee Plan, was determined by averaging the high and low sales prices of our Common Stock on the grant date.

# OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR END - FISCAL 2007

The following table sets forth all unexercised stock options which have been awarded by us to our Named Executive Officers and are outstanding as of March 31, 2007:

	Option Awards						
Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date			
Fred C. Young (1)	45,000 175,000 195,000 20,000 30,000 145,000 140,402 195,000	- - - - - - - -	21.4400 30.2500 21.9375 32.1407 45.0625 49.3125 42.2500 41.4500 44.3700 40.5500	04/23/2007 01/13/2008 10/08/2008 04/08/2009 08/30/2009 10/21/2009 10/11/2010 09/21/2011 11/13/2012 10/01/2013			
R. Terry Blakemore	100,000 133,333 110,000	66,667 	34.7650 39.7700 34.2900	08/18/2014 10/31/2015 08/11/2014			
	60,000	_	39.7700	10/31/2015			
Michael McAndrew	15,000 7,500 8,552 15,000 15,000 20,000 26,666 50,000	13,334 <sup>(2)</sup> 10,000 <sup>(4)</sup>	30.2500 45.0625 42.2500 41.4500 28.5400 40.5500 <sup>(3)</sup> 34.2900 39.7700 38.9650	01/13/2008 08/30/2009 10/11/2010 09/21/2011 10/09/2012 10/01/2013 08/11/2014 10/31/2015 06/15/2016			
Francis W. Wertheimber	25,000 21,772 25,000 25,000 5,000 35,000 33,333 50,000	16,667 <sup>(2)</sup>	45.0625 42.2500 41.4500 44.3700 44.9100 40.5500 34.2900 39.7700	08/30/2009 10/11/2010 09/21/2011 11/13/2012 12/19/2012 10/01/2013 08/11/2014 10/31/2015			
Roger E. M. Croft	35,000 26,817 30,000 30,000	16,667 <sup>(2)</sup>	45.0625 42.2500 41.4500 44.3700 34.2900	08/30/2009 10/11/2010 09/21/2011 11/13/2012 08/11/2014			

<sup>(1)</sup> The option in the above table with an option expiration date of April 23, 2007 terminated unexercised as of that date. All of Mr. Young's other stock options outstanding as of March 31, 2007 shown in the table terminated as of May 20, 2007, the date of his resignation. See "Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control — Estimated Termination and Change-in-Control Payments — Fred C. Young" in this proxy statement.

- (2) The remaining unvested options vested on August 11, 2007.
- (3) Mr. McAndrew voluntarily agreed to reprice this option exercise price to \$42.93. See "Executive Compensation and Other Information Compensation Discussion and Analysis Historical Equity Grant Practices and New Grant Policy" in this proxy statement.
- (4) These options will vest in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on June 15, 2007.

# OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED TABLE - FISCAL 2007

The following table sets forth information concerning each exercise of stock options by our Named Executive Officers during Fiscal 2007:

	Optio	on Awards
Name	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)
Fred C. Young	65,000	1,011,725
R. Terry Blakemore	13,333	85,398
Michael McAndrew	_	_
Francis W. Wertheimber	_	
Roger E. M. Croft	16,667	112,086

# PENSION BENEFITS TABLE - FISCAL 2007

The following table provides information with respect to each plan that provides for specified retirement payments or benefits, or payments or benefits that will be provided primarily following retirement to our Named Executive Officers, including tax-qualified defined benefit plans and supplemental employee retirement plans, but excluding defined contribution plans:

Name	Plan Name	Number of Years Credited Service (#)	Present Value of Accumulated Benefit (\$)	Payments During Last Fiscal Year (\$)
Fred C. Young	_	_	_	_
R. Terry Blakemore	NTCA Plan	26(1)	1,240,955(2)	12,466
Michael McAndrew			_	_
Francis W. Wertheimber	_			_
Roger E. M. Croft				_

<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Blakemore commenced participation in the NTCA Plan in October 1985 and was granted service credit back to March 1981. This additional service credit granted to him only has the effect of making him retirement eligible, without any benefit reduction, at an earlier date and does not result in any augmentation of benefits paid to him.

(2) The actuarial present value of Mr. Blakemore's accumulated benefits under the NTCA Plan was computed as of December 31, 2006 (the last day of the most recently completed fiscal year of the NTCA Plan). The amount was computed using the following assumptions and valuation methods: (i) a retirement age of 55 (the earliest age at which he could retire without any benefit reduction due to age), (ii) an annual increase of 2% of compensation, (iii) 2003 Group Annuity Reserving mortality table and (iv) a discount rate of 7.5%.

#### UNDERSTANDING OUR PENSION BENEFITS TABLE

#### The Retirement and Security Program of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association

The NTCA Plan is a multiple employer pension plan which is the main pension plan for over 390 employers who are members of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (of which one of our subsidiaries is a member). The NTCA Plan will pay retirement benefits to Mr. Blakemore based on his years of service with us and his compensation. As a qualified plan, the NTCA Plan is subject to various requirements on coverage, funding, vesting and the amount of compensation which may be taken into account in calculating benefits.

*Normal Retirement.* The "normal retirement benefit" under the NTCA Plan is the benefit which will be received at the normal retirement date, which is the first day of the month containing Mr. Blakemore's 65th birthday. The normal retirement benefit is expressed as a life annuity with ten (10) years certain.

The normal retirement benefit is the sum of the basic normal retirement benefit that Mr. Blakemore has accrued on the basis of active participation and certain other types of benefits such as fixed benefits, supplemental benefits and benefit upgrades. The basic normal retirement benefit increases as Mr. Blakemore's average compensation increases and is based on: (i) "High-5 Compensation" which means the average of his W-2+ Compensation (defined below) for the five (5) years of the last ten (10) years during which his W-2+ Compensation was the highest ("W-2+ Compensation" means W-2 wages, including any bonuses, overtime and commissions, plus pre-tax 401(k) contributions, Section 125 contributions (cafeteria plan contributions) and Section 457 contributions (contributions to a non-qualified deferred compensation plan adopted after 1986 by a tax-exempt employer) and, effective for plan years beginning after December 31, 2000, Section 132(f)(4) income (qualified transportation fringe benefit income), but excluding income attributable to employer-sponsored group term life insurance over \$50,000), (ii) total accruals, which is generally the sum of certain contribution percentages (both employer and employee) made on his behalf plus contribution percentages added through program upgrades, rollovers and prior service benefits, (iii) the applicable program actuarial factor and (iv) applicable uplift multiplier.

Additionally, the maximum annual pension which Mr. Blakemore accrues may never exceed 100% of his average W-2+ Compensation (taxable compensation prior to January 1, 1998) for his "High-3" ("High-3" compensation refers to the average of the highest three (3) consecutive years of Mr. Blakemore's W-2+ Compensation) years before retirement.

Early Retirement. The NTCA Plan permits early retirement on or after the first day of the month in which Mr. Blakemore reaches the age of 55. At age 55, Mr. Blakemore (assuming continued employment with us) will be entitled to unreduced retirement benefits at that time pursuant to the "Rule-of-85." The Rule-of-85 allows certain plan participants to retire early (before the age of 65 but not before age 55) without an actuarial reduction in their accrued benefits for retiring before age 65. Under this formula, the sum of a participant's age at retirement and number of years of service must equal or exceed 85 in order for the participant to be eligible for "Rule-of-85" benefits.

Late Retirement. The NTCA Plan permits late retirement (retirement after the age of 65). If a participant retires late, the participant's retirement benefits automatically will be increased by one-quarter of one percent (.25%) for each month the participant delays retirement beyond age 65. Additionally, if a participant continues working after his 65th birthday, benefits may increase through additional accruals and higher High-5 Compensation.

Forms of Payment. The NTCA Plan provides for the following forms of payment options: (i) 10-years certain and life thereafter, (ii) 5-years certain and life thereafter, (iii) life only, (iv) if married, a qualified joint and survivor annuity (with 50% of the monthly amount payable during the participant's lifetime continued after the participant's death to his surviving spouse for the life of the surviving spouse), (v) if married, a qualified joint and survivor

annuity (with  $66^2/3$ % of the monthly amount payable during the participant's lifetime continued after the participant's death to his surviving spouse for the life of the surviving spouse), (vi) if married, a qualified joint and survivor annuity (with 100% of the monthly amount payable during the participant's lifetime continued after the participant's death to his surviving spouse for the life of the surviving spouse), (vii) if married, a qualified joint and survivor annuity under (iii) – (vi) (with the annuity that is payable guaranteed for 10 years following retirement and then payable at 50%,  $66^2/3$ % or 100% to the spouse (if the participant predeceases the surviving spouse)), (viii) an annuity under (i) – (vii) that is supplemented by a certain amount between the time of retirement and either age 62 or normal social security retirement age, and then actuarially reduced once that age is reached, (ix) a combination of a partial single sum and any one of the foregoing annuity options, (x) a guaranteed annuity option or (xi) a single lump sum.

#### POTENTIAL PAYMENTS UPON TERMINATION OR CHANGE-IN-CONTROL

We do not have employment agreements with our Named Executive Officers. We entered into an agreement with Fred C. Young in May 2004, into agreements with Roger E. M. Croft and Francis W. Wertheimber in November 2004 and into agreements with Michael McAndrew and R. Terry Blakemore in May 2007, which agreements provide for certain benefits to the Named Executive Officers in the event of a qualifying termination of their employment as described below. The original term of each of the agreements is five (5) years with an automatic renewal on a one-year basis thereafter absent notice of nonrenewal six (6) months prior to the renewal date; provided, however, that if a Change-in-Control (as defined below) occurs during the initial or any renewal period, the agreement will survive until the second anniversary (third anniversary in the case of Mr. Young) of the date of the Change-in-Control.

Each of the above-mentioned agreements contains a provision prohibiting the respective Named Executive Officer from competing with us during his employment with us and for five (5) years thereafter. Specifically, without our prior written consent, the Named Executive Officers may not directly or indirectly engage in, assist or have an active interest in (whether as proprietor, partner, investor, stockholder, officer, director or any type of principal whatsoever), or enter the employ of or act as agent for, or advisor or consultant to, any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation or business organization, entity or enterprise which is or is about to become directly or indirectly engaged in any business that is competitive with any of our businesses in which the Named Executive Officer is or was engaged.

Our Named Executive Officers are also bound, during the term of their agreement and at all times thereafter, by restrictive covenants with respect to confidential information, as more fully described in their respective agreements. They are not permitted, unless authorized in writing by us, to disclose or cause to be disclosed, such confidential information or to authorize or permit such disclosure of the confidential information to any unauthorized third party, or to use the confidential information (i) for their own benefit or advantage, (ii) for the benefit or advantage of any third party or (iii) in any manner which is intended to injure or cause loss, whether directly or indirectly, to us. At any time upon our request, and immediately upon termination, the Named Executive Officers must surrender all written or otherwise tangible documentation representing such confidential information to us.

A description of the other material terms of these agreements and estimates of the payments and benefits which each Named Executive Officer would receive upon a qualifying termination are set forth below. The estimates have been calculated assuming a termination date of March 30, 2007, which was our last business day in Fiscal 2007, and are based upon the closing price of our Common Stock on that date (\$36.54). Due to the number of factors that affect the nature and amount of any benefits provided upon the events discussed below, such as the timing during the year of any triggering event and our stock price, the actual amounts to be paid or distributed may be different.

# Termination Payments and Benefits Outside of a Change-in-Control

Fred C. Young:

If Mr. Young's employment with the Company is terminated (i) due to his death or Disability (as defined below), (ii) by Mr. Young other than for Good Reason (as defined below) or (iii) by the Company due to Cause for Termination or in accordance with Retirement (each as defined below), then, except as otherwise set forth below, we

have no payment obligations to him other than as provided by our various policies, procedures and practices generally applicable to all employees.

If, however, during the term of Mr. Young's agreement, and prior to a Change-in-Control, his employment is terminated (i) by us other than due to Cause for Termination, death, Disability or Retirement or (ii) upon his resignation if our Board removes or fails to reelect him to the chief executive officer position or otherwise reduces the power and status of such position at any time other than at a time when he could have been terminated due to Cause for Termination, he is entitled to, in addition to any accrued but unpaid benefits:

- three (3) times the sum of his then current annual base salary for the year in which the employment termination occurs
- three (3) times one-third (1/3) of the aggregate cash bonuses or awards received by him as incentive compensation or bonus during the three (3) calendar years immediately preceding the termination date
- an amount equal to the total cash award or bonus that would have been received by him under any long-term incentive plan, assuming that, in addition to any goals met prior to the termination date, all goals that were to be measured after such date were achieved and he remained employed, less any portion of the cash award or bonus for that award period previously paid to him
- medical insurance and other similar benefits for the period of three (3) years following the termination date, as if he remained in our continuous employ during such period
- · unvested options will vest and remain outstanding in accordance with their respective terms

The above-described payments are to be made to Mr. Young on or before the sixtieth (60th) day following the termination date.

Mr. Young's agreement further provides that in the event his employment is terminated due to his death, or termination occurs on or after May 11, 2007 by his resignation at any time other than at a time when he could have been terminated due to Cause for Termination, all of his unvested options vest and all of his options remain outstanding in accordance with their respective terms until their stated expiration date.

# Named Executive Officers other than Mr. Young:

The agreements with Messrs. Blakemore, Croft, McAndrew and Wertheimber do not provide for any benefits outside of a change-in-control context. If their respective employment is terminated due to death or Disability or by them or by us at any time prior to a Change-in-Control, then we have no payment obligations to them other than as provided by our various policies, procedures and practices generally applicable to all employees.

#### Certain Definitions:

The following definitions are contained in the agreements with Messrs. Young, Blakemore, Croft, McAndrew and Wertheimber:

<u>Cause for Termination</u>: Named Executive Officer's deliberate and intentional failure to devote his best efforts to the performance of duties, gross misconduct materially and demonstrably injurious to us, conviction of criminal fraud, embezzlement against us or a felony involving moral turpitude, continuing failure after notice to adhere to the nondisclosure and noncompete portions of the agreements (described above) or willful failure to follow instructions of our Board. For purposes of this definition, no act, or failure to act, on the Named Executive Officer's part shall be considered "deliberate and intentional" or to constitute gross misconduct unless done, or omitted to be done, by the Named Executive Officer not in good faith and without reasonable belief that the Named Executive Officer's action or omission was in the best interests of the Company.

Change-in-Control: a change in control of the Company is deemed to occur if:

- i. it is reportable as such by SEC rules;
- ii. twenty percent (20%) or more of the combined voting power of our then-outstanding capital stock is acquired, coupled with or followed by a change in a majority of the members of our Board; or
- iii. we sell all or substantially all of our assets or merge, consolidate or reorganize with another company and (x) upon conclusion of the transaction less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the outstanding

securities entitled to vote in the election of directors of the acquiring company or resulting company are owned by the persons who were our stockholders prior to the transaction, and following the transaction there is a change in a majority of the members of our Board or (y) following the transaction, a person or group would be the owner of twenty percent (20%) or more of the combined voting power of the acquiring company or resulting company, and there is a change in a majority of the members of our Board.

<u>Disability</u>: incapacity due to physical or mental illness or injury which causes a Named Executive Officer to be unable to perform his duties to us during ninety (90) consecutive days or one hundred twenty (120) days during any six (6) month period.

Good Reason: our failure to have any successor assume the agreement or the occurrence of any of the following after a Change-in-Control: (i) the assignment of new duties materially and substantially inconsistent with prior duties, responsibilities and status, or a material change in reporting responsibilities, titles or offices, (ii) reduction in base salary, (iii) failure to continue comparable incentive compensation, (iv) failure to continue comparable stock option and other fringe benefits, (v) relocation beyond fifty (50) miles or (vi) any purported termination of the Named Executive Officer other than for Cause, Disability or Retirement or made without a specified written notice of termination.

<u>Retirement</u>: termination of the Named Executive Officer's employment after age sixty-five (65) or in accordance with any mandatory retirement arrangement with respect to an earlier age agreed to by such Named Executive Officer.

# Termination Payments and Benefits After a Change-in-Control

The agreements with Messrs. Young, Blakemore, Croft, McAndrew and Wertheimber provide for payments and other benefits if such Named Executive Officer is terminated within two (2) years (three (3) years in the case of Mr. Young) following a Change-in-Control either by (i) us other than for Cause, death, Disability or Retirement or (ii) the individual's resignation for Good Reason. Additionally, Mr. Young is entitled to payments and benefits if he terminates his employment for any reason during a thirty (30) day period commencing six (6) months after a Change-in-Control.

In addition to any accrued but unpaid benefits, the agreements entitle each Named Executive Officer to an amount of cash equal to the sum of:

- two (2) times (three (3) times in the case of Mr. Young) the sum of his then current annual base salary in the year of termination (or, if greater, (x) in the case of termination for Good Reason, the Named Executive Officer's salary preceding the date giving rise to his Good Reason or (y) the Named Executive Officer's salary for the year in effect on the date of the Change-in-Control)
- two (2) times (three (3) times in the case of Mr. Young) the greater of (x) one-third (1/3) of the aggregate cash bonuses or awards received by the Named Executive Officer as incentive compensation or bonus during the three (3) calendar years immediately preceding the date of termination, (y) in the case of termination for Good Reason, one-third (1/3) of the aggregate cash bonuses or awards received by the Named Executive Officer as incentive compensation or bonus during the three (3) calendar years preceding the date giving rise to the Named Executive Officer's Good Reason or (z) one-third (1/3) of the aggregate cash bonuses or awards received by the Named Executive Officer as incentive compensation or bonus during the three (3) calendar years preceding the date of the Change-in-Control
- an amount equal to the total cash award or bonus that would have been received by the Named Executive Officer under any long-term incentive plan, assuming that, in addition to any goals met prior to the termination date, all goals that were to be measured after such date were achieved and the Named Executive Officer remained employed, less any portion of the cash award or bonus for that award period previously paid to the Named Executive Officer
- medical insurance and other similar benefits for the period of two (2) years (three (3) years in the case of Mr. Young) following the termination date, as if such Named Executive Officer remained in our continuous employ during such period
- unvested options will vest and remain outstanding in accordance with their respective terms

Such payments are to be made to Messrs. Young, Blakemore, Croft, McAndrew and Wertheimber on or before the sixtieth (60th) day following the termination date.

#### **Estimated Termination and Change-in-Control Payments**

The following table sets forth the potential payments <sup>(1)</sup>, in addition to accrued benefits, that Mr. Young would be entitled to receive assuming that his employment was terminated on March 30, 2007 (our last business day in Fiscal 2007) pursuant to the terms described above:

Fred	C.	Young
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Type of Termination	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Medical and Other Similar Benefit Continuation (\$)	Acceleration of Unvested Stock Options (2)(3) (\$)
Qualifying termination prior to a Change-in-Control	1,800,000	237,500	23,489(4)	118,334
Death	_		_	118,334
Qualifying termination following a Change-in-Control	1,800,000	237,500	23,489(4)	118,334

- (1) The payments shown reflect the maximum amount that would have been paid. Mr. Young's agreement contains a provision which could have the effect of reducing such payments based on the effect of excise taxes applicable to such payments under the Code.
- (2) Represents the value of the acceleration of unvested options as of March 30, 2007 based on the difference between the exercise price of the unvested options and the closing price of the Common Stock on Nasdaq as of March 30, 2007.
- (3) In addition, the Employee Plan provides that, regardless of employment termination, in the event of a "change-in-control," all then-outstanding options will vest immediately and become exercisable. For purposes of the Employee Plan, a "change-in-control" of the Company occurs if (i) any person becomes the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of our securities representing (a) fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of our then-outstanding securities or (b) twenty-five percent (25%) or more but less than fifty percent (50%) of the combined voting power of our then-outstanding securities if such transaction(s) giving rise to such beneficial ownership are not approved by our Board; or (ii) at any time a majority of the members of our Board have been elected or designated by any such person; or (iii) our Board approves a sale of all or substantially all of our assets or any merger, consolidation, issuance of securities or purchase of assets, the result of which would be the occurrence of any event described in clause (i) or (ii) above.
- (4) Represents the value of continued health, dental and vision benefits for a three (3) year period based on COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act) rates as of March 31, 2007.

Mr. Young resigned from his position as our Chief Executive Officer and as a director on May 20, 2007. He was not entitled to any severance, bonus, medical or other similar benefits under his agreement as a result of such resignation, although he was entitled to elect to receive medical benefits under COBRA at his cost. As noted above, Mr. Young's agreement provided that, in the event his employment terminated on or after May 11, 2007 by his resignation at any time other than at a time when he could have been terminated due to Cause for Termination, all of his unvested options would have vested and all of his options would have remained outstanding in accordance with their respective terms until their stated expiration date. Our Audit Committee concluded and recommended to our Board, and our Board determined, that Mr. Young could have been terminated due to Cause for Termination (as defined in his agreement) at the time Mr. Young resigned as a director and as an officer of the Company on May 20, 2007. In light of that determination and the terms of his agreement and his stock option agreements, all outstanding stock options held by Mr. Young terminated as of the date of his resignation.

# **Estimated Change-in-Control Payments**

The following table sets forth the potential payments <sup>(1)</sup>, in addition to accrued benefits, that the Named Executive Officers, other than Mr. Young, would be entitled to receive assuming that the Named Executive Officer's employment was terminated on March 30, 2007 (our last business day in Fiscal 2007) pursuant to the terms described above in connection with a Change-in-Control:

Name	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Medical and Other Similar Benefit Continuation (\$)	Acceleration of Unvested Stock Options (2)(3) (\$)
R. Terry Blakemore	500,000	162,500	24,966(4)	15,001
Michael McAndrew	500,000	91,576	19,888(4)	30,002
Francis W. Wertheimber	495,551 <sup>(5)</sup>	113,108 <sup>(5)</sup>	7,823(6)	37,501
Roger E. M. Croft	244,020(5)		2,825(7)	37,501

- (1) The payments shown reflect the maximum amount that would have been paid. Each agreement with Messrs. Blakemore, McAndrew, Wertheimber and Croft contains a provision which could have the effect of reducing such payments based on the effect of excise taxes applicable to such payments under the Code.
- (2) Represents the value of the acceleration of unvested options as of March 30, 2007 based on the difference between the exercise price of the unvested options and the closing price of the Common Stock on Nasdaq as of March 30, 2007.
- (3) In addition, the Employee Plan provides that, regardless of employment termination, in the event of a "change-in-control," all then-outstanding options will vest immediately and become exercisable. For purposes of the Employee Plan, a "change-in-control" of the Company occurs if (i) any person becomes the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of our securities representing (a) fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of our then-outstanding securities or (b) twenty-five percent (25%) or more but less than fifty percent (50%) of the combined voting power of our then-outstanding securities if such transaction(s) giving rise to such beneficial ownership are not approved by our Board; or (ii) at any time a majority of the members of our Board have been elected or designated by any such person; or (iii) our Board approves a sale of all or substantially all of our assets or any merger, consolidation, issuance of securities or purchase of assets, the result of which would be the occurrence of any event described in clause (i) or (ii) above.
- (4) Represents the value of continued health, dental and vision benefits for a two (2) year period based on COBRA rates as of March 31, 2007.
- (5) For Messrs. Wertheimber and Croft, this value represents a conversion from Japanese yen and British pounds sterling, respectively, to U.S. dollars using exchange rates on March 30, 2007.
- (6) Represents the value of continued medical and similar benefits for a two (2) year period beginning March 31, 2007 based on rates determined under the Japanese health care system and is converted from Japanese yen to U.S. dollars using an exchange rate as of March 30, 2007.
- (7) Represents the value of continued medical and similar benefits for a two (2) year period beginning March 31, 2007 based on rates estimated using the amount paid for such benefits in Fiscal 2007 and is converted from British pounds sterling to U.S. dollars using an exchange rate as of March 30, 2007.

# REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following is the report of the Audit Committee with respect to the audited financial statements for Fiscal 2007 included in the 2007 Form 10-K. The information contained in this report shall not be deemed to be "soliciting material" or to be "filed" with the SEC, nor shall such information be incorporated by reference into any future filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates it by reference in such filing.

#### **Review with Management**

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the Company's audited financial statements with management.

# Review and Discussions with Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Audit Committee has discussed with BDO, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for Fiscal 2007, the matters required to be discussed by SAS 61, as amended (Codification of Statements on Accounting Standards), which includes, among other items, matters related to the conduct of the audit of the financial statements.

The Audit Committee has also received written disclosures and the letter from BDO required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 (which relates to the accountant's independence from the Company and its related entities) and has discussed with BDO their independence from the Company.

#### Conclusion

Based on the review and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the Company's audited financial statements be included in its 2007 Form 10-K.

#### **Audit Committee:**

Richard L. Crouch, Chairman Thomas W. Golonski Thomas G. Greig

# **EQUITY PLAN COMPENSATION INFORMATION**

The following table sets forth information about our equity compensation plans as of March 31, 2007:

	(a)	(b)	(c)
Plans	Number of Securities to Be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (#)	Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (\$)	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)) (#)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	4,620,675(1)	38.66	70,918
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	_	_	_
Total	4,620,675	38.66	70,918

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes both vested and unvested options.

# SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The following table sets forth information publicly available, as of March 31, 2007, regarding the beneficial ownership of our Common Stock by all stockholders, other than Fred C. Young (whose information is disclosed in the "Security Ownership of Management" table set forth below), known by us to be beneficial owners of more than five percent (5%) of our outstanding Common Stock:

	Number of Shares	Percent of Shares <sup>(8)</sup>
FMR Corp. (1)	1,981,025	11.3%
82 Devonshire Street, Boston, MA 02109		
Dimensional Fund Advisors LP (2)	1,447,232	8.3%
1299 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90401		
Royce & Associates, LLC (3)	1,053,078	6.0%
1414 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019		
AXA (4)	1,011,756	5.8%
26, rue Drouot, 75009 Paris, France		
Barclays Global Investors, NA (5)	921,560	5.3%
45 Fremont Street, San Francisco, CA 94105		
LSV Asset Management (6)	885,161	5.1%
1 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 4000, Chicago, IL 60606		
Sterling Capital Management LLC (7)	882,972	5.0%
Two Morrocroft Centre, 4064 Colony Road, Suite 300, Charlotte, NC 28211		

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes 1,981,025 shares beneficially owned by Fidelity Management & Research Company ("Fidelity"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of FMR Corp. and a registered investment advisor, of which 1,981,025 shares are owned by one investment company, Fidelity Low Priced Stock Fund. Edward C. Johnson 3d, FMR Corp. and the funds each has sole power to dispose of the 1,981,025 shares owned by the funds. Neither

- FMR Corp. nor Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman of FMR Corp., has the sole power to vote or direct the voting of the shares owned directly by the funds, which power resides with the funds' Boards of Trustees. Fidelity carries out the voting of the shares under written guidelines established by the funds' Boards of Trustees. This information is derived from FMR Corp.'s Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 14, 2007.
- (2) Dimensional Fund Advisors LP (formerly, Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc. ("Dimensional")) is a registered investment advisor that furnishes investment advice to four registered investment companies and serves as investment manager to certain other commingled group trusts and separate accounts. Dimensional beneficially owns 1,447,232 shares, of which it has sole voting power and sole dispositive power. This information is derived from Amendment No. 1 to Dimensional's Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 1, 2007.
- (3) Royce & Associates, LLC is a registered investment advisor and beneficially owns 1,053,078 shares, of which it has sole voting power and sole dispositive power. This information is derived from Royce & Associates, LLC's Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on January 18, 2007.
- (4) Includes 1,200 shares beneficially owned by AXA Konzern AG (Germany), of which it has sole voting power and sole dispositive power. Includes 846,758 shares beneficially owned by AXA Rosenberg Investment Management LLC, of which it has sole voting power with respect to 358,928 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 846,758 shares. Includes 162,398 shares beneficially owned by AllianceBernstein L.P., of which it has sole voting power with respect to 147,623 shares, shared voting power with respect to 925 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 162,398 shares. Also includes 1,400 shares beneficially owned by AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company, of which it has sole voting power and sole dispositive power. AXA and its controlling entities, AXA Assurances Vie Mutuelle, AXA Courtage Assurance Mutuelle and AXA Assurances I.A.R.D. Mutuelle, are members of a group which is deemed to beneficially own the shares reported. This information is derived from Amendment No. 1 to AXA's Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 14, 2007.
- (5) Includes 371,972 shares beneficially owned by Barclays Global Investors, NA, of which it has sole voting power with respect to 301,386 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 371,972 shares. Includes 538,544 shares beneficially owned by Barclays Global Fund Advisors, of which it has sole voting power and sole dispositive power. Includes 11,044 shares beneficially owned by Barclays Global Investors, Ltd, of which it has sole voting power and sole dispositive power. This information is derived from Barclay's Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on January 9, 2007.
- (6) LSV Asset Management ("LSV") is a registered investment advisor and beneficially owns 885,161 shares, of which it has sole voting power and sole dispositive power. This information is derived from LSV's Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 12, 2007.
- (7) Sterling Capital Management LLC ("Sterling") is a registered investment advisor whose clients have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of the shares of the Company's Common Stock. Sterling beneficially owns 882,972 shares, of which it has shared voting power and shared dispositive power. This information is derived from Sterling's Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 14, 2007.
- (8) Based on 17,527,227 shares outstanding as of March 31, 2007.

# SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information available to us, as of March 31, 2007, regarding the shares of our Common Stock beneficially owned by (i) each of our directors; (ii) each of our Named Executive Officers and (iii) all of our directors and executive officers as a group:

	Number of Shares	Percent of Shares (4)
William F. Andrews (1)	60,002	*
R. Terry Blakemore (2)	60,000	*
Roger E. M. Croft (2)	121,818	*
Richard L. Crouch (1)	11,300	*
Thomas W. Golonski (1)	22,500	*
Thomas G. Greig (1)	43,003	*
Michael McAndrew (2)	157,719	*
Edward A. Nicholson, Ph.D. (1)	11,000	*
Francis W. Wertheimber (2)	220,106	1.2%
Fred C. Young (2)	1,572,588	8.3%
All directors and executive officers as a group of eight (8) persons (3)	2,098,218	10.8%

- (1) Includes for Messrs. Andrews, Crouch, Golonski and Greig and Dr. Nicholson: 50,002, 11,000, 22,000, 37,002 and 11,000 shares, respectively, pursuant to rights to acquire such shares as a result of vested options, as of March 31, 2007 or within sixty (60) days thereafter, granted under the Director Plan.
- (2) Includes for Messrs. Blakemore, Croft, McAndrew, Wertheimber and Young: 60,000, 121,817, 157,718, 220,105 and 1,433,735 shares, respectively, pursuant to rights to acquire such shares as a result of vested options, as of March 31, 2007 or within sixty (60) days thereafter, granted under the Employee Plan. For Mr. Young, includes 1,611 shares held by his children or in trust for his children over which he has shared voting power and shared investment power. As noted above, one of Mr. Young's vested options terminated unexercised as of April 23, 2007 and all other options held by Mr. Young as reflected in this table terminated as of May 20, 2007, the date of his resignation.
- (3) Includes for all directors and executive officers as a group 1,942,562 shares pursuant to rights to acquire such shares as a result of vested options as of March 31, 2007 or within sixty (60) days thereafter, granted under the Employee Plan and the Director Plan. Excludes Messrs. Blakemore and Croft who were not executive officers as of March 31, 2007.
- (4) Based on 17,527,227 shares outstanding as of March 31, 2007.

The difference between the amounts set forth in the above table and the amounts indicated in the footnotes are shares owned outright either directly or indirectly.

<sup>\*</sup> Represents less than 1% of our outstanding Common Stock.

# INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

# Fees Billed to Us by BDO during Fiscal 2007 and Fiscal 2006

**Audit Fees:** An aggregate of \$2,681,100 was billed for professional services and expenses rendered for the audit of our annual financial statements for Fiscal 2007, attestation of management's report on our internal controls over financial reporting and for the review of financial statements included in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q during Fiscal 2007. An aggregate of \$1,445,000 was billed for professional services and expenses rendered for the audit of our annual financial statements for Fiscal 2006, attestation of management's report on our internal controls over financial reporting and for the review of financial statements included in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q during Fiscal 2006.

**Audit-Related Fees:** An aggregate of \$91,188 in audit-related fees were billed by BDO during Fiscal 2007. No audit-related fees were billed by BDO during Fiscal 2006.

Tax Fees: No tax fees were billed by BDO during Fiscal 2007 or Fiscal 2006.

All Other Fees: BDO did not render any other professional services to us during Fiscal 2007 or Fiscal 2006.

All services performed by BDO were pre-approved by our Audit Committee or its chair.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

# FORM 10-K ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

A copy of the 2007 Form 10-K is available to stockholders. A stockholder may obtain such copy free of charge on our Web site at http://www.blackbox.com or by writing to the Investor Relations Department, Black Box Corporation, 1000 Park Drive, Lawrence, Pennsylvania 15055 (a copy of any exhibits thereto will be provided upon payment of a reasonable charge limited to our cost of providing such exhibits).

# SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

We will pay the expenses in connection with the printing, assembling and mailing to the holders of our Common Stock the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, this proxy statement and the accompanying form of proxy. In addition to the use of the mails, our directors, officers or regular employees may solicit proxies personally or by telephone or telegraph. We may request the persons holding stock in their names, or in the names of their nominees, to send proxy material to, and obtain proxies from, their principals, and will reimburse such persons for their expense in so doing.

#### STOCKHOLDER NOMINATIONS AND PROPOSALS

Stockholders who believe they are eligible to have their proposals included in our proxy statement for the annual meeting expected to be held in August 2008, in addition to other applicable requirements established by the SEC, must ensure that their proposals are received by the Secretary of the Company not later than March 3, 2008.

Our By-laws establish an advance notice procedure for stockholders to make nominations for the position of director and to propose business to be transacted at an annual meeting. Our By-laws provide that notice of nominations for director and proposals for business must be given to the Secretary of the Company not later than 150 days prior to the anniversary date of the prior year's annual meeting. For the annual meeting expected to be held in August 2008, notice of nominations and proposals under this provision must be received by May 7, 2008.

Such notice must set forth in reasonable detail information concerning the nominee (in the case of a nomination for election to our Board) or the substance of the proposal (in the case of any other stockholder proposal), and shall include: (i) the name and residence address and business address of the stockholder who intends to present the nomination or other proposal or of any person who participates or is expected to participate in making such nomination and of the person or persons, if any, to be nominated and the principal occupation or employment and the

name, type of business and address of the business and address of the corporation or other organization in which such employment is carried on of each such stockholder, participant and nominee; (ii) a representation that the proponent of the proposal is a holder of record of our stock entitled to vote at such meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to present the nomination or other proposal specified in the notice; (iii) a description of all arrangements or understandings between the proponent and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nomination or other proposal is to be made by the proponent; (iv) such other information regarding each proposal and each nominee as would have been required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to the proxy rules of the SEC had the nomination or other proposal been made by our Board and (v) the consent of each nominee, if any, to serve as a director on our Board, if elected. Within fifteen (15) days following the receipt by the Secretary of a notice of nomination or proposal pursuant hereto, the Secretary will advise the proponent in writing of any deficiencies in the notice and of any additional information we require to determine the eligibility of the proposed nominee or the substance of the proposal. A proponent who has been notified of deficiencies in the notice of nomination or proposal and/or of the need for additional information must cure such deficiencies and/or provide such additional information within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the notice of such deficiencies and/or the need for additional information. The presiding officer of a meeting of stockholders may, in his or her sole discretion, refuse to acknowledge a nomination or other proposal presented by any person that does not comply with the foregoing procedure and, upon his or her instructions, all votes cast for such nominee or with respect to such proposal may be disregarded.

Our By-laws do not limit or restrict the ability of a stockholder to present any proposal made by such stockholder in accordance with SEC requirements. A copy of our By-laws is available upon request.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

Management does not intend to present nor, in accordance with our By-laws, has it received proper notice from any person who intends to present, any matter for action by stockholders at the Annual Meeting to be held on October 4, 2007, other than as stated in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders accompanying this proxy statement. The enclosed proxy, however, confers discretionary authority with respect to the transaction of any other business that properly may come before the meeting, and it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed proxy to vote on any such matters in accordance with their best judgment.