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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549
FORM 10-Q**

(Mark one)

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

For the quarterly period ended January 31, 2009

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission file number: 0-21969

Ciena Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

23-2725311

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1201 Winterson Road, Linthicum, MD

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

21090

(Zip Code)

(410) 865-8500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company
 accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as determined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES NO

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

| Class | Outstanding at February 28, 2009 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| common stock, \$.01 par value | 90,674,100 |

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PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION*Item 1. Financial Statements*

CIENA CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(in thousands, except per share data)
(unaudited)

| | Quarter Ended January 31, | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|
| | 2008 | 2009 |
| Revenues: | | |
| Products | \$ 201,790 | \$ 139,717 |
| Services | 25,626 | 27,683 |
| Total revenue | 227,416 | 167,400 |
| Costs: | | |
| Products | 91,387 | 76,367 |
| Services | 19,460 | 19,190 |
| Total cost of goods sold | 110,847 | 95,557 |
| Gross profit | 116,569 | 71,843 |
| Operating expenses: | | |
| Research and development | 35,444 | 46,700 |
| Selling and marketing | 33,608 | 33,819 |
| General and administrative | 22,628 | 11,585 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 6,470 | 6,404 |
| Restructuring cost | | 76 |
| Total operating expenses | 98,150 | 98,584 |
| Income (loss) from operations | 18,419 | (26,741) |
| Interest and other income, net | 19,082 | 4,660 |
| Interest expense | (7,358) | (1,844) |
| Loss on cost method investments | | (565) |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 30,143 | (24,490) |
| Provision for income taxes | 1,336 | 341 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 28,807 | \$ (24,831) |
| Basic net income (loss) per common share | \$ 0.33 | \$ (0.27) |
| Diluted net income (loss) per potential common share | \$ 0.28 | \$ (0.27) |
| Weighted average basic common shares outstanding | 86,910 | 90,620 |

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| Weighted average dilutive potential common shares outstanding | 109,009 | 90,620 |
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

CIENA CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in thousands, except share data)
(unaudited)

| | October 31, 2008 | January 31, 2009 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 550,669 | \$ 534,985 |
| Short-term investments | 366,336 | 387,618 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 138,441 | 130,477 |
| Inventories | 93,452 | 91,283 |
| Prepaid expenses and other | 35,888 | 34,186 |
| Total current assets | 1,184,786 | 1,178,549 |
| Long-term investments | 156,171 | 146,446 |
| Equipment, furniture and fixtures, net | 59,967 | 59,390 |
| Goodwill | 455,673 | 455,673 |
| Other intangible assets, net | 92,249 | 84,194 |
| Other long-term assets | 75,748 | 76,299 |
| Total assets | \$ 2,024,594 | \$ 2,000,551 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 44,761 | \$ 50,194 |
| Accrued liabilities | 96,143 | 86,219 |
| Restructuring liabilities | 1,668 | 611 |
| Income taxes payable | | 1,162 |
| Deferred revenue | 36,767 | 35,578 |
| Total current liabilities | 179,339 | 173,764 |
| Long-term deferred revenue | 37,660 | 36,316 |
| Long-term restructuring liabilities | 2,557 | 2,403 |
| Other long-term obligations | 8,089 | 7,966 |
| Convertible notes payable | 798,000 | 798,000 |
| Total liabilities | 1,025,645 | 1,018,449 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Preferred stock - par value \$0.01; 20,000,000 shares authorized; zero shares issued and outstanding | | |
| Common stock - par value \$0.01; 290,000,000 shares authorized; 90,470,803 and 90,673,622 shares issued and outstanding | 905 | 907 |

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| Additional paid-in capital | 5,629,498 | 5,638,048 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (1,275) | (1,843) |
| Accumulated deficit | (4,630,179) | (4,655,010) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 998,949 | 982,102 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 2,024,594 | \$ 2,000,551 |

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

CIENA CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in thousands)
(unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended January | |
|--|----------------------------|-------------|
| | 31, | |
| | 2008 | 2009 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 28,807 | \$ (24,831) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: | | |
| Amortization of discount on marketable securities | (1,296) | (863) |
| Non-cash loss on cost method investments | | 565 |
| Depreciation and amortization of leasehold improvements | 3,949 | 5,097 |
| Share-based compensation | 6,881 | 8,494 |
| Amortization of intangibles | 7,438 | 8,055 |
| Deferred tax provision | 471 | |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | 25 | 42 |
| Provision for inventory excess and obsolescence | 5,794 | 6,548 |
| Provision for warranty | 2,914 | 2,541 |
| Other | 1,118 | 229 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable | (40,586) | 7,922 |
| Inventories | (6,696) | (4,379) |
| Prepaid expenses and other | 5,413 | (147) |
| Accounts payable, accruals and other obligations | 6,383 | (8,781) |
| Income taxes payable | (5,576) | 1,162 |
| Deferred revenue | (1,376) | (2,533) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | 13,663 | (879) |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Payments for equipment, furniture, fixtures and intellectual property | (6,666) | (6,140) |
| Restricted cash | (263) | (84) |
| Purchase of available for sale securities | | (195,538) |
| Proceeds from maturities of available for sale securities | 564,376 | 186,853 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | 557,447 | (14,909) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Repayment of 3.75% convertible notes payable | (542,262) | |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock and warrants | 1,254 | 58 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | (541,008) | 58 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 143 | 46 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 30,102 | (15,730) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 892,061 | 550,669 |

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 922,306 | \$ 534,985 |
| Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information | | |
| Cash paid (refunded) during the period for: | | |
| Interest expense | \$ 12,403 | \$ 2,188 |
| Income taxes, net | \$ 557 | \$ (695) |
| Non-cash investing and financing activities | | |
| Cash paid during the period for: | | |
| Purchase of equipment in accounts payable | \$ 1,355 | \$ 641 |

CIENA CORPORATION
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

(1) INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The interim financial statements included herein for Ciena Corporation (Ciena) have been prepared by Ciena, without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In the opinion of management, financial statements included in this report reflect all normal recurring adjustments that Ciena considers necessary for the fair statement of the results of operations for the interim periods covered and of the financial position of Ciena at the date of the interim balance sheets. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in the annual financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. The October 31, 2008 condensed consolidated balance sheet was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. However, Ciena believes that the disclosures are adequate to understand the information presented. The operating results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the entire year. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with Ciena's audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in Ciena's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2008.

Ciena has a 52 or 53 week fiscal year, which ends on the Saturday nearest to the last day of October of each year. For purposes of financial statement presentation, each fiscal year is described as having ended on October 31, and each fiscal quarter is described as having ended on January 31, April 30 and July 31 of each fiscal year.

(2) SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements and related disclosures in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Estimates are used for bad debts, valuation of inventories and investments, recoverability of intangible assets, other long-lived assets and goodwill, income taxes, warranty obligations, restructuring liabilities, derivatives and contingencies and litigation. Ciena bases its estimates on historical experience and assumptions that it believes are reasonable. Actual results may differ materially from management's estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Ciena considers all highly liquid investments purchased with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Restricted cash collateralizing letters of credits are included in other current assets and other long-term assets depending upon the duration of the restriction.

Investments

Ciena's investments represent investments in marketable debt securities, are classified as available-for-sale and are reported at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income. Ciena recognizes losses when it determines that declines in the fair value of its investments, below their cost basis, are other-than-temporary. In determining whether a decline in fair value is other-than-temporary, Ciena considers various factors including market price (when available), investment ratings, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the investee, the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than Ciena's cost basis, and its intent and ability to hold the investment until maturity or for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in market value. Ciena considers all marketable debt securities that it expects to convert to cash within one year or less to be classified as short-term investments. All others are considered long-term investments.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, with cost computed using standard cost, which approximates actual cost on a first-in, first-out basis. Ciena records a provision for excess and obsolete inventory when an impairment has been identified.

Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures

Equipment, furniture and fixtures are recorded at cost. Depreciation and amortization are computed using the straight-line method over useful lives of two years to five years for equipment, furniture and fixtures and the shorter of useful life or lease term for leasehold improvements. Impairments of equipment, furniture and fixtures are determined in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets.

Internal use software and web site development costs are capitalized in accordance with Statement of Position (SOP) No. 98-1, Accounting for the Costs of Computer Software Developed or Obtained for Internal Use, and Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Issue No. 00-2, Accounting for Web Site Development Costs. Qualifying costs incurred during the application development stage, which consist primarily of outside services and purchased software license costs, are capitalized and amortized straight-line over the estimated useful life of the asset.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Ciena has recorded goodwill and purchased intangible assets as a result of several acquisitions. Ciena accounts for goodwill in accordance with SFAS 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, which requires Ciena to test each reporting unit's goodwill for impairment on an annual basis, which Ciena has determined to be the last business day of its fiscal September each year. Testing is required between annual tests if events occur or circumstances change that would, more likely than not, reduce the fair value of the reporting unit below its carrying value. Ciena operates its business and tests its goodwill for impairment as a single reporting unit.

Ciena determined in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 that there were no events or changes in circumstances since the end of fiscal 2008 requiring an interim impairment test. Ciena's stock price has fluctuated from a high of \$20.10 to a low of \$5.07 during its last two completed fiscal quarters. The current macroeconomic environment continues to be challenging and Ciena cannot be certain of the duration of these conditions and their potential impact on its stock price performance. If the reduced level of Ciena's stock price persists and its market capitalization remains below its carrying value for a sustained period, it is reasonably likely that a goodwill impairment assessment prior to the next annual review in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009 would be necessary and a material impairment of goodwill may be recorded.

Purchased finite-lived intangible assets are carried at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is computed using the straight-line method over the economic lives of the respective assets, generally three to seven years, which approximates the use of intangible assets. Impairments of finite-lived intangible assets are determined in accordance with SFAS 144.

Minority Equity Investments

Ciena carries minority equity investments at cost where Ciena owns less than 20% of the voting equity and does not have the ability to exercise significant influence over the company. These types of investments are inherently high risk investments as the market for technologies or products manufactured by these companies are usually early stage at the time of investment and such markets may never be significant. Ciena could lose its entire investment in some or all of these companies. Ciena monitors these investments for impairment and makes appropriate reductions in carrying values when necessary.

Concentrations

Substantially all of Ciena's cash and cash equivalents and short-term and long-term investments in marketable debt securities are maintained at three major U.S. financial institutions. The majority of Ciena's cash equivalents consist of money market funds. Deposits held with banks may exceed the amount of insurance provided on such deposits. Generally, these deposits may be redeemed upon demand and, therefore, management believes that they bear minimal risk.

Historically, a large percentage of Ciena's revenue has been the result of sales to a small number of communications service providers. Consolidation among Ciena's customers has increased this concentration. Consequently, Ciena's accounts receivable are concentrated among these customers. See Notes 7 and 17 below.

Additionally, Ciena's access to certain raw materials is dependent upon sole or limited source suppliers. The inability of any supplier to fulfill Ciena's supply requirements could affect future results. Ciena relies on a small number of contract manufacturers, principally in China and Thailand, to perform the majority of the manufacturing for

its products. If Ciena cannot effectively manage these manufacturers and forecast future demand, or if they fail to deliver products or components on time, Ciena's business and results of operations may suffer.

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Revenue Recognition

Ciena recognizes revenue in accordance with Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 104, Revenue Recognition, which states that revenue is realized or realizable and earned when all of the following criteria are met: persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; delivery has occurred or services have been rendered; the price to the buyer is fixed or determinable; and collectibility is reasonably assured. Customer purchase agreements and customer purchase orders are generally used to determine the existence of an arrangement. Shipping documents and evidence of customer acceptance, when applicable, are used to verify delivery. Ciena assesses whether the price is fixed or determinable based on the payment terms associated with the transaction and whether the sales price is subject to refund or adjustment. Ciena assesses collectibility based primarily on the creditworthiness of the customer as determined by credit checks and analysis, as well as the customer's payment history. In instances where final acceptance of the product, system, or solution is specified by the customer, revenue is deferred until all acceptance criteria have been met. Revenue for maintenance services is generally deferred and recognized ratably over the period during which the services are to be performed.

Some of Ciena's communications networking equipment is integrated with software that is essential to the functionality of the equipment. Accordingly, Ciena accounts for revenue from such equipment in accordance with Statement of Position No. 97-2, Software Revenue Recognition, (SOP 97-2) and all related interpretations. SOP 97-2 incorporates additional guidance unique to software arrangements incorporated with general revenue recognition criteria, such as, revenue is recognized when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred, the fee is fixed or determinable, and collectibility is probable. In instances where final acceptance of the product is specified by the customer, revenue is deferred until all acceptance criteria have been met.

Arrangements with customers may include multiple deliverables, including any combination of equipment, services and software. If multiple element arrangements include software or software-related elements that are essential to the equipment, Ciena applies the provisions of SOP 97-2 to determine the amount of the arrangement fee to be allocated to those separate units of accounting. Multiple element arrangements that include software are separated into more than one unit of accounting if the functionality of the delivered element(s) is not dependent on the undelivered element(s), there is vendor-specific objective evidence of the fair value of the undelivered element(s), and general revenue recognition criteria related to the delivered element(s) have been met. The amount of product and services revenue recognized is affected by Ciena's judgments as to whether an arrangement includes multiple elements and, if so, whether vendor-specific objective evidence of fair value exists. Changes to the elements in an arrangement and Ciena's ability to establish vendor-specific objective evidence for those elements could affect the timing of revenue recognition. For all other deliverables, Ciena applies the provisions of Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) No. 00-21, Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables. EITF 00-21 allows for separation of elements into more than one unit of accounting if the delivered element(s) have value to the customer on a stand-alone basis, objective and reliable evidence of fair value exists for the undelivered element(s), and delivery of the undelivered element(s) is probable and substantially in Ciena's control. Revenue is allocated to each unit of accounting based on the relative fair value of each accounting unit or using the residual method if objective evidence of fair value does not exist for the delivered element(s). The revenue recognition criteria described above are applied to each separate unit of accounting. If these criteria are not met, revenue is deferred until the criteria are met or the last element has been delivered.

Warranty Accruals

Ciena provides for the estimated costs to fulfill customer warranty obligations upon the recognition of the related revenue. Estimated warranty costs include material costs, technical support labor costs and associated overhead. The warranty liability is included in cost of goods sold and determined based upon actual warranty cost experience, estimates of component failure rates and management's industry experience. Ciena's sales contracts do not permit the right of return of product by the customer after the product has been accepted.

Accounts Receivable, Net

Ciena's allowance for doubtful accounts is based on its assessment, on a specific identification basis, of the collectibility of customer accounts. Ciena performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers and generally has not required collateral or other forms of security from its customers. In determining the appropriate balance for Ciena's

allowance for doubtful accounts, management considers each individual customer account receivable in order to determine collectibility. In doing so, management considers creditworthiness, payment history, account activity and communication with such customer. If a customer's financial condition changes, Ciena may be required to record an allowance for doubtful accounts, which would negatively affect its results of operations.

Research and Development

Ciena charges all research and development costs to expense as incurred. Types of expense incurred in research and development include employee compensation, prototype, consulting, depreciation, facility costs and information technologies.

Advertising Costs

Ciena expenses all advertising costs as incurred.

Legal Costs

Ciena expenses legal costs associated with litigation defense as incurred.

Share-Based Compensation Expense

Ciena accounts for share-based compensation expense in accordance with SFAS 123(R), as interpreted by SAB 107. SFAS 123(R) requires the measurement and recognition of compensation expense for share-based awards based on estimated fair values on the date of grant. Ciena estimates the fair value of each option-based award on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. This model is affected by Ciena's stock price as well as estimates regarding a number of variables including expected stock price volatility over the expected term of the award and projected employee stock option exercise behaviors. Ciena estimates the fair value of each share-based award based on the fair value of the underlying common stock on the date of grant. In each case, Ciena only recognizes expense to its consolidated statement of operations for those options or shares that are expected ultimately to vest. Ciena uses two attribution methods to record expense, the straight-line method for grants with only service-based vesting or the graded-vesting method, which considers each performance period or tranche separately, for all other awards. See Note 15 below.

Income Taxes

Ciena accounts for income taxes in accordance with SFAS 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. SFAS 109 describes an asset and liability approach that requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences attributable to differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and their respective tax bases, and for operating loss and tax credit carry forwards. In estimating future tax consequences, SFAS 109 generally considers all expected future events other than the enactment of changes in tax laws or rates. Valuation allowances are provided, if, based upon the weight of the available evidence, it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

Ciena adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation (FIN) No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an interpretation of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes, (FIN 48) at the beginning of fiscal 2008. The amount of unrecognized tax benefits determined in accordance with FIN 48 decreased by \$0.1 million during the first quarter of fiscal 2009 to \$5.5 million, which includes \$1.2 million of interest and some minor penalties. All of the uncertain tax positions, if recognized, would decrease the effective income tax rate.

Ciena has not provided U.S. deferred income taxes on the cumulative unremitted earnings of its non-U.S. affiliates as it plans to permanently reinvest cumulative unremitted foreign earnings outside the U.S. and it is not practicable to determine the unrecognized deferred income taxes. These cumulative unremitted foreign earnings relate to ongoing operations in foreign jurisdictions and are required to fund foreign operations, capital expenditures, and any expansion requirements.

Ciena recognizes windfall tax benefits associated with the exercise of stock options or release of restricted stock units directly to stockholders' equity only when realized. A windfall tax benefit occurs when the actual tax benefit realized by Ciena upon an employee's disposition of a share-based award exceeds the deferred tax asset, if any, associated with the award that Ciena had recorded. When assessing whether a tax benefit relating to share-based compensation has been realized, Ciena follows the tax law with-and-without method. Under the with-and-without method, the windfall is considered realized and recognized for financial statement purposes only when an incremental benefit is provided after considering all other tax benefits including Ciena's net operating losses. The with-and-without method results in the windfall from share-based compensation awards always being effectively the last tax benefit to be considered. Consequently, the windfall attributable to share-based compensation will not be considered realized in instances where Ciena's net operating loss carryover (that is unrelated to windfalls) is sufficient to offset the current

year's taxable income before considering the effects of current-year windfalls.

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Loss Contingencies

Ciena is subject to the possibility of various losses arising in the ordinary course of business. These may relate to disputes, litigation and other legal actions. Ciena considers the likelihood of loss or the incurrence of a liability, as well as Ciena's ability to reasonably estimate the amount of loss, in determining loss contingencies. An estimated loss contingency is accrued when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. Ciena regularly evaluates current information available to it to determine whether any accruals should be adjusted and whether new accruals are required.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying value of Ciena's cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued liabilities, approximates fair market value due to the relatively short period of time to maturity.

For those Ciena assets and liabilities that are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis, fair value is determined in accordance with SFAS 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, which was adopted during the first quarter of fiscal 2009. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and enhances fair value measurement disclosure. See Note 6 below. In accordance with FASB Staff Position 157-2, *Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157*, Ciena has not yet adopted SFAS 157 for all non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities.

For those Ciena assets and liabilities that were not previously required to be measured at fair value, Ciena has not elected the fair value option in accordance with SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities* Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115.

Foreign Currency

Some of Ciena's foreign branch offices and subsidiaries use the U.S. dollar as their functional currency, because Ciena, as the U.S. parent entity, exclusively funds the operations of these branch offices and subsidiaries with U.S. dollars. For those subsidiaries using the local currency as their functional currency, assets and liabilities are translated at exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date, and the statement of operations is translated at a monthly average rate. Resulting translation adjustments are recorded directly to a separate component of stockholders' equity. Where the U.S. dollar is the functional currency of foreign branch offices or subsidiaries, re-measurement adjustments are recorded in other income. The net gain (loss) on foreign currency re-measurement and exchange rate changes is immaterial for separate financial statement presentation.

Derivatives

Ciena uses foreign currency forward contracts to hedge certain forecasted foreign currency transactions relating to operating expenses. These derivatives are designated as cash flow hedges, have maturities of less than one year and permit net settlement.

At the inception of the cash flow hedge and on an ongoing basis, Ciena assesses the hedging relationship to determine its effectiveness in offsetting changes in cash flows attributable to the hedged risk during the hedge period. The effective portion of the hedging instrument's net gain or loss is initially reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), and upon occurrence of the forecasted transaction, is subsequently reclassified into the operating expense line item to which the hedged transaction relates. Any net gain or loss on associated with the ineffectiveness of the hedging instrument is reported in interest and other income, net on Ciena's condensed consolidated statements of operations. See Note 13 below.

Computation of Basic Net Income (Loss) per Common Share and Diluted Net Income (Loss) per Dilutive Potential Common Share

Ciena calculates earnings (loss) per share (EPS) in accordance with SFAS 128, *Earnings per Share*. This statement requires dual presentation of basic and diluted EPS on the face of the income statement for entities with a complex capital structure and requires a reconciliation of the numerator and denominator used for the basic and diluted EPS computations.

Software Development Costs

SFAS 86, *Accounting for the Costs of Computer Software to be Sold, Leased or Otherwise Marketed*, requires the capitalization of certain software development costs incurred subsequent to the date technological feasibility is established and prior to the date the product is generally available for sale. The capitalized cost is then amortized straight-line over the estimated product life.

Ciena defines technological feasibility as being attained at the time a working model is completed. To date, the period between achieving technological feasibility and the general availability of such software has been short, and software development costs qualifying for capitalization have been insignificant. Accordingly, Ciena has not capitalized any software development costs.

Segment Reporting

SFAS 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information, establishes annual and interim reporting standards for operating segments and requires certain disclosures about the products and services an entity provides, the material countries in which it holds assets and reports revenue, and its major customers. Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker, or decision making group, in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. Ciena's chief operating decision maker is its chief executive officer, who reviews financial information presented on a consolidated basis for purposes of allocating resources and evaluating financial performance. Ciena has one business activity, and there are no segment managers who are held accountable for operations, operating results and plans for levels or components below the consolidated unit level. Accordingly, Ciena considers its business to be in a single reportable segment.

Newly Issued Accounting Standards

In February 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position 157-1, Application of FASB Statement No. 157 to FASB Statement No. 13 and Other Accounting Pronouncements That Address Fair Value Measurements for Purposes of Lease Classification or Measurement under Statement 13. This staff position amends SFAS 157 to remove certain leasing transactions from its scope. Also in February 2008 the FASB issued FASB Staff Position 157-2, Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157. This staff position delays the effective date of SFAS 157 for all non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities, except for items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually), until fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. Ciena is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of these staff positions could have on its financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements—an amendment of ARB No. 51. SFAS 160 requires all entities to report noncontrolling (minority) interests in subsidiaries as equity in the consolidated financial statements. This statement is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2008. Earlier adoption is prohibited. Ciena does not believe the adoption of this statement will have a material impact on its financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 141(R), a revised version of SFAS 141, Business Combinations. The revision is intended to simplify existing guidance and converge rulemaking under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles with international accounting rules. This statement applies prospectively to business combinations where the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. An entity may not apply this statement before that date. Ciena is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this statement could have on its financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. Its effect will depend on the nature and significance of any acquisitions subject to this statement.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133. SFAS 161 requires additional disclosures about the objectives of using derivative instruments, the method by which the derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS 133 and its related interpretations, and the effect of derivative instruments and related hedged items on financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. SFAS 161 also requires disclosure of the fair values of derivative instruments and their gains and losses in a tabular format. SFAS 161 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008, with early adoption encouraged. Ciena does not believe the adoption of this statement, which will occur in the second quarter of fiscal 2009, will have a material impact on its financial condition, results of operations and cash flows because it only provides for expanded disclosure.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. FAS 142-3, Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets, which amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under FASB Statement No. 142,

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. This pronouncement requires enhanced disclosures concerning a company's treatment of costs incurred to renew or extend the term of a recognized intangible asset. FSP 142-3 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. Ciena is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this statement could have on its financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In May 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position No. APB 14-1, Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash Upon Conversion. APB 14-1 requires that the liability and equity components of convertible debt instruments that may be settled in cash upon conversion (including partial cash settlement) be separately accounted for in a manner that reflects an issuer's nonconvertible debt borrowing rate. The resulting debt discount is amortized over the period the convertible debt is expected to be outstanding as additional non-cash interest expense. APB 14-1 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Retrospective application to all periods presented is required except for instruments that were not outstanding during any of the periods that will be presented in the annual financial statements for the period of adoption but were outstanding during an earlier period. Ciena's existing convertible notes payable do not provide for settlement in cash upon conversion and Ciena does not expect the adoption of this statement to have an effect on its financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

(3) BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

On March 3, 2008, Ciena acquired World Wide Packets, Inc. (World Wide Packets or WWP), a supplier of communications networking equipment that enables the delivery of carrier Ethernet-based services. Prior to the acquisition, World Wide Packets was a privately held company. Ciena's results of operations in this report include the operations of World Wide Packets beginning on March 3, 2008, the effective date of the acquisition.

The following unaudited pro forma financial information summarizes the results of operations as if Ciena's acquisition of World Wide Packets had been completed as of the beginning of the period presented. These pro forma amounts (in thousands, except per share data) do not purport to be indicative of the results that would have been obtained if the acquisition had occurred as of the beginning of the period presented or that may be obtained in the future.

| | Quarter Ended January 31, 2008 |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Pro forma revenue | \$ 233,497 |
| Pro forma net income | \$ 16,225 |
| Pro forma basic net income per common share | \$ 0.18 |
| Pro forma diluted net income per potential common share | \$ 0.16 |

(4) RESTRUCTURING COSTS

Ciena has previously taken actions to align its workforce, facilities and operating costs with perceived market opportunities and business conditions. Ciena implemented these restructuring plans and incurred the associated liability concurrently in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 146, Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

The following table sets forth the activity and balance of the restructuring liability accounts for the three months ended January 31, 2009 (in thousands):

| | Consolidation of excess facilities |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Balance at October 31, 2008 | \$ 4,225 |
| Additional liability recorded | 76 |
| Cash payments | (1,287) |
| Balance at January 31, 2009 | \$ 3,014 |
| Current restructuring liabilities | \$ 611 |
| Non-current restructuring liabilities | \$ 2,403 |

The following table sets forth the activity and balance of the restructuring liability accounts for the three months ended January 31, 2008 (in thousands):

| Consolidation of excess facilities |
|--|
|--|

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Balance at October 31, 2007 | \$ | 4,688 |
| Cash payments | | (209) |
| Balance at January 31, 2008 | \$ | 4,479 |
| Current restructuring liabilities | \$ | 914 |
| Non-current restructuring liabilities | \$ | 3,565 |

(5) MARKETABLE SECURITIES

As of the dates indicated, short-term and long-term investments are comprised of the following (in thousands):

| | Amortized Cost | January 31, 2009 | | Estimated Fair Value |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized Losses | |
| | | | | |
| Corporate bonds | \$ 104,952 | \$ 171 | \$ 1,753 | \$ 103,370 |
| Asset-backed obligations | 3,989 | | 4 | 3,985 |
| U.S. government obligations | 424,254 | 2,234 | 22 | 426,466 |
| Publicly traded equity securities | 243 | | | 243 |
| | \$ 533,438 | \$ 2,405 | \$ 1,779 | \$ 534,064 |
| Included in short-term investments | 386,370 | 1,677 | 429 | 387,618 |
| Included in long-term investments | 147,068 | 728 | 1,350 | 146,446 |
| | \$ 533,438 | \$ 2,405 | \$ 1,779 | \$ 534,064 |

| | Amortized Cost | October 31, 2008 | | Estimated Fair Value |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized Losses | |
| | | | | |
| Corporate bonds | \$ 116,531 | \$ 81 | \$ 2,260 | \$ 114,352 |
| Asset-backed obligations | 10,188 | | 7 | 10,181 |
| Commercial paper | 49,871 | 7 | 8 | 49,870 |
| U.S. government obligations | 334,195 | 949 | 40 | 335,104 |
| Certificate of deposit | 13,000 | | | 13,000 |
| | \$ 523,785 | \$ 1,037 | \$ 2,315 | \$ 522,507 |
| Included in short-term investments | 366,054 | 812 | 530 | 366,336 |
| Included in long-term investments | 157,731 | 225 | 1,785 | 156,171 |
| | \$ 523,785 | \$ 1,037 | \$ 2,315 | \$ 522,507 |

Gross unrealized losses related to marketable debt investments were primarily due to changes in interest rates. Ciena's management has determined that the gross unrealized losses at January 31, 2009 are temporary in nature because Ciena has the ability and intent to hold these investments until a recovery of fair value, which may be maturity. As of the dates indicated, gross unrealized losses were as follows (in thousands):

| Unrealized Losses Less Than 12 Months Gross Unrealized | January 31, 2009 | | Total Gross Unrealized |
|---|--|--|------------------------------|
| | Unrealized Losses 12 Months or Greater Gross Unrealized | | |
| | | | |

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| | Losses | Fair Value | Losses | Fair Value | Losses | Fair Value |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------|--------|------------|----------|------------|
| Corporate bonds | \$ 1,753 | \$ 76,168 | \$ | \$ | \$ 1,753 | \$ 76,168 |
| Asset-backed obligations | 4 | 3,786 | | | 4 | 3,786 |
| U.S. government obligations | 22 | 23,910 | | | 22 | 23,910 |
| | \$ 1,779 | \$ 103,864 | \$ | \$ | \$ 1,779 | \$ 103,864 |

| | Unrealized Losses Less Than 12 Months | | October 31, 2008 Unrealized Losses 12 Months or Greater | | Total | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|--|------------|------------------|------------|
| | Gross Unrealized | Fair Value | Gross Unrealized | Fair Value | Gross Unrealized | Fair Value |
| Corporate bonds | \$ 2,260 | \$ 88,176 | \$ | \$ | \$ 2,260 | \$ 88,176 |
| Asset-backed obligations | 7 | 10,181 | | | 7 | 10,181 |
| Commercial paper | 8 | 29,709 | | | 8 | 29,709 |
| U.S. government obligations | 40 | 23,438 | | | 40 | 23,438 |
| | \$ 2,315 | \$ 151,504 | \$ | \$ | \$ 2,315 | \$ 151,504 |

The following table summarizes final legal maturities of debt investments at January 31, 2009 (in thousands):

| | Amortized Cost | Estimated Fair Value |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Less than one year | \$ 383,724 | \$ 384,978 |
| Due in 1-2 years | 149,714 | 149,086 |
| Due in 2-3 years | | |
| | \$ 533,438 | \$ 534,064 |

(6) FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

SFAS 157 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. As such, fair value is a market-based measurement that should be determined based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. SFAS 157 establishes a valuation hierarchy for disclosure of the inputs for fair value measurement. This hierarchy prioritizes the inputs into three broad levels as follows:

Level 1 inputs are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 inputs are quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in less active markets or model-derived valuations in which significant inputs are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly through market corroboration, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument;

Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs based on Ciena's assumptions used to measure assets and liabilities at fair value.

By distinguishing between inputs that are observable in the marketplace, and therefore more objective, and those that are unobservable and therefore more subjective, the hierarchy is designed to indicate the relative reliability of the fair value measurements. A financial asset or liability's classification within the hierarchy is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

As of the dates indicated, the following tables summarize the fair value of assets and liabilities that are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis (in thousands):

| | January 31, 2009 | | | Total |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Corporate bonds | \$ | \$ 123,370 | \$ | \$ 123,370 |
| Asset-backed obligations | | 3,985 | | 3,985 |
| U.S. government obligations | | 426,466 | | 426,466 |
| Publicly traded equity securities | 243 | | | 243 |
| Total assets measured at fair value | \$ 243 | \$ 553,821 | \$ | \$ 554,064 |

| | January 31, 2009 | | | Total |
|------------------------------------|------------------|----------|---------|----------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Foreign currency forward contracts | \$ | \$ 2,090 | \$ | \$ 2,090 |

| | | | | |
|--|----|----------|----|----------|
| Total liabilities measured at fair value | \$ | \$ 2,090 | \$ | \$ 2,090 |
|--|----|----------|----|----------|

Ciena classifies investments within Level 1 if quoted prices are available in active markets. Level 1 assets include corporate equity securities publicly traded on major exchanges.

Ciena classifies items in Level 2 if the investments are valued using observable inputs such as quoted market prices, benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes or alternative pricing sources with reasonable levels of price transparency. These investments include: U.S. treasuries, government agencies, corporate bonds and commercial paper. Investments are held by a custodian who obtains investment prices from a third party pricing provider that uses standard inputs to models which vary by asset class.

Ciena did not hold financial assets and liabilities which were recorded at fair value in the Level 3 category as of January 31, 2009.

As of the dates indicated, the assets and liabilities above were presented on the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheet as follows (in thousands):

| | January 31, 2009 | | | Total |
|---|------------------|------------|---------|------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | \$ 20,000 | \$ | \$ 20,000 |
| Short-term investments | 243 | 387,375 | | 387,618 |
| Total current assets measured at fair value | 243 | 407,375 | | 407,618 |
| Long-term investments | | 146,446 | | 146,446 |
| Total assets measured at fair value | \$ 243 | \$ 553,821 | \$ | \$ 554,064 |

| | January 31, 2009 | | | Total |
|--|------------------|----------|---------|----------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Accrued liabilities | \$ | \$ 2,090 | \$ | \$ 2,090 |
| Total current liabilities measured at fair value | \$ | \$ 2,090 | \$ | \$ 2,090 |

During the first quarter of fiscal 2009, a private technology company in which Ciena held a minority equity investment was acquired by a publicly-traded company. This event required Ciena to perform an impairment analysis and measure the investment at fair value. In determining its fair value, Ciena utilized Level 2 inputs including the relevant exchange ratio for the acquisition transaction and the market price of the acquiror's common stock. As a result, Ciena recorded a non-cash loss on cost method investments of \$0.6 million during the first quarter of fiscal 2009.

(7) ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

As of October 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009, three customers accounted for 59.0% and 42.3% of net accounts receivable, respectively.

Ciena's allowance for doubtful accounts receivable is based on management's assessment, on a specific identification basis, of the collectibility of customer accounts, and as of October 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009 was \$0.1 million.

(8) INVENTORIES

As of the dates indicated, inventories are comprised of the following (in thousands):

| | October 31, 2008 | January 31, 2009 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Raw materials | \$ 19,044 | \$ 23,344 |
| Work-in-process | 1,702 | 916 |
| Finished goods | 95,963 | 91,673 |
| | 116,709 | 115,933 |
| Provision for excess and obsolescence | (23,257) | (24,650) |

\$ 93,452 \$ 91,283

Ciena writes down its inventory for estimated obsolescence or unmarketable inventory equal to the difference between the cost of inventory and the estimated market value, based on assumptions about future demand and market conditions. During the first three months of fiscal 2009, Ciena recorded a provision for excess and obsolete inventory of \$6.5 million, primarily related to changes in forecasted sales for certain products. Deductions from the provision for excess and obsolete inventory generally relate to disposal activities. The following table summarizes the activity in Ciena's reserve for excess and obsolete inventory for the period indicated (in thousands):

| | | Inventory Reserve |
|--|----|----------------------|
| Reserve for balance as of October 31, 2008 | \$ | 23,257 |
| Provision for excess for obsolescence | | 6,548 |
| Actual inventory disposed | | (5,155) |
| Reserve balance as of January 31, 2009 | \$ | 24,650 |

During the first three months of fiscal 2008, Ciena recorded a provision for excess and obsolete inventory of \$5.8 million, primarily related to changes in forecasted sales for certain products. Deductions from the provision for excess and obsolete inventory generally relate to disposal activities. The following table summarizes the activity in Ciena's reserve for excess and obsolete inventory for the period indicated (in thousands):

| | Inventory Reserve |
|--|----------------------|
| Reserve for balance as of October 31, 2007 | \$ 26,170 |
| Provision for excess and obsolescence | 5,794 |
| Actual inventory disposed | (2,341) |
| Reserve balance as of January 31, 2008 | \$ 29,623 |

(9) PREPAID EXPENSES AND OTHER

As of the dates indicated, prepaid expenses and other are comprised of the following (in thousands):

| | October 31, 2008 | January 31, 2009 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Interest receivable | \$ 2,082 | \$ 3,297 |
| Prepaid VAT and other taxes | 15,160 | 14,108 |
| Deferred deployment expense | 4,481 | 2,872 |
| Prepaid expenses | 10,557 | 9,929 |
| Restricted cash | 1,717 | 2,741 |
| Other non-trade receivables | 1,891 | 1,239 |
| | \$ 35,888 | \$ 34,186 |

(10) EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES

As of the dates indicated, equipment, furniture and fixtures are comprised of the following (in thousands):

| | October 31, 2008 | January 31, 2009 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Equipment, furniture and fixtures | \$ 286,940 | \$ 289,138 |
| Leasehold improvements | 40,574 | 41,378 |
| | 327,514 | 330,516 |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization | (267,547) | (271,126) |
| | \$ 59,967 | \$ 59,390 |

(11) OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

As of the dates indicated, other intangible assets are comprised of the following (in thousands):

| | October 31, 2008 | | | January 31, 2009 | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| | Gross Intangible | Accumulated Amortization | Net Intangible | Gross Intangible | Accumulated Amortization | Net Intangible |
| Developed technology | \$185,833 | \$(128,255) | \$57,578 | \$185,833 | \$(133,067) | \$52,766 |

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| | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| Patents and licenses | 47,370 | (37,952) | 9,418 | 47,370 | (39,364) | 8,006 |
| Customer relationships, covenants not to compete, outstanding purchase orders and contracts | 68,281 | (43,028) | 25,253 | 68,281 | (44,859) | 23,422 |
| | \$301,484 | \$(209,235) | \$92,249 | \$301,484 | \$(217,290) | \$84,194 |

The aggregate amortization expense of other intangible assets was \$7.4 million and \$8.1 million for the first three months of fiscal 2008 and 2009, respectively. Expected future amortization of other intangible assets for the fiscal years indicated is as follows (in thousands):

| | Period ended October 31, | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 2009 (remaining nine months) | | \$ 23,374 |
| 2010 | | 27,872 |
| 2011 | | 13,852 |
| 2012 | | 9,473 |
| 2013 | | 7,217 |
| Thereafter | | 2,406 |
| | | \$ 84,194 |

(12) OTHER BALANCE SHEET DETAILS

As of the dates indicated, other long-term assets are comprised of the following (in thousands):

| | October 31, 2008 | January 31, 2009 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Maintenance spares inventory, net | \$ 30,038 | \$ 33,627 |
| Deferred debt issuance costs, net | 15,127 | 14,553 |
| Investments in privately held companies | 6,671 | 5,671 |
| Restricted cash | 20,436 | 19,496 |
| Other | 3,476 | 2,952 |
| | \$ 75,748 | \$ 76,299 |

Deferred debt issuance costs are amortized using the straight line method which approximates the effect of the effective interest rate method on the maturity of the related debt. Amortization of debt issuance costs, which is included in interest expense, was \$1.2 million and \$0.6 million during the first three months of fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2009, respectively.

As of the dates indicated, accrued liabilities are comprised of the following (in thousands):

| | October 31, 2008 | January 31, 2009 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Warranty | \$ 37,258 | \$ 36,107 |
| Compensation, payroll related tax and benefits | 35,200 | 29,673 |
| Interest payable | 1,683 | 765 |
| Foreign currency forward contracts | | 2,090 |
| Other | 22,002 | 17,584 |
| | \$ 96,143 | \$ 86,219 |

The following table summarizes the activity in Ciena's accrued warranty for the fiscal periods indicated (in thousands):

| Three months ended | Beginning | | | Balance at |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|
| January 31, | Balance | Provisions | Settlements | end of |
| | | | | period |

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| | | | | |
|------|----------|-------|---------|----------|
| 2008 | \$33,580 | 2,914 | (2,632) | \$33,862 |
| 2009 | \$37,258 | 2,541 | (3,692) | \$36,107 |

As of the dates indicated, deferred revenue is comprised of the following (in thousands):

| | October 31, 2008 | January 31, 2009 |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Products | \$ 13,061 | \$ 13,517 |
| Services | 61,366 | 58,377 |
| | 74,427 | 71,894 |
| Less current portion | (36,767) | (35,578) |
| Long-term deferred revenue | \$ 37,660 | \$ 36,316 |

(13) DERIVATIVES

Ciena uses foreign currency forward contracts to reduce variability in non-U.S. dollar denominated operating expenses. Ciena uses these derivatives to partially offset its market exposure to fluctuations in certain foreign currencies. These derivatives are designated as cash flow hedges and have maturities of less than one year. These forward contracts are not designed to provide foreign currency protection over the long-term. Ciena considers several factors, including offsetting exposures, significance of exposures, costs associated with entering into a particular instrument, and potential effectiveness when designing its hedging activities.

The effective portion of the derivative's gain or loss is initially reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) and, upon occurrence of the forecasted transaction, is subsequently reclassified into the operating expense line item to which the hedged transaction relates. Ciena records the ineffectiveness of the hedging instruments in interest and other income, net on its condensed consolidated statements of operations. As of January 31, 2009, Ciena recorded, as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss, a \$2.1 million net loss associated with its foreign currency forward contracts, and upon occurrence of the forecasted transaction, this loss will be reclassified into the operating expense line item to which the hedged transaction relates. During the first quarter of fiscal 2009, Ciena recorded a loss of \$0.2 million to sales and marketing related to the settlement of a forward contract.

Foreign currency forward contracts outstanding at January 31, 2009 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

| | Total | Expected maturity or transaction date | | | Thereafter | Fair Value |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
| | | Less than one year | One to three years | Three to five years | | |
| USD Functional Currency: | | | | | | |
| Receive EUR / Pay USD | | | | | | |
| Notional amount | \$ 32,228 | \$ 32,228 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ (2,638) |
| Weighted avg. contract exchange rate | 1.3924 | | | | | |
| Receive INR / Pay USD | | | | | | |
| Notional amount | \$ 12,080 | \$ 12,080 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ (374) |
| Weighted avg. contract exchange rate | 0.0206 | | | | | |
| Receive CAD / Pay USD | | | | | | |
| Notional amount | \$ 11,684 | \$ 11,684 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ (161) |
| Weighted avg. contract exchange rate | 0.8247 | | | | | |
| EUR Functional Currency: | | | | | | |
| Receive GBP / Pay EUR | | | | | | |
| Notional amount | 18,622 | 18,622 | | | | \$ 1,083(1) |
| Weighted avg. contract exchange rate | 1.0809 | | | | | |
| Total fair value | | | | | | \$ (2,090) |

(1) Fair value translated at

exchange rates
in effect as of
the balance
sheet date.

(14) EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE CALCULATION

The following table (in thousands except per share amounts) is a reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of the basic net income (loss) per common share (Basic EPS) and the diluted net income (loss) per dilutive potential common share (Diluted EPS). Basic EPS is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted EPS is computed using the weighted average number of (i) common shares outstanding, (ii) shares issuable upon vesting of restricted stock units, (iii) shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding stock options, employee stock purchase plan options and warrants using the treasury stock method; and (iv) shares underlying the 0.25% and 0.875% convertible senior notes.

Numerator

| | Quarter Ended January 31, | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|
| | 2008 | 2009 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 28,807 | \$ (24,831) |
| Add: Interest expense for 0.25% convertible senior notes | 471 | |
| Add: Interest expense for 0.875% convertible senior notes | 1,348 | |
| Net income (loss) used to calculate Diluted EPS | \$ 30,626 | \$ (24,831) |

Denominator

| | Quarter Ended January 31, | |
|--|---------------------------|--------|
| | 2008 | 2009 |
| Basic weighted average shares outstanding | 86,910 | 90,620 |
| Add: Shares underlying outstanding stock options, employees stock purchase plan options, warrants and restricted stock units | 1,401 | |
| Add: Shares underlying 0.25% convertible senior notes | 7,590 | |
| Add: Shares underlying 0.875% convertible senior notes | 13,108 | |
| Dilutive weighted average shares outstanding | 109,009 | 90,620 |

EPS

| | Quarter Ended January 31, | |
|-------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| | 2008 | 2009 |
| Basic EPS | \$ 0.33 | \$ (0.27) |
| Diluted EPS | \$ 0.28 | \$ (0.27) |

Explanation of Shares Excluded due to Anti-Dilutive Effect

For the first quarter of fiscal 2008, the weighted average number of shares set forth in the table below, underlying outstanding stock options, employee stock purchase plan options, restricted stock units, and warrants, is considered anti-dilutive because the exercise price of these equity awards is greater than the average per share closing price on the NASDAQ Stock Market during this period. In addition, the weighted average number of shares underlying Ciena's previously outstanding 3.75% convertible notes, are considered anti-dilutive pursuant to SFAS 128 because the related interest expense on a per common share if converted basis exceeds Basic EPS for the period.

For the first quarter of fiscal 2009, the weighted average number of shares set forth in the table below, underlying outstanding stock options, employee stock purchase plan options, restricted stock units, and warrants, is considered anti-dilutive because Ciena incurred a net loss. In addition, the shares, representing the weighted average number of shares issuable upon conversion of Ciena's 0.25% convertible senior notes and Ciena's 0.875% convertible senior notes, are considered anti-dilutive pursuant to SFAS 128 because the related interest expense on a per common share if converted basis exceeds Basic EPS for the period.

The following table summarizes the shares excluded from the calculation of the denominator for Basic and Diluted EPS due to their anti-dilutive effect for the periods indicated (in thousands):

Shares excluded from EPS Denominator due to anti-dilutive effect

| | Quarter Ended January 31, | |
|--|---------------------------|------|
| | 2008 | 2009 |

| | | |
|--|-------|--------|
| Shares underlying stock options, restricted stock units and warrants | 3,209 | 8,052 |
| 3.75% convertible notes | 742 | |
| 0.25% convertible senior notes | | 7,539 |
| 0.875% convertible senior notes | | 13,108 |
| Total excluded due to anti-dilutive effect | 3,951 | 28,699 |

(15) SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION EXPENSE

Ciena makes equity awards under its 2008 Omnibus Incentive Plan (2008 Plan) and 2003 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP). These plans were approved by shareholders and are described in Ciena s annual report on Form 10-K.

2008 Plan

Ciena grants stock options and restricted stock units under the 2008 Plan. As of January 31, 2009, there were 3.5 million shares authorized and available for issuance thereunder.

Stock Options

Outstanding stock option awards to employees are generally subject to service-based vesting restrictions and vest incrementally over a four-year period. The following table is a summary of Ciena's stock option activity for the periods indicated (shares in thousands):

| | Shares Underlying Options Outstanding | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Balance as of October 31, 2008 | 6,399 | \$ 48.84 |
| Granted | 90 | 7.81 |
| Exercised | (40) | 1.88 |
| Canceled | (363) | 59.13 |
| Balance as of January 31, 2009 | 6,086 | \$ 47.93 |

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the first three months of fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2009, was \$1.1 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. The weighted average fair values of each stock option granted by Ciena during the first three months of fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2009 were \$17.92 and \$4.43, respectively.

The following table summarizes information with respect to stock options outstanding at January 31, 2009, based on Ciena's closing stock price of \$6.24 per share on the last trading day of Ciena's first fiscal quarter of 2009 (shares and intrinsic value in thousands):

| Range of Exercise Price | Options Outstanding at January 31, 2009 | | | | Vested Options at January 31, 2009 | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| | Number of Shares | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years) | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Aggregate Intrinsic Value | Number of Shares | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years) | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
| \$ 0.01 - \$ 16.52 | 889 | 7.17 | \$ 10.17 | \$ 1,223 | 540 | 6.46 | \$ 11.20 | \$ 745 |
| \$ 16.53 - \$ 17.43 | 601 | 6.74 | 17.21 | | 447 | 6.25 | 17.17 | |
| \$ 17.44 - \$ 22.96 | 514 | 6.20 | 21.75 | | 416 | 5.53 | 21.95 | |
| \$ 22.97 - \$ 31.71 | 1,615 | 5.93 | 29.42 | | 1,162 | 4.95 | 29.93 | |
| \$ 31.72 - \$ 46.97 | 1,049 | 7.02 | 39.31 | | 617 | 5.75 | 40.47 | |
| \$ 46.98 - \$ 83.13 | 545 | 3.75 | 60.18 | | 545 | 3.75 | 60.18 | |
| \$ 83.14 - \$ 1,046.50 | 873 | 2.02 | 159.91 | | 873 | 2.02 | 159.91 | |
| \$ 0.01 - \$ 1,046.50 | 6,086 | 5.65 | \$ 47.93 | \$ 1,223 | 4,600 | 4.71 | \$ 55.42 | \$ 745 |

Assumptions for Option-Based Awards

Ciena recognizes the fair value of service-based options as share-based compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period. Ciena estimates the fair value of each option award on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model, with the following weighted average assumptions:

| | Quarter Ended January 31, | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| | 2008 | 2009 |
| Expected volatility | 53.0% | 65.0% |
| Risk-free interest rate | 3.1% - 3.6% | 1.7% - 2.2% |
| Expected life (years) | 5.1 - 5.3 | 5.2 - 5.3 |
| Expected dividend yield | 0.0% | 0.0% |

Consistent with SFAS 123(R) and SAB 107, Ciena considered the implied volatility and historical volatility of its stock price in determining its expected volatility, and, finding both to be equally reliable, determined that a combination of both would result in the best estimate of expected volatility.

The risk-free interest rate assumption is based upon observed interest rates appropriate for the expected term of Ciena's employee stock options.

The expected term of employee stock options represents the weighted-average period the stock options are expected to remain outstanding. As prescribed by SAB 107, Ciena's expected term is based on specific exercise behavior of its historical grantees.

The dividend yield assumption is based on Ciena's history and expectation of dividend payouts.

Because share-based compensation expense is recognized only for those awards that are ultimately expected to vest, the amount of share-based compensation expense recognized reflects a reduction for estimated forfeitures. Ciena estimates forfeitures at the time of grant and revises those estimates in subsequent periods based upon new or changed information. Ciena relies upon historical experience in establishing forfeiture rates. If actual forfeitures differ from current estimates, total unrecognized share-based compensation expense will be adjusted for future changes in estimated forfeitures.

Restricted Stock Units

A restricted stock unit is a stock award that entitles the holder to receive shares of Ciena common stock as the unit vests. Ciena's outstanding restricted stock unit awards are subject to service-based vesting conditions and/or performance-based vesting conditions. Awards subject to service-based conditions typically vest in increments over a three to four year period. Awards with performance-based vesting conditions require the achievement of certain operational, financial or other performance criteria or targets as a condition of vesting, or acceleration of vesting, of such awards.

Ciena's outstanding restricted stock units include performance-accelerated restricted stock units (PARS), which vest in full four years after the date of grant (assuming that the grantee is still employed by Ciena at that time). At the beginning of each of the first three fiscal years following the date of grant, the Compensation Committee establishes one-year performance targets which, if satisfied, provide for the acceleration of vesting of one-third of the award. As a result, the grantee has the opportunity, subject to satisfaction of performance conditions, to vest as to the entire award in three years. Ciena recognizes the estimated fair value of performance-based awards, net of estimated forfeitures, as share-based expense over the performance period, using graded vesting, which considers each performance period or tranche separately, based upon Ciena's determination of whether it is probable that the performance targets will be achieved. At each reporting period, Ciena reassesses the probability of achieving the performance targets and the performance period required to meet those targets.

The aggregate intrinsic value of Ciena's restricted stock units is based on Ciena's closing stock price on the last trading day of each period as indicated. The following table is a summary of Ciena's restricted stock unit activity for the periods indicated, with the aggregate intrinsic value of the balance outstanding at the end of each period, based on Ciena's closing stock price on the last trading day of the relevant period (shares and aggregate intrinsic value in thousands):

| | Restricted Stock Units Outstanding | Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|
| Balance as of October 31, 2008 | 1,849 | \$ 30.85 | \$ 17,773 |
| Granted | 2,857 | | |
| Vested | (162) | | |
| Canceled or forfeited | (7) | | |

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|----|-------|----|--------|
| Balance as of January 31, 2009.... | 4,537 | \$ | 15.76 | \$ | 28,314 |
|------------------------------------|-------|----|-------|----|--------|

The total fair value of restricted stock units that vested and were converted into common stock during the first three months fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2009 was \$8.3 million and \$1.2 million, respectively. The weighted average fair value of each restricted stock unit granted by Ciena during the first three months of fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2009 was \$35.19 and \$6.94, respectively.

Assumptions for Restricted Stock Unit Awards

The fair value of each restricted stock unit award is estimated using the intrinsic value method, which is based on the closing price on the date of grant. Share-based expense for service-based restricted stock unit awards is recognized, net of estimated forfeitures, ratably over the vesting period on a straight-line basis.

Share-based expense for performance-based restricted stock unit awards, net of estimated forfeitures, is recognized ratably over the performance period based upon Ciena's determination of whether it is probable that the performance targets will be achieved. At each reporting period, Ciena reassesses the probability of achieving the performance targets and the performance period required to meet those targets. The estimation of whether the performance targets will be achieved involves judgment, and the estimate of expense is revised periodically based on the probability of achieving the performance targets. Revisions are reflected in the period in which the estimate is changed. If any performance goals are not met, no compensation cost is ultimately recognized against that goal and, to the extent previously recognized, compensation cost is reversed.

2003 Employee Stock Purchase Plan

The ESPP is a non-compensatory plan under FAS 123(R) and issuances thereunder do not result in share-based compensation expense. The following table is a summary of ESPP activity and shares available for issuance for the periods indicated (shares in thousands):

| | ESPP shares available for issuance |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Balance as of October 31, 2008 | 3,488 |
| Evergreen provision | 83 |
| Balance as of January 31, 2009 | 3,571 |

Share-Based Compensation Expense for Periods Reported

The following table summarizes share-based compensation expense for the periods indicated (in thousands):

| | Quarter ended January 31, | |
|--|---------------------------|----------|
| | 2008 | 2009 |
| Product costs | \$ 565 | \$ 713 |
| Service costs | 246 | 397 |
| Share-based compensation expense included in cost of sales | 811 | 1,110 |
| Research and development | 1,177 | 2,566 |
| Sales and marketing | 2,464 | 2,703 |
| General and administrative | 2,209 | 2,419 |
| Share-based compensation expense included in operating expense | 5,850 | 7,688 |
| Share-based compensation expense capitalized in inventory, net | 220 | (304) |
| Total share-based compensation | \$ 6,881 | \$ 8,494 |

As of January 31, 2009, total unrecognized compensation expense was: (i) \$19.4 million, which relates to unvested stock options and is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.3 years; and (ii) \$57.6 million,

which relates to unvested restricted stock units and is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.5 years.

(16) COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

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The components of comprehensive income (loss) were as follows (in thousands):

| | Quarter Ended January 31, | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|
| | 2008 | 2009 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 28,807 | \$ (24,831) |
| Change in unrealized loss on available-for-sale securities | 538 | 1,766 |
| Change in unrealized loss on derivative instruments | | (2,090) |
| Change in accumulated translation adjustments | 1,287 | (244) |
| Total comprehensive income (loss) | \$ 30,632 | \$ (25,399) |

(17) ENTITY WIDE DISCLOSURES

The following table reflects Ciena's geographic distribution of revenue based on the location of the purchaser, with any country accounting for greater than 10% of total revenue in the period specifically identified. Revenue attributable to geographic regions outside of the United States and United Kingdom is reflected as Other International revenue. For the periods below, Ciena's geographic distribution of revenue was as follows (in thousands, except percentage data):

| | Quarter Ended January 31, | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------|------------|-------|
| | 2008 | %* | 2009 | %* |
| United States | \$ 169,518 | 74.5 | \$ 98,947 | 59.1 |
| United Kingdom | 23,182 | 10.2 | 26,717 | 16.0 |
| Other International | 34,716 | 15.3 | 41,736 | 24.9 |
| Total | \$ 227,416 | 100.0 | \$ 167,400 | 100.0 |

* Denotes % of total revenue

The following table reflects Ciena's geographic distribution of equipment, furniture and fixtures, with any country attributable for greater than 10% of total equipment, furniture and fixtures specifically identified. Equipment, furniture and fixtures attributable to geographic regions outside of the United States are reflected as International. For the periods below, Ciena's geographic distribution of equipment, furniture and fixtures was as follows (in thousands, except percentage data):

| | October 31, | | January 31, | |
|---------------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | 2008 | %* | 2009 | %* |
| United States | \$ 49,351 | 82.3 | \$ 48,307 | 81.3 |
| International | 10,616 | 17.7 | 11,083 | 18.7 |
| Total | \$ 59,967 | 100.0 | \$ 59,390 | 100.0 |

* Denotes % of total equipment, furniture and fixtures

For the periods below, Ciena's distribution of revenue was as follows (in thousands, except percentage data):

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| | 2008 | Quarter Ended January 31, %* | 2009 | %* |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|-------|
| Optical service delivery | \$ 190,553 | 83.8 | \$ 130,191 | 77.8 |
| Carrier Ethernet service delivery | 11,237 | 4.9 | 9,526 | 5.7 |
| Services | 25,626 | 11.3 | 27,683 | 16.5 |
| Total | \$ 227,416 | 100.0 | \$ 167,400 | 100.0 |

* Denotes % of total revenue

For the periods below, customers accounting for at least 10% of Ciena's revenue were as follows (in thousands, except percentage data):

| | Quarter Ended January 31, | | | |
|-----------|---------------------------|------|-----------|------|
| | 2008 | %* | 2009 | %* |
| Company A | \$ 37,088 | 16.3 | \$ n/a | |
| Company B | n/a | | 18,877 | 11.3 |
| Company C | n/a | | 16,938 | 10.1 |
| Company D | 61,778 | 27.2 | 32,556 | 19.4 |
| Total | \$ 98,866 | 43.5 | \$ 68,371 | 40.8 |

n/a Denotes revenue representing less than 10% of total revenue for the period

* Denotes % of total revenue

(18) CONTINGENCIES

Foreign Tax Contingencies

Ciena has received assessment notices from the Mexican tax authorities asserting deficiencies in payments between 2001 and 2005 related primarily to income taxes and import taxes and duties. Ciena has filed judicial petitions appealing these assessments. As of October 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009, Ciena had accrued liabilities of \$1.0 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, related to these contingencies, which are reported as a component of other current accrued liabilities. As of January 31, 2009, Ciena estimates that it could be exposed to possible losses of up to \$5.8 million, for which it has not accrued liabilities. Ciena has not accrued the additional income tax liabilities because it does not believe that such losses are more likely than not to be incurred. Ciena has not accrued the additional import taxes and duties because it does not believe the incurrence of such losses are probable. Ciena continues to evaluate the likelihood of probable and reasonably possible losses, if any, related to these assessments. As a result, future increases or decreases to accrued liabilities may be necessary and will be recorded in the period when such amounts are probable and estimable.

Litigation

On November 7, 2008, JDS Uniphase Corp. (JDSU) filed a complaint with the United States International Trade Commission (ITC) against Ciena and several other respondents, alleging infringement of two patents (U.S. Patent Nos. 6,658,035 and 6,687,278) relating to tunable laser chip technology. The complaint, which names Ciena as a company whose products incorporate the accused technology manufactured by certain other respondents and which technology is imported into the United States, seeks a determination and relief under Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930. On December 17, 2008, Ciena and certain other respondents entered into a Settlement Agreement and Agreement to be Bound with JDSU, whereby those respondents agreed, in exchange for dismissal from the investigation, to be bound by any exclusion order issued by the ITC in the investigation in favor of JDSU that takes effect against one or more of the non-settling respondents. Ciena was not required to make any payment in connection with this settlement agreement. Based on that agreement, JDSU contemporaneously filed a motion to terminate the investigation with respect to Ciena and certain other respondents. Based on the ITC staff's initial response to that motion, the parties entered into an amended settlement agreement and, on January 8, 2009, JDSU filed an amended motion to terminate. On February 3, 2009, the ITC judge issued an order granting JDSU's amended motion to terminate, which order was affirmed by the full commission on February 27, 2009. Accordingly, the ITC investigation

has been terminated with respect to Ciena.

On May 29, 2008, Graywire, LLC filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia against Ciena and four other defendants, alleging, among other things, that certain of the parties' products infringe U.S. Patent 6,542,673, relating to an identifier system and components for optical assemblies. The complaint, which seeks injunctive relief and damages, was served upon Ciena on January 20, 2009. The time for Ciena to file an answer has been extended to March 11, 2009. Ciena believes that it has valid defenses to the lawsuit and intends to defend it vigorously.

On January 31, 2008, Ciena Corporation and Northrop Grumman Guidance and Electronics Company (previously named Litton Systems, Inc.) entered into an agreement to settle patent litigation between the parties pending in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. Pursuant to the settlement agreement, Ciena made a \$7.7 million payment and agreed to indemnify the plaintiff, should it be unable to collect compensatory damages awarded, if any, in a final judgment in its favor against a specified Ciena supplier. This obligation is specific to this litigation and, while there is no maximum amount payable, Ciena's obligation is limited to plaintiff's collection of that portion of any compensatory damages award that relates to the supplier's sale of infringing products to Ciena. Ciena has determined the fair value of this guarantee to be insignificant.

As a result of its June 2002 merger with ONI Systems Corp., Ciena became a defendant in a securities class action lawsuit filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York in August 2001. The complaint named ONI, certain former ONI officers and certain underwriters of ONI's initial public offering (IPO) as defendants and alleges, among other things, that the underwriter defendants violated the securities laws by failing to disclose alleged compensation arrangements in ONI's registration statement and by engaging in manipulative practices to artificially inflate the ONI's stock price after the IPO. The complaint also alleges that ONI and the named former officers violated the securities laws by failing to disclose the underwriters' alleged compensation arrangements and manipulative practices. The former ONI officers have been dismissed from the action without prejudice. Similar complaints have been filed against more than 300 other issuers that have had initial public offerings since 1998, and all of these actions have been included in a single coordinated proceeding. No specific amount of damages has been claimed in this action. Due to the inherent uncertainties of litigation, Ciena cannot accurately predict the ultimate outcome of the matter at this time.

In addition to the matters described above, Ciena is a subject to various legal proceedings, claims and litigation arising in the ordinary course of its business. Ciena does not expect that the ultimate costs to resolve these matters will have a material effect on its results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

(19) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On March 4, 2009, subsequent to the end of Ciena's first quarter of fiscal 2009, Ciena took action to effect a headcount reduction of approximately 200 employees, representing 9% of its global workforce. Headcount reductions will be implemented across Ciena's organizations and geographies, with the timing and scope of such reductions varying by country based on local legal requirements. These headcount reductions are expected to be completed during Ciena's third fiscal quarter of 2009. As part of this action, Ciena will also close its Acton, Massachusetts research and development facility on or about June 30, 2009. These actions are part of a restructuring plan to reduce operating expense and better align Ciena's workforce, facilities and operating costs with market and business opportunities in light of ongoing difficult macroeconomic conditions. Ciena committed to these restructuring actions on March 2, 2009.

Ciena expects to record aggregate restructuring charges ranging from approximately \$5.0 million to \$8.0 million associated with this action, all of which will result in future cash expenditures by Ciena. Restructuring charges include severance and other employee-related costs ranging from approximately \$3.0 million to \$4.0 million. Ciena expects these employee-related restructuring charges to be paid and incurred primarily during the second fiscal quarter of 2009, and to a lesser extent in the third fiscal quarter of 2009. Restructuring charges also include approximately \$2.0 million to \$4.0 million in facilities-related costs, primarily associated with remaining lease payments for Ciena's Acton, Massachusetts facility. This charge is expected to be incurred during the third fiscal quarter of 2009, with the resulting cash expenditures to be incurred as the remaining lease obligations are due.

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

Some of the statements contained, or incorporated by reference, in this quarterly report discuss future events or expectations, contain projections of results of operations or financial condition, changes in the markets for our products and services, or state other forward-looking information. Ciena's forward-looking information is based on various factors and was derived using numerous assumptions. In some cases, you can identify these forward-looking statements by words like may, will, should, expects, plans, anticipates, believes, estimates, predicts, potential or continue or the negative of those words and other comparable words. You should be aware that these statements only reflect our current predictions and beliefs. These statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, and actual events or results may differ materially. Important factors that could cause our actual results to be materially different from the forward-looking statements are disclosed throughout this report, particularly in Item 1A Risk Factors of Part II of this report below. You should review these risk factors and the rest of this quarterly report in combination with the more detailed description of our business and management's discussion and analysis of financial condition in our annual report on Form 10-K, which we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 23, 2008, for a more complete understanding of the risks associated with an investment in Ciena's securities. Ciena undertakes no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements.

Overview

We are a provider of communications networking equipment, software and services that support the transport, switching, aggregation and management of voice, video and data traffic. Our optical service delivery and carrier Ethernet service delivery products are used, individually or as part of an integrated solution, in networks operated by communications service providers, cable operators, governments and enterprises around the globe. We are a network specialist targeting the transition of disparate, legacy communications networks to converged, next-generation architectures, better able to handle increased traffic and to deliver more efficiently a broader mix of high-bandwidth communications services. Our products, along with our service-aware operating system and unified service and transport management, enable service providers to efficiently and cost-effectively deliver critical enterprise and consumer-oriented communication services. Together with our professional support and consulting services, our product offering seeks to address holistically the business and network needs of our customers. By improving network productivity, reducing operating costs and enabling new and integrated service offerings, we create business and operational value for our customers.

Our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, annual reports on Form 10-K and current reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC are available through SEC's website at www.sec.gov or free of charge on our website as soon as reasonably practicable after we file these documents. We routinely post the reports above, recent news and announcements, financial results and other important information about Ciena on our website at www.ciena.com.

Effect of Current Market Conditions and Uncertain Macroeconomic Environment on our Business

Our business and results of operations continue to suffer negative effects of ongoing difficult macroeconomic conditions, further exacerbated by customer-specific challenges and significant disruptions in the financial and credit markets globally. Many companies, including some of our largest communications service provider customers, have slowed spending and indicated an intention to reduce their overall capital expenditures this year. We have experienced order delays, lengthening sales cycles and slowing deployments, resulting in lower demand across our customer base in all geographies. As a result, our revenue, earnings and cash from operations have been negatively affected in recent quarters. We can not be certain how long these conditions will continue or the magnitude of their effect on our business and results of operations. Reductions in enterprise and consumer spending in response to market conditions, may further affect the spending and financial position of our customers. Consequently, current market conditions have negatively affected visibility of our business and made our forecasting and planning more difficult.

During this period of uncertainty, we intend to manage our workforce and operating costs carefully to ensure that they are aligned with our business and market opportunities. To that end, on March 4, 2009, we took action to effect a headcount reduction of approximately 200 employees or 9% of our global workforce. Headcount reductions will be implemented across our organizations and geographies. As part of this action, we will also close our Acton, Massachusetts research and development facility on or about June 30, 2009. We expect these steps will help reduce our operating expense in future periods. We anticipate that, in connection with these actions, we will incur aggregate restructuring charges ranging from approximately \$5.0 million to \$8.0 million, all of which will result in future cash expenditures. Of this amount, we expect that employee-related restructuring charges of \$3.0 million to 4.0 million to be incurred primarily during the second fiscal quarter of 2009, and to a lesser extent in the third fiscal quarter of 2009. Facilities-related restructuring charges of approximately \$2.0 million to \$4.0 million are expected to be incurred during the third fiscal quarter of 2009.

Despite continuing macroeconomic challenges, we continue to believe in our longer-term market opportunities and the underlying demand drivers in our target markets. We believe growing consumer and enterprise use of, and increased dependence upon, a variety of high-bandwidth applications and services, will require our customers to continue to invest in their networks and transition to more efficient, robust and economical network architectures. As a result, we intend to continue to invest in our business, prioritizing spending on key product and technology initiatives that we believe will strategically position us when we emerge from this challenging period. Specifically, we are focused on ongoing development related to the evolution of our CoreDirector® Multiservice Optical Switch platform and the extension of our converged optical service delivery portfolio, including 100G technologies and capabilities. We continue to work to expand our carrier Ethernet service delivery and aggregation products and integrate our portfolio through the use of common, service-aware, embedded operating system and unified management and transport software.

Acquisition of World Wide Packets

On March 3, 2008, we completed our acquisition of World Wide Packets, Inc. (WWP), a provider of communications network equipment that enables the cost-effective delivery of a variety of carrier Ethernet-based services. Our results for the first quarter of fiscal 2008 do not reflect our March 3, 2008 acquisition of WWP. See Note 3 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1 of Part I of this report for additional information related to this acquisition.

Financial Overview

We experienced the year over year and sequential revenue declines set forth below as a result of the market conditions described above.

Revenue for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 was \$167.4 million, representing a 6.8% sequential decrease from \$179.7 million for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008 and a 26.4% decrease from \$227.4 million in first quarter of fiscal 2008;

Revenue from the U.S. for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 was \$98.9 million, an increase from \$95.6 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008 and a decrease from \$169.5 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2008;

International revenue for the first quarter of 2009 was \$68.5 million, a decrease from \$84.0 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008 and an increase from \$57.9 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2008; and

As a percentage of revenue, international revenue increased from 25.5% in the first quarter of fiscal 2008 to 40.9% in the first quarter of fiscal 2009. Recent growth in the international composition of revenue reflects both our continued investments in our European operations, as well as the recent reduction in domestic spending by our largest communications service provider customers.

For the first quarter of fiscal 2009, three customers each accounted for greater than 10% of our revenue and 40.8% in the aggregate.

Gross margin for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 was 42.9%, down from 45.2% in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008 and 51.3% in the first quarter of fiscal 2008. Gross margin for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 was negatively affected

in part by customer and geographic mix, including the effect of new customer acquisition and competition for new network projects with existing customers. Gross margin for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 also reflects higher than typical charges relating to excess and obsolete inventory, partially offset by service margin improvement to 30.7% for the first quarter of fiscal 2009.

Operating expense for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 was \$98.6 million, a decrease from \$111.6 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008 and an increase from \$98.2 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2008. Sequentially, operating expense benefited from reductions in compensation-related costs, including lower selling commissions, for the first quarter of fiscal 2009. Year-over-year, operating expense reflects increased costs due to the addition of WWP's operations during the second quarter of fiscal 2008 and higher employee-related costs associated with increased headcount. Operating expense change year-over-year reflects higher than typical general and administrative expense associated

with a litigation settlement in the first quarter of fiscal 2008. Operating expense for the first quarter of 2009 benefited by \$3.1 million related to the strengthening U.S. dollar compared to the same period in fiscal 2008. During the first quarter of fiscal 2009, we entered into certain cash flow hedges to mitigate the risk of fluctuations arising from non-U.S. denominated operating expense. See Item 7A, Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk below for additional information.

Our loss from operations for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 was \$26.7 million. This compares to a \$30.5 million loss from operations during the fourth quarter of 2008 and \$18.4 million in income from operations for the first quarter of fiscal 2008. Net income decreased from \$28.8 million, or \$0.28 per diluted share, for the first quarter of fiscal 2008, to a \$24.8 million net loss, or \$0.27 loss per share, for the first quarter of fiscal 2009.

We used \$0.9 million in cash from operations during the first quarter of fiscal 2009, consisting of \$5.9 million in cash from net income (adjusted for non-cash charges) and a \$6.8 million net use of cash resulting from changes in working capital. This compares with \$13.7 million in cash generated from operations during the first quarter of fiscal 2008, consisting of \$56.1 million in cash from net income (adjusted for non-cash charges) and a \$42.4 million net use of cash resulting from changes in working capital.

At January 31, 2009, we had \$535.0 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$534.0 million of short-term and long-term investments in marketable debt securities.

As of January 31, 2009, headcount was 2,238, an increase from 2,203 at October 31, 2008 and 1,853 at January 31, 2008.

Results of Operations

Our results of operations for the first quarter of fiscal 2008 do not include the operations of World Wide Packets, which was acquired effective March 3, 2008.

Revenue

We derive revenue from sales of our products and services, which we discuss in the following three major groupings:

1. *Optical Service Delivery*. Included in product revenue, this revenue grouping reflects sales of our transport and switching products and legacy data networking products and related software. This revenue grouping was previously referred to as our converged Ethernet infrastructure products.
2. *Carrier Ethernet Service Delivery*. Included in product revenue, this revenue grouping reflects sales of our service delivery and aggregation switches acquired from WWP, Ethernet access products, broadband access products, and the related software.
3. *Services*. Included in services revenue are sales of installation, deployment, maintenance support, consulting and training activities.

The nature of our business exposes us to the likelihood of quarterly fluctuations in revenue. A sizable portion of our revenue continues to come from sales to a small number of communications service providers for large network builds. These projects are generally characterized by large and sporadic equipment orders and contract terms that can result in the recognition or deferral of significant amounts of revenue in a given quarter. The timing of such orders and recognition of the related revenue can be difficult to predict. Given uncertainty surrounding macroeconomic conditions and lower demand, as well as changes in the mix of our revenue toward products with shorter customer lead times, the percentage of our quarterly revenue relating to orders placed in that quarter has increased. This has caused less visibility into and predictability of our future revenue and operating results.

A small number of service providers represent a large portion of our revenue and we expect this concentration to continue. Our concentration of revenue has been affected in recent years by consolidation among communications service providers, including several of our largest customers. We believe the increase in concentration is also illustrative of our success in leveraging our incumbent position within service provider networks. This concentration of revenue increases our risk of quarterly fluctuations in revenue and operating results and can exacerbate our exposure to reductions in spending or changes in network strategy involving one or more of our significant customers.

Cost of Goods Sold

Product cost of goods sold consists primarily of amounts paid to third-party contract manufacturers, component costs, direct compensation costs and overhead associated with manufacturing-related operations, warranty and other contractual obligations, royalties, license fees, amortization of intangible assets and cost of excess and obsolete inventory.

Services cost of goods sold consists primarily of direct and third-party costs associated with provision of services including installation, deployment, maintenance support, consulting and training activities.

Gross Margin

Gross margin continues to be susceptible to quarterly fluctuation due to a number of factors. Product gross margin can vary significantly depending upon the mix of products and customers in a given fiscal quarter. Gross margin can also be affected by volume of orders, our ability to drive product cost reductions, the level of pricing pressure we encounter, our introduction of new products or entry into new markets, charges for excess and obsolete inventory and changes in warranty costs. Service gross margin can be affected by the mix of customers and services, particularly the mix between deployment and maintenance service, geographic mix and the timing and extent of any investments in internal resources to support this business.

Operating Expense

Research and development expense primarily consists of salaries and related employee expense, including share-based compensation expense, prototype costs relating to design, development, testing of our products and third-party consulting costs.

Sales and marketing expense primarily consists of salaries, commissions and related employee expense, including share-based compensation expense, and sales and marketing support expense including travel, demonstration units, trade show expense and third-party consulting costs.

General and administrative expense primarily consists of salaries and related employee expense, including share-based compensation expense, and costs for third-party consulting and other services.

Amortization of intangible assets primarily reflects purchased technology and customer relationships, from our acquisitions.

Three months ended January 31, 2008 compared to three months ended January 31, 2009*Revenue, cost of goods sold and gross profit*

The table below (in thousands, except percentage data) sets forth the changes in revenue, cost of goods sold and gross profit for the periods indicated:

| | Quarter Ended January 31, | | | | Increase (decrease) | %** |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------|------------|-------|------------------------|--------|
| | 2008 | %* | 2009 | %* | | |
| Revenue: | | | | | | |
| Products | \$ 201,790 | 88.7 | \$ 139,717 | 83.5 | \$ (62,073) | (30.8) |
| Services | 25,626 | 11.3 | 27,683 | 16.5 | 2,057 | 8.0 |
| Total revenue | 227,416 | 100.0 | 167,400 | 100.0 | (60,016) | (26.4) |
| Costs: | | | | | | |
| Products | 91,387 | 40.2 | 76,367 | 45.6 | (15,020) | (16.4) |
| Services | 19,460 | 8.6 | 19,190 | 11.5 | (270) | (1.4) |
| Total cost of goods sold | 110,847 | 48.7 | 95,557 | 57.1 | (15,290) | (13.8) |
| Gross profit | \$ 116,569 | 51.3 | \$ 71,843 | 42.9 | \$ (44,726) | (38.4) |

* Denotes % of
total revenue

** Denotes %
change from
2008 to 2009

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The table below (in thousands, except percentage data) sets forth the changes in product revenue, product cost of goods sold and product gross profit for the periods indicated:

| | Quarter Ended January 31, | | | | Increase (decrease) | %** |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------|------------|-------|------------------------|--------|
| | 2008 | %* | 2009 | %* | | |
| Product revenue | \$ 201,790 | 100.0 | \$ 139,717 | 100.0 | \$ (62,073) | (30.8) |
| Product cost of goods sold | 91,387 | 45.3 | 76,367 | 54.7 | (15,020) | (16.4) |
| Product gross profit | \$ 110,403 | 54.7 | \$ 63,350 | 45.3 | \$ (47,053) | (42.6) |

* Denotes % of product revenue

** Denotes % change from 2008 to 2009

The table below (in thousands, except percentage data) sets forth the changes in services revenue, services cost of goods sold and services gross profit for the periods indicated:

| | Quarter Ended January 31, | | | | Increase (decrease) | %** |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| | 2008 | %* | 2009 | %* | | |
| Services revenue | \$ 25,626 | 100.0 | \$ 27,683 | 100.0 | \$ 2,057 | 8.0 |
| Services cost of goods sold | 19,460 | 75.9 | 19,190 | 69.3 | (270) | (1.4) |
| Services gross profit | \$ 6,166 | 24.1 | \$ 8,493 | 30.7 | \$ 2,327 | 37.7 |

* Denotes % of services revenue

** Denotes % change from 2008 to 2009

The table below (in thousands, except percentage data) sets forth the changes in distribution of revenue for the periods indicated:

| | Quarter Ended January 31, | | | | Increase (decrease) | %** |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|------------|-------|------------------------|--------|
| | 2008 | %* | 2009 | %* | | |
| Optical service delivery | \$ 190,553 | 83.8 | \$ 130,191 | 77.8 | \$ (60,362) | (31.7) |
| Carrier Ethernet service delivery | 11,237 | 4.9 | 9,526 | 5.7 | (1,711) | (15.2) |
| Services | 25,626 | 11.3 | 27,683 | 16.5 | 2,057 | 8.0 |
| Total | \$ 227,416 | 100.0 | \$ 167,400 | 100.0 | \$ (60,016) | (26.4) |

* Denotes % of total revenue

** Denotes % change from 2008 to 2009

Revenue from sales to customers based outside of the United States is reflected as International in the geographic distribution of revenue below. The table below (in thousands, except percentage data) sets forth the changes in geographic distribution of revenue for the periods indicated:

| | Quarter Ended January 31, | | | | Increase (decrease) | %** |
|---------------|---------------------------|-------|------------|-------|------------------------|--------|
| | 2008 | %* | 2009 | %* | | |
| United States | \$ 169,518 | 74.5 | \$ 98,947 | 59.1 | \$ (70,571) | (41.6) |
| International | 57,898 | 25.5 | 68,453 | 40.9 | 10,555 | 18.2 |
| Total | \$ 227,416 | 100.0 | \$ 167,400 | 100.0 | \$ (60,016) | (26.4) |

* Denotes % of total revenue

** Denotes % change from 2008 to 2009

Certain customers each accounted for at least 10% of our revenue for the periods indicated (in thousands, except percentage data) as follows:

| | Quarter Ended January 31, | | | |
|-----------|---------------------------|------|-----------|------|
| | 2008 | %* | 2009 | %* |
| Company A | \$ 37,088 | 16.3 | n/a | |
| Company B | n/a | | 18,877 | 11.3 |
| Company C | n/a | | 16,938 | 10.1 |
| Company D | 61,778 | 27.2 | 32,556 | 19.4 |
| Total | \$ 98,866 | 43.5 | \$ 68,371 | 40.8 |

n/a Denotes revenue recognized less than 10% of total revenue for the period

* Denotes % of total revenue

Revenue

Product revenue decreased primarily due to a \$60.3 million decrease in sales of our Optical service delivery products and a \$1.7 million reduction in carrier Ethernet service delivery products. Lower optical service delivery revenue reflects decreases of \$40.8 million in sales of core transport products, \$25.3 million in sales of core switching products and \$14.0 million in sales of legacy data networking and metro transport products. These decreases were partially offset by an increase of \$19.8 million in sales of our CN 4200 FlexSelect Advanced Service Platform. Lower carrier Ethernet service delivery revenue reflects a \$4.9 million decrease in sales of our broadband access products, partially offset by the inclusion of revenue from sales of our service delivery and aggregation switches acquired from WWP. Sales of these service delivery and aggregation switches have experienced slower than anticipated adoption by our larger communication service provider customers.

Services revenue increased due to a \$2.4 million increase in maintenance and support services, partially offset by a \$0.4 million decrease in deployment services sales.

United States revenue decreased primarily due to a \$67.3 million decrease in sales of our Optical service delivery products. Lower optical service delivery revenue reflects decreases of \$38.8 million in sales of core transport products and \$25.9 million in sales of core switching products.

International revenue increased primarily due to a \$7.0 million increase in sales of our Optical service delivery products. This primarily reflects an increase of \$15.6 million in sales of CN 4200, partially offset by decreases of \$6.8 million of legacy data networking and metro transport products and \$2.0 million in sales of core transport products. International revenue also benefited from increases of \$1.3 million in deployment services and \$0.7 million in maintenance and support services.

Gross profit

Gross profit as a percentage of revenue decreased due to customer and geographic mix and higher charges relating to excess and obsolete inventory, partially offset by improved services margin.

Gross profit on products as a percentage of product revenue decreased primarily due to customer and geographic mix and higher charges relating to excess and obsolete inventory.

Gross profit on services as a percentage of services revenue increased as a result of favorable services mix, specifically related to sales and maintenance contracts, as well as more efficient deployment. Services gross margin remains heavily dependent upon the mix of services in a given period and may fluctuate from quarter to quarter.

Operating expense

The table below (in thousands, except percentage data) sets forth the changes in operating expense for the periods indicated:

| | Quarter Ended January 31, | | | | Increase (decrease) | %** |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|------|-----------|------|------------------------|--------|
| | 2008 | %* | 2009 | %* | | |
| Research and development | \$ 35,444 | 15.6 | \$ 46,700 | 27.9 | \$ 11,256 | 31.8 |
| Selling and marketing | 33,608 | 14.8 | 33,819 | 20.2 | 211 | 0.6 |
| General and administrative | 22,628 | 10.0 | 11,585 | 6.9 | (11,043) | (48.8) |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 6,470 | 2.8 | 6,404 | 3.8 | (66) | (1.0) |
| Restructuring cost | | 0.0 | 76 | 0.0 | 76 | 100.0 |
| Total operating expense | \$ 98,150 | 43.2 | \$ 98,584 | 58.8 | \$ 434 | 0.4 |

* Denotes % of total revenue

** Denotes % change from 2008 to 2009

Research and development expense for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 includes \$2.0 million in favorable foreign exchange translations primarily related to non-U.S. dollar denominated expenses in Canada and India. The resulting \$11.3 million net increase reflects higher employee compensation cost of \$6.2 million, including a \$1.3 million increase in share-based compensation expense, primarily due to increased headcount as a result of our acquisition of WWP. Other increases included \$2.4 million in prototype expense and \$1.9 million in facilities and information systems expenses.

Selling and marketing expense for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 includes \$0.8 million in favorable foreign exchange translations primarily related to non-U.S. dollar denominated expenses in Canada, United Kingdom, the European Union and India. The resulting \$0.2 million net change reflects increases of \$0.5 million in facilities and information systems expenses, \$0.5 million in demo equipment and marketing programs, and \$0.3 million in employee compensation cost, partially offset by decreases of \$0.7 million in consulting services and \$0.3 million in travel related expenditures.

General and administrative expense for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 includes \$0.3 million in favorable foreign exchange translations primarily related to non-U.S. dollar denominated expenses in Canada, United Kingdom, the European Union and India. The resulting \$11.0 million net change reflects decreases of \$1.6 million in employee compensation cost, \$1.1 million in professional services and \$0.7 million in facilities and information systems expenses. Expense for the first quarter of fiscal 2008 included \$7.7 million associated with the settlement of patent litigation.

Amortization of intangible assets costs remained relatively unchanged.

Restructuring cost for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 was related to one-time termination benefits.

Other items

The table below (in thousands, except percentage data) sets forth the changes in other items for the periods indicated:

| | Quarter Ended January 31, | | | | Increase (decrease) | %** |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|----------|-----|------------------------|--------|
| | 2008 | %* | 2009 | %* | | |
| Interest and other income, net | \$ 19,082 | 8.4 | \$ 4,660 | 2.8 | \$ (14,442) | (75.6) |
| Interest expense | \$ 7,358 | 3.2 | \$ 1,844 | 1.1 | \$ (5,514) | (74.9) |
| Loss on cost method investments | \$ | | \$ 565 | 0.3 | \$ 565 | 100.0 |
| Provision for income taxes | \$ 1,336 | 0.6 | \$ 341 | 0.2 | \$ (995) | (74.5) |

* Denotes % of total revenue

** Denotes % change from 2008 to 2009

Interest and other income, net decreased due to lower average cash and investment balances resulting from the repayment at maturity of the \$542.3 million principal outstanding on our 3.75% convertible notes during the first quarter of fiscal 2008 and use of \$210.0 million in cash consideration and related expenses associated with our acquisition of WWP in the second quarter of fiscal 2008. Interest income was also significantly affected by lower interest rates on investment balances.

Interest expense decreased primarily due to the repayment of 3.75% convertible notes at maturity at the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2008.

Loss on cost method investments for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 was primarily due to a decline in value of our investment in a privately held technology company that was determined to be other-than-temporary.

Provision for income taxes decreased primarily due to decreased federal and state tax expense, and refundable federal tax credits. Provision for income taxes for the first quarter of fiscal 2009 was primarily attributable to foreign tax related to Ciena's foreign operations. We did not record a tax benefit for domestic losses during the first quarter of fiscal 2009.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

At January 31, 2009, our principal sources of liquidity were cash and cash equivalents, and short-term and long-term investments. Short-term investments include \$0.2 million in publicly traded securities received upon the acquisition of a privately held technology company in which we held an investment. Except as set forth above, all other short and long-term investments below reflect marketable debt securities. The following table summarizes our cash and cash equivalents and investments (in thousands):

| | October 31, 2008 | January 31, 2009 | Increase (decrease) |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 550,669 | \$ 534,985 | \$ (15,684) |
| Short-term investments | 366,336 | 387,618 | 21,282 |
| Long-term investments | 156,171 | 146,446 | (9,725) |

| | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Total cash and cash equivalents and investments | \$ 1,073,176 | \$ 1,069,049 | \$ (4,127) |
|---|--------------|--------------|------------|

The decrease in total cash and cash equivalents, and investments during the first quarter of fiscal 2009 was primarily related to the purchase of capital assets and cash used by operating activities described in Operating Activities below. Based on past performance and current expectations, we believe that our cash and cash equivalents, investments and cash generated from operations will satisfy our working capital needs, capital expenditures, and other liquidity requirements associated with our existing operations through at least the next 12 months.

The following sections review the significant activities that had an impact on our cash during the first quarter of fiscal 2009.

Operating Activities

The following tables set forth (in thousands) components of our \$0.8 million of cash used in operating activities during the period:

Net loss

| | |
|----------|--------------------------------------|
| | Quarter ended January 31, 2009 |
| Net loss | \$ (24,831) |

Our net loss during the first quarter of fiscal 2009 included the significant non-cash items summarized in the following table (in thousands):

| | |
|---|---|
| | Quarter ended January 31, 2009 |
| Loss from cost method investments | \$ 565 |
| Depreciation of equipment, furniture and fixtures; and amortization of leasehold improvements | 5,097 |
| Share-based compensation costs | 8,494 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 8,055 |
| Provision for inventory excess and obsolescence | 6,548 |
| Provision for warranty | 2,541 |
| Total significant non-cash charges | \$ 31,300 |

Accounts Receivable, Net

Cash provided by accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts, during the first quarter of fiscal 2009 was \$7.9 million. Our days sales outstanding (DSOs) increased from 57 days for the first quarter of fiscal 2008 to 70 days for the first quarter of fiscal 2009. Our DSOs increased due to a proportionately higher volume of shipments made later in the first quarter of fiscal 2009.

The following table sets forth (in thousands) changes to our accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts, from the end of fiscal 2008 through the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2009:

| | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | October 31, 2008 | January 31, 2009 | Increase (decrease) |
| Accounts receivable, net | \$ 138,441 | \$ 130,477 | \$ (7,964) |

Inventory

Cash consumed by inventory during the first quarter of fiscal 2009 was \$4.4 million. Our inventory turns decreased from 3.5 turns during the first quarter of fiscal 2008 to 3.3 turns for the first quarter of fiscal 2009.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2009, changes in inventory reflect a \$6.5 million reduction related to a non-cash provision for excess and obsolescence. The following table sets forth (in thousands) changes to the components of our inventory from the end of fiscal 2008 through the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2009:

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | October 31, 2008 | January 31, 2009 | Increase (decrease) |
| Raw materials | \$ 19,044 | \$ 23,344 | \$ 4,300 |
| Work-in-process | 1,702 | 916 | (786) |

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| | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Finished goods | 95,963 | 91,673 | (4,290) |
| Gross inventory | 116,709 | 115,933 | (776) |
| Provision for inventory excess and obsolescence | (23,257) | (24,650) | (1,393) |
| Inventory | \$ 93,452 | \$ 91,283 | \$ (2,169) |

Accounts payable, accruals and other obligations

Cash used in operations to pay accounts payable, accruals and other obligations during the first quarter of fiscal 2009 was \$8.8 million.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2009, we had non-operating cash accounts payable reductions of \$1.7 million related to equipment payments. Changes in accrued liabilities reflect non-cash provisions of \$2.5 million related to warranties and \$2.1 million related to foreign currency forward contracts. The following table sets forth (in thousands) changes in our accounts payable, accruals and other obligations from the end of fiscal 2008 through the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2009:

| | October 31, 2008 | January 31, 2009 | Increase (decrease) |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Accounts payable | \$ 44,761 | \$ 50,194 | \$ 5,433 |
| Accrued liabilities | 96,143 | 86,219 | (9,924) |
| Restructuring liabilities | 4,225 | 3,014 | (1,211) |
| Other long-term obligations | 8,089 | 7,966 | (123) |
| Accounts payable, accruals and other obligations | \$ 153,218 | \$ 147,393 | \$ (5,825) |

Interest Payable on Convertible Notes

Interest on our outstanding 0.25% convertible senior notes, due May 1, 2013, is payable on May 1 and November 1 of each year. The interest due on November 1, 2008 was paid during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008. Consequently, we did not pay any interest on our 0.25% convertible notes during the first quarter of fiscal 2009.

Interest on our outstanding 0.875% convertible senior notes, due June 15, 2017, is payable on June 15 and December 15 of each year. We paid \$2.2 million in interest on our 0.875% convertible notes during the first quarter of fiscal 2009.

The indentures governing our outstanding convertible notes do not contain any financial covenants. The indentures provide for customary events of default, including payment defaults, breaches of covenants, failure to pay certain judgments and certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency and reorganization. If an event of default occurs and is continuing, the principal amount of the notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, may be declared immediately due and payable. These amounts automatically become due and payable if an event of default relating to certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occurs.

The following table reflects (in thousands) the balance of interest payable and the change in this balance from the end of fiscal 2008 through the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2009:

| | October 31, 2008 | January 31, 2009 | Increase (decrease) |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Accrued interest payable | \$ 1,683 | \$ 765 | \$ (918) |

Deferred revenue

Deferred revenue decreased by \$2.5 million during the first quarter of fiscal 2009. Product deferred revenue represents payments received in advance of shipment and payments received in advance of our ability to recognize revenue. Services deferred revenue is related to payment for service contracts that will be recognized over the contract term. The following table reflects (in thousands) the balance of deferred revenue and the change in this balance from the end of fiscal 2008 through the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2009:

| | October 31, 2008 | January 31, 2009 | Increase (decrease) |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|

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| | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Products | \$ 13,061 | \$ 13,517 | \$ 456 |
| Services | 61,366 | 58,377 | (2,989) |
| Total deferred revenue | \$ 74,427 | \$ 71,894 | \$ (2,533) |

Investing Activities

During the first quarter of fiscal 2009, we had net purchases of approximately \$8.7 million of available for sale securities. Investing activities also included the purchase of approximately \$6.1 million in equipment. At the end of first quarter of fiscal 2009, we had outstanding accounts payable for equipment of \$0.6 million, which represents a reduction of \$1.7 million from the end of fiscal 2008.

Contractual Obligations

During the first three months of fiscal 2009, we did not experience material changes, outside of the ordinary course of business, in our contractual obligations from those reported in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2008. The following is a summary of our future minimum payments under contractual obligations as of January 31, 2009 (in thousands):

| | Total | Less than one year | One to three years | Three to five years | Thereafter |
|---|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Interest due on convertible notes | \$ 40,540 | \$ 5,120 | \$ 10,240 | \$ 9,868 | \$ 15,312 |
| Principal due at maturity on convertible notes | 798,000 | | | 298,000 | 500,000 |
| Operating leases (1) | 61,742 | 13,946 | 22,511 | 14,357 | 10,928 |
| Purchase obligations (2) | 50,429 | 50,429 | | | |
| Total (3) | \$ 950,711 | \$ 69,495 | \$ 32,751 | \$ 322,225 | \$ 526,240 |

(1) The amount for operating leases above does not include insurance, taxes, maintenance and other costs required by the applicable operating lease. These costs are variable and are not expected to have a material impact.

(2) Purchase obligations relate to purchase order commitments to our contract manufacturers and component suppliers for inventory. In certain instances, we are permitted to cancel, reschedule or adjust these orders.

Consequently, only a portion of the amount reported above relates to firm, non-cancelable and unconditional obligations.

- (3) As of January 31, 2009, we also had
- (i) approximately \$5.5 million of other long-term obligations in our condensed consolidated balance sheet for unrecognized tax positions that are not included in this table because the periods of cash settlement with the respective tax authority cannot be reasonably estimated; and
 - (ii) approximately \$2.1 million in accrued liabilities related to foreign currency forward contracts, reflecting the net loss of the effective portion of these instruments.

Some of our commercial commitments, including some of the future minimum payments set forth above, are secured by standby letters of credit. The following is a summary of our commercial commitments secured by standby letters of credit by commitment expiration date as of January 31, 2009 (in thousands):

| | Total | Less than one year | One to three years | Three to five years | Thereafter |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Standby letters of credit | \$ 19,263 | \$ 14,845 | \$ 3,360 | \$ 895 | \$ 163 |

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not engage in any off-balance sheet financing arrangements. In particular, we do not have any equity interests in so-called limited purpose entities, which include special purpose entities (SPEs) and structured finance

entities.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements requires that we make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expense, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. By their nature, these estimates and judgments are subject to an inherent degree of uncertainty. On an ongoing basis, we reevaluate our estimates, including those related to bad debts, inventories, investments, intangible assets, goodwill, income taxes, warranty obligations, restructuring, derivatives and hedging, and contingencies and litigation. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Among other things, these estimates form the basis for judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. To the extent that there are material differences between our estimates and actual results, our consolidated financial statements will be affected.

We believe that the following critical accounting policies reflect those areas where significant judgments and estimates are used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenue in accordance with SAB No. 104, Revenue Recognition, which states that revenue is realized or realizable and earned when all of the following criteria are met: persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; delivery has occurred or services have been rendered; the price to the buyer is fixed or determinable; and collectibility is reasonably assured. Customer purchase agreements and customer purchase orders are generally used to determine the existence of an arrangement. Shipping documents and customer acceptance, when applicable, are used to verify delivery.

We assess whether the price is fixed or determinable based on the payment terms associated with the transaction and whether the sales price is subject to refund or adjustment. We assess collectibility based primarily on the creditworthiness of the customer as determined by credit checks and analysis, as well as the customer's payment history. In instances where final acceptance of the product, system, or solution is specified by the customer, revenue is deferred until all acceptance criteria have been met. Revenue for maintenance services is generally deferred and recognized ratably over the period during which the services are to be performed.

Some of our communications networking equipment is integrated with software that is essential to the functionality of the equipment. Accordingly, we account for revenue from such equipment in accordance with SOP No. 97-2,

Software Revenue Recognition, and all related interpretations. SOP 97-2 incorporates additional guidance unique to software arrangements incorporated with general accounting guidance, such as, revenue is recognized when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred, the fee is fixed or determinable, and collectibility is probable. In instances where final acceptance of the product is specified by the customer, revenue is deferred until all acceptance criteria have been met.

Arrangements with customers may include multiple deliverables, including any combination of equipment, services and software. If multiple element arrangements include software or software-related elements that are essential to the equipment, we apply the provisions of SOP 97-2 to determine the amount of the arrangement fee to be allocated to those separate units of accounting. Multiple element arrangements that include software are separated into more than one unit of accounting if the functionality of the delivered element(s) is not dependent on the undelivered element(s), there is vendor-specific objective evidence of the fair value of the undelivered element(s), and general revenue recognition criteria related to the delivered element(s) have been met. The amount of product and services revenue recognized is affected by our judgments as to whether an arrangement includes multiple elements and, if so, whether vendor-specific objective evidence of fair value exists. Changes to the elements in an arrangement and our ability to establish vendor-specific objective evidence for those elements could affect the timing of revenue recognition. For all other deliverables, we apply the provisions of EITF 00-21, Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables. EITF 00-21 allows for separation of elements into more than one unit of accounting if the delivered element(s) have value to the customer on a stand-alone basis, objective and reliable evidence of fair value exists for the undelivered element(s), and delivery of the undelivered element(s) is probable and substantially within our control. Revenue is allocated to each unit of accounting based on the relative fair value of each accounting unit or using the residual method if objective evidence of fair value does not exist for the delivered element(s). The revenue recognition criteria described above are applied to each separate unit of accounting. If these criteria are not met, revenue is deferred until the criteria are met or the last element has been delivered.

Our total deferred revenue for products was \$13.1 million and \$13.5 million as of October 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009, respectively. Our services revenue is deferred and recognized ratably over the period during which the services are to be performed. Our total deferred revenue for services was \$61.4 million and \$58.4 million as of October 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009, respectively.

Share-Based Compensation

We recognize share-based compensation expense in accordance with SFAS 123(R), Share-Based Payments, as interpreted by SAB 107. SFAS 123(R) requires the measurement and recognition of compensation expense for share-based awards based on estimated fair values on the date of grant. We estimate the fair value of each option-based award on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. This option pricing model requires that we make several estimates, including the option's expected term and the price volatility of the underlying stock. The expected term of employee stock options represents the weighted-average period the stock options are expected to remain outstanding. As prescribed by SAB 107, we gather detailed historical information about specific exercise behavior of our grantees, which we used to determine expected term. We considered the implied volatility and historical volatility of our stock price in determining our expected volatility, and, finding both to be equally reliable, determined that a combination of both measures would result in the best estimate of expected volatility. We recognize the estimated fair value of option-based awards, net of estimated forfeitures, as share-based compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period.

We estimate the fair value of our restricted stock unit awards based on the fair value of our common stock on the date of grant. Our outstanding restricted stock unit awards are subject to service-based vesting conditions and/or performance-based vesting conditions. We recognize the estimated fair value of service-based awards, net of estimated forfeitures, as share-based expense ratably over the vesting period on a straight-line basis. Awards with performance-based vesting conditions require the achievement of certain financial or other performance criteria or targets as a condition to the vesting, or acceleration of vesting. We recognize the estimated fair value of performance-based awards, net of estimated forfeitures, as share-based expense over the performance period, using graded vesting, which considers each performance period or tranche separately, based upon our determination of whether it is probable that the performance targets will be achieved. At each reporting period, we reassess the probability of achieving the performance targets and the performance period required to meet those targets.

Determining whether the performance targets will be achieved involves judgment, and the estimate of expense may be revised periodically based on changes in the probability of achieving the performance targets. Revisions are reflected in the period in which the estimate is changed. If any performance goals are not met, no compensation cost is ultimately recognized against that goal, and, to the extent previously recognized, compensation cost is reversed.

Because share-based compensation expense is based on awards that are ultimately expected to vest, the amount of expense takes into account estimated forfeitures. SFAS 123(R) requires forfeitures to be estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates. Changes in these estimates and assumptions can materially affect the measure of estimated fair value of our share-based compensation. See Note 15 to our Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 1 of Part I of this report for information regarding our assumptions related to share-based compensation and the amount of share-based compensation expense we incurred for the periods covered in this report. As of January 31, 2009, total unrecognized compensation expense was: (i) \$19.4 million, which relates to unvested stock options and is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.3 years; and (ii) \$57.6 million, which relates to unvested restricted stock units and is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.5 years.

We recognize windfall tax benefits associated with the exercise of stock options or release of restricted stock units directly to stockholders' equity only when realized. A windfall tax benefit occurs when the actual tax benefit realized by us upon an employee's disposition of a share-based award exceeds the deferred tax asset, if any, associated with the award that we had recorded. When assessing whether a tax benefit relating to share-based compensation has been realized, we follow the tax law's with-and-without method. Under the with-and-without method, the windfall is considered realized and recognized for financial statement purposes only when an incremental benefit is provided after considering all other tax benefits including our net operating losses. The with-and-without method results in the windfall from share-based compensation awards always being effectively the last tax benefit to be considered. Consequently, the windfall attributable to share-based compensation will not be considered realized in instances where our net operating loss carryover (that is unrelated to windfalls) is sufficient to offset the current year's taxable income before considering the effects of current-year windfalls.

Reserve for Inventory Obsolescence

We make estimates about future customer demand for our products when establishing the appropriate reserve for excess and obsolete inventory. We write down inventory that has become obsolete or unmarketable by an amount equal to the difference between the cost of inventory and the estimated market value based on assumptions about future demand and market conditions. Inventory write downs are a component of our product cost of goods sold. Upon recognition of the write down, a new lower cost basis for that inventory is established, and subsequent changes in facts and circumstances do not result in the restoration or increase in that newly established cost basis. We recorded charges for excess and obsolete inventory of \$5.8 million and \$6.5 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2008 and 2009, respectively. These charges were primarily related to excess inventory due to a change in forecasted product sales. In an effort to limit our exposure to delivery delays and to satisfy customer needs we purchase inventory based on forecasted sales across our product lines. In addition, part of our research and development strategy is to promote the convergence of similar features and functionalities across our product lines. Each of these practices exposes us to the risk that our customers will not order products for which we have forecasted sales, or will purchase less than we have forecasted. Historically, we have experienced write downs due to changes in strategic direction, discontinuance of a product and declines in market conditions. If actual market conditions worsen or differ from those we have assumed, if there is a sudden and significant decrease in demand for our products, or if there is a higher incidence of inventory obsolescence due to a rapid change in technology, we may be required to take additional inventory write-downs, and our gross margin could be adversely affected. Our inventory net of allowance for excess and obsolescence was \$93.5 million and \$91.3 as of October 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009, respectively.

Restructuring

As part of our restructuring costs, we provide for the estimated cost of the net lease expense for facilities that are no longer being used. The provision is equal to the fair value of the minimum future lease payments under our contracted lease obligations, offset by the fair value of the estimated sublease payments that we may receive. As of January 31, 2009, our accrued restructuring liability related to net lease expense and other related charges was

\$3.0 million. The total minimum lease payments for these restructured facilities are \$12.7 million. These lease payments will be made over the remaining lives of our leases, which range from sixteen months to ten years. If actual market conditions are different than those we have projected, we will be required to recognize additional restructuring costs or benefits associated with these facilities.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Our allowance for doubtful accounts is based on management's assessment, on a specific identification basis, of the collectibility of customer accounts. We perform ongoing credit evaluations of our customers and generally have not required collateral or other forms of security from customers. In determining the appropriate balance for our allowance for doubtful accounts, management considers each individual customer account receivable in order to determine collectibility. In doing so, we consider creditworthiness, payment history, account activity and communication with such customer. If a customer's financial condition changes, or if actual defaults are higher than our historical experience, we may be required to take a charge for an allowance for doubtful accounts which could have an adverse impact on our results of operations. Our accounts receivable net of allowance for doubtful accounts was \$138.4 million and \$130.5 million as of October 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009, respectively. Our allowance for doubtful accounts as of October 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009 was \$0.1 million.

Goodwill

As of October 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009, our consolidated balance sheet included \$455.7 million in goodwill. Goodwill represents the excess purchase price over amounts assigned to tangible or identifiable intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed from our acquisitions. In accordance with SFAS 142, we test our goodwill for impairment on an annual basis, which we have determined to be the last business day of fiscal September each year. We also test our goodwill for impairment between annual tests if an event occurs or circumstances change that would, more likely than not, reduce the fair value of the reporting unit below its carrying value. SFAS 142 requires a two-step method for determining goodwill impairment. Step one is to compare the fair value of the reporting unit with the unit's carrying amount, including goodwill. If this test indicates that the fair value is less than the carrying value, then step two is required to compare the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill with the carrying amount of the reporting unit's goodwill. A non-cash goodwill impairment charge would have the effect of decreasing our earnings or increasing our losses in such period. If we are required to take a substantial impairment charge, our operating results would be materially adversely affected in such period.

We determine the fair value of our single reporting unit to be equal to our market capitalization plus a control premium. Market capitalization is determined by multiplying the shares outstanding on the assessment date by the average market price of our common stock over a 10-day period before and a 10-day period after each assessment date. We use this 20-day duration to consider inherent market fluctuations that may affect any individual closing price. We believe that our market capitalization alone does not fully capture the fair value of our business as a whole, or the substantial value that an acquirer would obtain from its ability to obtain control of our business. As such, in determining fair value, we add a control premium which seeks to give effect to the increased consideration a potential acquirer would be required to pay in order to gain sufficient ownership to set policies, direct operations and make decisions related to our company to our market capitalization.

Fiscal 2008 Annual Assessment

As part of our annual goodwill impairment test, we performed the step one fair value comparison as of September 27, 2008. Our market capitalization was \$886 million and our carrying value, including goodwill, was \$995 million. We applied a 25% control premium to market capitalization to determine a fair value of \$1.1 billion. Consequently, no goodwill impairment was recorded. We believe that including a control premium at this level is supported by recent merger and acquisition transaction data in our industry. But for the inclusion of a control premium of approximately 12% for fiscal 2008, our carrying value would have exceeded fair value, requiring a step two analysis which may have resulted in an impairment of goodwill.

Our stock price and control premium were significant factors in assessing our fair value for purposes of our fiscal 2008 goodwill impairment assessment. Our stock price can be affected by, among other things, changes in industry or market conditions, changes in our results of operations, and changes in our forecasts or market expectations relating to future results. Significant turmoil in the financial markets and weakness in macroeconomic conditions globally during late fiscal 2008 contributed to a significant decline in our stock price. Our stock price fluctuated from a high of \$20.10 to a low of \$6.60 during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008. On numerous occasions during the fourth quarter, our stock price was high enough that our market capitalization exceeded our carrying value without giving effect to a control premium.

First Quarter of Fiscal 2009

We determined in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 that there were no events or changes in circumstances since the end of fiscal 2008 requiring an interim impairment test. Our stock price has fluctuated from a high of \$20.10 to a low of \$5.07 during our last two completed fiscal quarters. The current macroeconomic environment continues to be challenging and we cannot be certain of the duration of these conditions and their potential impact on our stock price performance. If the reduced level of our stock price persists and our market capitalization remains below our carrying value for a sustained period, it is reasonably likely that a goodwill impairment assessment prior to the next annual review in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009 would be necessary and a material impairment of goodwill may be recorded.

Long-lived Assets (excluding goodwill)

Our long-lived assets, excluding goodwill, include: equipment, furniture and fixtures; finite-lived intangible assets; and maintenance spares. As of October 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009 these assets totaled \$182.3 million and \$177.2 million, net, respectively. We account for the impairment or disposal of these long-lived assets in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 144. In accordance with SFAS 144, we test long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the assets' carrying amount is not recoverable from its undiscounted cash flows. Valuation of our long-lived assets requires us to make assumptions about future sales prices and sales volumes for our products that involve new technologies and uncertainties around customer acceptance of new products. These and other assumptions are used to forecast future, undiscounted cash flows. Our long-lived assets are part of a single reporting unit which represents the lowest level for which we identify cash flows.

Due to effects on our business of worsening macroeconomic conditions, further exacerbated by significant disruptions in the financial and credit markets globally, we have experienced order delays, lengthening sales cycles and slowing deployments resulting in lower demand. As a result of these conditions, we performed an impairment analysis of all our long-lived assets during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008. Based on our estimate of future, undiscounted cash flows as of October 31, 2008, no impairment was required. We determined in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 that there were no events or changes in circumstances since the end of fiscal 2008 requiring an impairment analysis. If actual market conditions differ or our forecasts change, we may be required to record a non-cash impairment charge related to long-lived assets in future periods. Such charges would have the effect of decreasing our earnings or increasing our losses in such period.

Investments

We have an investment portfolio comprised of marketable debt securities including corporate bonds, asset-backed obligations, U.S. government obligations and certificates of deposit. The value of these securities is subject to market volatility for the period we hold these investments and until their sale or maturity. We recognize losses when we determine that declines in the fair value of our investments, below their cost basis, are other-than-temporary. In determining whether a decline in fair value is other-than-temporary, we consider various factors including market price (when available), investment ratings, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the investee, the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than our cost basis, and our intent and ability to hold the investment until maturity or for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in market value. We make significant judgments in considering these factors. If we judge that a decline in fair value is other-than-temporary, the investment is valued at the current fair value, and we would incur a loss equal to the decline, which could materially adversely affect our profitability and results of operations.

As of January 31, 2009, we held a minority investment of \$5.7 million in a privately held technology company that is reported in other assets. This investment is carried at cost because we own less than 20% of the voting equity and do not have the ability to exercise significant influence over any of the company. The market for technologies or products manufactured by this company is in the early stage and markets may never materialize or become significant. This investment is inherently high risk and we could lose our entire investment. We monitor this investment for impairment and make appropriate reductions in carrying value when necessary. If market conditions, the expected financial performance, or the competitive position of this company deteriorates, we may be required to record a non-cash charge in future periods due to an impairment of the value of our investment.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2009, we recorded a loss of \$0.6 million related to a decline in value, determined to be other-than temporary, associated with one of our investments in a privately held technology company. The privately held company was purchased by a publicly traded entity; the investment is now recorded as a trading security.

Deferred Tax Valuation Allowance

As of January 31, 2009, we have recorded a valuation allowance fully offsetting our net deferred tax assets of \$1.2 billion. We calculated the valuation allowance in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 109, Accounting for Income Taxes, which requires an assessment of both positive and negative evidence regarding the realizability of these deferred tax assets, when measuring the need for a valuation allowance. We record a valuation allowance to reduce our deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. In determining net deferred tax

assets and valuation allowances, management is required to make judgments and estimates related to projections of profitability, the timing and extent of the utilization of net operating loss carryforwards, applicable tax rates, transfer pricing methodologies and tax planning strategies. The valuation allowance is reviewed quarterly and is maintained until sufficient positive evidence exists to support its reversal.

Due to our recent quarterly losses, the uncertain macroeconomic environment, and limited visibility into our future results, management does not believe such sufficient positive evidence exists as of January 31, 2009 and determined to maintain a full valuation allowance. We will release this valuation allowance when management determines that it is more likely than not that our deferred tax assets will be realized. Any release of valuation allowance may be recorded as a tax benefit increasing net income, an adjustment to acquisition intangibles, or an adjustment to paid-in capital, based on tax ordering requirements.

Warranty

Our liability for product warranties, included in other accrued liabilities, was \$37.3 million and \$36.1 million as of October 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009, respectively. Our products are generally covered by a warranty for periods ranging from one to five years. We accrue for warranty costs as part of our cost of goods sold based on associated material costs, technical support labor costs, and associated overhead. Material cost is estimated based primarily upon historical trends in the volume of product returns within the warranty period and the cost to repair or replace the equipment. Technical support labor cost is estimated based primarily upon historical trends and the cost to support the customer cases within the warranty period. The provision for product warranties was \$2.9 million and \$2.5 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2008 and 2009, respectively. The provision for warranty claims may fluctuate on a quarterly basis depending upon the mix of products and customers in that period. If actual product failure rates, material replacement costs, service or labor costs differ from our estimates, revisions to the estimated warranty provision would be required. An increase in warranty claims or the related costs associated with satisfying these warranty obligations could increase our cost of sales and negatively affect our gross margin.

Uncertain Tax Positions

Effective at the beginning of the first quarter of 2008, we adopted FIN 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes—an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109, which changes accounting for income taxes. FIN 48 contains a two-step approach to recognizing and measuring uncertain tax positions accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. The first step is to evaluate the tax position for recognition by determining if the weight of available evidence indicates that it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation processes, if any. The second step is to measure the tax benefit as the largest amount that is more than 50% likely of being realized upon settlement. Significant judgment is required in evaluating our uncertain tax positions and determining our provision for income taxes. Although we believe our reserves are reasonable, no assurance can be given that the final tax outcome of these matters will not be different from that which is reflected in our historical income tax provisions and accruals. We adjust these reserves in light of changing facts and circumstances, such as the closing of a tax audit or the refinement of an estimate. To the extent that the final tax outcome of these matters is different than the amounts recorded, such differences will affect the provision for income taxes in the period in which such determination is made. The provision for income taxes includes the effect of reserve provisions and changes to reserves that are considered appropriate, as well as the related net interest.

Loss Contingencies

We are subject to the possibility of various losses arising in the ordinary course of business. These may relate to disputes, litigation and other legal actions. We consider the likelihood of loss or the incurrence of a liability, as well as our ability to reasonably estimate the amount of loss, in determining loss contingencies. A loss is accrued when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. We regularly evaluate current information available to us to determine whether any accruals should be adjusted and whether new accruals are required.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The following discussion about our market risk disclosures involves forward-looking statements. Actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. We are exposed to market risk related to changes in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates.

Interest Rate Sensitivity. We maintain a short-term and long-term investment portfolio. See Notes 5 and 6 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 1 of Part I of this report for information relating to these investments and their fair value. These available-for-sale securities are subject to interest rate risk and will fall in value if market interest rates increase. If market interest rates were to increase immediately and uniformly by 10%

from levels at January 31, 2009, the fair value of the portfolio would decline by approximately \$24.8 million.

Foreign Currency Exchange Risk. As a global concern, we face exposure to adverse movements in foreign currency exchange rates. Because our sales are primarily denominated in U.S. dollars, the impact of foreign currency fluctuations on revenue has not been material. Our primary exposures to foreign currency exchange risk are related to non-U.S. dollar denominated operating expense in Canadian Dollars (CAD), British Pounds (GBP), Euros (EUR) and Indian Rupees (INR). During the first quarter of fiscal 2009, approximately 79.6% of our operating expense was U.S. dollar denominated.

To reduce variability in non-U.S. dollar denominated operating expenses, during the first quarter of fiscal 2009, we entered into foreign currency forward contracts. We use these derivatives to partially offset our market exposure to fluctuations in certain foreign currencies. We do not enter into derivatives for speculative or trading purposes. These derivatives are designated as cash flow hedges and have maturities of less than one year. The effective portion of the derivative's gain or loss is initially reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) and, upon occurrence of the forecasted transaction, is subsequently reclassified into the operating expense line item to which the hedged transaction relates. We record the ineffectiveness of the hedging instruments in interest and other income, net on our condensed consolidated statements of operations. For the first quarter of fiscal 2009, we recorded a loss of \$2.1 million associated with these derivatives, all of which was reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

Foreign currency fluctuations, net of hedging, decreased total research and development, sales and marketing, and general and administrative expenses by approximately \$3.1 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2009, compared with the corresponding period of fiscal 2008. These programs are not designed to provide foreign currency protection over the long-term. In designing a specific approach, we consider several factors, including offsetting exposures, significance of exposures, costs associated with entering into a particular instrument, and potential effectiveness.

Our foreign currency forward contracts are summarized as follows (in thousands):

| | Total | Expected maturity or transaction date | | | Thereafter | Fair Value |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
| | | Less than one year | One to three years | Three to five years | | |
| USD Functional Currency: | | | | | | |
| Receive EUR / Pay USD | | | | | | |
| Notional amount | \$ 32,228 | \$ 32,228 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ (2,638) |
| Weighted avg. contract exchange rate | 1.3924 | | | | | |
| Receive INR / Pay USD | | | | | | |
| Notional amount | \$ 12,080 | \$ 12,080 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ (374) |
| Weighted avg. contract exchange rate | 0.0206 | | | | | |
| Receive CAD / Pay USD | | | | | | |
| Notional amount | \$ 11,684 | \$ 11,684 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ (161) |
| Weighted avg. contract exchange rate | 0.8247 | | | | | |
| EUR Functional Currency: | | | | | | |
| Receive GBP / Pay EUR | | | | | | |
| Notional amount | 18,622 | 18,622 | | | | \$ 1,083(1) |
| Weighted avg. contract exchange rate | 1.0809 | | | | | |
| Total fair value | | | | | | \$ (2,090) |

- (1) Fair value
translated at
exchange rates
in effect as of
the balance
sheet date.

As of January 31, 2009, our assets and liabilities related to non-dollar denominated currencies were primarily related to intercompany payables and receivables. We do not enter into foreign exchange forward or option contracts for trading purposes.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this report, Ciena carried out an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of Ciena's management, including Ciena's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of Ciena's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended). Based upon this evaluation, Ciena's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that Ciena's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There was no change in Ciena's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) during the most recently completed fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, Ciena's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

On November 7, 2008, JDS Uniphase Corp. (JDSU) filed a complaint with the United States International Trade Commission (ITC) against Ciena and several other respondents, alleging infringement of two patents (U.S. Patent Nos. 6,658,035 and 6,687,278) relating to tunable laser chip technology. The complaint, which names Ciena as a company whose products incorporate the accused technology manufactured by certain other respondents and which technology is imported into the United States, seeks a determination and relief under Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930. On December 17, 2008, Ciena and certain other respondents entered into a Settlement Agreement and Agreement to be Bound with JDSU, whereby those respondents agreed, in exchange for dismissal from the investigation, to be bound by any exclusion order issued by the ITC in the investigation in favor of JDSU that takes effect against one or more of the non-settling respondents. Ciena was not required to make any payment in connection with this settlement agreement. Based on that agreement, JDSU contemporaneously filed a motion to terminate the investigation with respect to Ciena and certain other respondents. Based on the ITC staff's initial response to that motion, the parties entered into an amended settlement agreement and, on January 8, 2009, JDSU filed an amended motion to terminate. On February 3, 2009, the ITC judge issued an order granting JDSU's amended motion to terminate, which order was affirmed by the full commission on February 27, 2009. Accordingly, the ITC investigation has been terminated with respect to Ciena.

On May 29, 2008, Graywire, LLC filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia against Ciena and four other defendants, alleging, among other things, that certain of the parties' products infringe U.S. Patent 6,542,673, relating to an identifier system and components for optical assemblies. The complaint, which seeks injunctive relief and damages, was served upon Ciena on January 20, 2009. The time for Ciena to file an answer has been extended to March 11, 2009. We believe that we have valid defenses to the lawsuit and intend to defend it vigorously.

As a result of our June 2002 merger with ONI Systems Corp., we became a defendant in a securities class action lawsuit filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York in August 2001. The complaint named ONI, certain former ONI officers, and certain underwriters of ONI's initial public offering (IPO) as defendants, and alleges, among other things, that the underwriter defendants violated the securities laws by failing to disclose alleged compensation arrangements in ONI's registration statement and by engaging in manipulative practices to artificially inflate ONI's stock price after the IPO. The complaint also alleges that ONI and the named former officers violated the securities laws by failing to disclose the underwriters' alleged compensation arrangements and manipulative practices. The former ONI officers have been dismissed from the action without prejudice. Similar complaints have been filed against more than 300 other issuers that have had initial public offerings since 1998, and all of these actions have been included in a single coordinated proceeding. A description of this litigation and the history of the proceedings can be found in Item 3. Legal Proceedings of Part I of Ciena's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 23, 2008. No specific amount of damages has been claimed in this action. Due to the inherent uncertainties of litigation, the ultimate outcome of the matter is uncertain.

In addition to the matters described above, we are subject to various legal proceedings, claims and litigation arising in the ordinary course of business. We do not expect that the ultimate costs to resolve these matters will have a material effect on our results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. In addition to the other information contained in this report, you should consider the following risk factors before investing in our securities.

Our business and operating results could be adversely affected by unfavorable macroeconomic and industry conditions.

We have achieved considerable annual revenue growth over the last few fiscal years, in part due to favorable conditions in our markets. During the second half of 2008, however, our business began to experience the effects of worsening macroeconomic conditions, further exacerbated by certain customer-specific challenges and significant disruptions in the financial and credit markets globally. Many companies, including some of our largest communications service provider customers, have slowed spending and indicated an intention to reduce their overall capital expenditures. We have experienced order delays, lengthening sales cycles and slowing deployments, resulting in lower demand across our customer base in all geographies. As a result, our revenue, earnings and cash from operations have been negatively affected in recent quarters. Continued weakness in our industry or the broader economy may cause our customers to delay or cancel network infrastructure projects.

Economic weakness, customer financial difficulties and constrained spending on communications networks have previously resulted in sustained periods of decreased demand for our products and services that have adversely affected our operating results. Challenging economic and market conditions may also result in:

- difficulty forecasting, budgeting and planning due to limited visibility into the spending plans of current or prospective customers;

- increased competition for fewer network projects and sales opportunities;

- pricing pressure that may adversely affect revenue and gross margin;

- higher overhead costs as a percentage of revenue;

- increased risk of charges relating to excess and obsolete inventories and the write off of goodwill and other intangible assets; and

- customer financial difficulty and increased risk of doubtful accounts receivable.

We are uncertain as to how long current unfavorable macroeconomic and industry conditions will persist and the magnitude of their effects on our business and results of operations. If these conditions persist or further weaken, our business and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

A small number of communications service providers account for a significant portion of our revenue, and the loss of any of these customers, or a significant reduction in their spending, would have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

A significant portion of our revenue is concentrated among a relatively small number of communications service providers. Five customers accounted for greater than 60% of our revenue in each of fiscal 2007 and 2008. Consequently, our financial results are closely correlated with the spending of a relatively small number of communications service providers. Because their spending may be unpredictable and sporadic, our revenue and operating results can fluctuate on a quarterly basis. Reliance upon a relatively small number of customers increases our exposure to changes in their markets, capital expenditure budgets and network strategy. Our business and financial results are closely tied to the prospects, performance, and financial condition of our largest customers, and market-wide changes, including reductions in enterprise and consumer spending, affecting communications service providers. We have recently seen our customers, including our large service provider customers, take a more cautious approach to their capital spending. The loss of one or more large service providers as customers, or significant reductions or delays in their spending, would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Our concentration in revenue has increased in recent years, in part, as a result of consolidations among a number of our largest customers. Consolidations may increase the likelihood of temporary or indefinite reductions in customer spending or changes in network strategy that could harm our business and operating results.

Our revenue and operating results can fluctuate unpredictably from quarter to quarter.

Our revenue and results of operations can fluctuate unpredictably from quarter to quarter. Our budgeted expense levels depend in part on our expectations of long-term future revenue and gross margin and substantial reductions in expense are difficult and can take time to implement. Uncertainty or lack of visibility into customer spending, and

changes in economic or market conditions, can make it difficult to prepare reliable estimates of future revenue and corresponding expense levels. Consequently, our level of operating expense or inventory may be high relative to our revenue, which could harm our ability to achieve or maintain profitability. Additional factors that contribute to fluctuations in our revenue and operating results include:

economic and market conditions affecting us and our customers;

changes in capital spending by large communications service providers;

the timing and size of orders, including our ability to recognize revenue under customer contracts; and

variations in the mix between higher and lower margin products and services and the level of pricing pressure we encounter.

Many factors affecting our results of operations are beyond our control, particularly in the case of large service provider orders and multi-vendor or multi-technology network infrastructure builds where the achievement of certain thresholds for acceptance is subject to the readiness and performance of the customer or other providers, and changes in customer requirements or installation plans. As a consequence, our results for a particular quarter may be difficult to predict, and our prior results are not necessarily indicative of results likely in future periods. The factors above may cause our operating results to fall below the expectations of securities analysts or investors, which may cause our stock price to decline.

We may be required to write down goodwill and long-lived assets and these impairment charges would adversely affect our operating results.

As of January 31, 2009, we had \$455.7 million of goodwill on our balance sheet. This amount primarily represents the remaining excess of the total purchase price of our acquisitions over the fair value of the net assets acquired. At January 31, 2009, we also had \$177.2 million in long-lived assets, which includes \$84.2 million of other intangible assets on our balance sheet. Given the current economic environment, uncertainties regarding the duration of these conditions and their potential impact on our business, an interim impairment review may be triggered for goodwill and long-lived assets during fiscal 2009. Our stock price, which declined considerably during late fiscal 2008, is a significant factor in assessing our fair value for purposes of the goodwill impairment assessment. If the reduction in our stock price persists and our market capitalization remains below our carrying value for a sustained period, it is reasonably likely that a goodwill impairment assessment prior to the next annual review in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009 would be necessary and an impairment of goodwill may be determined. Valuation of our long-lived assets requires us to make assumptions about future sales prices and sales volumes for our products. These and other assumptions are used to forecast future, undiscounted cash flows. If actual market conditions differ or our forecasts change, we may be required to assess long-lived assets and could record an impairment charge. If we are required to record an impairment charge relating to goodwill or long-lived assets, such charges would have the effect of decreasing our earnings or increasing our losses in such period. If we are required to take a substantial impairment charge, our operating results could be materially adversely affected in such period.

We face intense competition that could hurt our sales and results of operations.

The markets in which we compete for sales of networking equipment, software and services are extremely competitive, particularly the market for sales to large communications service providers. This level of competition and pricing pressure that we face can be exacerbated during periods of macroeconomic weakness and constrained spending. Competition in our markets, generally, is based on any one or a combination of the following factors: price, product features and functionality, manufacturing capability and lead-times, incumbency and existing business relationships, scalability and the ability of products to meet the immediate and future network requirements of customers. A small number of very large companies have historically dominated our industry. These competitors have substantially greater financial, technical and marketing resources, greater manufacturing capacity, broader product offerings and more established relationships with service providers and other potential customers than we do. Consolidation activity among large networking equipment providers has caused some of our competitors to grow even larger, which may increase their strategic advantages and adversely affect our competitive position.

We also compete with a number of smaller companies that provide significant competition for a specific product, application, customer segment or geographic market. Due to the narrower focus of their efforts, these competitors may achieve commercial availability of their products more quickly or may be more attractive to customers.

Increased competition in our markets has resulted in aggressive business tactics, including:

significant price competition, particularly from competitors in Asia;

customer financing assistance;

early announcements of competing products and extensive marketing efforts;

competitors offering equity ownership positions to customers;

competitors offering to repurchase our equipment from existing customers;

marketing and advertising assistance; and

intellectual property assertions and disputes.

The tactics described above can be particularly effective in an increasingly concentrated base of potential customers such as communications service providers. If competitive pressures increase or we fail to compete successfully in our markets, our sales and profitability would suffer.

Our reliance upon third party manufacturers exposes us to risks that could negatively affect our business and operations.

We rely upon third party contract manufacturers to perform the majority of the manufacturing of our products and components. In recent years we have transitioned a significant portion of our product manufacturing to overseas suppliers in Asia, with much of the manufacturing taking place in China and Thailand. Some of our contract manufacturers ship our products directly to our customers. Our reliance upon these manufacturers could expose us to increased risks related to lead times, continued supply, on-time delivery, quality assurance and compliance with environmental standards and other regulations. Reliance upon third parties for manufacture of our products significantly exposes us to risks related to their business, financial position and continued viability, which may be adversely affected by broader negative macroeconomic conditions and difficulties in the credit markets. These conditions may disrupt their operations and ability to satisfy our manufacturing requirements. Disruptions to our business could also arise as a result of ineffective business continuity and disaster recovery plans by our manufacturers. We do not have contracts in place with some of our manufacturers and do not have guaranteed supply of components or manufacturing capacity. We could also experience difficulties as a result of geopolitical events in the countries where our products or components thereof are manufactured. During the first quarter of fiscal 2009, protests resulted in a blockade of Thailand's main international airport, which delayed product shipments from one of our key contract manufacturers. Significant disruptions or difficulties with our contract manufacturers could negatively affect our business and results of operations.

Difficulties with third party component suppliers, including sole and limited source suppliers, could increase our costs and harm our business and customer relationships.

We depend on third party suppliers for our product components and subsystems, as well as for equipment used to manufacture and test our products. Our products include key optical and electronic components for which reliable, high-volume supply is often available from sole or limited sources. We have previously encountered shortages in availability for important components that have affected our ability to deliver products in a timely manner. Our business would be negatively affected if our suppliers were to experience any significant disruption in their operations affecting the price, quality, availability or timely delivery of components. Current unfavorable economic conditions, including a lack of liquidity, may adversely affect the business of our suppliers or the terms on which we purchase components. We may be unable to secure the components or subsystems that we require in sufficient quantities or on reasonable terms. The loss of a source of supply, or lack of sufficient availability of key components, could require us to redesign products that use those components, which would increase our costs and negatively affect our product gross margin and results of operations. Difficulties with suppliers could also result in lost revenue, additional product costs and deployment delays that could harm our business and customer relationships.

Investment of research and development resources in technologies for which there is not a matching market opportunity, or failure to sufficiently or timely invest in technologies for which there is market demand, would adversely affect our revenue and profitability.

The market for communications networking equipment is characterized by rapidly evolving technologies and changes in market demand. We continually invest in research and development to enhance our existing products, create new products and develop or acquire new technologies. There is often a lengthy period between commencing these development initiatives and bringing the new or revised product to market, and, during this time, technology or the market may move in directions we had not anticipated. Even if we are able to anticipate market conditions and develop and introduce new products or enhancements, there is no guarantee that these products will achieve market acceptance or that the timing of market adoption will be as predicted. There is a significant possibility, therefore, that some of our development decisions, including our acquisitions or investments in technologies, will not turn out as anticipated, and that our investment in some projects will be unprofitable. There is also a possibility that we may miss a market opportunity because we fail to invest, or invest too late, in a technology, product or enhancement that could have been highly profitable. Changes in market demand or investment priorities may also cause us to discontinue existing or planned development for new products or features, which can have a disruptive effect on our relationships

with customers. If we fail to make the right investments or fail to make them at the right time, our competitive position may suffer and our revenue and profitability could be harmed.

Network equipment sales to large communications service providers often involve lengthy sales cycles and protracted contract negotiations and may require us to assume terms or conditions that negatively affect our pricing, payment terms and the timing of revenue recognition.

Our future success will depend in large part on our ability to maintain and expand our sales to large communications service providers. These sales typically involve lengthy sales cycles, protracted and sometimes difficult contract negotiations, and extensive product testing and network certification. We are sometimes required to agree to contract terms or conditions that negatively affect pricing, payment terms and the timing of revenue recognition in order to consummate a sale. These terms may, in turn, negatively affect our revenue and results of operations and increase our susceptibility to quarterly fluctuations in our results. Service providers may ultimately insist upon terms and conditions that we deem too onerous or not in our best interest. Moreover, our purchase agreements generally do not require that a customer guarantee any minimum purchase level and customers often have the right to modify, delay, reduce or cancel previous orders. As a result, we may incur substantial expense and devote time and resources to potential relationships that never materialize or result in lower than anticipated sales.

Product performance problems could damage our business reputation and negatively affect our results of operations.

The development and production of equipment that addresses multi-service communications network traffic is complicated. Some of our products can be fully tested only when deployed in communications networks or with other equipment and therefore may contain undetected hardware or software errors at the time of release. As a result, product performance problems are often more acute for initial deployments of new products and product enhancements. Unanticipated problems can relate to the design, manufacturing, installation or integration of our products. If we experience significant performance, reliability or quality problems with our products, or our customers suffer significant repairs, network restoration, or delays relating to these problems, a number of negative effects on our business could result, including:

increased costs to address or remediate software or hardware defects;

payment of liquidated damages or claims for damages for performance failures or delays;

increased inventory obsolescence and warranty expense;

delays in collecting accounts receivable; and

cancellation or reduction in orders from customers.

Product performance problems could damage our business reputation and negatively affect our business and results of operations.

We may not be successful in selling our products into new markets and developing and managing new sales channels.

We continue to take steps to sell our products into new geographic markets and to a broader customer base, including other large communications service providers, enterprises, cable operators, wireless operators and federal, state and local governments. We have less experience in these markets and, in order to succeed in these markets, we believe we must develop and manage new sales channels and distribution arrangements. We expect these relationships to be an increasingly important part of our business. We may not be successful in reaching additional customer segments or expanding into new geographic regions and may be exposed to increased expense and business and financial risks associated with entering new markets and pursuing new customer segments. We may expend time, money and other resources on channel relationships that are ultimately unsuccessful. In addition, sales to federal, state and local governments require compliance with complex procurement regulations with which we have little experience. We may be unable to increase our sales to government contractors if we determine that we cannot comply with applicable regulations. Our failure to comply with regulations for existing contracts could result in civil, criminal or administrative proceedings involving fines and suspension, or exclusion from participation in federal government contracts. Failure to manage additional sales channels effectively would limit our ability to succeed in these new

markets and could adversely affect our ability to expand our customer base and grow our business.

We may experience delays in the development of our products that may negatively affect our competitive position and business.

Our products are based on complex technology, and we can experience unanticipated delays in developing, manufacturing or deploying them. Each step in the development life cycle of our products presents serious risks of failure, rework or delay, any one of which could affect the cost-effective and timely development of our products.

Intellectual property disputes, failure of critical design elements, and other execution risks may delay or even prevent the release of these products. Modification of research and development strategies and changes in allocation of resources could also be disruptive to our development efforts. If we do not develop and successfully introduce products in a timely manner, our competitive position may suffer and our business, financial condition and results of operations would be harmed.

We may be required to write off significant amounts of inventory as a result of our inventory purchase practices, the convergence of our product lines or unfavorable macroeconomic or industry conditions.

To avoid delays and meet customer demand for shorter delivery terms, we place orders with our contract manufacturers and suppliers to manufacture components and complete assemblies based on forecasts of customer demand. As a result, our inventory purchases expose us to the risk that our customers either will not order the products we have forecasted or will purchase fewer products than forecasted. Unfavorable market or industry conditions can limit visibility into customer spending plans and compound the difficulty of forecasting inventory at appropriate levels. Moreover, our customer purchase agreements generally do not guarantee any minimum purchase level, and customers often have the right to modify, reduce or cancel purchase quantities. As a result, we may purchase inventory in anticipation of sales that do not occur. Historically, our inventory write-offs have resulted from the circumstances above. As features and functionalities converge across our product lines, and we introduce new products, however, we face an additional risk that customers may forego purchases of one product we have inventoried in favor of another product with similar functionality. If we are required to write off or write down a significant amount of inventory, our results of operations for the period would be materially adversely affected.

Restructuring activities could disrupt our business and affect our results of operations.

We have previously taken and are in the process of implementing steps, including reductions in force, office closures, and internal reorganizations to reduce the size and cost of our operations and to better match our resources with market opportunities. We may take similar steps in the future. These changes could be disruptive to our business and may result in the recording of accounting charges, including inventory and technology-related write-offs, workforce reduction costs and charges relating to consolidation of excess facilities. Substantial charges resulting from any future restructuring activities could adversely affect our results of operations in the period in which we take such a charge.

Our failure to manage effectively our relationships with third party service partners could adversely impact our financial results and relationship with customers.

We rely on a number of third party service partners, both domestic and international, to complement our global service and support resources. We rely upon these partners for certain maintenance and support functions, as well as the installation of our equipment in some large network builds. These projects often include complex customization, installation and testing. In order to ensure the proper installation and maintenance of our products, we must identify, train and certify qualified service partners. Certification can be costly and time-consuming, and our partners often provide similar services for other companies, including our competitors. We may not be able to manage effectively our relationships with our service partners and cannot be certain that they will be able to deliver services in the manner or time required. If our service partners are unsuccessful in delivering services:

we may suffer delays in recognizing revenue;

our services revenue and gross margin may be adversely affected; and

our relationship with customers could suffer.

Difficulties with service partners could cause us to transition a larger share of deployment and other services from third parties to internal resources, thereby increasing our service overhead costs and negatively affecting our services gross margin and results of operations.

We may incur significant costs as a result of our efforts to protect and enforce our intellectual property rights or respond to claims of infringement from others.

Our business is dependent upon the successful protection of our proprietary technology and intellectual property. We are subject to the risk that unauthorized parties may attempt to access, copy or otherwise obtain and use our

proprietary technology, particularly as we expand our product development into India and increase our reliance upon contract manufacturers in Asia. These and other international operations could expose us to a lower level of intellectual property protection than in the United States. Monitoring unauthorized use of our technology is difficult, and we cannot be certain that the steps that we are taking will prevent or minimize the risks of unauthorized use. If competitors are able to use our technology, our ability to compete effectively could be harmed.

From time to time we have been subject to litigation and other third party intellectual property claims, primarily alleging patent infringement. We have also been subject to third party claims arising as a result of our indemnification obligations to customers or resellers that purchase our products or as a result of alleged infringement relating to third party components that we include in our products. The frequency of these assertions is increasing as patent holders, including entities that are not in our industry and that purchase patents as an investment, use infringement assertions as a competitive tactic or as a source of additional revenue. Intellectual property infringement claims can significantly divert the time and attention of our personnel and result in costly litigation. These claims can also require us to pay substantial damages or royalties, enter into costly license agreements or develop non-infringing technology. Accordingly, the costs associated with intellectual property infringement claims could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our international operations could expose us to additional risks and result in increased operating expense.

We market, sell and service our products globally. We have established offices around the world, including in North America, Europe, Latin America and the Asia Pacific region. We have also established a major development center in India and are increasingly reliant upon overseas suppliers, particularly in Asia, for sourcing of important components and manufacturing of our products. Our increasingly global operations may result in increased risk to our business and could give rise to unanticipated expense, difficulties or other effects that could adversely affect our financial results.

International operations are subject to inherent risks, including:

effects of changes in currency exchange rates;

greater difficulty in collecting accounts receivable and longer collection periods;

difficulties and costs of staffing and managing foreign operations;

the impact of economic conditions in countries outside the United States;

less protection for intellectual property rights in some countries;

adverse tax and customs consequences, particularly as related to transfer-pricing issues;

social, political and economic instability;

trade protection measures, export compliance, qualification to transact business and other regulatory requirements; and

natural disasters, epidemics and acts of war or terrorism.

We expect that our international activities will be dynamic in the near term, and we may enter new markets and withdraw from or reduce operations in others. These changes to our international operations may require significant management attention and result in additional expense. In some countries, our success will depend in part on our ability to form relationships with local partners. Our inability to identify appropriate partners or reach mutually satisfactory arrangements for international sales of our products could impact our ability to maintain or increase international market demand for our products.

Our use and reliance upon development resources in India may expose us to unanticipated costs or liabilities.

We have a significant development center in India and, in recent years, have increased headcount and development activity at this facility. There is no assurance that our reliance upon development resources in India will enable us to achieve meaningful cost reductions or greater resource efficiency. Further, our development efforts and other operations in India involve significant risks, including:

difficulty hiring and retaining appropriate engineering resources due to intense competition for such resources and resulting wage inflation;

the knowledge transfer related to our technology and resulting exposure to misappropriation of intellectual property or information that is proprietary to us, our customers and other third parties;

heightened exposure to changes in the economic, security and political conditions of India; and

fluctuations in currency exchange rates and tax compliance in India.

Difficulties resulting from the factors above and other risks related to our operations in India could expose us to increased expense, impair our development efforts, harm our competitive position and damage our reputation.

We may be exposed to unanticipated risks and additional obligations in connection with our resale of complementary products or technology of other companies.

We have entered into agreements with strategic partners that permit us to distribute their products or technology. We rely upon these relationships to add complementary products or technologies or to fulfill an element of our product portfolio. As part of our strategy to diversify our product portfolio and customer base, we may enter into additional original equipment manufacturer (OEM) or resale agreements in the future. We may incur unanticipated costs or difficulties relating to our resale of third party products. Our third party relationships could expose us to risks associated with delays in their development, manufacturing or delivery of products or technology. We may also be required by customers to assume warranty, indemnity, service and other commercial obligations greater than the commitments, if any, made to us by our technology partners. Some of our strategic partners are relatively small companies with limited financial resources. If they are unable to satisfy their obligations to us or our customers, we may have to expend our own resources to satisfy these obligations. Exposure to the risks above could harm our reputation with key customers and negatively affect our business and our results of operations.

Our exposure to the credit risks of our customers and resellers may make it difficult to collect receivables and could adversely affect our revenue and operating results.

In the course of our sales to customers, we may have difficulty collecting receivables and could be exposed to risks associated with uncollectible accounts. We may be exposed to similar risks relating to third party resellers and other sales channel partners. A continued lack of liquidity in the capital markets or a sustained period of unfavorable economic conditions may increase our exposure to credit risks. While we monitor these situations carefully and attempt to take appropriate measures to protect ourselves, it is possible that we may have to write down or write off doubtful accounts. Such write-downs or write-offs could negatively affect our operating results for the period in which they occur, and, if large, could have a material adverse effect on our revenue and operating results.

If we are unable to attract and retain qualified personnel, we may be unable to manage our business effectively.

Competition to attract and retain highly skilled technical and other personnel with experience in our industry is increasing in intensity, and our employees have been the subject of targeted hiring by our competitors. With respect to our engineering resources, we may find it particularly difficult to attract and retain sufficiently skilled personnel in areas including data networking, Ethernet service delivery and network management software engineering in certain geographic markets. We may experience difficulty retaining and motivating existing employees and attracting qualified personnel to fill key positions. Because we rely upon equity awards as a significant component of compensation, particularly for our executive team, a lack of positive performance in our stock price, reduced grant levels, or changes to our compensation program may adversely affect our ability to attract and retain key employees. In addition, none of our executive officers is bound by an employment agreement for any specific term. It may be difficult to replace members of our management team or other key personnel, and the loss of such individuals could be disruptive to our business. Because we generally do not have employment contracts with our employees, we must rely upon providing competitive compensation packages and a high-quality work environment in order to retain and motivate employees. If we are unable to attract and retain qualified personnel, we may be unable to manage our business effectively.

We may be adversely affected by fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

Because a significant portion of our sales is denominated in U.S. dollars, a further increase in the value of the dollar could increase the real cost to our customers of our products in markets outside the United States. In addition, we face exposure to currency exchange rates as a result of our non-U.S. dollar denominated operating expense in Europe, Asia and Canada. In recent years, our international operations and our reliance upon international suppliers have grown considerably. A weakened dollar could increase the cost of local operating expenses and procurement of raw materials where we must purchase components in foreign currencies. As a result, we may be susceptible to negative effects of foreign exchange changes. We have recently begun to hedge against currency exposure associated with anticipated foreign currency cash flows. These hedging activities are intended to offset currency fluctuations on a portion of our non-U.S. dollar denominated operating expense. There can be no assurance that these hedging instruments will be effective in all circumstances and losses associated with these instruments may negatively affect our results of operations.

Our products incorporate software and other technology under license from third parties and our business would be adversely affected if this technology was no longer available to us on commercially reasonable terms.

We integrate third-party software and other technology into our embedded operating system, network management system tools and other products. Licenses for this technology may not be available or continue to be available to us on commercially reasonable terms. Third party licensors may insist on unreasonable financial or other terms in connection with our use of such technology.

Difficulties with third party technology licensors could result in termination of such licenses, which may result in significant costs and require us to obtain or develop a substitute technology. Difficulty obtaining and maintaining third-party technology licenses may disrupt development of our products and increase our costs, which could harm our business.

Our business is dependent upon the proper functioning of our internal business processes and information systems and modifications may disrupt our business, operating processes and internal controls.

The successful operation of various internal business processes and information systems is critical to the efficient operation of our business. In recent years, we have experienced considerable growth in transaction volume, headcount and reliance upon international resources in our operations. Our business processes and information systems need to be sufficiently scalable to support growth of our business. To improve the efficiency of our operations and achieve greater automation, we routinely upgrade business processes and information systems. Significant changes to our processes and systems expose us to a number of operational risks. These changes may be costly and disruptive, and could impose substantial demands on management time. These changes may also require the modification of a number of internal control procedures. Any material disruption, malfunction or similar problems with our business processes or information systems, or the transition to new processes and systems, could have a negative effect on the operation of our business and our results of operations.

Strategic acquisitions and investments may expose us to increased costs and unexpected liabilities.

We may acquire or make strategic investments in other companies to expand the markets we address, diversify our customer base or acquire or accelerate the development of technology or products. To do so, we may use cash, issue equity that would dilute our current stockholders' ownership, incur debt or assume indebtedness. These transactions involve numerous risks, including:

difficulty integrating the operations, technologies and products of the acquired companies;

diversion of management's attention;

difficulty completing projects of the acquired company and costs related to in-process projects;

the loss of key employees of the acquired company;

amortization expense related to intangible assets and charges associated with impairment of goodwill;

ineffective internal controls over financial reporting;

dependence on unfamiliar supply partners; and

exposure to unanticipated liabilities, including intellectual property infringement claims.

As a result of these and other risks, our acquisitions or strategic investments may not reap the intended benefits and may ultimately have a negative impact on our business, results of operation and financial condition.

Changes in government regulation affecting the communications industry and the businesses of our customers could harm our prospects and operating results.

The Federal Communications Commission, or FCC, has jurisdiction over the U.S. communications industry and similar agencies have jurisdiction over the communication industries in other countries. Many of our largest customers are subject to the rules and regulations of these agencies. Changes in regulatory requirements in the United States or other countries could inhibit service providers from investing in their communications network infrastructures or introducing new services. These changes could adversely affect the sale of our products and services. Changes in regulatory tariff requirements or other regulations relating to pricing or terms of carriage on communications networks could slow the development or expansion of network infrastructures and adversely affect our business, operating results, and financial condition.

Governmental regulations affecting the import or export of products, and environmental regulations relating to our products, could negatively affect our revenues.

The United States and various foreign governments have imposed controls, export license requirements and restrictions on the import or export of some technologies. Governmental regulation of imports or exports, or our failure to obtain required import or export approval for our products, could harm our international and domestic sales and adversely affect our revenues.

Failure to comply with such regulations could result in penalties, costs and restrictions on export privileges. In addition, our operations may be negatively affected by environmental regulations, such as the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS) that have been adopted by the European Union. Compliance with these and similar environmental regulations may increase our cost of building and selling our products, make it difficult to obtain supply of compliant components or require us to write off non-compliant inventory, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and operating results.

The investment of our substantial cash balance and our investments in marketable debt securities are subject to risks which may cause losses and affect the liquidity of these investments.

At January 31, 2009, we had \$535.0 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$534.0 million short-term and long-term investments in marketable debt securities. We have historically invested these amounts in corporate bonds, asset-backed obligations, commercial paper, securities issued by the United States, certificates of deposit and money market funds meeting certain criteria as to quality and debt ratings. These investments are subject to general credit, liquidity, market and interest rate risks, which may be exacerbated by recent significant disruptions in the financial and credit markets. These market risks associated with our investment portfolio may have a negative adverse effect on our results of operations, liquidity and financial condition.

Failure to maintain effective internal controls over financial reporting could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results and stock price.

Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 requires that we include in our annual report a report containing management's assessment of the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting as of the end of our fiscal year and a statement as to whether or not such internal controls are effective. Compliance with these requirements has resulted in, and is likely to continue to result in, significant costs and the commitment of time and operational resources. Changes in our business will necessitate ongoing modifications to our internal control systems, processes and information systems. Increases in our global operations or expansion into new regions could pose additional challenges to our internal control systems as these operations become more significant. We cannot be certain that our current design for internal control over financial reporting will be sufficient to enable management or our independent registered public accounting firm to determine that our internal controls are effective for any period, or on an ongoing basis. If we or our independent registered public accounting firms are unable to assert that our internal controls over financial reporting are effective, our business may be harmed. Market perception of our financial condition and the trading price of our stock may be adversely affected, and customer perception of our business may suffer.

Obligations associated with our outstanding indebtedness on our convertible notes may adversely affect our business.

At January 31, 2009, indebtedness on our outstanding convertible notes totaled \$798.0 million in aggregate principal. Our indebtedness and repayment obligations could have important negative consequences, including:

- increasing our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;
- limiting our ability to obtain additional financing, particularly in light of unfavorable conditions in the credit markets;

- reducing the availability of cash resources for other purposes, including capital expenditures;

- limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the markets in which we compete; and

- placing us at a possible competitive disadvantage to competitors that have better access to capital resources.

We may also add additional indebtedness such as equipment loans, working capital lines of credit and other long-term debt.

Our stock price is volatile.

Our common stock price has experienced substantial volatility in the past and may remain volatile in the future. Volatility in our stock price can arise as a result of a number of the factors discussed in this Risk Factors section. During our last four completed fiscal quarters, our stock price ranged from a high of \$35.82 to a low of \$5.07 per share. The stock market has experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have affected the market price of many technology companies, with such volatility often unrelated to the operating performance of these companies.

Divergence between our actual or anticipated financial results and published expectations of analysts can cause significant swings in our stock price. Our stock price can also be affected by announcements that we, our competitors, or our customers may make, particularly announcements related to acquisitions or other significant transactions. Our common stock is included in a number of widely-followed market indices, including the S&P 500 Index, and any change in the composition of these indices to exclude our company would adversely affect our stock price. These factors, as well as conditions affecting the general economy or financial markets, may materially adversely affect the market price of our common stock in the future.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

Not applicable.

Item 6. Exhibits

| Exhibit | Description |
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| 31.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
| 31.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
| 32.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
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SIGNATURES

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

Ciena Corporation

Date: March 5, 2009

By: /s/ Gary B. Smith

Gary B. Smith
President, Chief Executive Officer
and Director
(Duly Authorized Officer)

Date: March 5, 2009

By: /s/ James E. Moylan, Jr.

James E. Moylan, Jr.
Senior Vice President, Finance and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)