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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2010

OR

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

Commission File Number: 001-10165

SEITEL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	**76-0025431**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	**(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)**
10811 S. Westview Circle Drive	
Building C, Suite 100	
Houston, Texas	**77043**
(Address of principal executive offices)	**(Zip Code)**

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (713) 881-8900

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 x No ¨

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ¨ 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	x	Smaller reporting company	¨

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

As of August 6, 2010, there were 100 shares of the Company s common stock outstanding, par value $.001 per share.

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEITEL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	(Unaudited) June 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 41,268	$ 26,270
Receivables		
Trade, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of $1,125 and $1,108, respectively	27,831	29,498
Notes and other	115	286
Due from Seitel Holdings, Inc.	152	147
Net seismic data library, net of accumulated amortization of $516,818 and $446,037, respectively	149,655	200,389
Net property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of $8,372 and $7,290, respectively	5,855	7,003
Investment in marketable securities	3,416	3,173
Prepaid expenses, deferred charges and other	11,849	13,426
Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of $20,128 and $17,276, respectively	35,292	38,440
Goodwill	201,800	203,060
Deferred income taxes	327	327
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 477,560	$ 522,019
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER S EQUITY LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 34,739	$ 37,077
Income taxes payable	78	9
Debt		
Senior Notes	402,106	402,154
Notes payable	181	208
Obligations under capital leases	3,256	3,370
Deferred revenue	31,061	26,722
Deferred income taxes	3,882	6,118
TOTAL LIABILITIES	475,303	475,658
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
STOCKHOLDER S EQUITY		
Common stock, par value $.001 per share; 100 shares authorized, issued and outstanding at June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009		
Additional paid-in capital	276,630	274,331
Retained deficit	(292,812)	(247,984)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	18,439	20,014

TOTAL STOCKHOLDER S EQUITY	2,257	46,361
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER S EQUITY	$ 477,560	$ 522,019

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

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SEITEL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	**2009**
REVENUE	$ 32,962	$ 22,446
EXPENSES:		
Depreciation and amortization	38,111	36,072
Cost of sales	26	93
Selling, general and administrative	8,382	6,424
	46,519	42,589
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	(13,557)	(20,143)
Interest expense, net	(10,177)	(10,169)
Foreign currency exchange gains (losses)	(316)	609
Other income	79	43
Loss before income taxes	(23,971)	(29,660)
Benefit for income taxes	(1,385)	(1,621)
NET LOSS	$ (22,586)	$ (28,039)

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

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SEITEL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

(In thousands)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	**2009**
REVENUE	$ 65,338	$ 57,168
EXPENSES:		
Depreciation and amortization	76,767	75,246
Cost of sales	63	107
Selling, general and administrative	14,898	14,684
	91,728	90,037
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	(26,390)	(32,869)
Interest expense, net	(20,326)	(20,285)
Foreign currency exchange gains (losses)	(108)	366
Gain on sale of marketable securities	52	
Other income	134	74
Loss before income taxes	(46,638)	(52,714)
Benefit for income taxes	(1,810)	(2,183)
NET LOSS	$ (44,828)	$ (50,531)

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SEITEL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS (Unaudited)

(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	**2009**	**2010**	**2009**
Net loss	$ (22,586)	$ (28,039)	$ (44,828)	$ (50,531)
Unrealized gain (loss) on securities held as available for sale, net of tax:				
Unrealized net holding gain (loss) arising during the period	(732)	491	295	608
Less: Reclassification adjustment for realized gains included in earnings			(52)	
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(6,072)	11,240	(1,818)	6,905
Comprehensive loss	$ (29,390)	$ (16,308)	$ (46,403)	$ (43,018)

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDER S EQUITY (Unaudited)

(In thousands, except share amounts)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income
	Shares	Amount			
Balance, December 31, 2009	100	$	$ 274,331	$ (247,984)	$ 20,014
Amortization of stock-based compensation costs			2,299		
Net loss				(44,828)	
Foreign currency translation adjustments					(1,818)
Unrealized gain on marketable securities, net of tax					295
Reclassification adjustment for realized gains on marketable securities included in earnings, net of tax					(52)
Balance, June 30, 2010	100	$	$ 276,630	$ (292,812)	$ 18,439

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SEITEL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

(In thousands)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	**2009**
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Reconciliation of net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Net loss	$ (44,828)	$ (50,531)
Depreciation and amortization	76,767	75,246
Deferred income tax benefit	(1,967)	(2,419)
Amortization of deferred financing costs	854	878
Amortization of debt premium	(48)	(46)
Amortization of stock-based compensation	2,299	2,279
Amortization of favorable facility lease	137	119
Allowance for collection of trade receivables		252
Non-cash revenue	(5,776)	(4,725)
Gain on sale of marketable securities	(52)	
Loss (gain) loss on sale of subsidiary	(28)	19
Decrease in receivables	1,422	28,608
Decrease (increase) in other assets	(29)	997
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	4,646	(21,068)
Decrease in accounts payable and other liabilities	(826)	(7,306)
Net cash provided by operating activities	32,571	22,303
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Cash invested in seismic data	(17,641)	(35,648)
Cash paid to acquire property, equipment and other	(40)	(243)
Net proceeds from sale of marketable securities	52	
Advances to Seitel Holdings, Inc.	(5)	(7)
Cash transferred upon sale of subsidiary		(22)
Cash from disposal of property and equipment		14
Net cash used in investing activities	(17,634)	(35,906)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Principal payments on notes payable	(27)	(23)
Principal payments on capital lease obligations	(71)	(58)
Borrowings on line of credit	10	196
Payments on line of credit	(10)	(196)
Payment of debt issue costs	(65)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(163)	(81)
Effect of exchange rate changes	224	(271)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents	14,998	(13,955)

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	26,270	42,678
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	$ 41,268	$ 28,723
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest	$ 19,703	$ 19,727
Income taxes	15	250
Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing activities:		
Additions to seismic data library	$ 5,953	$ 609

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

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SEITEL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

June 30, 2010

NOTE A-BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements of Seitel, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the Company) have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. In preparing the Company s financial statements, a number of estimates and assumptions are made by management that affect the accounting for and recognition of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Operating results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any other quarter of 2010 or for the year ending December 31, 2010. The condensed consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of December 31, 2009 has been derived from the audited balance sheet of the Company as of that date. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto contained in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

NOTE B-REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenue from Data Acquisition

The Company generates revenue when it creates a new seismic survey that is initially licensed by one or more of its customers to use the resulting data. The initial licenses often provide the customer with a limited exclusivity period, which lasts for a relatively short period of time after final delivery of the processed data. The payments for the initial exclusive licenses are sometimes referred to as underwriting or prefunding. Customers make periodic payments throughout the creation period, which generally correspond to costs incurred and work performed. These payments are non-refundable.

Revenue from the creation of new seismic data is recognized throughout the creation period using the proportional performance method based upon costs incurred and work performed to date as a percentage of total estimated costs and work required. Management believes that this method is the most reliable and representative measure of progress for its data creation projects. The duration of most data creation projects is generally less than one year. Under these contracts, the Company creates new seismic data designed in conjunction with its customers and specifically suited to the geology of the area using the most appropriate technology available.

The Company outsources the substantial majority of the work required to complete data acquisition projects to third party contractors. The Company s payments to these third party contractors comprise the substantial majority of the total estimated costs of the project and are paid throughout the creation period. A typical survey includes specific activities required to complete the survey, each of which has value to the customers. Typical activities, that often occur concurrently, include:

permitting for land access, mineral rights, and regulatory approval;

surveying;

drilling for the placement of energy sources;

recording the data in the field; and

processing the data.

The customers paying for the initial exclusive licenses receive legally enforceable rights to any resulting product of each activity described above. The customers also receive access to and use of the newly acquired, processed data.

The customers access to and use of the results of the work performed and of the newly acquired, processed data is governed by a license agreement, which is a separate agreement from the acquisition contract. The Company s acquisition contracts require the customer either to have a license agreement in place or to execute one at the time the acquisition contract is signed. The Company maintains sole ownership of the newly acquired data, which is added to its library, and is free to license the data to other customers when the original customers exclusivity period ends.

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Revenue from Non-Exclusive Data Licenses

The Company recognizes a substantial portion of its revenue from data licenses sold after any exclusive license period. These are sometimes referred to as resale licensing revenue, post acquisition license sales or shelf sales.

These sales fall under the following four basic forms of non-exclusive license contracts.

- Specific license contract - The customer licenses and selects data from the data library at the time the contract is entered into and holds this license for a long-term period.
- Library card license contract - The customer initially receives only access to data. The customer may then select specific data, from the collection of data to which it has access, to hold long-term under its license agreement. The length of the selection periods under the library card contracts is limited in time and varies from customer to customer.
- Review and possession license contract - The customer obtains the right to review a certain quantity of data for a limited period of time. During the review period, the customer may select specific data from that available for review to hold long-term under its license agreement. Any data not selected for long-term licensing must be returned to the Company at the end of the review period.
- Review only license contract - The customer obtains rights to review a certain quantity of data for a limited period of time, but does not obtain the right to select specific data to hold long-term.

The Company s non-exclusive license contracts specify the following:

- that all customers must also execute a master license agreement that governs the use of all data received under the Company s non-exclusive license contracts;
- the specific payment terms, generally ranging from 30 days to 12 months, and that such payments are non-cancelable and non-refundable;
- the actual data that is accessible to the customer; and
- that the data is licensed in its present form, where is and as is and the Company is under no obligation to make any enhancements, modifications or additions to the data unless specific terms to the contrary are included.

Revenue from the non-exclusive licensing of seismic data is recognized when the following criteria are met:

- the Company has an arrangement with the customer that is validated by a signed contract;
- the sales price is fixed and determinable;

- collection is reasonably assured;
- the customer has selected the specific data or the contract has expired without full selection;
- the data is currently available for delivery; and
- the license term has begun.

Copies of the data are available to the customer immediately upon request.

For licenses that have been invoiced for which payment is due or has been received, but have not met the aforementioned criteria, the revenue is deferred along with the related direct costs (primarily sales commissions). This normally occurs under the library card, review and possession or review only license contracts because the data selection may occur over time. Additionally, if the contract allows licensing of data that is not currently available or enhancements, modifications or additions to the data are required per the contract, revenue is deferred until such time that the data is available.

Revenue from Non-Monetary Exchanges

In certain cases, the Company will take ownership of a customer s seismic data or revenue interest (collectively referred to as data) in exchange for a non-exclusive license to selected seismic data from the Company s library. In connection with specific data acquisition contracts, the Company may choose to receive both cash and

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ownership of seismic data from the customer as consideration for the underwriting of new data acquisition. In addition, the Company may receive advanced data processing services on selected existing data in exchange for a non-exclusive license to selected data from the Company s library. These exchanges are referred to as non-monetary exchanges. A non-monetary exchange for data always complies with the following criteria:

- the data license delivered is always distinct from the data received;
- the customer forfeits ownership of its data; and
- the Company retains ownership in its data.

In non-monetary exchange transactions, the Company records a data library asset for the seismic data received or processed at the time the contract is entered into or the data is completed, as applicable, and recognizes revenue on the transaction in equal value in accordance with its policy on revenue from data licenses, which is, when the data is selected by the customer, or revenue from data acquisition, as applicable. The data license to the customer is in the form of one of the four basic forms of contracts discussed above. These transactions are valued at the fair value of the data received or delivered, whichever is more readily determinable.

Fair value of the data exchanged is determined using a multi-step process as follows:

- First, the Company considers the value of the data or services received from the customer. In determining the value of the data received, the Company considers the age, quality, current demand and future marketability of the data and, in the case of 3D seismic data, the cost that would be required to create the data. In addition, the Company applies a limitation on the value it assigns per square mile on the data received. In determining the value of the services received, the Company considers the cost of such similar services that it could obtain from a third party provider.
- Second, the Company determines the value of the license granted to the customer. Typically, the range of cash transactions by the Company for licenses of similar data during the prior six months are evaluated. In evaluating the range of cash transactions, the Company does not consider transactions that are disproportionately high or low.
- Third, the Company obtains concurrence from an independent third party on the portfolio of all non-monetary exchanges for data of $750,000 or more in order to support the Company s valuation of the data received. The Company obtains this concurrence on an annual basis, usually in connection with the preparation of its annual financial statements.

Due to the Company s revenue recognition policies, revenue recognized on non-monetary exchange transactions may not occur at the same time the seismic data acquired is recorded as an asset. The activity related to non-monetary exchanges was as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Seismic data library additions	$ 4,001	$ (1,122)	$ 5,953	$ 609
Revenue recognized on specific data licenses and selections of data	3,291	1,477	4,965	2,252
Revenue recognized related to acquisition contracts	757	1,547	811	2,473

During the three months ended June 30, 2009, the Company reversed a non-monetary exchange valued at $1.3 million that was originally entered into in 2008. The Company was notified that the client was unable to provide clear title to one of the seismic surveys included in the original contract resulting in the negative amount of seismic data library additions in the second quarter of 2009.

Revenue from Seitel Solutions

Revenue from Seitel Solutions (Solutions) is recognized as the services for reproduction and delivery of seismic data are provided to customers.

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NOTE C-SEISMIC DATA LIBRARY

The Company s seismic data library consists of seismic surveys that are offered for license to customers on a non-exclusive basis. Costs associated with creating, acquiring or purchasing the seismic data library are capitalized and amortized principally on the income forecast method subject to a straight-line amortization period of four years, applied on a quarterly basis at the individual survey level.

Costs of Seismic Data Library

For purchased seismic data, the Company capitalizes the purchase price of the acquired data.

For data received through a non-monetary exchange, the Company capitalizes an amount equal to the fair value of the data received by the Company or the fair value of the license granted to the customer, whichever is more readily determinable. See Note B Revenue Recognition Revenue from Non-Monetary Exchanges for discussion of the process used to determine fair value.

For newly created data, the capitalized costs include costs paid to third parties for the acquisition of data and related permitting, surveying and other activities associated with the data creation activity. In addition, the Company capitalizes certain internal costs related to processing the created data. Such costs include salaries and benefits of the Company s processing personnel and certain other costs incurred for the benefit of the processing activity. The Company believes that the internal processing costs capitalized are not greater than, and generally are less than, those that would be incurred and capitalized if such activity were performed by a third party. Capitalized costs for internal data processing were $405,000 and $416,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and $810,000 and $921,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Data Library Amortization

The Company amortizes its seismic data library investment using the greater of the amortization that would result from the application of the income forecast method subject to a minimum amortization rate or a straight-line basis over the useful life of the data. With respect to each survey in the data library, the straight-line policy is applied from the time such survey is available for licensing to customers on a non-exclusive basis, since some data in the library may not be licensed until an exclusivity period has lapsed.

The Company applies the income forecast method by forecasting the ultimate revenue expected to be derived from a particular data library component over the estimated useful life of each survey comprising part of such component. This forecast is made by the Company annually and reviewed quarterly. If, during any such review, the Company determines that the ultimate revenue for a library component is expected to be significantly different than the original estimate of total revenue for such library component, the Company revises the amortization rate attributable to future revenue from each survey in such component. The lowest amortization rate the Company applies using the income forecast method is 70%. In addition, in connection with the forecast reviews and updates, the Company evaluates the recoverability of its seismic data library investment, and if required, records an impairment charge with respect to such investment. See discussion on *Seismic Data Library Impairment* below.

The actual aggregate rate of amortization depends on the specific seismic surveys licensed and selected by the Company s customers during the period and the amount of straight-line amortization recorded. The income forecast amortization rates can vary by component and, as of July 1, 2010, is 70% for all components. For those seismic surveys which have been fully amortized, no amortization expense is required on revenue recorded.

The greater of the income forecast or straight-line amortization policy is applied quarterly on a cumulative basis at the individual survey level. Under this policy, the Company first records amortization using the income forecast method. The cumulative amortization recorded for each survey is then compared with the cumulative straight-line amortization. If the cumulative straight-line amortization is higher for any specific survey, additional amortization expense is recorded, resulting in accumulated amortization being equal to the cumulative straight-line amortization for such survey. This requirement is applied regardless of future-year revenue estimates for the library component of which the survey is a part and does not consider the existence of deferred revenue with respect to the library component or to any survey.

Seismic Data Library Impairment

The Company evaluates its seismic data library investment by grouping individual surveys into components based on its operations and geological and geographical trends, resulting in the following data library segments for purposes of evaluating impairments: (I) North America 3D onshore comprised of the following components: (a) Texas Gulf Coast, (b) Northern, Eastern and Western Texas, (c) Haynesville Shale, (d) Southern Louisiana/Mississippi, (e) Northern Louisiana, (f) Rocky Mountains, (g) North Dakota, (h) other United States, (i) Canada and (j) U.S. value-added products; (II) United States 2D; (III) Canada 2D; (IV) Gulf of Mexico offshore; and (V) international data outside North America. The Company believes that these library components constitute the lowest levels of independently identifiable cash flows.

The Company evaluates its seismic data library investment for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts may not be recoverable. The Company considers the level of sales performance in each component compared to projected sales, as well as industry conditions, among others, to be key factors in determining when its seismic data investment should be evaluated for impairment. In evaluating sales performance of each component, the Company generally considers five consecutive quarters of actual performance below forecasted sales to be an indicator of potential impairment.

The impairment evaluation is based first on a comparison of the undiscounted future cash flows over each component s remaining estimated useful life with the carrying value of each library component. If the undiscounted cash flows are equal to or greater than the carrying value of such component, no impairment is recorded. If undiscounted cash flows are less than the carrying value of any component, the forecast of future cash flows related to such component is discounted to fair value and compared with such component s carrying amount. The difference between the library component s carrying amount and the discounted future value of the expected revenue stream is recorded as an impairment charge.

For purposes of evaluating potential impairment losses, the Company estimates the future cash flows attributable to a library component by evaluating, among other factors, historical and recent revenue trends, oil and gas prospectivity in particular regions, general economic conditions affecting its customer base and expected changes in technology and other factors that the Company deems relevant. The cash flow estimates exclude expected future revenues attributable to non-monetary data exchanges and future data creation projects.

The estimation of future cash flows and fair value is highly subjective and inherently imprecise. Estimates can change materially from period to period based on many factors, including those described in the preceding paragraph. Accordingly, if conditions change in the future, the Company may record impairment losses relative to its seismic data library investment, which could be material to any particular reporting period.

The Company did not have any impairment charges during the six months ended June 30, 2010 or 2009.

NOTE D-DEBT

The following is a summary of the Company s debt (in thousands):

	June 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
9.75% Senior Notes	$ 400,000	$ 400,000
11.75% Senior Notes	2,000	2,000
U.S. Credit Facility		
Canadian Credit Facility		
Note payable to former executive	181	208
	402,181	402,208
Plus: Premium on debt	106	154
	$ 402,287	$ 402,362

9.75% Senior Unsecured Notes: On February 14, 2007, the Company issued, in a private placement, $400.0 million aggregate principal amount of 9.75% senior notes due 2014 (the 9.75% Senior Notes). The proceeds from the 9.75% Senior Notes were used to partially fund the transactions in connection with the February 14, 2007 merger of Seitel Acquisition Corp. with and into the Company pursuant to a merger

agreement between the

Company and Seitel Acquisition Corp. and Seitel Holdings, Inc. dated October 31, 2006 (the Merger). As required by their terms, the 9.75% Senior Notes were exchanged for senior notes of like amounts and terms in a publicly registered exchange offer in August 2007. These notes mature on February 15, 2014. Interest is payable in cash, semi-annually in arrears on February 15 and August 15 of each year. The 9.75% Senior Notes are unsecured and are guaranteed by substantially all of the Company s domestic subsidiaries on a senior basis. The 9.75% Senior Notes contain restrictive covenants which limit the Company s ability to, among other things, incur additional indebtedness, pay dividends and complete mergers, acquisitions and sales of assets.

Upon a change of control (as defined in the indenture governing the 9.75% Senior Notes), each holder of the 9.75% Senior Notes will have the right to require the Company to offer to purchase all of such holder s notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

11.75% Unsecured Senior Notes: On July 2, 2004, the Company issued, in a private placement, $193.0 million aggregate principal amount of 11.75% senior notes due 2011 (the 11.75% Senior Notes). As required by their terms, the 11.75% Senior Notes were exchanged for senior notes of like amounts and terms in a publicly registered exchange offer in February 2005. In connection with an excess cash flow offer in March 2005, $4.0 million aggregate principal amount of these notes was tendered and accepted. In connection with the Merger and related transactions, $187.0 million aggregate principal amount of these notes was tendered and accepted on February 14, 2007. The fair value of these notes was higher than the face value on the date of the Merger; consequently, a premium has been reflected in the financial statements related to these notes. Interest on the remaining notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on January 15 and July 15 of each year. The remaining $2.0 million of notes mature on July 15, 2011. The 11.75% Senior Notes are unsecured and are guaranteed by substantially all of the Company s U.S. subsidiaries on a senior basis.

As a result of the tender and consent offer, effective February 14, 2007, the 11.75% Senior Notes no longer contain any restrictive covenants, other than the requirement to make excess cash flow offers. Subject to certain conditions, if at the end of each fiscal year the Company has excess cash flow (as defined in the indenture governing the 11.75% Senior Notes) in excess of $5.0 million, the Company is required to use 50% of the excess cash flow to fund an offer to repurchase the 11.75% Senior Notes on a pro rata basis at 100% of its principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. If the Company has less than $5.0 million in excess cash flow at the end of any fiscal year, such excess cash flow will be carried forward to succeeding years, and such repurchase offer is required to be made in the first year in which the cumulative excess cash flow for all years in which there has not been an offer is at least $5.0 million. Such repurchase offer is required only if there is no event of default under the Company s revolving credit facilities prior to and after giving effect to the repurchase payment. The Company was not required to make an excess cash flow offer for the year ended December 31, 2009. Upon a change of control (as defined in the indenture), each holder of the 11.75% Senior Notes will have the right to require the Company to offer to purchase all of such holder s notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

U.S. Credit Facility: On December 22, 2009, the Company entered into a secured credit agreement with ValueAct Capital Management, L.P., as initial lender, and ValueAct Capital Management, L.P., as administrative agent (the U.S. Credit Facility). The U.S. Credit Facility provides the Company with the ability to borrow up to $9.9 million. Borrowings under the U.S. Credit Facility may be made from the date of the agreement until December 31, 2010, and may be prepaid. In certain circumstances defined in the agreement, mandatory prepayments are required, including the requirement to use 50% of the Company s annual excess cash flow, as defined in the agreement, to prepay any amounts outstanding beginning with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011. Prepaid amounts may not be reborrowed. Loans made under the U.S. Credit Facility bear interest at an annual rate equal to 4% plus the greater of: (a) the prime lending rate as publicly announced from time to time by First Republic Bank, N.A.; (b) the federal funds effective rate in effect, plus 0.5%; and (c) 7%. All obligations under the U.S. Credit Facility are unconditionally guaranteed by each of the Company s domestic subsidiaries, subject to customary exceptions, exclusions and release mechanisms. The maturity date of the U.S. Credit Facility is December 22, 2014. The U.S. Credit Facility contains a financial covenant requiring the Company to achieve and maintain a minimum level of cash EBITDA (as defined in the credit agreement governing the U.S. Credit Facility), and restricts, among other things, the ability to incur additional indebtedness and complete mergers, acquisitions and sales of assets. The U.S. Credit Facility requires the payment of an unused line fee of 0.5% per annum, payable in arrears, from the date of the agreement until December 31, 2010.

Canadian Credit Facility: The Company s wholly owned subsidiary, Olympic Seismic Ltd. (Olympic) has a revolving credit facility (the Canadian Credit Facility) which allows it to borrow up to $5.0 million (Canadian) subject to an availability formula by way of prime-based loans or letters of credit. The interest rate applicable to

borrowings is the bank s prime rate plus 0.75% per annum. Letter of credit fees are based on scheduled rates in effect at the time of issuance. The Canadian Credit Facility is secured by the assets of Olympic, but is not guaranteed by the Company or any of its other U.S. subsidiaries. Available borrowings under the Canadian Credit Facility are equivalent to a maximum of $5.0 million (Canadian), subject to a requirement that such borrowings may not exceed 75% of good accounts receivable (as defined in the credit agreement governing the Canadian Credit Facility) of Olympic, less prior-ranking claims, if any, relating to inventory or accounts. The Canadian Credit Facility is subject to repayment upon demand and is available from time to time at the bank s sole discretion.

Note Payable to Former Executive: In connection with the settlement of certain litigation, the Company entered into a note payable to a former executive with remaining payments of $6,000 per month until May 2013. The note is non-interest bearing. The note is guaranteed by Olympic.

NOTE E-STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company has plans in place which provide for the grant of stock options, restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards to eligible employees and directors. These stock-based awards are for the issuance of common shares in Seitel Holdings, Inc., the Company s parent.

On May 3, 2010, the Company effected a modification of all of its outstanding stock options to reduce the exercise price of the options to $193.13. The vesting conditions and the expiration dates were not changed from the original grant of each option. The modification affected 16 employees and 2 directors who had a total of 86,135 options outstanding as of the modification date. The incremental compensation cost as a result of the modified exercise price was $1.3 million, of which $0.9 million was expensed immediately for vested options at the date of modification. The remaining $0.4 million incremental cost along with the remaining unrecognized compensation cost prior to the modification will be recognized using the graded vesting attribution method over the remaining vesting periods of the stock options. In addition, on May 3, 2010, the Company cancelled options totaling 5,250 with unamortized compensation costs of $0.3 million that was expensed immediately upon cancellation. On the same date, the Company granted 5,250 new options with a fair value of $0.2 million.

NOTE F-FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Authoritative guidance on fair value measurements provides a framework for measuring fair value and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value, giving the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 inputs) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 inputs).

The Company uses valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. In measuring the fair value of the Company s assets and liabilities, market data or assumptions are used that the Company believes market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability, including assumptions about risk when appropriate. The Company s assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis include the following (in thousands):

		Fair Value Measurements Using		
	Total	**Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)**	**Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)**	**Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)**
At June 30, 2010:				
Cash equivalents	$ 41,240	$ 41,240	$	$
Investment in equity securities	3,160	3,160		
Investment in stock options related to equity securities	256		256	
At December 31, 2009:				
Cash equivalents	$ 26,099	26,099	$	$
Investment in equity securities	2,873	2,873		
Investment in stock options related to equity securities	300		300	

The Company had no transfers of assets between any of the above levels during the six months ended June 30, 2010 or June 30, 2009.

Cash equivalents consist primarily of treasury bills and money market funds that invest in United States government obligations with original maturities of three months or less. The original costs of these assets approximates fair value due to their short-term maturity.

Investment in equity securities are measured at fair value using closing stock prices from an active international market and are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. Investment in stock options related to equity securities are measured at fair value using the Black-Scholes option pricing model based on observable market inputs such as stock prices, interest rates and expected volatility assumptions. Based on these inputs, these assets are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

During the six months ended June 30, 2010, the Company sold a portion of its investment in equity securities for proceeds totaling $52,000. Total realized gains were equal to proceeds received.

Other Financial Instruments:

Debt Based upon the rates available to the Company, the fair value of the 9.75% Senior Notes, the 11.75% Senior Notes and the note payable to a former executive approximated $330.0 million as of June 30, 2010, compared to the book value of $402.3 million. The quoted market price of the 9.75% Senior Notes was $328.0 million at June 30, 2010. The fair value of the 9.75% Senior Notes, the 11.75% Senior Notes and the note payable to a former executive approximated $314.6 million as of December 31, 2009, compared to the book value of $402.4 million. The quoted market price of the 9.75% Senior Notes was $312.6 million at December 31, 2009.

Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable The fair values of accounts receivable and accounts payable approximated carrying value due to the short-term maturity of these instruments.

NOTE G-STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 includes $177,000 and $113,000, respectively of restricted cash related to collateral on seismic operations bonds.

The Company had non-cash additions to its seismic data library comprised of the following for the periods indicated (in thousands):

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	**2009**
Non-monetary exchanges related to resale licensing revenue	$ 3,371	$ 176
Non-monetary exchanges from underwriting of new data acquisition	778	(1,291)
Other non-monetary exchanges	28	
Completion of data in progress from prior non-monetary exchanges	3,199	1,724
Less: Non-monetary exchanges for data in progress	(1,423)	
Total non-cash additions to seismic data library	$ 5,953	$ 609

During the six months ended June 30, 2009, the Company reversed a non-monetary exchange valued at $1.3 million that was originally entered into in 2008. The Company was notified that the client was unable to provide clear title to one of the seismic surveys included in the original contract resulting in the negative amount of seismic data library additions in the first six months of 2009.

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Non-cash revenue consisted of the following for the periods indicated (in thousands):

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	2009
Acquisition revenue on underwriting from non-monetary exchange contracts	$ 811	$ 2,473
Licensing revenue from specific data licenses and selections on non-monetary exchange contracts	4,965	2,252
Total non-cash revenue	$ 5,776	$ 4,725

NOTE H-COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company is involved from time to time in ordinary, routine claims and lawsuits incidental to its business. In the opinion of management, uninsured losses, if any, resulting from the ultimate resolutions of these matters should not be material to the Company s financial position or results of operation. However, it is not possible to predict or determine the outcomes of the legal actions brought against it or by it, or to provide an estimate of all additional losses, if any, that may arise. At June 30, 2010, the Company did not have any amounts accrued related to litigation and claims, as the Company believes it is not probable that any amounts will be paid relative to such litigation and claims.

NOTE I-RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In October 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Update (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2009-13 on Topic 605, Revenue Recognition Multiple Deliverable Revenue Arrangements a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force. The ASU provides guidance on accounting for products or services (deliverables) separately rather than as a combined unit utilizing a selling price hierarchy to determine the selling price of a deliverable. The selling price is based on vendor-specific evidence, third-party evidence or estimated selling price. The Company will be required to apply the standard prospectively to any contracts that may contain multiple-element arrangements entered into or materially modified on or after January 1, 2011; however, earlier application is permitted. The Company does not currently expect the adoption of this new accounting update to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In January 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-06, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (Topic 820): Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements, which requires new disclosures regarding transfers in and out of Level 1 and 2 and activity within Level 3 fair value measurements and clarifies existing disclosures of inputs and valuation techniques for Level 2 and 3 fair value measurements. It will also require the presentation of purchases, sales, issuances and settlements within Level 3 on a gross basis rather than a net basis. This ASU was effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the disclosure of activity within Level 3 fair value measurements, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010, and for interim periods within those years. The Company has applied the new disclosure requirements as of January 1, 2010, except for the disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements in the Level 3 reconciliation, which will be applied effective January 1, 2011. The adoption of this guidance has not had and is not expected to have a material impact on the Company s consolidated financial position, results of operation or cash flows.

NOTE J-SUPPLEMENTAL GUARANTORS CONSOLIDATING CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

On February 14, 2007, the Company completed a private placement of 9.75% Senior Notes in the aggregate principal amount of $400.0 million. The Company s payment obligations under the 9.75% Senior Notes are jointly and severally guaranteed by certain of its 100% owned U.S. subsidiaries (Guarantor Subsidiaries). All subsidiaries of the Company that do not guaranty the 9.75% Senior Notes are referred to as Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries.

The consolidating condensed financial statements are presented below and should be read in connection with the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company. Separate financial statements of the Guarantor Subsidiaries are not presented because (i) the Guarantor Subsidiaries are wholly-owned and have fully and unconditionally guaranteed the 9.75% Senior Notes on a joint and several basis, and (ii) the Company s management has determined such separate financial statements are not material to investors.

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The following consolidating condensed financial information presents the consolidating condensed balance sheets as of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, and the consolidating condensed statements of operations and statements of cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2009 of (a) the Company; (b) the Guarantor Subsidiaries; (c) the Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries; (d) elimination entries; and (e) the Company, the Guarantor Subsidiaries and the Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for on the equity method. The principal elimination entries eliminate investments in subsidiaries, intercompany balances, intercompany transactions and intercompany sales.

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CONSOLIDATING CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

As of June 30, 2010

(In thousands)

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated Total
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	$	$ 37,226	$ 4,042	$	$ 41,268
Receivables					
Trade, net		22,759	5,072		27,831
Notes and other	22	91	2		115
Due from Seitel Holdings, Inc.		152			152
Intercompany receivables (payables)	138,318	(135,545)	(2,773)		
Investment in subsidiaries	254,147	418,991	2,147	(675,285)	
Net seismic data library		112,252	37,403		149,655
Net property and equipment		1,656	4,199		5,855
Investment in marketable securities		3,416			3,416
Prepaid expenses, deferred charges and other	7,917	3,364	568		11,849
Intangible assets, net	900	21,281	13,111		35,292
Goodwill		107,688	94,112		201,800
Deferred income taxes		327			327
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 401,304	$ 593,658	$ 157,883	$ (675,285)	$ 477,560
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER S EQUITY					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 15,127	$ 8,894	$ 10,718	$	$ 34,739
Income taxes payable	72		6		78
Senior Notes	402,106				402,106
Notes payable	181				181
Obligations under capital leases			3,256		3,256
Deferred revenue		28,380	2,681		31,061
Deferred income taxes			3,882		3,882
TOTAL LIABILITIES	417,486	37,274	20,543		475,303
STOCKHOLDER S EQUITY					
Common stock					
Additional paid-in capital	276,630				276,630
Parent investment		764,753	156,926	(921,679)	
Retained deficit	(292,812)	(211,785)	(34,609)	246,394	(292,812)
Accumulated other comprehensive income		3,416	15,023		18,439
TOTAL STOCKHOLDER S EQUITY	(16,182)	556,384	137,340	(675,285)	2,257
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER S EQUITY	$ 401,304	$ 593,658	$ 157,883	$ (675,285)	$ 477,560

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CONSOLIDATING CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2009

(In thousands)

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated Total
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	$	$ 24,221	$ 2,049	$	$ 26,270
Receivables					
Trade, net		15,652	13,846		29,498
Notes and other	40	87	159		286
Due from Seitel Holdings, Inc.		147			147
Intercompany receivables (payables)	147,022	(145,814)	(1,208)		
Investment in subsidiaries	287,245	428,995	876	(717,116)	
Net seismic data library		148,636	51,753		200,389
Net property and equipment		2,238	4,765		7,003
Investment in marketable securities		3,173			3,173
Prepaid expenses, deferred charges and other	8,610	4,368	448		13,426
Intangible assets, net	900	22,886	14,654		38,440
Goodwill		107,688	95,372		203,060
Deferred income taxes		327			327
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 443,817	$ 612,604	$ 182,714	$ (717,116)	$ 522,019
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER S EQUITY					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 15,099	$ 5,456	$ 16,522	$	$ 37,077
Income taxes payable	9				9
Senior Notes	402,154				402,154
Notes payable	208				208
Obligations under capital leases			3,370		3,370
Deferred revenue		18,188	8,534		26,722
Deferred income taxes			6,118		6,118
TOTAL LIABILITIES	417,470	23,644	34,544		475,658
STOCKHOLDER S EQUITY					
Common stock					
Additional paid-in capital	274,331				274,331
Parent investment		764,752	161,422	(926,174)	
Retained deficit	(247,984)	(178,965)	(30,093)	209,058	(247,984)
Accumulated other comprehensive income		3,173	16,841		20,014
TOTAL STOCKHOLDER S EQUITY	26,347	588,960	148,170	(717,116)	46,361
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER S EQUITY	$ 443,817	$ 612,604	$ 182,714	$ (717,116)	$ 522,019

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CONSOLIDATING CONDENSED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2010

(In thousands)

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated Total
REVENUE	$	$ 44,506	$ 22,434	$ (1,602)	$ 65,338
EXPENSES:					
Depreciation and amortization		54,134	22,633		76,767
Cost of sales		58	5		63
Selling, general and administrative	2,181	8,216	6,103	(1,602)	14,898
	2,181	62,408	28,741	(1,602)	91,728
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	(2,181)	(17,902)	(6,307)		(26,390)
Interest expense, net	(9,828)	(10,381)	(117)		(20,326)
Foreign currency exchange gains (losses)		2	(110)		(108)
Gain on sale of marketable securities		52			52
Other income	1	105	28		134
Loss before income taxes and equity in loss of subsidiaries	(12,008)	(28,124)	(6,506)		(46,638)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		180	(1,990)		(1,810)
Equity in loss of subsidiaries	(32,820)	(4,516)		37,336	
NET LOSS	$ (44,828)	$ (32,820)	$ (4,516)	$ 37,336	$ (44,828)

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CONSOLIDATING CONDENSED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009

(In thousands)

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated Total
REVENUE	$	$ 41,505	$ 17,130	$ (1,467)	$ 57,168
EXPENSES:					
Depreciation and amortization		55,047	20,199		75,246
Cost of sales		101	6		107
Selling, general and administrative	2,304	8,269	5,578	(1,467)	14,684
	2,304	63,417	25,783	(1,467)	90,037
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	(2,304)	(21,912)	(8,653)		(32,869)
Interest expense, net	(7,596)	(12,587)	(102)		(20,285)
Foreign currency exchange gains			366		366
Other income (loss)		93	(19)		74
Loss before income taxes and equity in loss of subsidiaries	(9,900)	(34,406)	(8,408)		(52,714)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		314	(2,497)		(2,183)
Equity in loss of subsidiaries	(40,631)	(5,911)		46,542	
NET LOSS	$ (50,531)	$ (40,631)	$ (5,911)	$ 46,542	$ (50,531)

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CONSOLIDATING CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2010

(In thousands)

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated Total
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	$ (19,720)	$ 36,019	$ 16,272	$	$ 32,571
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Cash invested in seismic data		(7,743)	(9,898)		(17,641)
Cash paid to acquire property, equipment and other		(7)	(33)		(40)
Net proceeds from sale of marketable securities		52			52
Return of capital from subsidiary		4,501	(4,501)		
Advances to Seitel Holdings, Inc.		(5)			(5)
Net cash used in investing activities		(3,202)	(14,432)		(17,634)
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Principal payments on notes payable	(27)				(27)
Principal payments on capital lease obligations			(71)		(71)
Borrowings on line of credit			10		10
Payments on line of credit			(10)		(10)
Payment of debt issue costs	(65)				(65)
Intercompany transfers	19,812	(19,812)			
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	19,720	(19,812)	(71)		(163)
Effect of exchange rate changes			224		224
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		13,005	1,993		14,998
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		24,221	2,049		26,270
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	$	$ 37,226	$ 4,042	$	$ 41,268

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CONSOLIDATING CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2009

(In thousands)

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated Total
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	$ (18,520)	$ 24,316	$ 16,507	$	$ 22,303
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Cash invested in seismic data		(23,661)	(11,987)		(35,648)
Cash paid to acquire property, equipment and other		(198)	(45)		(243)
Advances to Seitel Holdings, Inc.		(7)			(7)
Cash transferred upon sale of subsidiary			(22)		(22)
Cash from disposal of property and equipment		14			14
Net cash used in investing activities		(23,852)	(12,054)		(35,906)
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Principal payments on notes payable	(23)				(23)
Principal payments on capital lease obligations			(58)		(58)
Borrowings on line of credit			196		196
Payments in line of credit			(196)		(196)
Intercompany transfers	18,543	(6,543)	(12,000)		
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	18,520	(6,543)	(12,058)		(81)
Effect of exchange rate changes			(271)		(271)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(6,079)	(7,876)		(13,955)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		33,034	9,644		42,678
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	$	$ 26,955	$ 1,768	$	$ 28,723

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Item 2. MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes to the financial statements included elsewhere in this document.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this Quarterly Report) contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). Statements contained in this report about our future outlook, prospects, strategies and plans, and about industry conditions, demand for seismic services and the future economic life of our seismic data are forward-looking. All statements that express belief, expectation, estimates or intentions, as well as those that are not statements of historical fact, are forward-looking. The words proposed, anticipates, will, would, should, estimates and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements represent our present belief and are based on our current expectations and assumptions with respect to future events. While we believe our expectations and assumptions are reasonable, they involve risks and uncertainties beyond our control that could cause the actual results or outcome to differ materially from the expected results or outcome reflected in our forward-looking statements. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events discussed in this Quarterly Report may not occur. Such risks and uncertainties include, without limitation, actual customer demand for our seismic data and related services, the timing and extent of changes in commodity prices for natural gas, crude oil and condensate and natural gas liquids, conditions in the capital markets during the periods covered by the forward-looking statements, the effect of the duration of the economic downturn on our business, our ability to obtain financing on satisfactory terms if internally generated funds and our current credit facilities are insufficient to fund our capital needs, the impact on our financial condition as a result of our debt and our debt service, our ability to obtain and maintain normal terms with our vendors and service providers, our ability to maintain contracts that are critical to our operations, changes in the oil and gas industry or the economy generally, changes in the exploration budgets of our customers, and our ability to comply with the terms of our final judgment of permanent injunction by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The foregoing and other risk factors are identified in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 filed with the SEC.

The forward-looking statements contained in this report speak only as of the date hereof. Except as required by federal and state securities laws, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or any other reason. All forward-looking statements attributable to Seitel, Inc. or any person acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to in our Annual Report filed on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 filed with the SEC and in our future periodic reports filed with the SEC.

Overview

General

Our products and services are used by oil and gas companies to assist in oil and gas exploration and development and management of hydrocarbon reserves. We own an extensive library of onshore and offshore seismic data that we offer for license to oil and gas companies. Oil and gas companies use seismic data in oil and gas exploration and development efforts to increase the probability of drilling success. We believe that our library of onshore seismic data is the largest available for licensing in the United States and Canada. We generate revenue primarily by licensing data from our data library and from new data creation products, which are substantially underwritten or paid for by clients. By participating in underwritten, nonexclusive surveys or purchasing licenses to existing data, oil and gas companies can obtain access to surveys at reduced costs as compared to acquiring seismic data on a proprietary basis.

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Our primary areas of focus are onshore United States and Canada and, to a lesser extent, offshore U.S. Gulf of Mexico. These markets continue to experience major changes. Several major oil companies have become more active in the U.S. market than in the past few years, primarily in resource plays. Independent oil and gas companies continue to be responsible for a significant portion of current U.S. drilling activity. Although exploration activity in North America declined in 2009 as a result of economic uncertainty and low commodity prices, we expect demand recovery for natural gas over the medium term to lead to renewed growth exploration activity in the U.S. and Canada.

Our offshore seismic data is primarily located in the shallow waters of the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and generates a small percentage of our revenue. Therefore, we believe that our results of operations will not be negatively impacted by the offshore drilling moratorium currently imposed.

Principal Factors Affecting Our Business

Our business is dependent upon a variety of factors, many of which are beyond our control. The following are those that we consider to be principal factors affecting our business.

Demand for Seismic Data: Demand for our products and services is cyclical due to the nature of the oil and gas industry. In particular, demand for our seismic data services depends upon exploration, production, development and field management spending by oil and gas companies and, in the case of new data creation, the willingness of these companies to forgo ownership in the seismic data. Capital expenditures by oil and gas companies depend upon several factors, including actual and forecasted oil and natural gas commodity prices, prospect availability and the companies own short-term and strategic plans. These capital expenditures may also be affected by worldwide economic or industry-wide conditions. Demand for our seismic data is more likely to be influenced by natural gas prices rather than crude oil prices due to the geographic location of our seismic data. The 2009 economic downturn resulted in lower commodity prices and reduced exploration capital expenditures, which, in turn, caused demand for seismic data to decline. Although we have seen some improvement in the demand for seismic data since year-end 2009, primarily in the unconventional resource plays, there continues to be uncertainty as to the ongoing recovery from the economic downturn and the impact on demand for seismic data in conventional areas.

Availability of Capital for Our Customers: Some of our customers consist of independent oil and gas companies and private prospect-generating companies that rely primarily on private capital markets to fund their exploration, production, development and field management activities. The reduction in cash flows being experienced by our customers resulting from the declines in commodity prices, along with the reduced availability of credit and increased costs of borrowing due to the tightening of the credit markets, could have a material impact on the ability of such companies to obtain funding necessary to purchase our seismic data.

Merger and Acquisition Activity: Merger and acquisition activity continues to occur within our client base. This activity could have a negative impact on seismic companies that operate in markets with a limited number of participating clients. However, we believe that, over time, this activity could have a positive impact on our business, as it should generate re-licensing fees, result in increased vitality in the trading of mineral interests and result in the creation of new independent customers through the rationalization of staff within those companies affected by this activity.

North America Drilling Activity: The 2009 economic downturn in North America resulted in reduced demand for natural gas due to an imbalance between supply and demand that led to lower hydrocarbon prices resulting in a decrease in drilling activity in the first part of 2009 with land rig counts in North America reaching a low in May 2009. North America land drilling activity has been recovering since then, with drilling activity continuing to show improvement in the first half of 2010, primarily driven by domestic shale activity. Drilling activity in 2010 is currently expected to increase moderately over 2009 levels; however, weaker than expected natural gas prices and continued low domestic natural gas demand continue to cause uncertainty as to full recovery of conventional gas exploration.

Government Regulation: Our operations are subject to a variety of federal, provincial, state, foreign and local laws and regulations, including environmental and health and safety laws. We invest financial and managerial resources to comply with these laws and related permit requirements. Modification of existing laws or regulations and the adoption of new laws or regulations limiting or increasing exploration or production activities by oil and gas companies may have a material effect on our business operations.

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Non-GAAP Key Performance Measures

Management considers certain performance measures in evaluating and managing our financial condition and operating performance at various times and from time to time. Some of these performance measures are non-GAAP financial measures. Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company s performance, financial position or cash flows that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally excluded or included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. These non-GAAP measures are not in accordance with, nor are they a substitute for, GAAP measures. These non-GAAP measures are intended to supplement our presentation of our financial results that are prepared in accordance with GAAP.

The following are the key performance measures considered by management.

Cash Resales: Cash resales represent new contracts for data licenses from our library, payable in cash. We believe this measure is important in gauging new business activity. We expect cash resales to generally follow a consistent trend over several quarters, while considering our normal seasonality. Volatility in this trend over several consecutive quarters could indicate changing market conditions.

The following is a reconciliation of this non-GAAP financial measure to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, total revenue (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	**2009**	**2010**	**2009**
Cash resales	$ 31,602	$ 7,248	$ 52,413	$ 17,260
Other revenue components:				
Acquisition revenue	4,877	8,349	12,977	26,375
Non-monetary exchanges	2,198	169	4,050	176
Revenue recognition adjustments	(6,548)	5,569	(6,060)	10,895
Solutions and other	833	1,111	1,958	2,462
Total revenue	$ 32,962	$ 22,446	$ 65,338	$ 57,168

Cash EBITDA: Cash EBITDA represents cash generated from licensing data from our data library net of recurring cash operating expenses. We believe this measure is helpful in determining the level of cash from operations we have available for debt service and funding of capital expenditures (net of the portion funded or underwritten by our customers). Cash EBITDA includes cash resales plus all other cash revenues other than from data acquisitions, less cash selling, general and administrative expenses (excluding non-recurring corporate expenses such as severance costs) and cost of goods sold.

The following is a quantitative reconciliation of this non-GAAP financial measure to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, operating loss (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	**2009**	**2010**	**2009**
Cash EBITDA	$ 25,915	$ 3,310	$ 41,974	$ 8,540
Add (subtract) other revenue components not included in cash EBITDA:				
Acquisition revenue	4,877	8,349	12,977	26,375
Non-monetary exchanges	2,198	169	4,050	176
Revenue recognition adjustments	(6,548)	5,569	(6,060)	10,895
Less:				
Depreciation and amortization	(38,111)	(36,072)	(76,767)	(75,246)
Severance and one-time costs associated with cost reduction measures	(52)	(411)	(128)	(1,211)
Non-cash operating expenses	(1,836)	(1,057)	(2,436)	(2,398)

Operating loss	$ (13,557)	$ (20,143)	$ (26,390)	$ (32,869)

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Growth of Our Seismic Data Library: We regularly add to our seismic data library through four different methods: (1) recording new data; (2) buying ownership of existing data for cash; (3) obtaining ownership of existing data sets through non-monetary exchanges; and (4) creating new value-added products from existing data within our library. For the period from January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010, we completed the addition of approximately 350 square miles of seismic data to our library, of which approximately 160 square miles were located in resource plays in the U.S. and Canada. As of June 30, 2010, we had approximately 1,100 square miles of seismic data in progress, all of which is located in resource plays.

Critical Accounting Policies

We operate in one business segment, which is made up of seismic data acquisition, seismic data licensing, seismic data processing and seismic reproduction services. There have not been any changes in our critical accounting policies since December 31, 2009.

Results of Operations

Revenue

The following table summarizes the components of our revenue for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Acquisition revenue:				
Cash underwriting	$ 4,120	$ 6,802	$ 12,166	$ 23,902
Underwriting from non-monetary exchanges	757	1,547	811	2,473
Total acquisition revenue	4,877	8,349	12,977	26,375
Resale licensing revenue:				
Cash resales	31,602	7,248	52,413	17,260
Non-monetary exchanges	2,198	169	4,050	176
Revenue recognition adjustments	(6,548)	5,569	(6,060)	10,895
Total resale licensing revenue	27,252	12,986	50,403	28,331
Total seismic revenue	32,129	21,335	63,380	54,706
Solutions and other	833	1,111	1,958	2,462
Total revenue	$ 32,962	$ 22,446	$ 65,338	$ 57,168

Total revenue for the second quarter of 2010 was $33.0 million, an increase of $10.5 million, or 47%, from the second quarter of 2009 total revenue of $22.4 million. Acquisition revenue was $4.9 million for the second quarter of 2010, a decrease of $3.5 million from the second quarter of 2009. The decrease was primarily due to reduced activity caused by the economic downturn in 2009. Acquisition revenue in the second quarter of 2010 primarily related to resource plays in the Haynesville area in east Texas and the Eagle Ford area in south Texas where we began work on five new programs covering approximately 500 square miles. Total resale licensing revenue was $27.3 million in the second quarter of 2010 compared to $13.0 million in the second quarter of 2009, an increase of 110%. Resale licensing revenue increased in the second quarter of 2010 from 2009 as a result of increased activity by our clients licensing data related to both unconventional and conventional plays. Cash resales for the second quarter of 2010 were $31.6 million, up 336% from the second quarter of 2009. Cash resales from unconventional plays increased 351% from the second quarter of 2009 to the second quarter of 2010 while cash resales related to conventional data increased 311% in the same period. In the second quarter of 2010, 64% of our cash resales were from resource plays with the remaining 36% from conventional areas, 2D and offshore data. This compares to 62% and 38%, respectively, in the second quarter of 2009. Non-monetary exchanges increased $2.0 million from the second quarter of 2009 to 2010; these transactions fluctuate quarter to quarter depending upon the data available

for trade. Revenue recognition adjustments are non-cash adjustments to revenue and reflect the net amount of revenue deferred as a result of all of the revenue recognition criteria not being met and the subsequent revenue recognition once the criteria are met. In the second quarter of 2010, the deferral of new licensing contracts exceeded the amount of revenue recognized from previously deferred contracts, primarily as a result of an increase in the value of library card contracts entered into in the quarter. In the second quarter of 2009, the revenue recognized from previously deferred contracts was higher than the deferrals related to new contracts primarily because there were fewer library cards entered into in the 2009 second quarter. Solutions and other revenue was $0.8 million in the second quarter of 2010 compared to $1.1 million in the second quarter of 2009. This decrease between quarters was mainly due to certain seismic revenue, such as library cards, relicense fees and acquisition revenue, not resulting in Solutions work in the short-term.

Total revenue for the first six months of 2010 was $65.3 million, an increase of $8.2 million, or 14%, from the first six months of 2009 total revenue of $57.2 million. Acquisition revenue was $13.0 million for the first six months of 2010, a decrease of $13.4 million from the first six months of 2009. The decrease was primarily attributable to reduced activity caused by the economic downturn in 2009. During the first six months of 2010, we signed two new acquisition programs in the Haynesville area and five new programs in the Eagle Ford area as well as continued working on Haynesville projects started prior to 2010 and projects in the Horn River and Montney areas in Canada. Total resale licensing revenue was $50.4 million in the first six months of 2010 compared to $28.3 million in the first six months of 2009, reflecting the higher activity levels by our clients. Cash resales for the first six months of 2010 were $52.4 million, up 204% from the first six months of 2009. Cash resales from unconventional plays increased 232% from the first six months of 2009 to the first six months of 2010 while cash resales related to conventional data increased 168% in the same period. In the first six months of 2010, 61% of our cash resales were from resource plays with the remaining 39% from conventional areas, 2D and offshore data. This compares to 56% and 44%, respectively, in the first six months of 2009. In the first half of 2010, we have seen strong demand for our data located in the resource plays of Haynesville and Eagle Ford in the U.S. and Montney in Canada. Non-monetary exchanges increased $3.9 million from the first six months of 2009 to 2010; these transactions fluctuate quarter to quarter depending upon the data available for trade. In the first six months of 2010, the deferral of new licensing contracts exceeded the amount of revenue recognized from previously deferred contracts, primarily as a result of an increase in the value of library card contracts entered into in the period. In the first six months of 2009, the revenue recognized from previously deferred contracts was higher than the deferrals related to new contracts due to the lower level of cash resales in the 2009 period. Solutions and other revenue decreased $0.5 million between the six-month periods due to the completion of a data management project in 2009 and due to the mix of seismic revenue and the types of products delivered.

At June 30, 2010, we had a deferred revenue balance of $31.1 million, compared to the December 31, 2009 balance of $26.7 million. The deferred revenue balance was related to (i) data licensing contracts on which selection of specific data had not yet occurred, (ii) deferred revenue on data acquisition projects and (iii) contracts in which the data products are not yet available or the revenue recognition criteria has not yet been met. The deferred revenue will be recognized when selection of specific data is made by the customer, upon expiration of the data selection period specified in the data licensing contracts, as work progresses on the data acquisition contracts, as the data products become available or as all of the revenue recognition criteria are met.

Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization was composed of the following for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	**2009**	**2010**	**2009**
Amortization of seismic data:				
Income forecast	$ 17,780	$ 13,275	$ 35,000	$ 34,180
Straight-line	18,392	20,871	37,864	37,271
Total amortization of seismic data	36,172	34,146	72,864	71,451
Depreciation of property and equipment	516	563	1,060	1,116
Amortization of acquired intangibles	1,423	1,363	2,843	2,679
Total	$ 38,111	$ 36,072	$ 76,767	$ 75,246

Total seismic data library amortization amounted to $36.2 million in the second quarter of 2010 compared to $34.1 million in the second quarter of 2009 and $72.9 million for the first half of 2010 compared to $71.5 million for the first half of 2009. The amount of seismic data library amortization fluctuates based on the level and location of specific seismic surveys licensed (including licensing resulting from new data acquisition) and selected by our customers during any period as well as the amount of straight-line amortization required under our accounting policy.

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Seismic data amortization as a percentage of total seismic revenue is summarized as follows:

Components of Amortization	Three Months Ended June 30, 2010	Three Months Ended June 30, 2009	Six Months Ended June 30, 2010	Six Months Ended June 30, 2009
Income forecast	55.3%	62.2%	55.2%	62.5%
Straight-line	57.3%	97.8%	59.8%	68.1%
Total	112.6%	160.0%	115.0%	130.6%

The percentage of income forecast amortization to total seismic revenue decreased between the 2010 and 2009 periods presented due to the mix of data being licensed. In all periods, we had resale revenue recognized which was from data whose costs were fully amortized. In the second quarter and first six months of 2010, 26% and 27%, respectively, of resale revenue recognized was from data whose costs were fully amortized as compared to 19% and 20% in the second quarter and first six months of 2009, respectively. Additionally, amortization expense related to new data acquisition decreased between the periods due to the lower level of acquisition revenue. Straight-line amortization represents the expense required under our accounting policy to ensure our data value is fully amortized within four years of when the data becomes available for sale. The amount of straight-line amortization decreased $2.5 million between the 2009 and 2010 second quarter periods and increased by $0.6 million in the first half of 2010 compared to the first half of 2009 due to the distribution of revenue among the various seismic surveys.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses were $8.4 million in the second quarter of 2010 compared to $6.4 million in the second quarter of 2009 and $14.9 million in the first six months of 2010 compared to $14.7 million in the first six months of 2009. SG&A expenses are made up of the following cash and non-cash expenses (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2010	Three Months Ended June 30, 2009	Six Months Ended June 30, 2010	Six Months Ended June 30, 2009
Cash SG&A expenses	$ 6,546	$ 5,367	$ 12,462	$ 12,286
Non-cash compensation expense	1,768	995	2,299	2,279
Non-cash rent expense	68	62	137	119
Total	$ 8,382	$ 6,424	$ 14,898	$ 14,684

The increase in cash SG&A expenses of $1.2 million from the second quarter of 2009 to the second quarter of 2010 was primarily due to an increase of $1.5 million in performance incentive accruals and an increase of $0.1 million in sales commissions as a result of higher revenues. These increases were partially offset by a $0.4 million decrease in one-time costs associated with cost reduction measures.

The increase in cash SG&A expenses of $0.2 million from the first six months of 2009 to the first six months of 2010 was primarily due to an increase of $2.2 million in performance incentive accruals and an increase of $0.2 million in sales commissions as a result of higher revenues. These increases were offset by the following decreases: (1) a decrease of $1.1 million in one-time costs associated with cost reduction measures, (2) a decrease of $0.4 million in personnel costs resulting from workforce reductions and employee benefits implemented in 2009, (3) a decrease of $0.3 million in provision for bad debts and (4) a decrease of $0.4 million in various expenses primarily resulting from cost cutting measures implemented in 2009.

The increase in non-cash compensation expense between 2010 and 2009 was due to re-pricing of our outstanding stock options in the second quarter of 2010, resulting in a lower strike price on the options for the current option holders. Of the $1.3 million incremental compensation expense resulting from the re-pricing, $0.9 million was expensed immediately as it related to options that were vested on the re-pricing date. The remaining $0.4 million in additional compensation expense will be recognized over the remaining vesting period of the unvested options using graded vesting.

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Income Taxes

Tax benefit was $1.4 million in the second quarter of 2010 compared to $1.6 million in the second quarter of 2009. The benefit in the second quarter of 2010 was comprised of (i) a benefit of $1.6 million related to our Canadian operations, (ii) an expense of $0.1 million related to principal and interest on uncertain tax positions and (iii) $0.1 million in U.S. state tax expense. The benefit in the second quarter of 2009 was comprised of (i) a benefit of $1.6 million related to our Canadian operations, (ii) a benefit of $0.1 million primarily related to the reversal of an uncertain tax position following the expiration of the statute of limitations and (iii) $0.1 million in U.S. state tax expense. The Federal tax benefit in both the second quarter of 2010 and 2009 resulting from our U.S. operations was offset by a valuation allowance because it was more likely than not that the deferred tax asset would not be realized.

Tax benefit was $1.8 million and $2.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The benefit for the first six months of 2010 was comprised of (i) a benefit of $2.2 million related to our Canadian operations, (ii) an expense of $0.2 million related to principal and interest on uncertain tax positions and (iii) $0.2 million in U.S. state tax expense. The benefit for the first six months of 2009 was comprised of (i) a benefit of $2.6 million related to our Canadian operations, (ii) $0.2 million of state tax expense in the U.S. and (iii) $0.2 million expense related to penalties and interest on uncertain tax positions. The Federal tax benefit in both the first six months of 2010 and 2009 resulting from our U.S. operations was offset by a valuation allowance because it was more likely than not that the deferred tax asset would not be realized.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of June 30, 2010, we had $41.3 million in consolidated cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments. Included in this balance is restricted cash of $177,000. Other sources of liquidity include our credit facilities described below.

U.S. Credit Facility: On December 22, 2009, we entered into a secured credit agreement which provides us with the ability to borrow up to $9.9 million (the U.S. Credit Facility). Borrowings under the U.S. Credit Facility may be made from date of the agreement until December 31, 2010. Borrowings may be prepaid and, in certain circumstances as defined in the agreement, mandatory prepayments are required. However, such prepaid amounts may not be reborrowed. The maturity date of the U.S Credit Facility is December 22, 2014. The U.S. Credit Facility contains financial covenants, including a covenant requiring us to achieve and maintain a minimum level of cash EBITDA (as defined in the credit agreement governing the U.S. Credit Facility). At June 30, 2010, there was no outstanding balance under the U.S. Credit Facility and there was $9.9 million of availability.

Canadian Credit Facility: Our wholly owned subsidiary, Olympic Seismic Ltd. (Olympic), has a revolving credit facility (the Canadian Credit Facility) which allows it to borrow up to $5.0 million (Canadian), subject to an availability formula, by way of prime-based loans or letters of credit. Available borrowings under the Canadian Credit Facility are equivalent to a maximum of $5.0 million (Canadian), subject to a requirement that such borrowings may not exceed 75% of good accounts receivable (as defined in the credit agreement governing the Canadian Credit Facility) of Olympic, less prior-ranking claims, if any, relating to inventory or accounts. As of June 30, 2010, no amounts were outstanding on the Canadian Credit Facility and $3.1 million (Canadian) was available on the line of credit.

9.75% Senior Unsecured Notes: On February 14, 2007, we issued in a private placement $400.0 million aggregate principal amount of our 9.75% Senior Notes. Interest on these senior notes is payable in cash, semi-annually in arrears on February 15 and August 15 of each year.

11.75% Senior Unsecured Notes: On July 2, 2004, we issued in a private placement $193.0 million aggregate principal amount of our 11.75% Senior Notes. As of June 30, 2010, $2.0 million of the 11.75% Senior Notes remain outstanding. Interest on these senior notes is payable in cash, semi-annually in arrears on January 15 and July 15 of each year.

Cash Flows from Operating Activities: Cash flows provided by operating activities were $32.6 million and $22.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Operating cash flows for 2010 increased from 2009 primarily due to an increase in cash resales and the related cash collections.

Cash Flows from Investing Activities: Cash flows used in investing activities were $17.6 million and $35.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Cash expenditures for seismic data were $17.6 million and $35.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The decrease in cash invested in seismic data for 2010 compared to 2009 was primarily due to reduced activity caused by the economic downturn in 2009.

Cash Flows from Financing Activities: Cash flows used in financing activities were $163,000 and $81,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The increase in cash used in financing activities is due to the payment of debt issue costs in 2010 related to our U.S. Credit Facility.

Anticipated Liquidity: Our ability to cover our operating and capital expenses, make required payments of interest on our 9.75% Senior Notes and 11.75% Senior Notes, incur additional indebtedness, and comply with our various debt covenants will depend primarily on our ability to generate substantial operating cash flows. Over the next 12 months, we expect to obtain the funds necessary to pay our operating, capital and other expenses and principal and interest on our senior notes and our other indebtedness, from our operating cash flows, cash and cash equivalents on hand and, if required, from additional borrowings (to the extent available under our credit facilities and otherwise subject to the borrowing base). Our ability to satisfy our payment obligations depends substantially on our future operating and financial performance, which necessarily will be affected by, and subject to, industry, market, economic and other factors. If necessary, we could choose to reduce our spending on capital projects and operating expenses to ensure we operate within the cash flow generated from our operations. We will not be able to predict or control many of these factors, such as economic conditions in the markets where we operate and competitive pressures.

Deferred Taxes

As of June 30, 2010, we had a net deferred tax liability of $3.9 million attributable to our Canadian operations and a $0.3 deferred tax asset attributable to U.S. state deferred taxes. In the U.S., we had a Federal deferred tax asset of $102.4 million, all of which was fully offset by a valuation allowance. The recognition of the U.S. Federal deferred tax asset will not occur until such time that it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the U.S. Federal deferred tax asset will be realized. As of June 30, 2010, it was more likely than not that all of the U.S. Federal deferred tax asset will not be realized.

Off-Balance Sheet Transactions

Other than operating leases, we do not maintain any off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations or other relationships with unconsolidated entities or others that are reasonably likely to have a material current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenue or expense, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

Capital Expenditures

During the six months ended June 30, 2010, capital expenditures for seismic data and other property and equipment amounted to $22.6 million. Our capital expenditures for the remainder of 2010 are presently estimated to be $75.4 million. The first six months of 2010 actual and 2010 estimated remaining capital expenditures are comprised of the following (in thousands):

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2010	Estimate for Remainder of 2010	Total Estimate for 2010
New data acquisition	$ 15,617	$ 70,383	$ 86,000
Cash purchases and data processing	982	518	1,500
Non-monetary exchanges	5,953	4,047	10,000
Property and equipment and other	40	460	500
Total capital expenditures	22,592	75,408	98,000
Less: Non-monetary exchanges	(5,953)	(4,047)	(10,000)
Changes in working capital	1,042		1,042
Cash investment per statement of cash flows	$ 17,681	$ 71,361	$ 89,042

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Capital expenditures funded from operating cash flow are as follows (in thousands):

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2010	Estimate for Remainder of 2010	Total Estimate for 2010
Total capital expenditures	$ 22,592	$ 75,408	$ 98,000
Less: Non-cash additions	(5,953)	(4,047)	(10,000)
Cash underwriting	(12,166)	(51,834)	(64,000)
Capital expenditures funded from operating cash flow	$ 4,473	$ 19,527	$ 24,000

As of August 6, 2010, we had capital expenditure commitments related to data acquisition projects of approximately $48.4 million, of which we have obtained approximately $27.1 million of cash underwriting and $0.6 million of underwriting for non-monetary exchanges.

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP to GAAP Financial Measures

We believe the allocation of cash resales between unconventional and conventional plays provides useful additional information about current trends in our operations. The two tables below compare such non-GAAP information to information related to the most comparable GAAP measure, total revenue.

The following table summarizes the percentage increases (decreases) in cash resales and total revenue between the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009:

	2Q09 to 2Q10	6M09 to 6M10
Consolidated -		
Cash resales	336%	204%
Total revenue	47%	14%
Unconventional plays -		
Cash resales	351%	232%
Total revenue	3%	(1%)
Conventional plays -		
Cash resales	311%	168%
Total revenue	181%	47%

The following table shows the percentage of cash resales and total revenue generated from data in unconventional resource plays and conventional plays, 2D and offshore for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Unconventional plays -				
Cash resales	64%	62%	61%	56%
Total revenue	48%	69%	55%	63%
Conventional plays, 2D and offshore -				
Cash resales	36%	38%	39%	44%
Total revenue	49%	26%	42%	33%

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Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to market risk, including adverse changes in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates.

Interest Rate Risk

We may enter into various financial instruments, such as interest rate swaps or interest rate lock agreements, to manage the impact of changes in interest rates. As of June 30, 2010, we did not have any open interest rate swap or interest rate lock agreements. Therefore, our exposure to changes in interest rates primarily results from our short-term and long-term debt with both fixed and floating interest rates.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

Our Canadian subsidiaries conduct business in the Canadian dollar and are therefore subject to foreign currency exchange rate risk on cash flows related to sales, expenses, financing and investing transactions in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Currently, we do not have any open forward exchange contracts.

We have not had any significant changes in our market risk exposures during the quarter ended June 30, 2010.

Item 4T. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

a) **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

As of the end of the period covered by this report, our management carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our President and Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company s disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act), pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15. Based upon that evaluation, our President and Chief Executive Officer along with our Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company s disclosure controls and procedures as of June 30, 2010 are effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our President and Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

b) **Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There have been no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting during the quarter ended June 30, 2010 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

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PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. **LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

See Part I, Item 1, Note H to Consolidated Financial Statements, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 1A. **RISK FACTORS**

In addition to the cautionary information included in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Item 1A. Risk Factors in our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the SEC on March 30, 2010, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or results of operations.

Item 2. **UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

None.

Item 3. **DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES**

None.

Item 4. **(REMOVED AND RESERVED)**

Item 5. **OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

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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.

	SEITEL, INC.
Dated: August 9, 2010	/s/ Robert D. Monson Robert D. Monson Chief Executive Officer and President
Dated: August 9, 2010	/s/ Marcia H. Kendrick Marcia H. Kendrick Chief Financial Officer

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