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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark one)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2014

OR

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

For the transition period from to .

Commission file number 001-36017

Control4 Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

42-1583209

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

11734 S. Election Road

Salt Lake City, Utah

(Address of principal executive offices)

84020

(Zip Code)

(801) 523-3100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant 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 definition of "accelerated filer", "large accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer
(do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

On April 25, 2014, 23,701,332 shares of the registrant's Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value, were issued and outstanding.

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(in thousands, except share data)

| | December 31, 2013 | (unaudited) | March 31, 2014 |
|--|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Current assets: | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 84,546 | | \$ 26,885 |
| Short-term investments | | | 36,592 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 15,064 | | 15,623 |
| Inventories | 15,312 | | 17,120 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 1,773 | | 2,022 |
| Total current assets | 116,695 | | 98,242 |
| Property and equipment, net | 3,943 | | 3,727 |
| Long-term investments | | | 22,107 |
| Intangible assets, net | 928 | | 830 |
| Other assets | 1,120 | | 1,143 |
| Total assets | \$ 122,686 | | \$ 126,049 |
| Liabilities and stockholders equity | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 13,314 | | \$ 14,395 |
| Accrued liabilities | 6,821 | | 5,420 |
| Deferred revenue | 644 | | 766 |
| Current portion of notes payable | 1,138 | | 1,091 |
| Total current liabilities | 21,917 | | 21,672 |
| Notes payable | 1,828 | | 1,578 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 467 | | 450 |
| Total liabilities | 24,212 | | 23,700 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | | |
| Stockholders equity: | | | |
| Common stock, \$0.0001 par value; 500,000,000 shares authorized; 22,785,104 and 23,579,068 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2013 and March 31, 2014 | 2 | | 2 |

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(unaudited), respectively

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Additional paid-in capital | 200,545 | 204,991 |
| Accumulated deficit | (102,084) | (102,623) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | 11 | (21) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 98,474 | 102,349 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 122,686 | \$ 126,049 |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share data)

| | 2013 | Three Months Ended March 31, (unaudited) | 2014 |
|------------------------------------|------------|---|--------|
| Revenue | \$ 26,571 | \$ | 31,855 |
| Cost of revenue | 13,550 | | 15,619 |
| Gross margin | 13,021 | | 16,236 |
| Operating expenses: | | | |
| Research and development | 6,066 | | 6,775 |
| Sales and marketing | 5,605 | | 6,301 |
| General and administrative | 2,828 | | 3,688 |
| Total operating expenses | 14,499 | | 16,764 |
| Loss from operations | (1,478) | | (528) |
| Other income (expense): | | | |
| Interest, net | (75) | | (19) |
| Other income, net | 26 | | 8 |
| Total other expense | (49) | | (11) |
| Loss before income taxes | (1,527) | | (539) |
| Income tax benefit | 56 | | |
| Net loss | \$ (1,471) | \$ | (539) |
| Net loss per common share: | | | |
| Basic | \$ (0.59) | \$ | (0.02) |
| Diluted | \$ (0.59) | \$ | (0.02) |
| Weighted-average number of shares: | | | |
| Basic | 2,502 | | 23,117 |
| Diluted | 2,502 | | 23,117 |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

(in thousands)

| | 2013 | Three Months Ended March 31, (unaudited) | 2014 |
|---|-------------|---|-------------|
| Net loss | \$ | (1,471) | \$ (539) |
| Other comprehensive loss: | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | | (5) | 1 |
| Net unrealized losses on available-for-sale investments | | | (33) |
| Total other comprehensive loss | | (5) | (32) |
| Comprehensive loss | \$ | (1,476) | \$ (571) |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

| | 2013 | Three Months Ended March 31, (unaudited) | 2014 |
|---|------|---|-----------|
| Operating activities | | | |
| Net loss | \$ | (1,471) | \$ (539) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities: | | | |
| Depreciation expense | | 512 | 608 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | | 68 | 98 |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | | 70 | 59 |
| Stock-based compensation | | 838 | 1,247 |
| Warrant liability income | | (25) | |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts receivable | | (332) | (603) |
| Inventories | | (94) | (1,783) |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | | (338) | (246) |
| Other assets | | (1,595) | (23) |
| Accounts payable | | (1,319) | 1,038 |
| Accrued liabilities | | 77 | (1,408) |
| Deferred revenue | | 493 | 122 |
| Other long-term liabilities | | 179 | (17) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | | (2,937) | (1,447) |
| Investing activities | | | |
| Purchases of available-for-sale investments | | | (59,775) |
| Proceeds from sales of available-for-sale investments | | | 1,043 |
| Purchases of property and equipment | | (1,431) | (389) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | | (1,431) | (59,121) |
| Financing activities | | | |
| Proceeds from exercise of options for common stock | | 37 | 3,199 |
| Proceeds from notes payable | | 435 | |
| Repayment of notes payable | | (200) | (297) |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | | 272 | 2,902 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | | (26) | 5 |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | | (4,122) | (57,661) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | | 18,695 | 84,546 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ | 14,573 | \$ 26,885 |
| Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information | | | |
| Cash paid for interest | \$ | 63 | \$ 39 |
| Cash paid for taxes | | 50 | 93 |

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See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

(unaudited)

1. Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Control4 Corporation ("Control4" or the "Company") is a leading provider of automation and control solutions for the connected home. The Company unlocks the potential of connected devices, making entertainment systems easier to use, homes more comfortable, appliances more energy efficient, and families more secure. The Company was incorporated in the state of Delaware on March 27, 2003.

Unaudited Interim Financial Statements

The accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets and the condensed consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive loss, and cash flows are unaudited. These unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") on the same basis as the audited consolidated financial statements and, in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments, consisting of only normal recurring adjustments, considered necessary to present fairly the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows. The results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2014, or any other future interim or annual period.

These unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on February 21, 2014. The December 31, 2013 consolidated balance sheet included herein was derived from the audited financial statements as of that date.

Basis of Presentation

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Segment Reporting

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Operating segments are identified as components of an enterprise about which separate discrete financial information is available for evaluation by the chief operating decision maker, the Chief Executive Officer, in making decisions regarding resource allocation and accessing performance. To date, the Company has viewed its operations and manages its business as one operating segment.

Concentrations of Risk

The Company's accounts receivable are derived from revenue earned from dealers and distributors primarily located in the United States and Canada. The Company's sales to dealers and distributors located outside the United States are generally denominated in United States dollars, except for sales to dealers and distributors located in the United Kingdom, which are denominated in pounds sterling. There were no individual account balances greater than 10% of total accounts receivable at December 31, 2013 and March 31, 2014.

No dealer or distributor accounted for more than 10% of total revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2014.

The Company relies on a limited number of suppliers for its contract manufacturing. A significant disruption in the operations of these manufacturers would impact the production of the Company's products for a substantial period of time, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Geographic Information

The Company's revenue includes amounts earned through sales to dealers and distributors located outside of the United States. With the exception of Canada, no single foreign country accounted for more than 10% of total revenue for the

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three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2014. The following table sets forth revenue from the U.S., Canadian and all other international dealers and distributors combined (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | March 31, | | March 31, | |
| | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 |
| Revenue-United States | \$ | 17,702 | \$ | 21,547 |
| Revenue-Canada | | 3,345 | | 3,239 |
| Revenue-all other international sources | | 5,524 | | 7,069 |
| Total revenue | \$ | 26,571 | \$ | 31,855 |
| International revenue (excluding Canada) as a percent of total revenue | | 21% | | 22% |

Use of Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. On an ongoing basis, the Company evaluates its estimates including those related to revenue recognition, sales returns, provisions for doubtful accounts, product warranty, inventory obsolescence, litigation, determination of fair value of stock options, deferred tax asset valuation allowances and income taxes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Product Warranty

The Company provides its customers a limited product warranty of two years, which requires the Company to repair or replace (at its option) defective products during the warranty period at no cost to the customer. The Company estimates the costs that may be incurred to replace or repair defective products and records a reserve at the time revenue is recognized. Factors that affect the Company's warranty liability include the number of installed systems, the Company's historical experience and management's judgment regarding anticipated rates of product warranty returns, net of refurbished products. The Company assesses the adequacy of its recorded warranty liability each period and makes adjustments to the liability as necessary. Warranty costs accrued includes amounts accrued for products at the time of shipment, adjustments for changes in estimated costs for warranties on products shipped in the period, and changes in estimated costs for warranties on products shipped in prior periods. It is not practicable for the Company to determine the amounts applicable to each of these components.

The following table presents the changes in the product warranty liability (in thousands):

| | Warranty Liability | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Balance at December 31, 2013 | \$ | 1,213 |
| Warranty costs accrued | | 204 |
| Warranty claims | | (268) |
| Balance at March 31, 2014 | \$ | 1,149 |

Net Loss Per Share

Basic net loss per share is computed using the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net loss per share is computed using the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding and potentially dilutive common shares outstanding during the period that have a dilutive effect on net income per share. Potentially dilutive common shares result from the assumed exercise of outstanding stock options and the assumed conversion of outstanding convertible preferred stock and warrants using the if-converted method. In a net loss position, diluted net loss per share is computed using only the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period, as any additional common shares would be anti-dilutive.

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The following table presents the reconciliation of the numerator and denominator used in the calculation of basic and diluted net loss per share (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------|----------|
| | 2013 | 2014 |
| Numerator: | | |
| Net loss | \$ (1,471) | \$ (539) |
| Denominator: | | |
| Weighted average common stock outstanding for basic net loss per common share | 2,502 | 23,117 |
| Effect of dilutive securities stock options, convertible preferred stock, and warrants to purchase common stock and preferred stock | | |
| Weighted average common shares and dilutive securities outstanding | 2,502 | 23,117 |

The following weighted-average common stock equivalents were anti-dilutive and therefore were excluded from the calculation of diluted net loss per share (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | 2013 | 2014 |
| Convertible preferred stock | 15,294 | |
| Options to purchase common stock | 4,629 | 4,853 |
| Warrants to purchase common stock | 541 | |
| Warrants to purchase preferred stock | 194 | |
| Total | 20,658 | 4,853 |

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-11, *Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists*. The amended guidance requires an entity to present an unrecognized tax benefit, or a portion of an unrecognized tax benefit, in the financial statements as a reduction to a deferred tax asset for a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward, except as follows. To the extent a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward is not available at the reporting date under the tax law of the applicable jurisdiction to settle any additional income taxes that would result from the disallowance of a tax position or the tax law of the applicable jurisdiction does not require the entity to use, and the entity does not intend to use, the deferred tax asset for such purpose, the unrecognized tax benefit should be presented in the financial statements as a liability and should not be combined with deferred tax assets. The guidance is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2013. Therefore, this new guidance was effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2014. The adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on the Company's results of operations, financial position, or cash flows as it relates only to financial statement presentation.

2. Balance Sheet Components

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Inventories consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | December 31, 2013 | | March 31, 2014 | |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| Finished goods | \$ | 14,061 | \$ | 16,043 |
| Component parts | | 1,251 | | 1,077 |
| | \$ | 15,312 | \$ | 17,120 |

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Property and equipment, net consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | December 31, 2013 | March 31, 2014 |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|
| Computer equipment and software | \$ 4,152 | \$ 4,354 |
| Manufacturing tooling and test equipment | 2,652 | 2,667 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 2,046 | 2,097 |
| Lab and warehouse equipment | 2,374 | 2,485 |
| Marketing equipment | 604 | 604 |
| Leasehold improvements | 1,450 | 1,436 |
| | 13,278 | 13,643 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation | (9,335) | (9,916) |
| | \$ 3,943 | \$ 3,727 |

Intangible assets, net consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | December 31, 2013 | March 31, 2014 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Acquired technology | \$ 1,678 | \$ 1,678 |
| Less: accumulated amortization | (750) | (848) |
| | \$ 928 | \$ 830 |

Other assets consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | December 31, 2013 | March 31, 2014 |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Prepaid licensing | \$ 716 | \$ 695 |
| Deposits | 404 | 448 |
| | \$ 1,120 | \$ 1,143 |

Accrued liabilities consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | December 31, 2013 | March 31, 2014 |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|
| Current portion of settlement obligations (see Note 4) | \$ 907 | \$ 887 |
| Sales returns and warranty accruals | 2,137 | 2,152 |
| Compensation accruals | 3,233 | 1,831 |
| Other accrued liabilities | 544 | 550 |
| | \$ 6,821 | \$ 5,420 |

3. Fair Value Measurements

Assets Measured and Recorded at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The Company's financial assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis consist of money market funds and available-for-sale investments. The following three levels of inputs are used to measure the fair value of financial instruments:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Observable inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs are used when little or no market data is available.

The Company determines realized gains or losses on the sale of marketable securities on a specific identification method. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company did not record significant realized gains or losses on the sales of available-for-sale investments. The following tables show the Company's cash and available-for-sale investments' adjusted cost, gross unrealized gains, gross unrealized losses and fair value by significant investment category

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recorded as cash and cash equivalents or short- or long-term investments as of December 31, 2013 and March 31, 2014 (in thousands):

| | December 31, 2013 | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Adjusted Cost | Unrealized Gains | Unrealized Losses | Fair Value | Cash and Cash Equivalents | Short-term Investments | Long-term Investments |
| Cash | \$ 5,533 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 5,533 | \$ | \$ |
| Level 1: | | | | | | | |
| Money market funds | 79,013 | | | | 79,013 | | |
| Subtotal | 79,013 | | | | 79,013 | | |
| Total | \$ 84,546 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 84,546 | \$ | \$ |
| | March 31, 2014 | | | | | | |
| | Adjusted Cost | Unrealized Gains | Unrealized Losses | Fair Value | Cash and Cash Equivalents | Short-term Investments | Long-term Investments |
| Cash | \$ 8,576 | \$ | \$ | \$ 8,576 | \$ 8,576 | \$ | \$ |
| Level 1: | | | | | | | |
| Money market funds | 15,510 | | | 15,510 | 15,510 | | |
| Subtotal | 15,510 | | | 15,510 | 15,510 | | |
| Level 2: | | | | | | | |
| Asset-backed securities | 4,466 | | (1) | 4,465 | | | 4,465 |
| Corporate bonds | 37,085 | 3 | (34) | 37,054 | | 19,412 | 17,642 |
| Commercial paper | 19,980 | 1 | (2) | 19,979 | 2,799 | 17,180 | |
| Subtotal | 61,531 | 4 | (37) | 61,498 | 2,799 | 36,592 | 22,107 |
| Total | \$ 85,617 | \$ 4 | \$ (37) | \$ 85,584 | \$ 26,885 | \$ 36,592 | \$ 22,107 |

As of March 31, 2014, the Company considers the declines in market value of its investment portfolio to be temporary in nature and does not consider any of its investments other-than-temporarily impaired. The Company typically invests in highly-rated securities, and its investment policy generally limits the amount of credit exposure to any one issuer. The policy requires investments generally to be investment grade, with the primary objective of minimizing the potential risk of principal loss. Fair values were determined for each individual security in the investment portfolio. The maturities of the Company's long-term investments generally range from one to two years. When evaluating an investment for other-than-temporary impairment the Company reviews factors such as the length of time and extent to which fair value has been below its cost basis, the financial condition of the issuer and any changes thereto, changes in market interest rates, and the Company's intent to sell, or whether it is more likely than not it will be required to sell the investment before recovery of the investment's cost basis. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company did not recognize any significant impairment charges.

Fair Value of Other Financial Instruments

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The carrying amounts reported in the accompanying consolidated financial statements for cash and cash equivalents, accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their fair value because of the short term nature of the accounts. The fair value of the notes payable approximates its carrying value based on the variable nature of interest rates and current market rates available to the Company (see Note 4). As a result, the balance of the notes payable are categorized within the Level 2 fair value hierarchy.

4. Long-Term Obligations

Loan and Security Agreement

In June 2013, the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement with Silicon Valley Bank (the "SVB Agreement"), which consists of a revolving credit facility of \$13.0 million (subject to certain

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borrowing base restrictions) and term borrowings to fund purchases of property and equipment. All borrowings under the SVB Agreement are collateralized by the general assets of the Company. The revolving credit facility has a variable rate of interest of prime (as published in the Wall Street Journal) or LIBOR plus 2.50%, as selected by the Company. The rate was 3.25% at March 31, 2014. In addition, the Company pays an annual commitment fee of \$20,000 and a quarterly unused line of credit fee of 0.375% based on the difference between the borrowing commitment of \$13.0 million and the then current balance. The SVB Agreement provided for an additional \$2.75 million in term borrowings to fund purchase of property and equipment through May 2014, of which \$2.0 million was available at March 31, 2014. Term borrowings are payable in 33 equal monthly payments of principal plus interest and bear interest at prime plus 0.50%, which was 3.75% at March 31, 2014.

Borrowing under the revolving credit facility is subject to certain collateral restrictions relating primarily to the Company's accounts receivable and inventory levels. As of March 31, 2014, the total borrowing capacity was approximately \$13.0 million, and no borrowings were outstanding. The revolving credit facility has a maturity date of May 29, 2015.

The SVB Agreement contains various restrictive and financial covenants and the Company was in compliance with each of these covenants as of March 31, 2014.

Settlement Obligation

The Company has entered into various settlement agreements relating to alleged patent infringements, which included future payments under non-interest bearing, unsecured notes payable. The carrying values of the notes payable have been discounted using an implied interest rate of 3.75% and are included in accrued and other long term liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Future annual payments on the settlement obligations as of March 31, 2014 are shown in the table below (in thousands):

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| 2014 | \$ | 920 |
| 2015 | | 20 |
| 2016 | | 20 |
| | | 960 |
| Less amount representing interest | | (33) |
| Present value of settlement obligations | | 927 |
| Less current portion of settlement obligations | | (887) |
| Long-term portion of settlement obligations | \$ | 40 |

5. Income Taxes

In order to determine the quarterly provision for income taxes, the Company considers the estimated annual effective tax rate, which is based on expected annual income and statutory tax rates in the various jurisdictions in which the Company operates. Certain significant or unusual items are separately recognized in the quarter during which they occur and can be a source of variability in the effective tax rates from quarter to quarter.

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Income tax benefit was \$56,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2013, and income tax expense was \$0 for the three months ended March 31, 2014, or approximately 4% and 0% of loss before income taxes, respectively. The effective tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2014 differs from the U.S. federal statutory rate of 34% primarily due to state income taxes, foreign income taxes, U.S. federal alternative minimum tax, incentive stock options, and the domestic valuation allowance offsetting most of the statutory rate.

At March 31, 2013 and 2014, the Company had a full valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets of its domestic operations as it believes it is more likely than not that these benefits will not be realized. Significant judgment is required in making this assessment, and it is very difficult to predict when, if ever, the assessment may conclude that the remaining portion of the deferred tax assets are realizable.

The Company files income tax returns in the United States, including various state and local jurisdictions. The Company's subsidiaries file income tax returns in the United Kingdom, Hong Kong, China and India. The Company is subject to examination in the United States, the United Kingdom, Hong Kong, China, and India as well as various state

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jurisdictions. As of March 31, 2014, the Company was not under examination by any tax authorities. Tax years beginning in 2010 are subject to examination by tax authorities in the United States, although net operating loss and credit carryforwards from all years are subject to examinations and adjustments for at least three years following the year in which the attributes are used. Tax years beginning in 2011 are subject to examination by the taxing authorities in Hong Kong. Tax years beginning in 2012 are subject to examination by the taxing authorities in the United Kingdom, China, and India.

6. Equity Compensation*Stock Options*

In 2003, the Board of Directors adopted the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2003 Plan"), which provided for the granting of nonqualified and incentive stock options, stock appreciation rights, stock awards and restricted stock. Under the 2003 Plan, the Company was able to grant nonqualified and incentive stock options to directors, employees and non-employees providing services to the Company. On June 11, 2013, the Company's Board of Directors adopted the 2013 Stock Option and Incentive Plan (the "2013 Plan"), which was subsequently approved by the Company's stockholders. The 2013 Plan became effective as of the closing of the Company's initial public offering. To the extent that any awards outstanding under the 2003 Plan are forfeited or lapse unexercised subsequent to August 1, 2013, the shares of common stock subject to such awards will become available for issuance under the 2013 Plan. The 2013 Plan provides for annual increases in the number of reserved shares of up to 5% of the outstanding number of shares of the Company's Common Stock as of the preceding December 31. On January 1, 2014, the number of reserved shares was increased by 1,139,255 shares in accordance with the provisions of the 2013 Plan.

A summary of stock option activity for the three months ended March 31, 2014 is presented below:

| | Shares Subject to Options Outstanding | Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years) |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| Balance at December 31, 2013 | 4,905,214 | | \$ 6.31 | |
| Granted | 787,244 | \$ 11.82 | 20.86 | |
| Exercised | (786,201) | | 4.06 | |
| Forfeited | (11,783) | | 14.39 | |
| Balance at March 31, 2014 | 4,894,474 | | 8.96 | |
| Exercisable options at March 31, 2014 | 2,668,667 | | 5.27 | 5.0 |
| Vested and expected to vest at March 31, 2014 | 4,672,052 | | 8.65 | 6.6 |

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding and exercisable at March 31, 2014:

| Range of Exercise Prices | Options Outstanding | | Options Exercisable | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Weighted Average Exercise | Number of Underlying Shares | Weighted- Average Remaining | Number of Underlying Shares | Weighted- Average Remaining |

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| | Price | | Contractual Life (in years) | | Contractual Life (in years) |
|---------------|---------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| \$0.26 - 1.30 | \$ 0.64 | 63,440 | 1.0 | 63,440 | 1.0 |
| 1.35 - 2.60 | 2.22 | 299,241 | 1.8 | 299,241 | 1.8 |
| 2.65 - 3.90 | 3.17 | 252,213 | 2.6 | 252,213 | 2.6 |
| 3.95 - 5.20 | 4.87 | 765,480 | 3.9 | 765,480 | 3.9 |
| 5.25 - 6.50 | 6.18 | 1,510,915 | 7.1 | 960,056 | 6.9 |
| 6.55 - 7.80 | 7.49 | 108,979 | 6.3 | 96,014 | 6.3 |
| 7.85 - 9.10 | 8.84 | 230,734 | 8.2 | 101,721 | 8.2 |
| 9.15 - 22.92 | 15.89 | 1,663,472 | 9.1 | 130,502 | 8.7 |
| | | 4,894,474 | | 2,668,667 | |

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For the stock option awards vested during the three months ended March 31, 2014, the total fair value was \$0.9 million. The following table summarizes the aggregate intrinsic-value of options exercised, exercisable and vested and expected to vest (in thousands):

| | For the three months ended and as of March 31, 2014 | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------|
| Options Exercised | \$ | 14,032 |
| Options Exercisable | | 42,533 |
| Options Vested and Expected to Vest | | 58,783 |

The fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|-------------|--|
| | 2013 | | 2014 | |
| Expected volatility | % | 56 | 60% | |
| Expected dividends | % | | 0% | |
| Expected terms (in years) | | 3.8 | 6.1 | |
| Risk-free rate | % | 1.1 | 2.0% | |

Total stock-based compensation expense has been classified as follows in the accompanying statements of operations (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----|-------------|-------|
| | 2013 | | 2014 | |
| Cost of revenue | \$ | 16 | \$ | 20 |
| Research and development | | 236 | | 478 |
| Sales and marketing | | 184 | | 222 |
| General and administrative | | 402 | | 527 |
| Total stock-based compensation expense | \$ | 838 | \$ | 1,247 |

At March 31, 2014, there was \$17.4 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock option awards that will be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.3 years.

7. Related Party Transactions

The Company has entered into sales agreements with certain of its investors. The following table sets forth revenue from product sales to companies affiliated with these investors (in thousands):

Three Months Ended

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| | | March 31, | | |
|-----------|------|-----------|------|-----|
| | 2013 | | 2014 | |
| Company 1 | \$ | 558 | \$ | 707 |
| Company 2 | | 126 | | 161 |
| Company 3 | | 285 | | |
| Company 4 | | 119 | | |
| | \$ | 1,088 | \$ | 868 |

As of December 31, 2013 and March 31, 2014, the Company had accounts receivable from these companies each totaling \$0.6 million. Purchase and payment terms with these related parties are consistent with other non-affiliated companies.

8. Commitments and Contingencies

Operating Leases

The Company leases office and warehouse space under operating leases that expire between 2014 and 2018. The terms of the leases include periods of free rent, options for the Company to extend the leases (three to five years) and increasing rental rates over time. The Company recognizes rental expense under these operating leases on a straight line basis over the lives of the leases and has accrued for rental expense recorded but not paid.

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Rental expense was approximately \$0.3 million for each of the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2014.

Future minimum rental payments required under non-cancelable operating leases with initial or remaining terms in excess of one year consist of the following as of March 31, 2014 (in thousands):

| | | |
|------------|----|-------|
| 2014 | \$ | 1,234 |
| 2015 | | 1,665 |
| 2016 | | 1,553 |
| 2017 | | 1,332 |
| 2018 | | 722 |
| Thereafter | \$ | 6,506 |

Purchase Commitments

The Company had non-cancellable purchase commitments for the purchase of inventory, which extend through September 2014 totaling approximately \$20.3 million at March 31, 2014.

Indemnification

The Company has agreed to indemnify its officers and directors for certain events or occurrences, while the officer or director is or was serving at the Company's request in such capacity. The maximum amount of potential future indemnification is unlimited; however, the Company has a director and officer insurance policy that provides corporate reimbursement coverage that limits its exposure and enables it to recover a portion of any future amounts paid. The Company is unable to reasonably estimate the maximum amount that could be payable under these arrangements since these obligations are not capped but are conditional to the unique facts and circumstances involved. Accordingly, the Company has no liabilities recorded for these agreements as of March 31, 2014.

Employment Agreements

The Company has signed employment agreements with certain executive officers who are entitled to receive certain benefits if their employment is terminated by the Company, including severance payments, accelerated vesting of stock options and continuation of certain insurance benefits.

Legal Matters

The Company is subject to various lawsuits and other claims that arise from time to time in the ordinary course of business. These actions may be based on alleged patent infringement or other matters. The Company intends to defend itself vigorously against any such actions. The Company establishes reserves for specific liabilities in connection with legal actions that it deems to be probable and estimable.

In management's opinion, the Company is not currently involved in any legal proceedings other than specifically identified below, that individually or in the aggregate, could have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, operations, or cash flows. Currently, a range of loss associated with any individual material legal proceeding cannot be reasonably estimated.

On April 23, 2014, Olivistar, LLC (Olivistar), a limited liability company organized under the laws of Texas, filed a Complaint against the Company in the Eastern District of Texas. During April 2014, Olivistar filed similar complaints against many other companies. Olivistar's Complaint asserts that the Company's light switches and MyHome App infringe two United States patents that Olivistar owns by assignment: U.S. Patent No. 6,839,731, or the 731 patent, and U.S. Patent No. 8,239,481, or the 481 patent. The Complaint seeks injunctive relief and monetary damages. Based on the Company's preliminary investigation of the patents at issue, the Company does not believe the products infringe any valid or enforceable claim of these patents; and, therefore, the Company will vigorously defend the lawsuit.

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

The following discussion and analysis is intended to provide greater details of our results of operations and financial condition and should be read in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December

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31, 2013 filed with the SEC on February 21, 2014, and our condensed consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this document. Certain statements in this Quarterly Report constitute forward-looking statements and as such, involve risks and uncertainties, as well as assumptions that, if they never materialize or prove incorrect, could cause our results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include any expectation of earnings, revenues or other financial items; any statements of the plans, strategies and objectives of management for future operations; factors that may affect our operating results; statements related to adding employees; statements related to future capital expenditures; statements related to future economic conditions or performance; statements as to industry trends and other matters that do not relate strictly to historical facts or statements of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. These statements are often identified by the use of words such as *anticipate, believe, continue, could, estimate, expect, intend, may or will, and similar expressions or variations*. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results and the timing of certain events to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to those discussed in the section titled *Risk Factors* included in Item 1A of Part II of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and the risks discussed in our other SEC filings.

We urge you to consider these factors carefully in evaluating the forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. These statements are based on the beliefs and assumptions of our management based on information currently available to management. The forward-looking statements included in this Quarterly Report are made only as of the date of this Quarterly Report. All subsequent written or oral forward-looking statements attributable to our company or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. We do not undertake, and specifically disclaim, any obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect the occurrence of events or circumstances after the date of such statements except as required by law.

Our Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations (MD&A) is provided in addition to the accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes to assist readers in understanding our operations, financial condition and cash flows. MD&A is organized as follows:

- *Overview.* Discussion of our business and overall analysis of financial and other highlights affecting the company in order to provide context for the remainder of MD&A.
- *Factors and Trends Affecting our Performance.* A summary of certain market factors and trends that we believe are important to our business which we must successfully address in order to continue to grow our business.
- *Key Operating and Financial Metrics.* Key operating and financial metrics that we use to evaluate and manage our business.
- *Results of Operations.* An analysis of our financial results comparing 2014 to 2013.
- *Liquidity and Capital Resources.* An analysis of changes in our balance sheets and cash flows, and discussion of our financial condition and potential sources of liquidity.
- *Non-GAAP Financial Measures.* A reconciliation of certain non-GAAP financial measures used by management to understand and evaluate our operating performance and trends, to prepare and approve our annual budget, and to develop short- and long-term operational plans.
- *Contractual Obligations and Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements.* Overview of contractual obligations, contingent liabilities, commitments and off-balance sheet arrangements outstanding as of March 31, 2014, including expected payment schedule.
- *Critical Accounting Estimates.* Accounting estimates that we believe are most important to understanding the assumptions and judgments incorporated in our reported financial results and forecasts.

Overview

Control4 is a leading provider of automation and control solutions for the connected home. We unlock the potential of connected devices, making entertainment systems easier to use, homes more comfortable and energy efficient, and families more secure. We provide our consumers with the ability to integrate music, video, lighting, temperature, security, communications and other functionalities into a unified home automation solution that enhances our consumers' daily lives. At the center of our solution is our advanced software platform, which we provide through our products that interface with a wide variety of connected devices that are developed by us and by third parties.

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We derive virtually all of our revenue from the sale of products that contain our proprietary software, which functions as the operating system of the home. In 2013, we derived a smaller portion of our revenue from licensing our MyHome software, which allows consumers to access their home control system from within their home using their smartphone, tablet or laptop. In April 2013, we began bundling the MyHome software licenses with our controller appliances. As a result, we began selling MyHome software licenses only to legacy system owners. Sales of individual MyHome software licenses have declined since April 2013 and are insignificant in 2014. We also generate revenue from the sale of annual subscriptions to our 4Sight service, which allows consumers to remotely access and control their home control system, as well as receive alerts regarding activities in their home. 4Sight also allows dealers to perform remote diagnostic services. Although our subscription-based revenue is currently insignificant, we intend over time to develop additional subscription-based services and increase our subscription-based revenue.

Consumers purchase our products from our worldwide network of certified independent dealers, regional and national retailers and distributors. These dealers design and install a solution to fit the specific needs of each consumer, whether it is a one-room home theatre solution or a whole-home automation solution that includes the integration of music, video, lighting, temperature, security and communications devices. Our products are installed in both new and existing residences. We refer to revenue from sales of our products through these dealers, retailers and distributors as core revenue. In addition, a portion of our revenue is attributable to small commercial installations and multi-dwelling units, including hotels. Core revenue does not include revenue from sales to hotels or multi-dwelling units or certification fees paid to us. Our revenue from sales to hotels, multi-dwelling units and other sources is generally project-based and has been significant in some periods and insignificant in other periods. During the year ended December 31, 2013, we sold our products directly to over 3,000 active direct dealers in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and 43 other countries, and partnered with 29 distributors to cover an additional 41 countries where we do not have direct dealer relationships. These distributors sell our solutions through dealers and provide warehousing, training, technical support, billing and service for dealers in each of those countries. We were founded in 2003 and began shipping our products and generating revenue in 2005. Our compounded annual growth rate for total revenue between 2006 and 2013 was 28%, as shown in the following table (dollars in millions):

| | For the Year Ended December 31, | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|--|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | |
| Core revenue | \$ 22.4 | \$ 35.9 | \$ 49.8 | \$ 56.2 | \$ 70.9 | \$ 88.3 | \$ 105.6 | \$ 126.4 | |
| Core revenue growth over prior year | 211% | 61% | 39% | 13% | 26% | 25% | 20% | 20% | |
| Other revenue | \$ 0.6 | \$ 4.2 | \$ 7.3 | \$ 11.5 | \$ 4.0 | \$ 5.1 | \$ 3.9 | \$ 2.1 | |
| Other revenue growth over prior year | 515% | 583% | 75% | 57% | -65% | 28% | -24% | -46% | |
| Total revenue | \$ 23.0 | \$ 40.1 | \$ 57.1 | \$ 67.7 | \$ 74.9 | \$ 93.4 | \$ 109.5 | \$ 128.5 | |
| Total revenue growth over prior year | 215% | 75% | 42% | 19% | 11% | 25% | 17% | 17% | |

Our revenue growth has resulted primarily from a combination of adding new dealers and distributors to our sales channels, as well as increasing revenue from existing dealers and distributors by enhancing and expanding our product offerings and solutions.

To date, nearly all of our revenue growth has been organic. We have completed small acquisitions, but those acquisitions have been technology and distribution-related and have not contributed materially to our revenue. We plan to identify, acquire and integrate strategic technologies, assets and businesses that we believe will enhance the overall strength of our business.

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We have historically experienced seasonal variations in our revenue as a result of holiday-related factors that are common in our industry. Our revenue is generally highest in the fourth quarter due to consumers' desires to complete their home installations prior to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We generally see decreased sales in the first quarter due to the number of installations that were completed in the fourth quarter and the resulting decline in dealer activity in the first quarter. We generally expect these seasonal trends to continue in the future, which may cause quarterly fluctuations in our results of operations and certain financial metrics.

On August 7, 2013, we completed our initial public offering (IPO) of common stock in which we sold and issued 4,600,000 shares of common stock and received net proceeds of approximately \$65.6 million after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses.

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Factors and Trends Affecting Our Performance

A number of industry trends have facilitated our growth over the past several years, including the proliferation of connected devices and the ubiquity and growth of network-enabled homes. From 2006 through 2008, the majority of our sales were for use in new, single-family homes. During the slowdown in the new housing market beginning in 2008, our dealers redirected their focus to existing homes, and today, we estimate that the majority of our installations are in existing homes. We expect that future increases in either new home construction or existing home renovations will have a positive impact on our revenue. We recently announced an initiative with Toll Brothers, Inc., a leading home builder in the United States, for Toll Brothers to offer several pre-configured Control4 automation packages to prospective home buyers through on-site product demonstrations, videos, marketing collateral and other materials. Thus far in 2014, we have been working with Toll Brothers on operational logistics and implementation plans. We expect to begin shipping products to be installed in Toll Brothers developments in the second quarter of 2014. We plan to offer similar programs to other national and regional home builders in the United States.

We believe that the growth of our business and our future success are dependent upon many factors, including the rates at which consumers adopt our products and services, our ability to strengthen and expand our dealer and distributor network, our ability to expand internationally and our ability to meet competitive challenges. While each of these areas presents significant opportunities for us, they also pose important challenges that we must successfully address in order to sustain or expand the growth of our business and improve our results of operations. These challenges include:

- ***Increasing Adoption Rates of Our Products and Services.*** We are focused on increasing adoption rates of our products and services through enhancements to our software platform and product offerings. We intend to accomplish these enhancements through both continued investment in research and development activities and acquisitions of complementary businesses and technologies;
- ***Increasing Our Brand Awareness.*** Our historical marketing efforts have been focused on attracting and retaining qualified dealers and distributors. We recently expanded activities to deliver marketing tools for dealers in order to drive online awareness and sales leads in their markets;
- ***Optimizing Our North America Dealer Network.*** We intend to continue to optimize the performance of and expand our network of dealers in North America to ensure that we have geographic coverage and technical expertise to address our existing markets and new markets into which we plan to expand. We have added, and expect to continue to add, field sales and service personnel to assist in the optimization of our North America channel;
- ***Expanding our International Dealer and Distributor Network.*** We believe that our future growth will be significantly impacted by our ability to expand our dealer and distributor network outside of North America, adapt our products and services to foreign markets and increase our brand awareness internationally. In particular, we believe that we will have significant opportunities to expand our business in emerging markets such as China and India. We have added, and expect to continue to add, field sales and service personnel to assist in the optimization of our international channels; and
- ***Managing Competition.*** The market for home automation is fragmented, highly competitive and continually evolving. A number of large technology companies such as Apple, Google, Microsoft and Samsung offer device control capabilities among some of their own products, applications and services could be engaged in ongoing development efforts to address the broader home automation market. For example, Google recently acquired Nest Labs, Inc. which manufactures thermostats and smoke detectors. Our ability to gain significant market share in the home automation market and interoperate with the new technologies developed by other large technology companies over the next several years will be key factors in our ability to continue to grow our business and meet or exceed our future expectations.

Key Operating and Financial Metrics

We use the following key operating and financial metrics to evaluate and manage our business.

North America Direct Dealers

| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|
| | March 31, | |
| | 2013 | 2014 |
| Authorized dealers at the beginning of the period | 2,388 | 2,544 |
| Additions | 67 | 75 |
| Terminations | (26) | (76) |
| Authorized dealers at end of the period | 2,429 | 2,543 |
| Number of active dealers | 2,371 | 2,506 |
| % of active dealers | 98% | 99% |

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| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|------|
| | March 31, | |
| | 2013 | 2014 |
| Authorized dealers at the beginning of the period | 629 | 635 |
| Additions | 33 | 49 |
| Terminations | (4) | (1) |
| Authorized dealers at the end of the period | 658 | 683 |
| Number of active dealers | 514 | 612 |
| % of active dealers | 78% | 90% |

| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|--------|
| | March 31, | |
| | 2013 | 2014 |
| Number of controller appliances sold | 17,758 | 16,224 |
| Core revenue growth | 19% | 21% |
| International core revenue as a percentage of total revenue | 20% | 22% |

Number of North America and International Direct Dealers

Because our dealers promote, sell, install and support our products, a broader dealer network allows us to reach more potential consumers across more geographic regions. We expect our dealer network to continue to grow, both in North America and internationally. While we have historically focused on dealers affiliated with the Custom Electronics Design and Installation Association (CEDIA), we believe there is an opportunity to establish relationships with dealers outside of CEDIA, including electrical contractors, heating and cooling specialists, and security system installers. We define an active dealer as one that has placed an order with us in the trailing 12-month period.

Our active international direct dealer network is generally growing at a faster rate than our active North America dealer network, and we expect this trend to continue as we increase our presence in new and existing international markets. In addition, in some international markets, we plan to establish direct relationships with selected dealers that we previously served through distributors, which we expect will further increase our number of direct international dealers. The number of active international dealers increased 19% between March 31, 2013 and 2014, with 90% of those dealers placing an order during the trailing twelve-month period ending March 31, 2014. During that same period, the number of North American direct dealers increased 6%, with 99% of the dealers placing an order with us.

While we believe we continue to have significant international opportunities, we face challenges in international expansion. Such challenges may cause our growth rate to be slower than anticipated. During the third quarter of 2013, we opened our technical support and training center in China which we believe will help us expand our presence in China and accelerate our transition from a distributor to direct-to-dealer channel model. A similar facility was opened in India during the fourth quarter of 2013. In addition, our efforts are focused on addressing other impediments to growth through new product introduction as well as promotion and pricing programs in certain markets.

Number of Controller Appliances Sold

Our controller appliances contain our proprietary software and provide consumers with the essential software technology to enable home control, automation and personalization. The number of controller appliances we sell in a given period provides us with an indication of consumer adoption of our technology. Our sales of controller appliances also create

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significant opportunity to sell our other products and services. Once a consumer has deployed our controller appliances, we believe that the consumer is more likely to remain committed to our technology platform and purchase more of our products, applications and services in the future.

In the first quarter of 2014, we sold 16,224 controllers compared to 17,758 sold in the first quarter of 2013. The reduction in total number of controllers sold is primarily due to the increase in controller pricing implemented in the second quarter of 2013. In the first quarter of 2013, we announced a price increase on our HC-250 and HC-800 controllers to be effective on April 1, 2013. That pricing announcement resulted in a significant number of controllers sold late in the first quarter of 2013, in advance of the price change. Our total revenue for controller sales was higher in the first quarter of 2014 compared to the first quarter of 2013 as our average selling price per controller sold increased by 21%.

Core Revenue Growth

The majority of our revenue comes from sales of our products through our distribution channels comprised of dealers in the United States and Canada and dealers and distributors located throughout the rest of the world. We refer to revenue attributable to sales through dealers located in the United States and Canada as North America Core revenue, and revenue attributable to sales through dealers and distributors located throughout the rest of the world as International Core revenue. Core revenue does not include revenue from sales to hotels or multi-dwelling units or certification fees paid to us. Our revenue from sales to hotels, multi-dwelling units and other sources is generally project-based and has been significant in some periods and insignificant in other periods. In the future, we expect revenue from these sources to continue to be attributable to large projects and will continue to be uneven from period to period. We, therefore, believe that our core revenue growth is a good measure of our market penetration and the growth of our business.

International Core Revenue as a Percentage of Total Revenue

We believe that the international market represents a large and underpenetrated opportunity for us. In recent years, we have established offices in the UK, China, and India, we have formed relationships with international dealers and distributors and we have expanded foreign language support for our solutions. We track International revenue as a percentage of total revenue as a key measure of our success in expanding our business internationally.

Results of Operations

Revenue

The following is a breakdown of our revenue between North America and International and a further breakdown between our Core revenue and other revenue:

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| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | |
|--|---|-----------|---------------|
| | 2013 | | 2014 |
| | (in thousands) | | |
| North America Core Revenue | \$ 20,470 | \$ | 24,239 |
| Other North America Revenue | 576 | | 547 |
| Total North America Revenue | 21,046 | | 24,786 |
| International Core Revenue | 5,386 | | 7,048 |
| Other International Revenue | 139 | | 21 |
| Total International Revenue | 5,525 | | 7,069 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 26,571 | \$ | 31,855 |
| North America Core Revenue as a % of Total Revenue | | 77% | 76% |
| International Core Revenue as a % of Total Revenue | | 20% | 22% |

North America core revenue increased \$3.8 million, or 18%, from 2013 to 2014 primarily as a result of a net increase in the number of active direct dealers selling our products and services and an increase in sales from existing direct dealers.

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International core revenue increased \$1.7 million, or 31%, from 2013 to 2014 primarily due to an increase in both the total number of dealers and distributors and the percentage of those dealers actively selling our products and services.

The growth in international core revenue was due primarily to increased sales in the United Kingdom and Latin America. In addition, we continue to make investments internationally to improve our dealers' abilities to sell and install our products, particularly in India and China where we opened technical support and training centers during 2013. We believe this will help us expand our presence in China and accelerate our transition from a distributor to direct to dealer channel model. We are also investing in new products and pricing programs to meet certain international market requirements.

Gross Margin

As a percentage of revenue, our gross margin has been and will continue to be affected by a variety of factors. Our gross margin is relatively consistent across our products. Our gross margin on third party products we sell through our online distribution platform is higher than our gross margin on our other product sales because we only recognize our net profit on these sales as revenue. Our gross margin is higher on software licensing and subscription revenue than it is on product sales. Our gross margin is also higher on our sales made directly through dealers than it is on our sales made through distributors. Gross margin may be negatively affected by price competition in our target markets and associated promotional or volume incentive rebates offered to our dealers and distributors.

Gross margin for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2014 was as follows (in thousands, except percentages):

| | Three Months Ended | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|------|--------|
| | 2013 | | 2014 | |
| | March 31, | | | |
| Gross margin | \$ | 13,021 | \$ | 16,236 |
| Percentage of revenue | | 49% | | 51% |

As a percentage of revenue, our gross margin increased from 49% in 2013 to 51% in 2014. The increase was due to a variety of factors, including higher prices charged for our controller products and associated software, higher sales of third party products sold through our online distribution platform and lower component costs as a percent of revenue.

We expect the favorable impact on our gross margin percentage related to higher prices for our controller products and associated software will not continue in future periods as the price increase was effective on April 1, 2013. However, future price changes or product introductions could have an impact on our gross margin percentage.

We expect the positive impact on our gross margin percentage resulting from increased sales of third party products sold through our online distribution platform to continue in future periods; however, the impact will be less significant as the growth rate of that revenue slows in future periods.

We expect product component cost reductions to continue to have a positive impact on our gross margin as a percentage of revenue as those reductions are the result of negotiated price decreases with our contract manufacturers that are long term in nature.

The impact of lower manufacturing overhead as a percentage of revenue on our gross margin percentage will vary depending on overhead spending in a given period. For the three months ended March 31, 2014, we received credits for duties paid in previous periods. We expect to receive duty draw back credits in future periods, which will have a favorable impact on our gross margin percentages; however, we anticipate that the favorable impact will be less significant in future periods.

Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses consist primarily of compensation for our engineers and product managers. Research and development expenses also include prototyping and field testing expenses incurred in the development of our products, including products used for testing. We also include fees paid to agencies to obtain regulatory certifications.

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Research and development expenses for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2014 were as follows (in thousands, except percentages):

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|--------------------------|---|-------|-------------|-------|
| | 2013 | | 2014 | |
| Research and development | \$ | 6,066 | \$ | 6,775 |
| Percentage of revenue | | 23% | | 21% |

Research and development expenses increased by \$0.7 million, or 12%, in 2014 compared to 2013. These increases were primarily due to an increase in headcount and related expenses, including non-cash stock based compensation expense, to support on going and expanded product development activities.

We expect our research and development expenses to increase in absolute dollars for the foreseeable future as we continue to invest in the development of new solutions; however, we expect those expenses to fluctuate as a percentage of our revenue in future periods based on fluctuations in our revenue and the timing of those expenses.

Sales and Marketing Expenses

Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of compensation and related travel expenses for our sales and marketing personnel. Sales and marketing expenses also include expenses associated with trade shows, marketing events, advertising and other marketing related programs.

Sales and marketing expenses for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2014 were as follows (in thousands, except percentages):

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|-----------------------|---|-------|-------------|-------|
| | 2013 | | 2014 | |
| Sales and marketing | \$ | 5,605 | \$ | 6,301 |
| Percentage of revenue | | 21% | | 20% |

Sales and marketing expenses increased by \$0.7 million, or 12%, in 2014 compared to 2013. The period over period increases in absolute dollars for sales and marketing expenses was primarily due to headcount increases and the related expenses. In addition, we increased our marketing expenses to grow our dealer and distributor networks throughout the world and deliver tools to the sales channel to support local marketing and sales lead generation.

We expect our sales and marketing expenses to increase in absolute dollars for the foreseeable future as we add sales personnel, particularly in our international channel, and continue to invest in promotions to increase awareness of our products and brand.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of compensation for our employees in our executive administration, finance, information systems, human resource and legal departments. Also included in general and administrative expenses are outside legal fees, audit fees, facilities expenses and insurance costs.

General and administrative expenses for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2014 were as follows (in thousands, except percentages):

| | Three Months Ended | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------|------|-------|
| | March 31, | | | |
| | 2013 | | 2014 | |
| General and administrative | \$ | 2,828 | \$ | 3,688 |
| Percentage of revenue | | 11% | | 12% |

General and administrative expenses increased by \$0.9 million, or 30%, in 2014 compared to 2013. The increase in absolute dollars in general and administrative expenses was due primarily to increased headcount and related expenses, professional fees and insurance premiums associated with being a public company and facilities related costs.

We expect our general and administrative expenses to increase in absolute dollars primarily as a result of the increased cost associated with being a public company. However, we also expect our general and administrative expenses to

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fluctuate as a percentage of our revenue in future periods based on fluctuations in our revenue and the timing of those expenses.

Liquidity and Capital Resources*Primary Sources of Liquidity*

Historically, we have experienced negative cash flows from operating activities primarily due to our continued investment in research and development and sales and marketing resources needed to design, develop, market and sell our solutions. Our future capital requirements will depend on many factors, including our rate of revenue growth, potential acquisitions of businesses, technologies or other assets, the expansion of our sales and marketing activities, continued investment in research and development, expansion into new territories, the timing of new product introductions and the continued market acceptance of our products.

As of March 31, 2014, we had \$85.6 million in cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities, an increase of \$1.1 million from December 31, 2013. We typically invest in highly-rated securities, and our investment policy generally limits the amount of credit exposure to any one issuer. The policy requires investments generally to be investment grade, with the primary objective of minimizing the potential risk of principal loss. The maturities of our long-term investments generally range from one to two years, with the average maturity of our investment portfolio less than one year. Cash equivalents and marketable securities are comprised of money market and other funds, highly liquid debt instruments of the U.S. government and its agencies, debt instruments issued by municipalities in the U.S., corporate securities, and asset-backed securities.

The following table shows selected financial information and statistics as of December 31, 2013 and March 31, 2014 (in thousands):

| | December 31, 2013 | March 31, 2014 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 84,546 | \$ 26,885 |
| Investments | | 58,699 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 15,064 | 15,623 |
| Inventories | 15,312 | 17,120 |
| Working capital | 94,778 | 76,570 |

We maintain a revolving credit facility of \$13.0 million. Borrowing under the revolving credit facility is subject to certain collateral restrictions relating primarily to our accounts receivable and inventory levels. As of March 31, 2014, our total borrowing capacity under the revolving credit facility was approximately \$13.0 million, and no borrowings were outstanding. The revolving credit facility has a maturity date of May 29, 2015.

In June 2013, we were provided with an additional \$2.75 million in capacity with our term borrowings to fund purchases of property and equipment through May 2014, of which \$2.0 million was available at March 31, 2014. We have historically used the term borrowing facility to fund capital purchases on a quarterly basis. During the first quarter of 2014, we did not borrow against the term facility as our capital requirements were addressed from the receipt of proceeds from our initial public offering. We will continue to evaluate on a quarterly basis

whether to borrow additional amounts based on our future cash needs.

Our credit facility and term loan agreements contain various restrictive and financial covenants and we were in compliance with each of these covenants as of December 31, 2013.

During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we received proceeds of \$3.2 million from the exercise of options to purchase common stock.

We believe that our existing cash and cash equivalents will be sufficient to fund our operations for at least the next 12 months. From time to time, we may explore additional financing sources to develop or enhance our product solutions, to fund expansion of our business, to respond to competitive pressures, or to acquire or invest in complementary products, businesses or technologies. We cannot assure you that any additional financing will be available to us on acceptable terms, if at all. If we raise additional funds through the issuance of equity or convertible debt or other equity linked securities, our existing stockholders could suffer significant dilution, and any new equity securities we issue could have rights, preferences and privileges senior to those of holders of our common stock.

Table of Contents*Cash Flow Analysis*

A summary of our cash flows for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2014 is set forth below (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|
| | March 31, | |
| | 2013 | 2014 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | \$ 18,695 | \$ 84,546 |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (2,937) | (1,447) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (1,431) | (59,121) |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 272 | 2,902 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (26) | 5 |
| Net change in cash for the period | (4,122) | (57,661) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period | \$ 14,573 | \$ 26,885 |

Operating Activities

Cash provided by operating activities is net income adjusted for certain non-cash items and changes in certain assets and liabilities.

The increase in cash flows from operating activities of \$1.5 million during the three months ended March 31, 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 is due primarily to the increase in net income.

Investing Activities

Cash provided by or used in investing activities primarily consist of purchases, maturities, and sales of marketable securities and purchases of property and equipment.

Cash used in investing activities increased from 2013 to 2014, primarily attributable to purchases of marketable securities. This increase was partially offset by lower spend related to property and equipment purchases which are primarily for computer equipment and software used internally, manufacturing tooling and test equipment that we purchase and own, but is located with at our partners' contract manufacturing locations, furniture and fixtures for our facilities and lab and warehouse equipment for our engineering and supply chain organizations.

Financing Activities

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Financing cash flows consist primarily of repayment of long term debt and proceeds from the exercise of options to acquire common stock.

During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we received proceeds of \$3.2 million from the exercise of options to purchase common stock.

Net borrowings (repayments) on our term loan agreements were \$0.2 million and \$(0.3) million for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2014, respectively.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to our GAAP operating results, we use certain non-GAAP financial measures to understand and evaluate our operating performance and trends, to prepare and approve our annual budget, and to develop short- and long-term operational plans. These measures, which we refer to as our non-GAAP financial measures, are not prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

Non-GAAP gross margin, non-GAAP income (loss) from operations, and non-GAAP net income (loss) exclude non-cash expenses related to stock-based compensation. We further exclude expenses related to stock warrants from non-GAAP net income (loss).

Management believes that it is useful to exclude stock-based compensation expense because the amount of such expense in any specific period may not directly correlate to the underlying performance of our business operations.

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Furthermore, we believe it is useful to exclude expenses related to stock warrants because of the variable and unpredictable nature of these expenses which are not indicative of past or future operating performance. We believe that past and future periods are more comparable if we exclude those expenses.

We believe these adjustments provide useful comparative information to investors. Non-GAAP results are presented for supplemental informational purposes only for understanding our operating results. The non-GAAP results should not be considered a substitute for financial information presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and may be different from non-GAAP measures used by other companies. Our non-GAAP financial measures may not provide information that is directly comparable to that provided by other companies in our industry, as other companies in our industry may calculate non-GAAP financial results differently, particularly related to non-recurring, unusual items. We urge our investors to review the reconciliation of our non-GAAP financial measures to the comparable GAAP financial measures included below, and not to rely on any single financial measure to evaluate our business.

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2013 | 2014 |
| Reconciliation of Gross Margin to Non-GAAP Gross Margin: | | |
| Gross margin | \$ 13,021 | \$ 16,236 |
| Stock-based compensation expense in cost of revenue | 16 | 20 |
| Non-GAAP gross margin | \$ 13,037 | \$ 16,256 |
| Revenue | \$ 26,571 | \$ 31,855 |
| Gross margin percentage | 49.0% | 51.0% |
| Non-GAAP gross margin percentage | 49.1% | 51.0% |
| Reconciliation of Loss from Operations to Non-GAAP Income (Loss) from Operations: | | |
| Loss from operations | \$ (1,478) | \$ (528) |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 838 | 1,247 |
| Non-GAAP income (loss) from operations | \$ (640) | \$ 719 |
| Revenue | \$ 26,571 | \$ 31,855 |
| Operating margin percentage | -5.6% | -1.7% |
| Non-GAAP operating margin percentage | -2.4% | 2.3% |
| Reconciliation of Net Loss to Non-GAAP Net Income (Loss): | | |
| Net loss | \$ (1,471) | \$ (539) |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 838 | 1,247 |
| Convertible preferred stock warrant | (25) | |
| Non-GAAP net income (loss) | \$ (658) | \$ 708 |
| Non-GAAP net income (loss) per common share: | | |
| Basic | \$ (0.26) | \$ 0.03 |
| Diluted | \$ (0.26) | \$ 0.03 |
| Weighted-average number of shares: | | |
| Basic | 2,502 | 23,117 |
| Diluted | 2,502 | 25,746 |

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

During the periods presented, we did not engage in any off-balance sheet activities. We do not have any off-balance interest in variable interest entities, which include special purpose entities and other structured finance entities.

Contractual Obligations

We enter into long-term contractual obligations in the normal course of business, primarily debt obligations and non-cancellable operating leases. In addition, in 2008 and 2013, we entered into settlement agreements with two different parties relating to alleged patent infringements, which included future payment obligations.

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Our contractual cash obligations at March 31, 2014 are as follows:

| | Total | Less than 1 year | 1-3 years (in thousands) | 3-5 years | More than 5 years |
|---|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Long-term debt obligations, including interest(1) | \$ 3,297 | \$ 1,415 | \$ 1,722 | \$ 160 | \$ |
| Operating lease obligations | 6,506 | 1,647 | 3,173 | 1,686 | |
| Settlement agreements | 960 | 920 | 40 | | |
| Purchase commitments | 20,310 | 20,310 | | | |
| Total contractual obligations | \$ 31,073 | \$ 24,292 | \$ 4,935 | \$ 1,846 | \$ |

(1) Interest was calculated on outstanding borrowings at the date indicated in the table above and assumes the rate remains constant during the following years. The credit facility has a variable rate of interest of prime or LIBOR plus 2.50%, as selected by us. The variable rate was 3.25% at March 31, 2014. Term borrowings are payable in equal monthly payments of principal plus interest and bear interest at prime plus 0.50%, which was 3.75% at March 31, 2014.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. The preparation of these condensed consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue, expenses, and related disclosures. These estimates and assumptions are often based on judgments that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances at the time made, but all such estimates and assumptions are inherently uncertain and unpredictable. Actual results may differ from those estimates and assumptions, and it is possible that other professionals, applying their own judgment to the same facts and circumstances, could develop and support alternative estimates and assumptions that would result in material changes to our operating results and financial condition. We evaluate our estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis. Our estimates are based on historical experience and various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Our actual results could differ from these estimates.

Our critical accounting policies and estimates are detailed in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in the Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC on February 21, 2014. None of our critical accounting policies and estimates have changed significantly since that filing.

Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

For information with respect to recent accounting pronouncements and the impact of these pronouncements on our condensed consolidated financial statements, see Note 1 Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Recent Accounting Pronouncements in the notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Our market risk disclosures are detailed in Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk contained in the Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC on February 21, 2014. Other than our interest rate risk described below, our market risk has not changed significantly since that filing.

Interest Rate Risk

Changes in U.S. interest rates could affect the interest earned on our cash, cash equivalents and investments as well as the fair value of our investments. Our investment policy and strategy are focused on preservation of capital and supporting our liquidity requirements. A portion of our cash is managed by external managers within the guidelines of our investment policy.

Our exposure to changes in interest rates relates primarily to our investment portfolio. We typically invest in highly-rated securities, and our investment policy generally limits the amount of credit exposure to any one issuer. The policy requires investments generally to be investment grade, with the primary objective of minimizing the potential risk of principal loss.

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We performed a sensitivity analysis on the value of our investment portfolio assuming a hypothetical change in rates of 100 basis points. Based on investment positions as of March 31, 2014, a hypothetical 100 basis point increase in interest rates across all maturities would result in a \$0.5 million incremental decline in the fair market value of the portfolio. Such losses would only be realized if we sold the investments prior to maturity.

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act)), as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Based on such evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that as of such date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during our most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Inherent Limitations of Internal Controls

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or our internal controls will prevent all error and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of a simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the control. The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we may become involved in legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of our business. We are not presently a party to any legal proceedings, other than specifically identified below, that, if determined adversely to us, we believe would individually or in the aggregate have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows. Currently, a range of loss associated with any individual material legal proceeding cannot be reasonably estimated.

On April 23, 2014, Olivistar, LLC (Olivistar), a limited liability company organized under the laws of Texas, filed a Complaint against us in the Eastern District of Texas. During April 2014, Olivistar filed similar complaints against many other companies. Olivistar's Complaint asserts that our light switches and our MyHome App infringe two United States patents that Olivistar owns by assignment: U.S. Patent No. 6,839,731, or the '731 patent, and U.S. Patent No. 8,239,481, or the '481 patent. The Complaint seeks injunctive relief and monetary damages. Based on our preliminary investigation of the patents at issue, we do not believe our products infringe any valid or enforceable claim of these patents; and, therefore, we will vigorously defend the lawsuit.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

A description of the risks and uncertainties associated with our business is set forth below. You should carefully consider such risks and uncertainties, together with the other information contained in this report, and in our other public filings. If any of such risks and uncertainties actually occurs, our business, financial condition or operating results could differ materially from the plans, projections and other forward-looking statements included in the section titled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and elsewhere in this report and in our other public filings. In addition, if any of the following risks and uncertainties, or if any other risks and uncertainties, actually occurs, our business, financial condition or operating results could be harmed substantially, which could cause the market price of our stock to decline, perhaps significantly.

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Risks Related to Our Business and Industry

We have incurred operating losses in the past, may incur operating losses in the future, and may not achieve or maintain profitability.

We began our operations in 2003. For substantially all of our history, we have experienced net losses and negative cash flows from operations. As of March 31, 2014, we had an accumulated deficit of \$102.6 million. We expect our operating expenses to increase in the future as we expand our operations. Furthermore, as a public company, we incur additional legal, accounting and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company. If our revenue does not grow to offset these increased expenses, we will not become profitable. We may incur significant losses in the future for a number of reasons, including without limitation the other risks and uncertainties described herein. Additionally, we may encounter unforeseen operating or legal expenses, difficulties, complications, delays and other unknown factors that may result in losses in future periods. If these losses exceed our expectations or our revenue growth expectations are not met in future periods, our financial performance will be harmed.

The markets in which we participate are highly competitive and many companies, including large technology companies, broadband and security service providers and other managed service providers, are actively targeting the home automation market. Our failure to differentiate ourselves and compete successfully with these companies would make it difficult for us to add and retain consumers, and would reduce or impede the growth of our business.

The market for automation and control solutions for the connected home is increasingly competitive and global. Many large technology companies have expanded into the connected home market by developing their own solutions, or by acquiring other companies with home automation solution offerings. For example, in January 2013 Microsoft Corporation acquired id8 Group R2 Studios Inc., a home entertainment technology company, and in February 2014, Google acquired Nest Labs, which manufactures thermostats and smoke detectors. These large technology companies already have broad consumer awareness and sell a variety of devices for the home, and consumers may choose their offerings instead of ours, even if we offer superior products and services. Similarly, many managed service providers, such as cable TV, telephone and security companies, are offering services that provide device control and automation capability within the home for an additional monthly service fee. For example, Comcast's Xfinity service now offers residential security, energy and automation services. These managed service providers have the advantage of leveraging their existing consumer base, network of installation and support technicians and name recognition to gain traction in the home automation market. In addition, consumers may prefer the monthly service fee with little to no upfront cost offered by some of these managed service providers over a larger upfront cost with little to no monthly service fees.

We expect competition from these large technology companies and managed service providers to increase in the future. This increased competition could result in pricing pressure, reduced sales, lower margins or the failure of our solutions to achieve or maintain broad market acceptance. To remain competitive and to maintain our position as a leading provider of automation and control solutions for the connected home, we will need to invest continuously in product development, marketing, dealer and distributor service and support, and product delivery infrastructure. We may not have sufficient resources to continue to make the investments in all of the areas needed to maintain our competitive position. In addition, most of our competitors have longer operating histories, greater name recognition, larger consumer bases and significantly greater financial, technical, sales, marketing and other resources than us, which may provide them with an advantage in developing, marketing or servicing new solutions. Increased competition could reduce our market share, revenue and operating margins, increase our operating costs, harm our competitive position and otherwise harm our business and results of operations.

Consumers may choose to adopt point products that provide control of discrete home functionality rather than adopting our unified home automation solution. If we are unable to increase market awareness of the benefits of our unified solution, our revenue may not continue to

grow, or it may decline.

Many vendors have emerged, and may continue to emerge, to provide point products with advanced functionality for use in the home, such as a thermostat that can be controlled by an application on a smartphone. We expect more and more consumer electronic and consumer appliance products to be network-aware and connected each very likely to have its own smart device (phone or tablet) application. Consumers may be attracted to the relatively low costs of these point products and the ability to expand their home control solution over time with minimal upfront costs, despite some of the disadvantages of this approach. While we have built our solution to be flexible and support third-party point products, these products may reduce the revenue we receive for each installation. It is therefore important that we have technical expertise and provide attractive top quality products in many areas, such as lighting and video, and establish broad market awareness of these solutions. If a significant number of consumers in our target market choose to adopt point products rather than our unified

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automation solution, then our business, financial condition and results of operations will be harmed, and we may not be able to achieve sustained growth or our business may decline.

Many of the competitors in our market, including providers of luxury integrated installations with long operating histories, established markets, broad user bases and proven consumer acceptance, may be successful in expanding into the mainstream home automation market, which may harm our growth and future prospects.

Many companies with which we directly compete have been operating in this industry for many years and, as a result, have established significant name recognition in the home automation industry. For example, Crestron, a provider of luxury integrated installations, has been in business for over 40 years and has become an established presence in the home automation industry. Another provider of luxury integrated installations is Savant Systems, which provides home automation based on the Apple iOS operating platform. To the extent these providers are able to develop more affordable products that compete more directly with our solution, our growth may be constrained and our business could suffer. In addition, given the strong growth potential of the market, we expect there to be many new entrants in the future.

Since we rely on third-party dealers and distributors to sell and install our solutions, we do not have a direct sales pipeline, which makes it difficult for us to accurately forecast future sales and correctly predict manufacturing requirements.

We depend on our dealer and distributor network to sell and install our solution. As a result, we do not develop or control our sales pipeline, making it difficult for us to predict future sales. In addition, because the production of certain of our products requires long lead times, we enter into agreements for the manufacture and purchase of certain of our products well in advance of the time in which those products will be sold. These contracts are based on our best estimates of our near-term product needs. If we underestimate consumer demand, we may forego revenue opportunities, lose market share and damage our relationships. Conversely, if we overestimate consumer demand, we may purchase more inventory than we are able to sell at any given time, or at all. If we fail to accurately estimate demand for our products, we could have excess or obsolete inventory, resulting in a decline in the value of our inventory, which would increase our costs of revenues and reduce our liquidity. Our failure to accurately manage inventory relative to demand would adversely affect our results of operations.

We have relatively limited visibility regarding the consumers that ultimately purchase our products, and we often rely on information from third-party dealers and distributors to help us manage our business. If these dealers and distributors fail to provide timely or accurate information, our ability to quickly react to market changes and effectively manage our business may be harmed.

We sell our solutions through dealers and distributors. These dealers and distributors work with consumers to design, install, update and maintain their home automation installations. While we are able to track orders from dealers and distributors and have access to certain information about the configurations of their Control4 systems that we receive through our controller appliances, we also rely on dealers and distributors to provide us with information about consumer behavior, product and system feedback, consumer demographics, buying patterns and information on our competitors. We use this channel sell-through data, along with other metrics, to assess consumer demand for our solutions, develop new products, adjust pricing and make other strategic business decisions. Channel sell-through data is subject to limitations due to collection methods and the third-party nature of the data and thus may not be complete or accurate. In addition, to the extent we collect information directly from consumers, for example through surveys that we conduct, the consumers who supply this sell-through data self select and vary by geographic region and from period to period, which may impact the usefulness of the results. If we do not receive consumer information on a timely or accurate basis, or if we do not properly interpret this information, our ability to quickly react to market changes and effectively manage our business may be harmed.

Our quarterly results of operations have fluctuated and may continue to fluctuate. As a result, we may fail to meet or exceed the expectations of investors or securities analysts, which could cause our stock price to decline.

Our quarterly revenue and results of operations may fluctuate as a result of a variety of factors, many of which are outside of our control. If our quarterly revenue or results of operations fall below the expectations of investors or securities analysts, the price of our common stock could decline substantially. Fluctuations in our results of operations may be due to a number of factors, including but not limited to:

- Demand for and market acceptance of our solutions;

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- Our ability to increase, retain and incentivize the certified dealers and distributors that market, sell, install and support our solutions;
- The ability of our contract manufacturers to continue to manufacture high-quality products, and to supply sufficient products to meet our demands;
- The timing and success of introductions of new products, solutions or upgrades by us or our competitors and the entrance of new competitors;
- The strength of regional, national and global economies;
- The impact of harsh seasonal weather, natural disasters or manmade problems such as terrorism;
- Changes in our business and pricing policies, or those of our competitors;
- Competition, including entry into the industry by new competitors and new offerings by existing competitors;
- The impact of seasonality on our business;
- A systemic impairment or failure of one or more of our products that erodes dealer and/or end user confidence;
- The amount and timing of expenditures, including those related to expanding our operations, increasing research and development, introducing new solutions or paying litigation expenses; and
- Changes in the payment terms for our solutions.

Due to the foregoing factors and the other risks discussed herein, you should not rely on quarter-to-quarter comparisons of our results of operations as an indication of our future performance. You should not consider our recent revenue growth as indicative of our future

performance.

If we are unable to develop new solutions, sell our solutions into new markets or further penetrate our existing markets, our revenue may not grow as expected.

Our ability to increase sales will depend in large part on our ability to enhance and improve our solutions, to introduce new solutions in a timely manner, to sell into new markets and to further penetrate our existing markets. The success of any enhancement or new product or solution depends on several factors, including the timely completion, introduction and market acceptance of enhanced or new solutions, the ability to attract, retain and effectively train sales and marketing personnel, the ability to develop relationships with dealers and distributors and the effectiveness of our marketing programs. Any new product or solution we develop or acquire may not be introduced in a timely or cost-effective manner, and may not achieve the broad market acceptance necessary to generate significant revenue. Any new markets into which we attempt to sell our solutions, including new vertical markets and new countries or regions, may not be receptive. Our ability to further penetrate our existing markets depends on the quality of our solutions and our ability to design our solutions to meet consumer demand. Moreover, we are frequently required to enhance and update our solutions as a result of changing standards and technological developments, which makes it difficult to recover the cost of development and forces us to continually qualify new solutions with our consumers. If we are unable to successfully develop or acquire new solutions, enhance our existing solutions to meet consumer requirements, sell solutions into new markets or sell our solutions to additional consumers in our existing markets, our revenue may not grow as expected.

Our success depends, in part, on our ability to develop and expand our global network of dealers and distributors.

As of March 31, 2014, we have developed a global network of over 3,100 active direct dealers and 29 distributors to sell, install and support our solutions. We rely on our dealers and distributors to provide consumers with a successful Control4 home automation experience. In some cases, dealers may choose not to offer our solution and instead offer a product from one of our competitors or, in other cases, the dealer may simply discontinue its operations. In order to continue our growth and expand our business, it is important that we continue to add new dealers and distributors and maintain most of our existing relationships. We must also work to expand our network of dealers and distributors to ensure that we have

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sufficient geographic coverage and technical expertise to address new markets and technologies. While it is difficult to estimate the total number of available dealers in our markets, there are a finite number of dealers that are able to perform the types of technical installations required for home automation systems. In the event that we saturate the available dealer pool, or if market or other forces cause the available pool of dealers to decline, it may be increasingly difficult to grow our business. As consumers' home automation options grow, it is important that we enhance our dealer footprint by broadening the expertise of our dealers, working with larger and more sophisticated dealers and expanding the mainstream consumer products our dealers offer. If we are unable to expand our network of dealers and distributors, our business could be harmed.

We rely on our dealers and distributors to sell our solution, and if our dealers and distributors fail to perform, our ability to sell and distribute our products and services will be limited, and our results of operations may be harmed.

Substantially all of our revenue is generated through the sales of our solution by our dealers and distributors. Our dealers and distributors are independent businesses that voluntarily sell our products as well as the products of other companies to consumers. We provide our dealers and distributors with specific training and programs to assist them in selling our products, but we cannot assure that these steps will be effective. We have observed, and expect to continue to observe, high volatility in the monthly, quarterly and annual sales performance of individual dealers and distributors. Although we can make estimated forecasts of cumulative sales of large numbers of dealers and distributors, we cannot assure their accuracy collectively or individually. Accordingly, we may not be able to reduce or slow our spending quickly enough if our actual sales fall short of our expectations. As a result, we expect that our revenues, results of operations and cash flows may fluctuate significantly on a quarterly basis. We believe that period-to-period comparisons of our revenues, results of operations and cash flows may not be meaningful and should not be relied upon as an indication of future performance.

Our dealers and distributors may be unsuccessful in marketing, selling, and supporting our products and services. If we are unable to develop and maintain effective sales incentive programs for our third-party dealers and distributors, we may not be able to incentivize them to sell our products to consumers and, in particular, to larger businesses and organizations. Our dealers and distributors may also market, sell and support products and services that are competitive with ours, and may devote more resources to the marketing, sales, and support of such competitive products. Our dealers and distributors may have incentives to promote our competitors' products to the detriment of our own, or may cease selling our products altogether. Our agreements with our dealers and distributors may generally be terminated for any reason by either party with advance notice. We cannot assure you that we will retain these dealers and distributors, or that we will be able to secure additional or replacement dealers and distributors. Further, if we alter our sales process in a region by switching from a distributor to a direct dealer model, our sales may be impacted leading up to or in connection with such change in sales process. In addition, while we take certain steps to protect ourselves from liability for the actions of our dealers and distributors, consumers may seek to recover amounts from us for any damages caused by dealers in connection with system installations, or the failure of a system to perform properly due to an incorrect installation by a dealer. In addition, our dealers and distributors may use our name and our brand in ways we do not authorize, and any such improper use may harm our reputation or expose us to liability for their actions.

If we fail to effectively manage our existing sales channels, if our dealers or distributors are unsuccessful in fulfilling the orders for our products, or if we are unable to enter into arrangements with, and retain a sufficient number of, high quality dealers and distributors in each of the regions in which we sell products, and keep them motivated to sell our products, our results of operations may be harmed. The termination of our relationship with any significant dealer or distributor may also adversely impact our sales and results of operations.

We have entered into several strategic arrangements and intend to pursue additional strategic opportunities in the future. If the intended benefits from our strategic relationships are not realized, our results of operations may be harmed.

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We are in the process of growing our relationships with strategic partners in order to attempt to reach markets that we cannot currently address cost-effectively and to increase awareness of our solution. If these relationships do not develop in the manner we intend, our future growth could be impacted. For example, in February 2014 we allowed our agreement with Cisco Systems to expire without renewal. Furthermore, the termination of our relationship with a partner may cause us to incur expenses without corresponding revenue, incur a termination penalty and harm our sales and results of operations. For example, in 2012, we discontinued energy products for utility customers and, in connection with that decision, we incurred an expense related to an inventory purchase commitment and paid a fee to our counterparty to terminate the arrangement. Any loss of a major partner or distribution channel or other channel disruption could harm our results of operations and make us more dependent on alternate channels, damage our reputation, increase pricing and promotional

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pressures from other partners and distribution channels, increase our marketing costs, or harm buying and inventory patterns, payment terms or other contractual terms.

If we do not maintain the compatibility of our solutions with third-party products and applications that our consumers use, demand for our solutions could decline.

Our solutions are designed to interoperate with a wide range of other third-party products, including products in the areas of music, video, lighting, temperature and security. If we do not support the continued integration of our solutions with third-party products and applications, including through the provision of application programming interfaces, proxies and drivers that enable data to be transferred readily between our solutions and third-party products and applications, demand for our solutions could decline and we could lose sales. We will also be required to make our solutions compatible with new or additional third-party products and applications that are introduced into the markets that we serve. In addition, companies that provide popular point solutions have and may continue to eliminate or restrict our ability to control and be compatible with these products. As a result, we may not be successful in making our solutions compatible with these third-party products and applications, which could reduce demand for our solutions. In addition, if prospective consumers require customized features or functions that we do not offer, then the market for our solutions may be harmed.

Our inability to adapt to technological change could impair our ability to remain competitive.

The market for home automation and control solutions is characterized by rapid technological change, frequent introductions of new products and evolving industry standards. Our ability to attract new consumers and increase revenue from existing consumers will depend in significant part on our ability to anticipate changes in industry standards and to continue to enhance or introduce existing solutions on a timely basis to keep pace with technological developments. We are currently changing several aspects of our operating system, and may utilize Android open source technology in the future, which may cause difficulties including compatibility, stability and time to market. The success of this or any enhanced or new product or solution will depend on several factors, including the timely completion and market acceptance of the enhanced or new product or solution. Similarly, if any of our competitors implement new technologies before we are able to implement them, those competitors may be able to provide more effective products than ours, possibly at lower prices. Any delay or failure in the introduction of new or enhanced solutions could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We currently rely on contract manufacturers to manufacture our products and component vendors to supply parts used in our products. The majority of our components are supplied by a single source. Any disruption in our supply chain, or our failure to successfully manage our relationships with our contract manufacturers or component vendors could harm our business.

Our reliance on contract manufacturers reduces our control over the assembly process, exposing us to risks, including reduced control over quality assurance, production costs and product supply. We rely on a limited number of contract manufacturers to manufacture substantially all of our products. We also do business with a number of component vendors, and the parts they supply may not perform as expected. For certain of our products and components, we rely on a sole-source manufacturer or supplier. For the three-month period ended March 31, 2014, two contract manufacturers, Sanmina and LiteOn, manufactured 74% of our inventory purchases. Certain of our contract manufacturers and component vendors are located outside of the United States and may be subject to political, economic, social and legal uncertainties that may harm our relationships with these parties. If we fail to manage our relationships with our contract manufacturers or component vendors effectively, or if our contract manufacturers or component vendors experience delays, disruptions, capacity constraints or quality control problems in their operations, our ability to ship products may be impaired and our competitive position and reputation could be harmed. In addition, any adverse change in our contract manufacturers or component vendors financial or business condition could disrupt our ability to

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supply quality products to our dealers and distributors. If we are required to change contract manufacturers or component vendors, we may lose revenue, incur increased costs or damage our relationships, or we might be unable to find a new contract manufacturer or component vendor on acceptable terms, or at all. In addition, qualifying a new contract manufacturer or component vendor can be an expensive and lengthy process. If we experience increased demand that our contract manufacturers or component vendors are unable to fulfill, or if they are unable to provide us with adequate supplies of high-quality products for any reason, we could experience a delay in our order fulfillment, and our business, results of operations and financial condition would be harmed.

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Growth of our business will depend on market awareness and a strong brand, and any failure to develop, maintain, protect and enhance our brand would hurt our ability to retain or attract consumers.

Because of the early stage of development of the mainstream home automation market, we believe that building and maintaining market awareness, brand recognition and goodwill is critical to our success. This will depend largely on our ability to continue to provide high-quality solutions, and we may not be able to do so effectively. While we may choose to engage in a broader marketing campaign to further promote our brand, this effort may not be successful. Our efforts in developing our brand may be affected by the marketing efforts of our competitors and our reliance on our dealers, distributors and strategic partners to promote our brand. If we are unable to cost-effectively maintain and increase awareness of our brand, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be harmed.

We operate in the emerging and evolving home automation market, which may develop more slowly or differently than we expect. If the mainstream home automation market does not grow as we expect, or if we cannot expand our solutions to meet the demands of this market, our revenue may decline, fail to grow or fail to grow at an accelerated rate, and we may incur additional operating losses.

The market for home automation and control solutions is developing, and it is uncertain whether, how rapidly or how consistently this market will develop, and even if it does develop, whether our solutions will achieve and sustain high levels of demand and market acceptance. Some consumers may be reluctant or unwilling to use our solutions for a number of reasons, including satisfaction with traditional solutions, concerns for additional costs and lack of awareness of our solutions. Unified home automation solutions such as ours have traditionally been luxury purchases for the high end of the residential market. Our ability to expand the sales of our solutions to a broader consumer base depends on several factors, including the awareness of our solutions, the timely completion, introduction and market acceptance of our solutions, the ability to attract, retain and effectively train sales and marketing personnel, the ability to develop relationships with dealers and distributors, the effectiveness of our marketing programs, the costs of our solutions and the success of our competitors. If we are unsuccessful in developing and marketing our home automation solutions to mainstream consumers, or if these consumers do not perceive or value the benefits of our solutions, the market for our solutions might not continue to develop or might develop more slowly than we expect, either of which would harm our revenue and growth prospects.

Our consumers may experience service failures or interruptions due to defects in the software, infrastructure, third-party components or processes that comprise our existing or new solutions, or due to dealer errors in product installation, any of which could harm our business.

Our solutions may contain undetected defects in the software, infrastructure, third-party components or processes. If these defects lead to service failures after introduction of or an upgrade to a product or solution by a dealer, we could experience harm to our branded reputation, claims by our consumers, dealers, distributors, strategic partners or developers or lost revenue during the period required to address the cause of the defects. We may find defects in new or upgraded solutions, resulting in loss of, or delay in, market acceptance of our solutions, which could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Since our solutions are installed by our dealers, if they do not install or maintain our solutions correctly, our solutions may not function properly. If the improper installation or maintenance of our solutions leads to service failures after introduction of, or an upgrade to, a product or solution, we could experience harm to our branded reputation, claims by our consumers, dealers, distributors, strategic partners or developers or lost revenue during the period required to address the cause of the problem. This could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

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Any defect in, or disruption to, our solutions could cause consumers not to purchase additional products from us, prevent potential consumers from purchasing our solutions, or harm our reputation. Although our contracts with our consumers limit our liability to our consumers for these defects, disruptions or errors, we nonetheless could be subject to litigation for actual or alleged losses to our consumers' businesses, which may require us to spend significant time and money in litigation or arbitration, or to pay significant settlements or damages. Defending a lawsuit, regardless of its merit, could be costly, divert management's attention and affect our ability to obtain or maintain liability insurance on acceptable terms and could harm our business. Although we currently maintain some warranty reserves, we cannot assure you that these warranty reserves will be sufficient to cover future liabilities. Furthermore, we may be required to indemnify our dealers, distributors and partners against certain liabilities they may incur as a result of defects of our products. In 2012, we incurred significant costs associated with the recall and replacement of a defective chip from a third-party component used within one of our products.

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We encounter seasonality in sales, which could harm the amount, timing and predictability of our revenue and cause our stock price to fluctuate.

We have little recurring revenue or backlog and our revenue is generated from orders of our solutions from new and existing consumers, which may cause our quarterly results to fluctuate. We may experience seasonality in the sales of our solutions. Historically, our revenue is generally higher in the fourth quarter and lower in the first quarter. Seasonal variations in our sales may lead to significant fluctuations in our cash flows and results of operations on a quarterly basis. If we experience a delay in signing or a failure to sign a significant partner agreement in any particular quarter, then our results of operations for such quarter and for subsequent quarters may be below the expectations of securities analysts or investors, which may result in a decline in our stock price.

We may not generate significant revenue as a result of our current research and development efforts.

We have made and expect to continue to make significant investments in research and development and related product opportunities. For the three-month period ended March 31, 2014, we spent \$6.8 million on research and development expenses. High levels of expenditures for research and development could harm our results of operations, especially if not offset by corresponding future revenue increases. We believe that we must continue to dedicate a significant amount of resources to our research and development efforts to maintain our competitive position. However, it is difficult to estimate when, if ever, we will generate significant revenue as a result of these investments.

Our strategy includes pursuing acquisitions and our potential inability to successfully integrate newly-acquired technologies, assets or businesses may harm our financial results.

We believe part of our growth will be driven by acquisitions of other companies or their technologies, assets and businesses. Any acquisitions we complete will give rise to risks, including:

- Incurring higher than anticipated capital expenditures and operating expenses;
- Failing to assimilate the operations and personnel or failing to retain the key personnel of the acquired company or business;
- Failing to integrate the acquired technologies, or incurring significant expense to integrate acquired technologies into our solutions;
- Disrupting our ongoing business;

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- Dissipating our management resources;
- Failing to maintain uniform standards, controls and policies;
- Incurring significant accounting charges;
- Impairing relationships with employees, dealers, distributors, partners or consumers;
- Finding that the acquired technology, asset or business does not further our business strategy, that we overpaid for the technology, asset or business or that we may be required to write off acquired assets or investments partially or entirely;
- Failing to realize the expected synergies of the transaction;
- Being exposed to unforeseen liabilities and contingencies that were not identified prior to acquiring the company; and
- Being unable to generate sufficient revenue from acquisitions to offset the associated acquisition costs.

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Fully integrating an acquired technology, asset or business into our operations may take a significant amount of time. We may not be successful in overcoming these risks or any other problems encountered with acquisitions. To the extent we do not successfully avoid or overcome the risks or problems related to any such acquisitions, our results of operations and financial condition could be harmed. Acquisitions also could impact our financial position and capital needs, or could cause fluctuations in our quarterly and annual results of operations.

Acquisitions could include significant goodwill and intangible assets, which may result in future impairment charges that would reduce our stated earnings. We may incur significant costs in our efforts to engage in strategic transactions and these expenditures may not result in successful acquisitions.

Future acquisitions of technologies, assets or businesses, which are paid for partially or entirely through the issuance of stock or stock rights, could dilute the ownership of our existing stockholders.

We expect that the consideration we might pay for any future acquisitions of technologies, assets or businesses could include stock, rights to purchase stock, cash or some combination of the foregoing. If we issue stock or rights to purchase stock in connection with future acquisitions, net income (loss) per share and then-existing holders of our common stock may experience dilution.

Our gross margins can vary significantly depending on multiple factors, which can result in fluctuations in our results of operations.

Our gross margins are likely to vary due to consumer demand, product mix, new product introductions, unit volumes, commodity and supply chain costs, product delivery costs, geographic sales mix, foreign currency exchange rates, excess and obsolete inventory and the complexity and functionality of new product innovations. In particular, if we are not able to introduce new solutions in a timely manner at the cost we expect, or if consumer demand for our solutions is less than we anticipate, or if there are product pricing, marketing and other initiatives by our competitors to which we need to react that lower our margins, then our overall gross margin will be less than we project. The impact of these factors on gross margins can create unanticipated fluctuations in our results of operations, which may cause volatility in our stock price.

If we are unable to substantially utilize our net operating loss carryforwards, our financial results will be harmed.

As of December 31, 2013, our net operating loss (NOL) carryforward amounts for U.S. federal income and state tax purposes were \$77.4 million and \$75.6 million, respectively. Under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code, a corporation that undergoes an ownership change may be subject to limitations on its ability to utilize its pre-change NOLs to offset future taxable income. Purchases of our common stock in amounts greater than specified levels, which will be beyond our control, could create an additional limitation on our ability to utilize our NOLs for tax purposes in the future. Limitations imposed on our ability to utilize NOLs could cause U.S. federal and state income taxes to be paid earlier than would be paid if such limitations were not in effect and could cause such NOLs to expire unused, in each case reducing or eliminating the benefit of such NOLs. Furthermore, we may not be able to generate sufficient taxable income to utilize our NOLs before they expire. If any of these events occur, we may not derive some or all of the expected benefits from our NOLs. In addition, at the state level there may be periods during which the use of NOLs is suspended or otherwise limited, which would accelerate or permanently increase state taxes owed.

Governmental regulations affecting the import or export of products could harm our revenue.

The U.S. and various foreign governments have imposed controls, export license requirements and restrictions on the import or export of some technologies, especially encryption technology, and may impose additional or broader controls, export license requirements and restrictions on the import or export of some technologies in the future. In addition, from time to time, governmental agencies have proposed additional regulation of encryption technology, such as requiring the escrow and governmental recovery of private encryption keys. Although we do not believe that any of our products currently require an export license, if our products or components of our products become subject to governmental regulation of encryption technology or other governmental regulation of imports or exports, we may be required to obtain import or export approval for such products, which could increase our costs and harm our international and domestic sales and our revenue. In addition, failure to comply with such regulations could result in penalties, costs and restrictions on export privileges, which would harm our results of operations.

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If we are unable to manage our growth and diverse and complex operations, our reputation in the market and our ability to generate revenue from new or existing consumers may be harmed.

Because our operations are geographically diverse and complex, our personnel resources and infrastructure could become strained and our reputation in the market and our ability to successfully implement our business plan may be harmed. We have experienced a period of rapid growth in our headcount and operations. The growth in the size, complexity and diverse nature of our business and the expansion of our product lines and consumer base have placed increased demands on our management and operations, and further growth, if any, may place additional strains on our resources in the future. Our ability to effectively compete and to manage our planned future growth will depend on, among other things:

- Maintaining continuity in our senior management and key personnel;
- Increasing the productivity of our existing employees;
- Attracting, retaining, training and motivating our employees, particularly our technical and management personnel;
- Maintaining existing relationships and developing new relationships with contract manufacturers;
- Improving our operational, financial and management controls; and
- Improving our information reporting systems and procedures.

If we do not manage the size, complexity and diverse nature of our business effectively, we could experience delayed product releases and longer response times by our dealers for assisting our consumers with implementation of our solutions, and could lack adequate resources to support our consumers on an ongoing basis, any of which could harm our reputation in the market, our ability to successfully implement our business plan and our ability to generate revenue from new or existing consumers.

If we fail to retain our key employees, our business would be harmed and we might not be able to implement our business plan successfully.

Given the complex nature of the technology on which our business is based and the speed with which such technology advances, our future success is dependent, in large part, upon our ability to attract and retain highly qualified managerial, engineering and sales personnel.

Competition for talented personnel is intense, and we cannot be certain that we can retain our managerial, engineering and sales personnel or that we can attract, assimilate or retain such personnel in the future. Our inability to attract and retain such personnel could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Downturns in general economic and market conditions, including but not limited the global housing and mortgage market, and reductions in spending may reduce demand for our solutions, which could harm our revenue, results of operations and cash flows.

Our revenue, results of operations and cash flows depend on the overall demand for our solutions. Concerns about the systemic impact of a potential widespread recession, energy costs, geopolitical issues, the availability and cost of credit and the global housing and mortgage markets have contributed to increased market volatility, decreased consumer confidence and diminished growth expectations in the U.S. economy and abroad. The current unstable general economic and market conditions have been characterized by a dramatic decline in consumer discretionary spending and have disproportionately affected providers of products and services that represent discretionary purchases. While the decline in consumer spending has recently moderated, these economic conditions could still lead to continued declines in consumer spending over the foreseeable future, and may have resulted in a resetting of consumer spending habits that may make it unlikely that such spending will return to prior levels for the foreseeable future.

During weak economic times, the available pool of dealers and distributors may decline as the prospects for home building and home renovation projects diminish, which may have a corresponding impact on our growth prospects. In addition, there is an increased risk during these periods that an increased percentage of our dealers will file for bankruptcy protection, which may harm our reputation, revenue, profitability and results of operations. We also face risks from

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international dealers and distributors that file for bankruptcy protection in foreign jurisdictions, in that the outcome of the application of foreign bankruptcy laws may be more difficult to predict. In addition, we may determine that the cost of pursuing any claim may outweigh the recovery potential of such claim. Likewise, consumer bankruptcies can detrimentally affect the business stability of our dealers and distributors. Prolonged economic slowdowns and reductions in new home construction and renovation projects may result in diminished sales of our solutions. Further worsening, broadening or protracted extension of the economic downturn could have a negative impact on our business, revenue, results of operations and cash flows.

If our estimates or judgments relating to our critical accounting policies are based on assumptions that change or prove to be incorrect, our results of operations could fall below expectations of securities analysts and investors, resulting in a decline in our stock price.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, as provided in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets, liabilities and equity, and the amount of revenue and expenses that are not readily apparent from other sources. Significant assumptions and estimates used in preparing our consolidated financial statements include, or may in the future include, those related to revenue recognition, allowance for doubtful accounts, inventories, product warranties, income taxes and stock-based compensation expense. Our results of operations may be harmed if our assumptions change or if actual circumstances differ from those in our assumptions, which could cause our results of operations to fall below the expectations of securities analysts and investors, resulting in a decline in our stock price.

Changes in existing financial accounting standards or practices, or taxation rules or practices, may harm our results of operations.

Changes in existing accounting or taxation rules or practices, new accounting pronouncements or taxation rules, or varying interpretations of current accounting pronouncements or taxation practice could harm our results of operations or the manner in which we conduct our business.

Mergers or other strategic transactions involving our competitors could weaken our competitive position, which could harm our results of operations.

Our industry is highly fragmented, and we believe it is likely that some of our existing competitors will consolidate or be acquired. In addition, some of our competitors may enter into new alliances with each other or may establish or strengthen cooperative relationships with systems integrators, third-party consulting firms or other parties. Any such consolidation, acquisition, alliance or cooperative relationship could lead to pricing pressure and our loss of market share and could result in a competitor with greater financial, technical, marketing, service and other resources, all of which could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We incur increased costs and demands upon management as a result of complying with the laws and regulations affecting public companies, which could harm our results of operations and our ability to attract and retain qualified executives and board members.

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As a public company, we have and will continue to incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company, including costs associated with public company reporting and corporate governance requirements. These requirements include compliance with Section 404 and other provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act), as well as rules implemented by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC, and other applicable securities or exchange-related rules and regulations. In addition, our management team has also had to adapt to the requirements of being a public company. We expect complying with these rules and regulations will substantially increase our legal and financial compliance costs and make some activities more difficult, time consuming or costly, particularly if we are no longer an emerging growth company, as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 (the JOBS Act).

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As a public company, we also expect that it may be more difficult and more expensive for us to maintain director and officer liability insurance, and we may be required to accept reduced policy limits and coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain the same or similar coverage. As a result, it may be more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified individuals to serve on our board of directors or as our executive officers.

We are an emerging growth company, and any decision on our part to comply with certain reduced disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies could make our common stock less attractive to investors.

We are an emerging growth company, as defined in the JOBS Act, and we may take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies including not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports and proxy statements, and exemptions from the requirements of holding an annual non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation and nonbinding stockholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved. If we choose not to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, our auditors will not be required to opine on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. As a result, investors may become less comfortable with the effectiveness of our internal controls and the risk that material weaknesses or other deficiencies in our internal controls go undetected may increase. If we choose to provide reduced disclosures in our periodic reports and proxy statements while we are an emerging growth company, investors would have access to less information and analysis about our executive compensation, which may make it difficult for investors to evaluate our executive compensation practices. We cannot predict if investors will find our common stock less attractive because we may rely on these exemptions and provide reduced disclosure. If some investors find our common stock less attractive as a result, there may be a less active trading market for our common stock and our stock price may be harmed. We will remain an emerging growth company for up to five years following our initial public offering or such earlier time that we are no longer an emerging growth company. We will remain an emerging growth company until the earliest to occur of: the last day of the fiscal year in which we have more than \$1.0 billion in annual revenue; the date we qualify as a large accelerated filer, with at least \$700 million of equity securities held by non-affiliates; the issuance, in any three-year period, by us of more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt securities; or the last day of the fiscal year ending after the fifth anniversary of our initial public offering.

In addition, Section 107 of the JOBS Act provides that an emerging growth company can take advantage of the extended transition period provided in Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), for complying with new or revised accounting standards. In other words, an emerging growth company can delay the adoption of certain accounting standards until those standards would otherwise apply to private companies. However, we have chosen to opt out of such extended transition period, and as a result, we will comply with new or revised accounting standards on the relevant dates on which adoption of such standards is required for non-emerging growth companies. Section 107 of the JOBS Act provides that our decision to opt out of the extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards is irrevocable.

Failure to achieve and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting could result in our failure to accurately report our financial results. Any inability to report and file our financial results accurately and timely could harm our business and adversely impact investor confidence in our company and, as a result, the value of our common stock.

Effective internal controls are necessary for us to produce reliable financial reports and are important to helping prevent financial fraud. If we cannot provide reliable financial reports or prevent fraud, our business and results of operations could be harmed, investors could lose confidence in our reported financial information, and the trading price of our stock could drop significantly. We will be required, pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to furnish a report by management on, among other things, the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting in the second annual report we file with the SEC. This assessment will need to include disclosure of any material weaknesses identified by our management in our internal control over financial reporting. However, our auditors will not be required to formally

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opine on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting pursuant to Section 404 until we are no longer an emerging growth company as defined in the JOBS Act if we take advantage of the exemptions available to us through the JOBS Act.

We are in the early stages of the costly and challenging process of compiling the system and processing documentation necessary to perform the evaluation needed to comply with Section 404. We may not be able to remediate any future material weaknesses, or to complete our evaluation, testing and any required remediation in a timely fashion. During the evaluation and testing process, if we identify one or more material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting, we will be unable to assert that our internal controls are effective. If we are unable to assert that our internal control

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over financial reporting is effective, or if our auditors are unable to express an opinion on the effectiveness of our internal controls when they are required to issue such opinion, investors could lose confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports, which could harm our stock price.

Our failure to raise additional capital or generate cash flows necessary to expand our operations and invest in new technologies in the future could reduce our ability to compete successfully and harm our results of operations.

We believe that our existing cash and cash equivalents will be sufficient to meet our anticipated cash requirements for at least the next 12 months. We may need to raise additional funds, and we may not be able to obtain additional debt or equity financing on favorable terms, if at all. If we raise additional equity financing, our security holders may experience significant dilution of their ownership interests and the value of shares of our common stock could decline. If we engage in debt financing, we may be required to accept terms that restrict our ability to incur additional indebtedness, force us to maintain specified liquidity or other ratios or restrict our ability to pay dividends or make acquisitions. If we need additional capital and cannot raise it on acceptable terms, if at all, we may not be able to, among other things:

- Develop and enhance our solutions;

- Continue to expand our research and development, sales and marketing organizations;

- Hire, train and retain employees;

- Respond to competitive pressures or unanticipated working capital requirements; or

- Pursue acquisition opportunities.

Our inability to do any of the foregoing could reduce our ability to compete successfully and harm our results of operations.

We may be subject to additional tax liabilities, which would harm our results of operations.

We are subject to income, sales, use, value added and other taxes in the United States and other countries in which we conduct business, which laws and rates vary greatly by jurisdiction. Certain jurisdictions in which we do not collect sales, use, value added or other taxes on our sales may assert that such taxes are applicable, which could result in tax assessments, penalties and interest, and we may be required to collect such

taxes in the future. Significant judgment is required in determining our worldwide provision for income taxes. These determinations are highly complex and require detailed analysis of the available information and applicable statutes and regulatory materials. In the ordinary course of our business, there are many transactions and calculations where the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. Although we believe our tax estimates are reasonable, the final determination of tax audits and any related litigation could be different from our historical tax practices, provisions and accruals. If we receive an adverse ruling as a result of an audit, or we unilaterally determine that we have misinterpreted provisions of the tax regulations to which we are subject, our tax provision, results of operations or cash flows could be harmed. In addition, liabilities associated with taxes are often subject to an extended or indefinite statute of limitations period. Therefore, we may be subject to additional tax liability (including penalties and interest) for a particular year for extended periods of time.

Our business is subject to the risks of earthquakes, fire, power outages, floods and other catastrophic events, and to interruption by man-made problems such as terrorism.

A significant natural disaster, such as an earthquake, fire or a flood, or a significant power outage could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition. Natural disasters could affect our manufacturing vendors or logistics providers' ability to perform services such as manufacturing products or assisting with shipments on a timely basis. Sanmina and LiteOn, two of our contract manufacturers that manufactured 74% of our inventory purchases for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014, have manufacturing facilities located in China. In the event our manufacturing vendors' information technology systems or manufacturing or logistics abilities are hindered by any of the events discussed above, shipments could be delayed, resulting in missing financial targets, such as revenue and shipment targets, for a particular quarter. Further, if a natural disaster occurs in a region from which we derive a significant portion of our revenue, such as metropolitan areas in North America, consumers in that region may delay or forego purchases of our solutions from dealers and distributors in the region, which may harm our results of operations for a particular period. In addition, acts of terrorism could cause disruptions

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in our business or the business of our manufacturers, logistics providers, dealers, distributors, consumers or the economy as a whole. Given our typical concentration of sales at the end of each month and quarter, any disruption in the business of our manufacturers, logistics providers, dealers, distributors and consumers that impacts sales at the end of our quarter could have a greater impact on our quarterly results. All of the aforementioned risks may be augmented if the disaster recovery plans for us and our suppliers prove to be inadequate. To the extent that any of the above results in delays or cancellations of orders, or delays in the manufacture, deployment or shipment of our products, our business, financial condition and results of operations would be harmed.

Global or regional economic, political and social conditions could harm our business and results of operations.

External factors such as potential terrorist attacks, acts of war, financial crises, trade friction or geopolitical and social turmoil in those parts of the world that serve as markets for our solutions, such as Europe, Asia or elsewhere, could harm our business and results of operations. These uncertainties may cause our consumers to reduce discretionary spending on their home and make it difficult for us to accurately plan future business activities. More generally, these geopolitical, social and economic conditions could result in increased volatility in worldwide financial markets and economies that could harm our sales. We are not insured for losses or interruptions caused by terrorist acts or acts of war. The occurrence of any of these events or circumstances could harm our business and results of operations.

Failure to comply with laws and regulations could harm our business.

Our business is subject to regulation by various federal, state, local and foreign governmental agencies, including agencies responsible for monitoring and enforcing employment and labor laws, workplace safety, product safety, environmental laws, consumer protection laws, anti-bribery laws, import/export controls, federal securities laws and tax laws and regulations. In certain jurisdictions, these regulatory requirements may be more stringent than in the United States. Noncompliance with applicable regulations or requirements could subject us to investigations, sanctions, mandatory product recalls, enforcement actions, disgorgement of profits, fines, damages, civil and criminal penalties or injunctions. If any governmental sanctions are imposed, or if we do not prevail in any possible civil or criminal litigation, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially harmed. In addition, responding to any action will likely result in a significant diversion of management's attention and resources and an increase in professional fees. Enforcement actions and sanctions could further harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Risks Related to Our International Operations

In recent years, a significant amount of our revenue has come from sales outside of the United States, and we are therefore subject to a number of risks associated with international sales and operations.

We have a limited history of marketing, selling, and supporting our products and services internationally. However, consumers in countries outside of North America accounted for 22% of our revenue for the three-month period ended March 31, 2014, and we expect that percentage to grow in the future. As a result, we must hire and train experienced personnel to staff and manage our foreign operations. To the extent that we experience difficulties in recruiting, training, managing, and retaining an international staff, and specifically staff related to sales management and sales personnel, we may experience difficulties in sales productivity in foreign markets.

If we are not able to increase the sales of our solutions to consumers located outside of North America, our results of operations or revenue growth may be harmed. In addition, in connection with our expansion into foreign markets, we are a receiver of currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Accordingly, changes in exchange rates, and in particular a strengthening of the U.S. dollar, will negatively affect our net sales and gross margins as expressed in U.S. dollars. There is also a risk that we will have to adjust local currency product pricing due to competitive pressures when there has been significant volatility in foreign currency exchange rates.

Conducting and launching operations on an international scale requires close coordination of activities across multiple jurisdictions and time zones and consumes significant management resources. Our limited experience in operating our business outside of the United States increases the risk that our current and any future international expansion efforts will not be successful. Conducting international operations subjects us to risks that, generally, we do not face in the United States, including:

- Fluctuations in currency exchange rates;

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- Unexpected changes in foreign regulatory requirements;
- Longer accounts receivable payment cycles and difficulties in collecting accounts receivable;
- Difficulties in managing and staffing international operations, including differences in labor laws;
- Potentially adverse tax consequences, including the complexities of foreign value added tax systems and restrictions on the repatriation of earnings;
- Localization of our solutions, including translation into foreign languages and associated expenses;
- Localization of our customer agreements under applicable foreign law;
- The burdens of complying with a wide variety of foreign laws and different legal standards, including laws and regulations related to privacy and data security and limitations on liability;
- Increased financial accounting and reporting burdens and complexities;
- Political, social and economic instability abroad, terrorist attacks and security concerns in general; and
- Reduced or varied protection for intellectual property rights in some countries.

The impact of any one of these risks could harm our international business and, consequently, our results of operations generally. Additionally, operating in international markets also requires significant management attention and financial resources. We cannot be certain that the investment and additional resources required in establishing, acquiring or integrating operations in other countries will produce desired levels of revenue or profitability.

Due to the global nature of our business, we could be harmed by violations of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the U.K. Bribery Act or similar anti-corruption laws in other jurisdictions in which we operate, or various international trade and export laws.

The global nature of our business creates various domestic and local regulatory challenges. The U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (the "FCPA"), the U.K. Bribery Act 2010 (the "U.K. Bribery Act"), and similar anti-corruption laws in other jurisdictions generally prohibit U.S.-based companies and their intermediaries from making improper payments to non-U.S. officials for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business. In addition, U.S.-based companies are required to maintain records that accurately and fairly represent their transactions and have an adequate system of internal accounting controls. We operate in areas of the world that experience corruption by government officials to some degree and, in certain circumstances, compliance with anti-corruption laws may conflict with local customs and practices. Our global operations require us to import from and export to several countries, which geographically stretches our compliance obligations. In addition, changes in such laws could result in increased regulatory requirements and compliance costs which could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations. Our employees or other agents may engage in prohibited conduct and render us responsible under the FCPA, the U.K. Bribery Act or similar anti-corruption laws. If we are found to be in violation of the FCPA, the U.K. Bribery Act or other anti-corruption laws (either due to acts or inadvertence of our employees, or due to the acts or inadvertence of others), we could suffer criminal or civil penalties or other sanctions, which could harm our business.

Risks Related to Our Intellectual Property

From time to time, we are defendants in legal proceedings as to which we are unable to assess our exposure and which could become significant liabilities in the event of an adverse judgment.

We are defendants in legal proceedings from time to time. Companies in our industry have been subject to claims related to patent infringement and product liability, as well as contract and employment-related claims. We may not be able to accurately assess the risks related to these suits, and we may be unable to accurately assess our level of exposure. Furthermore, we are unable to predict the outcome of assertions of infringement made against us and therefore cannot estimate the range of possible loss. A court determination that our products or manufacturing processes infringe the intellectual property rights of others could result in significant liability and/or require us to make material changes to our products and/or manufacturing processes. Any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition. In 2012 and 2013, we entered into three separate settlement agreements relating to alleged patent infringements, which included future royalty payments on certain products, the payment of a lump sum amount for alleged past damages, and/or the payment of a fixed amount in exchange for a covenant not to sue.

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If we fail to protect our intellectual property and proprietary rights adequately, our business could be harmed.

We believe that proprietary technology is essential to establishing and maintaining our leadership position. We seek to protect our intellectual property through trade secrets, copyrights, confidentiality, non-compete and nondisclosure agreements, patents, trademarks, domain names and other measures, some of which afford only limited protection. We also rely on patent, trademark, trade secret and copyright laws to protect our intellectual property. Despite our efforts to protect our proprietary rights, unauthorized parties may attempt to copy aspects of our technology or to obtain and use information that we regard as proprietary. Our means of protecting our proprietary rights may not be adequate or our competitors may independently develop similar or superior technology, or design around our intellectual property. In addition, the laws of some foreign countries do not protect our proprietary rights to as great an extent as the laws of the United States. Intellectual property protections may also be unavailable, limited or difficult to enforce in some countries, which could make it easier for competitors to capture market share. Our failure or inability to adequately protect our intellectual property and proprietary rights could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

To prevent substantial unauthorized use of our intellectual property rights, it may be necessary to prosecute actions for infringement and/or misappropriation of our proprietary rights against third parties. Any such action could result in significant costs and diversion of our resources and management's attention, and we cannot assure you that we will be successful in such action. Furthermore, many of our current and potential competitors have the ability to dedicate substantially greater resources to enforce their intellectual property rights than we do. Accordingly, despite our efforts, we may not be able to prevent third parties from infringing upon or misappropriating our intellectual property.

An assertion by a third party that we are infringing its intellectual property could subject us to costly and time-consuming litigation or expensive licenses that could harm our business and results of operations.

The industries in which we compete are characterized by the existence of a large number of patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets, and by frequent litigation based on allegations of infringement or other violations of intellectual property rights. We have been subject to patent litigation in the past and we may be subject to similar litigation in the future. For example, in April 2014, Olivistar, LLC (Olivistar) filed a lawsuit against us alleging that our light switches and our MyHome App infringe two United States patents that Olivistar owns by assignment. The litigation is in its early stages, and we intend to vigorously defend the lawsuit. See Legal Proceedings for additional information. Given that our solution integrates with all aspects of the home, the risk that our solution may be subject to these allegations is exacerbated. As we seek to extend our solutions, we could be constrained by the intellectual property rights of others. In addition, our dealer and distributor contracts require us to indemnify them against certain liabilities they may incur as a result of our infringement of any third-party intellectual property.

We might not prevail in any intellectual property infringement litigation given the complex technical issues and inherent uncertainties in such litigation. Defending such claims, regardless of their merit, could be time-consuming and distracting to management, result in costly litigation or settlement, cause development delays or require us to enter into royalty or licensing agreements. In addition, we currently have a limited portfolio of issued patents compared to our larger competitors, and therefore may not be able to effectively utilize our intellectual property portfolio to assert defenses or counterclaims in response to patent infringement claims or litigation brought against us by third parties. Further, litigation may involve patent holding companies or other adverse patent owners who have no relevant products or revenues and against which our potential patents provide no deterrence, and many other potential litigants have the capability to dedicate substantially greater resources to enforce their intellectual property rights and to defend claims that may be brought against them. If our solutions exceed the scope of in-bound licenses or violate any third-party proprietary rights, we could be required to withdraw those solutions from the market, re-develop those solutions or seek to obtain licenses from third parties, which might not be available on reasonable terms or at all. Any efforts to re-develop our solutions, obtain licenses from third parties on favorable terms or license a substitute technology might not be successful and, in any case, might substantially increase our costs and harm our business, financial condition and results of operations. If we were compelled to withdraw any of our solutions from the market, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be harmed.

We are generally obligated to indemnify our dealers, distributors and partners for certain expenses and liabilities resulting from intellectual property infringement claims regarding our products, which could force us to incur substantial costs.

We have agreed, and expect to continue to agree, to indemnify our dealers, distributors and partners for certain intellectual property infringement claims regarding our products. As a result, in the case of infringement claims against these dealers, distributors and partners, we could be required to indemnify them for losses resulting from such claims or to refund

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amounts they have paid to us. We expect that some of our dealers, distributors and partners may seek indemnification from us in connection with infringement claims brought against them. We evaluate each such request on a case-by-case basis and we may not succeed in refuting all such claims. If a dealer, distributor or partner elects to invest resources in enforcing a claim for indemnification against us, we could incur significant costs disputing it. If we do not succeed in disputing it, we could face substantial liability.

The use of open source software in our solutions may expose us to additional risks and harm our intellectual property.

Some of our solutions use or incorporate software that is subject to one or more open source licenses. Open source software is typically freely accessible, usable and modifiable. Certain open source software licenses require a user who intends to distribute the open source software as a component of the user's software to disclose publicly part or all of the source code to the user's software. In addition, certain open source software licenses require the user of such software to make any derivative works of the open source code available to others on potentially unfavorable terms or at no cost.

The terms of many open source licenses to which we are subject have not been interpreted by U.S. or foreign courts, and accordingly there is a risk that those licenses could be construed in a manner that imposes unanticipated conditions or restrictions on our ability to commercialize our solutions. In that event, we could be required to seek licenses from third parties in order to continue offering our solutions, to re-develop our solutions, to discontinue sales of our solutions or to release our proprietary software code under the terms of an open source license, any of which could harm our business. Further, given the nature of open source software, it may be more likely that third parties might assert copyright and other intellectual property infringement claims against us based on our use of these open source software programs.

While we monitor the use of all open source software in our products, solutions, processes and technology and seek to ensure that no open source software is used in such a way as to require us to disclose the source code to the related product or solution when we do not wish to do so, we are currently conducting a comprehensive audit of open source software contained in our solutions. Additionally, if a third-party software provider has incorporated certain types of open source software into software we license from such third party for our solutions without our knowledge, we could, under certain circumstances, be required to disclose the source code to our solutions. This could harm our intellectual property position and our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We rely on the availability of third-party licenses. If these licenses are available to us only on less favorable terms or not at all in the future, our business and results of operations may be harmed.

We have incorporated third-party licensed technology into our products. It may be necessary in the future to renew licenses relating to various aspects of these products or to seek additional licenses for existing or new products. The necessary licenses may not be available on acceptable terms, or at all. The inability to obtain certain licenses or other rights, or to obtain those licenses or rights on favorable terms, or the need to engage in litigation regarding these matters, could result in our inability to include certain features in our products or delays in product releases until such time, if ever, as equivalent technology could be identified, licensed or developed and integrated into our products, which may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. Moreover, the inclusion in our products of intellectual property licensed from third parties on a nonexclusive basis could limit our ability to protect our proprietary rights in our products.

Failure to maintain the security of our information and technology networks, including information relating to our dealers, distributors, consumers and employees, could adversely affect us.

We are dependent on information technology networks and systems, including the Internet, to process, transmit and store electronic information and, in the normal course of our business, we collect and retain certain information pertaining to our dealers, distributors, consumers and employees. The legal, regulatory and contractual environment surrounding information security and privacy is constantly evolving and companies that collect and retain such information are under increasing attack by cyber-criminals around the world. A significant actual or potential theft, loss, fraudulent use or misuse of dealer, distributor, consumer, employee or other personally identifiable data, whether by third parties or as a result of employee malfeasance or otherwise, non-compliance with our contractual or other legal obligations regarding such data or a violation of our privacy and security policies with respect to such data could result in significant costs, fines, litigation or regulatory actions against us. Such an event could additionally result in adverse publicity and therefore adversely affect the market's perception of the security and reliability of our services. Security breaches of, or sustained attacks against, this infrastructure could create system disruptions and shutdowns that could result in disruptions to our operations. We cannot be

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certain that advances in cyber-capabilities or other developments will not compromise or breach the technology protecting the networks that access our products and services. If any one of these risks materializes our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially and adversely affected.

If security breaches in connection with the delivery of our services allow unauthorized third parties to obtain control or access of our consumers' appliances containing our products, our reputation, business, results of operations and financial condition could be harmed.

Certain of our employees and dealers can access and update certain of our home automation products and services through the Internet. If security breaches in connection with the delivery of our services via the Internet allow unauthorized third parties to obtain control of our consumers' appliances containing our products, our reputation, business, results of operations and financial condition could be harmed. Furthermore, although we do not recommend or approve of port forwarding for remote access to our solutions, certain of our dealers have in the past and may in the future enable port forwarding, which could create security vulnerabilities in a consumer's home network. If security breaches in connection with the delivery of our solutions occur, our reputation, business, results of operations and financial condition could be harmed.

Risks Related to Owning Our Common Stock

Our share price may be volatile, which may result in securities class action litigation against us.

The market price of our common stock could be subject to wide fluctuations in response to many risk factors listed in this section, and other factors beyond our control, including:

- Actual or anticipated fluctuations in our financial condition and results of operations;
- Overall conditions in our industry and market;
- Addition or loss of consumers;
- Changes in laws or regulations applicable to our solutions;
- Actual or anticipated changes in our growth rate relative to our competitors;

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- Announcements by us or our competitors of significant acquisitions, strategic partnerships, joint ventures or capital commitments;
- Additions or departures of key personnel;
- Competition from existing products or new products that may emerge;
- Issuance of new or updated research or reports by securities analysts;
- Fluctuations in the valuation of companies perceived by investors to be comparable to us;
- Disputes or other developments related to proprietary rights, including patents, litigation matters and our ability to obtain intellectual property protection for our technologies;
- Sales of our common stock by us or our stockholders;
- Share price and volume fluctuations attributable to inconsistent trading volume levels of our shares;
- The expiration of contractual lock-up agreements with our executive officers, directors and stockholders; and
- General economic and market conditions.

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Furthermore, the stock markets have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have affected and continue to affect the market prices of equity securities of many companies. These fluctuations often have been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of those companies. These broad market and industry fluctuations, as well as general economic, political and market conditions such as recessions, interest rate changes or international currency fluctuations, may harm the market price of our common stock. In the past, companies that have experienced volatility in the market price of their stock have been subject to securities class action litigation. We may be the target of this type of litigation in the future. Securities litigation against us could result in substantial costs and divert our management's attention from other business concerns, which could harm our business.

If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or reports about our business, or publish negative reports about our business, our share price and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for our common stock depends in part on the research and reports that securities or industry analysts publish about us or our business. We do not have any control over these analysts. If one or more of the analysts who cover us downgrade our shares or change their opinion of our shares, our share price will likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease coverage of our company or fail to regularly publish research or reports on us, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which could cause our stock price or trading volume to decline.

The concentration of ownership of our capital stock limits your ability to influence corporate matters.

As of March 31, 2014, our directors, executive officers and holders of more than 5% of our common stock, together with their affiliates, beneficially own, in the aggregate, 56.9% of our outstanding common stock. As a result, these stockholders, acting together, would have the ability to control the outcome of matters submitted to our stockholders for approval, including the election of directors and any merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of our assets. In addition, these stockholders, acting together, would have the ability to control the management and affairs of our company. Accordingly, this concentration of ownership might harm the market price of our common stock by:

- Delaying, deferring or preventing a change in corporate control;
- Impeding a merger, consolidation, takeover or other business combination involving us; or
- Discouraging a potential acquirer from making a tender offer or otherwise attempting to obtain control of us.

Anti-takeover provisions in our charter documents and under Delaware law could make an acquisition of us, which may be beneficial to our stockholders, more difficult and may prevent attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management and limit the market price of our common stock.

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Provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws may have the effect of delaying or preventing a change of control or changes in our management. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated include provisions that:

- Authorize our board of directors to issue, without further action by the stockholders, up to 25,000,000 shares of undesignated preferred stock;
- Require that any action to be taken by our stockholders be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting and not by written consent;
- Specify that special meetings of our stockholders can be called only by our board of directors, the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or the President;
- Establish an advance notice procedure for stockholder approvals to be brought before an annual meeting of our stockholders, including proposed nominations of persons for election to our board of directors;
- Provide that directors may be removed only for cause;
- Provide that vacancies on our board of directors may be filled only by a majority of directors then in office, even though less than a quorum;

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- Establish that our board of directors is divided into three classes Class I, Class II and Class III with each class serving staggered terms; and
- Require a super-majority of votes to amend certain of the above-mentioned provisions.

These provisions, alone or together, could delay or prevent hostile takeovers and changes in control. These provisions may also frustrate or prevent any attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management by making it more difficult for stockholders to replace members of our board of directors, which is responsible for appointing the members of our management.

As a Delaware corporation, we are also subject to provisions of Delaware law, including Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation law, which prevents some stockholders holding more than 15% of our outstanding common stock from engaging in certain business combinations without approval of the holders of substantially all of our outstanding common stock.

Any provision of our certificate of incorporation or bylaws or Delaware law that has the effect of delaying or deterring a change of control could limit the opportunity for our stockholders to receive a premium for their shares of our common stock, and could also affect the price that some investors are willing to pay for our common stock.

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

None.

ITEM 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

None.

Table of Contents**ITEM 6. Exhibits**

The exhibits listed below are filed or incorporated by reference as part of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

| Exhibit Number | Description of Exhibits | Incorporated by Reference from Form | Incorporated by Reference from Exhibit Number | Date Filed |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|-------------------|
| 3.1 | Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation. | 10-Q | 3.1 | August 30, 2013 |
| 3.2 | Amended and Restated Bylaws. | S-1 | 3.4 | July 1, 2013 |
| 4.1 | Form of Common Stock certificate of the Registrant. | S-1/A | 4.1 | July 18, 2013 |
| 31.1 | Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. | Filed herewith | | |
| 31.2 | Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. | Filed herewith | | |
| 32.1* | Certification of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. | Furnished herewith | | |
| 101.INS** | XBRL Instance Document | Filed herewith | | |
| 101.SCH** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document | Filed herewith | | |
| 101.CAL** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document | Filed herewith | | |
| 101.DEF** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document | Filed herewith | | |
| 101.LAB** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document | Filed herewith | | |
| 101.PRE** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document | Filed herewith | | |

* The certifications furnished in Exhibit 32.1 hereto are deemed to accompany this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and will not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that the Registrant specifically incorporates it by reference.

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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.

Date: May 2, 2014

CONTROL4 CORPORATION

By:

/s/ Dan Strong

Dan Strong

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)