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Annual report pursuant to section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 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 001-34470

ECHO GLOBAL LOGISTICS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

20-5001120

(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

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

600 West Chicago Avenue, Suite 725

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Chicago, Illinois

(Zip Code)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (800) 354-7993

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

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share

The Nasdaq Global Market

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

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act.

Yes  No

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

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

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Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

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Yes  No

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At June 30, 2011, there were 22,147,937 shares of common stock outstanding held by nonaffiliates of the registrant, and the aggregate market value of the common stock (based upon closing price of these shares on the Nasdaq Global Market) was \$199,968,784.

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding as of the close of business on March 5, 2012 was 22,335,415.

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Documents incorporated by reference:

Portions of the Registrant's Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, provided, that if such proxy statement is not filed with the Commission within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K, an amendment to this Form 10-K shall be filed no later than the end of such 120-day period.

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Part I

Item 1. Business

Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, references in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to "Echo Global Logistics, Inc.," "Echo," the "Company," "we," "us" or "our" are to Echo Global Logistics, Inc., a Delaware corporation and subsidiaries.

Certain statements in this Annual Report on Form 10-K are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act"). These statements involve a number of risks, uncertainties, and other factors that could cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Factors which could materially affect such forward-looking statements can be found in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in Part I, Item 1A and Part I, Item 7 entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Investors are urged to consider these factors carefully in evaluating the forward-looking statements and are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements made herein are only made as of the date hereof and we undertake no obligation to publicly update such forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

Our Company

Echo Global Logistics is a leading provider of technology enabled transportation and supply chain management services. Our services are delivered by leveraging a proprietary technology platform that serves the transportation and logistics needs of our 29,300 clients in 2011. Our web-based technology platform compiles and analyzes data from our network of over 24,000 transportation providers to serve our clients' shipping and freight management needs. Our technology platform, composed of web-based software applications and a proprietary database, enables us to identify excess transportation capacity, obtain competitive rates, and execute thousands of shipments every day while providing high levels of service and reliability. We focus primarily on arranging transportation across truckload (TL) and less than truck load (LTL), and we also offer small parcel, inter-modal (which involves moving a shipment by rail and truck), domestic air, expedited and international transportation services. Our core logistics services include rate negotiation, shipment execution and tracking, carrier management, routing compliance, freight bill audit and payment and performance management reporting, including executive dashboard tools.

Our carrier network consists of over 24,000 transportation providers that have been selected based on their ability to effectively serve our clients in terms of price, capabilities, geographic coverage and quality of service. The carriers in our network also benefit from the opportunity to serve the transportation needs of our clients with minimal sales, marketing or customer service expense. The carriers in our network include motor carriers, railroad carriers and air freight carriers. We select and hire the appropriate transportation mode and carrier for each individual shipment. Our 29,300 clients span across a wide range of industries, such as manufacturing, construction, consumer products and retail. Our clients fall into two categories, enterprise and transactional. Our enterprise clients typically outsource their transportation management function to Echo, and are defined by the existence of a contractual relationship. We typically enter into multi-year contracts with our enterprise clients, which are often on an exclusive basis for a specific transportation mode or point of origin. As part of our value proposition, we also provide core logistics services to these clients, including the management of both freight expenditures and logistical issues surrounding freight to be transported. We provide transportation and logistics services to our transactional clients on a shipment-by-shipment basis.

We were formed as a Delaware limited liability company in January 2005. We converted our legal form to a Delaware corporation in June 2006. In October 2009, we completed an initial public offering of our shares of common stock. Upon the completion of our initial public offering, our common stock became listed on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "ECHO."

### Our Services

We are a non-asset-based provider of technology enabled transportation and logistics services. This allows us to be flexible and seek shipping alternatives that are tailored to the specific needs of our clients, rather than the deployment of particular assets. Through our carrier network, we provide transportation services using a variety of modes of transportation. We provide all of the following transportation services:

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### Transportation Services

**Truckload (TL).** We provide TL services across all TL segments, including dry vans, temperature-controlled units and flatbeds. Using our LaneIQ technology, we provide advanced dispatch, communication and data collection tools that enable our dedicated TL team to quickly disseminate critical pricing and capacity information to our clients on a real-time basis.

**Less than Truckload (LTL).** We provide LTL services involving the shipment of single or multiple pallets of freight. Using our RateIQ 2.0 technology, we obtain real-time pricing and transit time information for every LTL shipment from our database of LTL carriers.

**Small Parcel.** We provide small parcel services for packages of all sizes. Using our EchoPak technology, we are often able to deliver cost saving opportunities to our clients that have significant spending with major small parcel carriers.

**Inter-Modal.** Inter-modal transportation is the shipping of freight by multiple modes, typically using a container that is transferred between ships, railcars or trucks. We offer inter-modal transportation services for our clients that utilize both trucks and rail. Using our ETM technology, our dedicated inter-modal team can select, on a timely basis, the most advantageous combination of trucks and rail to meet our clients' individual shipping demands and pricing expectations.

**Domestic Air and Expedited Services.** We provide domestic air and expedited shipment services for our clients when traditional LTL services do not meet delivery requirements. We use ETM track and trace tools to ensure that up to date information is available to our clients via EchoTrak.

**International.** We provide air and ocean transportation services for our clients, offering a comprehensive international delivery option to our clients. Using ETM, our dedicated teams can consolidate shipments, coordinate routing, local pick-up and delivery methods and prearrange customs clearance to minimize the time and economic burdens associated with international transportation.

### Logistics Services

In addition to arranging for transportation, we provide logistics services, either on-site (in the case of some enterprise clients) or off-site, to manage the flow of those goods from origin to destination. Our core logistics services include:

- rate negotiation;
- procurement of transportation, both contractually and in the spot market;
- shipment execution and tracking;
- carrier management, reporting and compliance;
- executive dashboard presentations and detailed shipment reports;
- freight bill audit and payment;
- claims processing and service refund management;
- design and management of inbound client freight programs;
- individually configured web portals and self-service data warehouses;
- enterprise resource planning (ERP) integration with transactional shipment data;
- and integration of shipping applications into client e-commerce sites.

Customers communicate their freight needs, typically on a shipment-by-shipment basis, to the individual or team responsible for their account. Customers communicate with us by means of telephone, fax, internet, email, or Electronic Data

Interchange (EDI). We ensure that all appropriate information about each shipment is entered into our proprietary operating system and manage the execution of each shipment based on the expectations of our customer.

Using our web-based software applications customers then have the ability to monitor and track individual shipments, transfer shipment-level data to their financial management systems and create customized dashboards and reports detailing carrier activity on an enterprise-wide basis. These features provide our clients with greater visibility, business analytics and control of their freight expenditures.





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### Sales and Marketing

We market and sell our transportation and logistics services through our sales personnel located in seventeen cities across the United States. As of December 31, 2011, our sales team consisted of 513 transactional sales representatives and 244 sales agents. Our sales representatives, located at our headquarters in Chicago, as well as in our regional offices, are focused on building new customer relationships, developing existing transactional accounts and developing relationships with truckload carriers. Our sales agents, located in regional shipping markets throughout the United States, are typically experienced industry sales professionals focused on building relationships with our customers' transportation managers. We support our sales team with account executives and other operational support. These individuals are generally responsible for customer service, developing relationships with customer personnel and managing the shipping process from origin to destination.

As we become more knowledgeable about a customer's business needs, our ability to identify opportunities to create value for the customer typically increases and we focus on expanding the services we provide to them. We analyze our customers' current transportation rates, modes of shipping, and carrier utilization. We typically identify opportunities for cost savings through improvements in carrier utilization and operating and shipping procedures. As we have implemented our integrated logistics solutions, our relationships with many customers have broadened and we become responsible for helping them manage a greater portion of their transportation needs.

Our sales representatives and agents concentrate on building relationships with our customers that could benefit from our competitive pricing, access to capacity through our carrier relationships, utilization of our technology and our dedicated service offering. Our ability to work with clients on a transactional basis provides us with an opportunity to demonstrate our value and may lead to a fully-outsourced enterprise relationship.

Our sales team is critical to the success of our business and our ability to grow will depend on our ability to continue to attract, train and retain talented individuals. Candidates are recruited through career fairs, search firms, internet postings, advertisements in industry publications, industry event attendance, referrals and word-of-mouth networking. To attract these candidates, we will continue to offer attractive commission structures and highlight the advantages that our ETM technology platform provides in winning and maintaining new clients. We believe our business model provides us with a competitive advantage in recruiting sales representatives because it enables them to use our enhanced analytics technology and carrier network to market a broader range of services at competitive prices. Our services can be offered at no upfront cost and our clients are generally able to immediately realize tangible cost savings.

### Employees

As of December 31, 2011, we had 913 employees, consisting of 513 sales representatives, 232 account executives, 60 technology personnel and 108 administrative personnel. We also had 244 independent contractors working as sales agents. We consider our employee relations to be good.

### Our Clients

We provide transportation and logistics services to corporate clients across a wide range of industries, such as manufacturing, construction, consumer products and retail. In 2011, we served over 29,300 clients using approximately 11,600 different carriers. Our clients fall into two categories: enterprise and transactional.

### Enterprise Clients

We typically enter into multi-year contracts with our enterprise clients, generally with terms of one to three years, to provide some, or substantially all, of their transportation requirements. Each new enterprise client is assigned one or more dedicated account executives, who are able to work on-site or off-site, as required by the client. Our dedicated account executives integrate the client's existing business processes with our proprietary technology platform to satisfy the client's transportation requirements, and assist our sales representatives and agents in targeting potential deficiencies in the client's operations that could lead to expanded service offerings. Because the account executives we hire generally have significant sales experience, they can also begin marketing our services after limited training on our model and systems. To foster a strategic relationship with these clients, we typically agree to a negotiated level of cost savings compared to the client's historical shipping expenditures over a fixed period of time. Cost savings are estimated periodically during the term of our agreement and if the negotiated amount is not achieved, our clients may have the right to terminate our agreement.

Our enterprise contracts are often on an exclusive basis for a certain transportation mode or point of origin and may apply to a single mode, such as LTL, several modes or all transportation modes used by the client. These contractual exclusivity provisions help ensure, but do not guarantee, that we receive a significant portion of the amount that our enterprise clients spend on transportation in the applicable mode or modes or from the applicable point of origin. In our experience, compliance

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with such provisions varies from client to client and over time. Reasons compliance may vary include the widely-dispersed nature of transportation decision-making in some clients' organizations and the learning process involved in implementing our services. We work with and expect our enterprise clients to maintain and improve compliance with any applicable exclusivity provisions.

We also market Flex TMS, which is a software as-a-service transportation management service (TMS). This contractual agreement enabling our client to utilize our technology in exchange for transaction fees. Our transaction fees may be reduced to the extent that we manage a portion of the client's transportation. As of December 31, 2011, two of our enterprise clients were part of our Flex TMS programs.

We also provide small parcel consulting services to a limited number of our enterprise clients. Under these arrangements, we review the client's small parcel shipping contracts and shipment data analyzing their volumes, distribution, rates and savings opportunities, prepare negotiation strategies and directly or indirectly participate in negotiations with carriers to improve the client's rates, charges, services and commitments.

Our revenue from all enterprise clients increased in the last two years, from \$109.1 million in 2009 to \$165.5 million in 2010 and to \$193.8 million in 2011. Our revenue from enterprise clients as a percentage of total revenue was 42% in 2009, 39% in 2010 and 32% in 2011.

### Transactional Clients

We provide transportation and logistics services to our transactional clients on a shipment-by-shipment basis, which are typically priced to our carriers on a spot, or transactional, basis. Our sales representatives concentrate on building relationships with our transactional clients that could benefit from the competitive pricing and enhanced service associated with our services. Our ability to work with clients on a transactional basis provides us with an opportunity to demonstrate the cost savings associated with our technology-driven services.

### Our Carrier Network

Our carrier network provides our clients with substantial breadth and depth of offerings within each mode. In 2011, we used approximately 11,600 transportation providers across multiple modes of transportation. Our ability to attract new carriers to our network and maintain good relationships with our current carriers is critical to the success of our business. We rely on our carriers to provide the physical transportation services for our clients, valuable pricing information for our proprietary database and tracking information throughout the shipping process from origin to destination. We believe we provide value to our carriers by enabling them to fill excess capacity on traditionally empty routes, repositioning their equipment and therefore offsetting their substantial overhead costs to generate incremental revenue. In addition, we introduce many of our clients to new carriers and broaden each carrier's market presence by expanding its sales channels to a larger client base.

We select carriers based on their ability to effectively serve our clients with respect to price, technology capabilities, geographic coverage and quality of service. We maintain the quality of our carrier network by obtaining documentation to ensure each carrier is properly licensed and insured, and meets our safety requirements. In addition, we continuously collect information on the carriers in our network regarding capacity, pricing trends, reliability, quality control standards and overall customer service. We believe this quality control program helps to ensure that our clients receive high-quality service regardless of the carrier that is selected for an individual shipment. In 2011, we used approximately 11,600 of the over 24,000 carriers in our network to provide shipping services to our clients.

The carriers in our network are of all sizes, including large national trucking companies, mid-sized fleets, small fleets and owner-operators of single trucks. We are not dependent on any one carrier, and our largest carriers by TL, LTL and small parcel accounted for less than 1.5%, 7.7% and 4.0%, respectively, of our total transportation costs across all modes of transportation in 2011.

### Competition

The commercial freight transportation services and third-party logistics industries in which we operate are highly competitive and fragmented. We have a number of competitors offering services similar to ours, which include: internal shipping departments at companies that have substantial transportation requirements, many of which represent potential sales opportunities; transportation brokers, such as C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Freightquote.com and Total Quality Logistics, with whom we compete most often;



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asset-based transportation companies, such as UPS, FedEx, Schneider, Conway, JB Hunt and ABF, some of whom we frequently purchase transportation services from on behalf of our clients; and smaller, niche transportation brokers and logistics companies that provide services in a specific geographic market, industry segment or service area.

We believe the principal elements of competition in transportation and logistics services are customer service, reliability and price. Some of our competitors, such as C.H. Robinson Worldwide, have larger client bases and significantly more resources than we do. In addition, some of our competitors may have more expertise in a single transportation mode that allows them to prepare and process documentation and perform related activities pertaining to that mode of transportation more efficiently than us. We compete against these entities by establishing ourselves as a leading technology enabled service provider with industry expertise in all major modes of transportation, which enables us to respond rapidly to the evolving needs of our clients related to outsourcing transportation.

Our clients may choose not to outsource their transportation business to us in the future by performing formerly outsourced services for themselves, either in-house or through offshore partnerships or other arrangements. We believe our key advantage over in-house business processes is that ETM gives us the ability to obtain favorable pricing and terms relative to in-house service departments. In addition, we believe we give companies the opportunity to focus on their core products and services while we focus on service, delivery and operational excellence.

### Our Proprietary Technology Platform

Our proprietary ETM technology platform allows us to analyze our clients' transportation requirements and provide customized shipping recommendations. We collect and store pricing and market capacity data in our ETM database from each interaction with carriers, and our database expands as a result of these interactions. We have also developed data acquisition tools that retrieve information from both private and public transportation databases, including subscription-based sources and public transportation rate boards, and incorporate that information into the ETM database. Using pricing, service and available capacity data derived from our carrier network, historical transaction information and external market sources, we are able to analyze the capabilities of our carrier network to recommend cost-effective shipping alternatives.

Our clients communicate their transportation needs to us electronically through our EchoTrak web portal, other computer protocols, or by phone. ETM generates pricing and carrier information for our clients by accessing pre-negotiated rates with preferred carriers or using present or historical pricing and capacity information contained in our database. If a client enters its own shipment, ETM automatically alerts the appropriate account executive. After the carrier is selected, either by us or the client, our account executives use our ETM technology platform to manage all aspects of the shipping process.

The key elements of our ETM technology platform include:

FastLane is an Internet-based web portal that allows our carriers to view shipments available for tender, update equipment availability and preferred lanes, check on the status of all unpaid invoices, unbilled shipments, shipments in transit and other information used to quickly resolve any billing discrepancies. There is also a mobile FastLane application that allows carriers to view similar information remotely.

eConnect is a set of tools that allows our clients and carriers to interact directly with ETM electronically through any of several computer protocols, including EDI, XML and FTP. The eConnect tools serve as an electronic bridge between the other elements of our ETM technology platform and our clients' enterprise resource planning (ERP), billing, accounts receivable, accounts payable, order management, back office and e-commerce systems. Through eConnect, our clients are able to request shipping services and receive financial and tracking data using their existing systems.

EchoTrak is an Internet-based web portal that connects and integrates our clients with ETM. By entering a username and password, our clients are able to enter orders, display historical and active shipments in the ETM system using configurable data entry screens sorted by carrier, price, delivery date, destination and other relevant specifications. EchoTrak also generates automatic alerts to ensure that shipments are moving in accordance with the client specifications and timeline. There is also a mobile EchoTrak application that allows customers to perform similar functions remotely.

RateIQ2.0 is a pricing engine that manages LTL tariffs and generates rate quotes and transit times for LTL shipments. RateIQ2.0 also provides integrated tools to manage dispatch, communications, data collection and management functions relating to LTL shipments.

LaneIQ is a pricing engine that generates rate quotes for TL shipments. LaneIQ also provides integrated tools to manage dispatch, communications, headhaul and backhaul data collection and management functions relating to TL shipments.

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EchoPak is a small parcel pricing and audit engine. For each small parcel shipped, EchoPak audits carrier compliance with on-time delivery requirements and pricing tariffs. In addition, EchoPak tracks information for each parcel and is able to aggregate and analyze that data for clients. For instance, clients are able to view shipments by date, business unit, product line and location, and clients can access information regarding service levels and pricing.

Shipment Tracking stores shipment information en-route and after final delivery. The shipment data is typically acquired through our carrier EDI integration, allowing our clients to track the location and status of all shipments on one screen, regardless of mode or carrier. Final delivery information is permanently archived, allowing us to provide our clients with carrier performance reporting by comparing actual delivery times with the published transit time standards.

Document Imaging allows us to store digital images of all shipping documents, including bills of lading and delivery receipts. We index the images with the shipment data so users are able to view documents associated with an executed transaction. We use Document Imaging internally to store carrier qualification documents, including W-9, U.S. Department of Transportation authority and proof of insurance.

CAS (Cost Allocation System) automatically audits carrier invoices against our rating engine and accounts payable accrual system. If the amounts match, the invoice is automatically released for payment. If the amounts do not match, the invoice is sent to various administrative personnel for manual processing and resolution. CAS also integrates to our general ledger, accounts receivable and accounts payable systems.

Accounting includes our general ledger, accounts receivable and accounts payable functions. Accounting is integrated with CAS and EchoIQ, which gives us the ability to access both financial and operational data in our data warehouse and reporting systems.

EchoIQ stores internally and externally generated data to support our reporting and analytic functions and integrates all of our core applications with ETM.

ETM fully supports our logistics services, which we provide to our clients as part of our value proposition. Our ETM technology platform is able to track individual shipments and provide customized data and reports throughout the lifecycle of the shipment, allowing us to manage the entire shipping process for our clients. Our customized reports also provide our clients with greater visibility and control over their transportation expenditures, and our ability to benchmark the performance of their internal operations helps identify opportunities for additional cost savings.

We also market Flex TMS. Flex TMS is a software-as-a-service TMS (Transportation Management System) with integrated managed services. This "a-la-carte" product provides shippers with a customized, cost effective solution for their logistics needs. It offers clients a standard solution which includes routing guide management, automated load entry, tendering and acceptance, load visibility with customized reporting and analytics complemented by industry experts to assist with freight management.

In 2009, 2010 and 2011 we spent approximately \$2.5 million, \$5.1 million and \$5.8 million, respectively, on the development of ETM and related technologies.

Our IT infrastructure provides a high level of security for our proprietary software and database. The storage system for our proprietary data is designed to ensure that power and hardware failures do not result in the loss of critical data. The proprietary data is protected from unauthorized access through a combination of physical and logical security measures, including firewalls, encryption, anti-virus software, anti-spy software, passwords and physical security, with access limited to authorized IT personnel. In addition to our security infrastructure, our system is backed up daily to prevent the loss of our proprietary data due to catastrophic failures or natural disasters.

We rely primarily on a combination of copyright, trademark and trade secret laws, as well as license agreements and other contractual provisions, to protect our intellectual property rights and other proprietary rights. To date, we have not registered any patents or trademarks. Some of our intellectual property rights relate to proprietary business process enhancements. It is our practice to enter into confidentiality and invention assignment agreements with all of our employees and independent contractors that:

- include a confidentiality undertaking by the employee or independent contractor;
- ensure that all new intellectual property developed in the course of our relationship with employees or independent contractors is assigned to us; and
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require the employee or independent contractor to cooperate with us to protect our intellectual property during and after his or her relationship with us.

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### Government Regulation

Subject to applicable federal and state regulation, we may arrange for the transport of most types of freight to and from any point in the United States. Certain of our U.S. domestic ground transportation operations may be subject to regulation by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (the FMCSA), which is an agency of the U.S. Department of Transportation, and by various state agencies. The FMCSA has broad regulatory powers in areas such as safety and insurance relating to interstate motor carrier and broker operations. The ground transportation industry is also subject to possible regulatory and legislative changes (such as the possibility of more stringent environmental, safety or security regulations or limits on vehicle weight and size) that could affect the economics of the industry by requiring changes in operating practices or the cost of providing transportation services.

Our international operations are impacted by a wide variety of U.S. government regulations. These include regulations of the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Treasury. Regulations cover matters such as what commodities may be shipped to what destination and to what end-user, unfair international trade practices and limitations on entities with whom we may conduct business.

Our air freight business in the United States is subject to regulation as an indirect air carrier by the Transportation Security Administration (the TSA) and the Department of Transportation. Our indirect air carrier security program has been approved by the TSA. Our officers also have completed the Security Threat Assessments required by TSA regulations. The airfreight industry is subject to regulatory and legislative changes that could affect the economics of the industry by requiring changes in operating practices or influencing the demand for, and the costs of providing, services to clients.

Our ocean transportation business in the United States is subject to regulation by the Federal Maritime Commission (the FMC). The FMC licenses persons acting as ocean transportation intermediaries, including ocean freight forwarders and non-vessel operating common carrier operators. Ocean freight forwarders are subject to surety bond requirements and required to retain a "qualified individual" as an officer of the company. Non-vessel operating common carriers are subject to FMC tariff publication requirements, and must submit for review and public notice certain shipping agreements reached with clients. Ocean freight forwarders are also subject to regulatory oversight, particularly those terms proscribing rebating practices. The FMC provides a forum for persons to challenge actions or practices of ocean transportation intermediaries through private actions.

Although Congress enacted legislation in 1994 that substantially preempts the authority of states to exercise economic regulation of motor carriers and brokers of freight, some intrastate shipments for which we arrange transportation may be subject to additional licensing registration, or permit requirements. We generally contractually require and/or rely on the carrier transporting the shipment to ensure compliance with these types of requirements. We, along with the contracted carriers that we rely upon, are also subject to a variety of federal and state safety and environmental regulations. Although compliance with the regulations governing licenses in these areas has not had a material adverse effect on our operations or financial condition in the past, there can be no assurance that such regulations or changes will not adversely impact our operations in the future. Violation of these regulations could also subject us to fines as well as increased claims liability.

### Risk Management and Insurance

If a shipment is damaged during the delivery process, our customer may file a claim for the damaged shipment with us, which we will pursue directly with the carrier on our customers' behalf. In the cases where we have agreed (either contractually or otherwise) to pay for claims for damage to freight while in transit, we may pay the claim to our client while we independently pursue reimbursement from the carrier.. If we are unable to recover all or any portion of the claim amount from our carrier, we may bear the financial loss. We mitigate this risk by using our quality program to carefully select carriers with adequate insurance, quality control procedures and safety ratings. We also take steps to ensure that the coverage we provide to our clients for damaged shipments is substantially similar to the coverage that our carriers provide to us. In addition, we carry our own insurance to protect against client claims for damaged shipments, in cases where a carrier's coverage may have lapsed.

We extend credit to certain clients as part of our business model. These clients are subject to an approval process prior to any extension of credit or increase in their current credit limit. Our finance department reviews each credit request and considers, among other things, payment history, current billing status, recommendations by various rating

agencies and capitalization. Clients that pass our credit request procedures may receive a line of credit or an increase in their existing credit amount. We believe this review and approval process helps mitigate the risk of client defaults on extensions of credit and the related bad debt expense. Additionally, the Company maintains a credit insurance policy for certain accounts.

We require all motor carriers we work with to carry at least \$1.0 million in auto and general liability insurance and \$100,000 in cargo insurance. We also maintain a broad cargo liability insurance policy to protect us against catastrophic losses that may not be recovered from the responsible carrier, and carry various liability insurance policies, including auto and general

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liability. Our collective insurance policies have a cap of \$20.0 million.

### Our Website

Our website is <http://www.echo.com>. We make available, free of charge through our website, our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K, including exhibits and any amendments to those reports, filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission. We make these reports available through our website as soon as reasonably practical after our electronic filing of such materials with, or the furnishing of them to, the Securities and Exchange Commission. The information contained on our website is not a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K or any other public filing made by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

### Item 1A. Risk Factors

Set forth below are certain risk factors that could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition. You should carefully read the following risk factors, together with the financial statements, related notes and other information contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Our business, financial condition and operating results may suffer if any of the following risks are realized. If any of these risks or uncertainties occur, the trading price of our common stock could decline and you might lose all or part of your investment. This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements that contain risks and uncertainties. Please refer to the discussion of "Forward-Looking Statements" on page three of this Annual Report on Form 10-K in connection with your consideration of the risk factors and other important factors that may affect future results described below.

#### Risks Related to Our Business

If our carriers do not meet our needs or expectations, or those of our clients, our business could suffer.

The success of our business depends to a large extent on our relationships with clients and our reputation for providing high-quality technology enabled transportation and logistics services. We do not own or control the transportation assets that deliver our clients' freight, and we do not employ the people directly involved in delivering the freight. We rely on independent third parties to provide TL, LTL, small parcel, inter-modal, domestic air, expedited and international services and to report certain information to us, including information relating to delivery status and freight claims. This reliance could cause delays in providing our clients with important service data and in the financial reporting of certain events, including recognizing revenue and recording claims. If we are unable to secure sufficient transportation services to meet our commitments to our clients, our operating results could be adversely affected, and our clients could utilize the services of our competitors temporarily or permanently. Many of these risks are beyond our control and difficult to anticipate, including:

- changes in rates charged by transportation providers;
- supply shortages in the transportation industry, particularly among TL carriers;
- interruptions in service or stoppages in transportation as a result of labor disputes; and
- changes in regulations impacting transportation.

If any of the third parties we rely on do not meet our needs or expectations, or those of our clients, our professional reputation may be damaged and our business could be harmed.

Higher carrier prices may result in decreased net revenue margin.

Carriers can be expected to charge higher prices if market conditions warrant, or to cover higher operating expenses. Our net revenues and income from operations may decrease if we are unable to increase our pricing to our customers. Increased demand for TL services and pending changes in regulations may reduce available capacity and increase carrier pricing.

Competition could substantially impair our business and our operating results.

Competition in the transportation services industry is intense. We compete against other transportation brokers as well as asset-based transportation companies and smaller, niche transportation brokers and logistics companies that provide services in a specific geographic market, industry segment or service area. We also compete against carriers' internal sales forces and shippers' transportation departments. At times, we buy transportation services from our competitors. Historically, competition has created a downward pressure on freight rates and continuation of this rate pressure may

adversely affect our revenue and income from operations.

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In addition, a software platform and database similar to ETM could be created over time by a competitor with sufficient financial resources and comparable experience in the transportation services industry. If our competitors are able to offer comparable services, we could lose clients, and our market share and profit margin could decline. Our competitors may also establish cooperative relationships to increase their ability to address client needs. Increased competition may lead to revenue reductions, reduced profit margins or a loss of market share, any one of which could harm our business.

We are reliant on technology to operate our business and our continued success is dependent on our systems continuing to provide the necessary support to service our customers effectively.

We rely heavily on ETM, our proprietary software, to track and store externally and internally generated market data, analyze the capabilities of our carrier network and recommend cost-effective carriers in the appropriate transportation mode. To keep pace with changing technologies and client demands, we must correctly interpret and address market trends and enhance the features and functionality of our proprietary technology platform in response to these trends, which may lead to significant ongoing research and development costs. We may be unable to accurately determine the needs of our clients and the trends in the transportation services industry or to design and implement the appropriate features and functionality of our technology platform in a timely and cost-effective manner, which could result in decreased demand for our services and a corresponding decrease in our revenue. Despite testing, we may be unable to detect defects in existing or new versions of our proprietary software, or errors may arise in our software. Any failure to identify and address such defects or errors could result in loss of revenue or market share, liability to clients or others, diversion of resources, injury to our reputation, and increased service and maintenance costs. Correction of such errors could prove to be impossible or very costly, and responding to resulting claims or liability could similarly involve substantial cost.

The success of our business depends upon our ability to deliver time-sensitive, up-to-date data and information. We rely on our Internet access, computer equipment, software applications, database storage facilities and other office equipment, which are mainly located in our Chicago headquarters. Our operations and those of our carriers and clients are vulnerable to interruption by fire, earthquake, power loss, telecommunications failure, terrorist attacks, wars, computer viruses, hacker attacks, equipment failure, physical break-ins and other events beyond our control, including disasters affecting Chicago. We attempt to mitigate these risks through various means, including system backup and security measures, but our precautions will not protect against all potential problems. We maintain fully redundant off-site backup facilities for our Internet access, computer equipment, software applications, database storage and network equipment, but these facilities could be subject to the same interruptions that could affect our headquarters. If we suffer a database or network facility outage, our business could experience disruption, and we could suffer reduced revenue and the loss of clients.

Our ability to deliver our services depends upon the capacity, reliability and security of services provided to us by our telecommunication service providers, our electronic delivery systems and the Internet. We have no control over the operation, quality or maintenance of these services or whether the vendors will improve their services or continue to provide services that are essential to our business. In addition, our telecommunication service providers may increase their prices at which they provide services, which would increase our costs. If our telecommunication service providers were to cease to provide essential services or to significantly increase their prices, we could be required to find alternative vendors for these services. With a limited number of vendors, we could experience significant delays in obtaining new or replacement services, which could significantly harm our reputation and could cause us to lose clients and revenue. Moreover, our ability to deliver information using the Internet may be impaired because of infrastructure failures, service outages at third-party Internet providers or increased government regulation. If disruptions, failures or slowdowns of our electronic delivery systems or the Internet occur, our ability to effectively provide technology enabled transportation and supply chain management services and to serve our clients may be impaired.

A significant portion of our revenue is derived from a relatively limited number of large clients and any loss of, or decrease in sales to, these clients could harm our results of operations.

A significant portion of our revenue is derived from a relatively limited number of large clients. Revenue from our ten largest clients, collectively, accounted for 23% and 19% of our revenue in 2010 and 2011, respectively. We are likely

to continue to experience ongoing customer concentration, particularly if we are successful in attracting large enterprise clients. It is possible that revenue from these clients, either individually or as a group, may not reach or exceed historical levels in any future period. The loss or significant reduction of business from one or more of our major clients would adversely affect our results of operations.

Our ability to appropriately staff and retain employees is important to our business.

Our ability to expand our business will depend, in part, on our ability to attract additional sales representatives and agents with established client relationships. Competition for qualified sales representatives and agents can be intense, and we may be unable to hire such persons. Any difficulties we experience in expanding the number of our sales representatives and agents

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could have a negative impact on our ability to expand our client base, increase our revenue and continue our growth. In addition, we must retain our current sales representatives and agents and properly incentivize them to obtain new clients and maintain existing client relationships. If a significant number of our sales representatives and agents leave us, our revenue could be negatively impacted. We have entered into agreements with our sales representatives and agents that contain non-compete provisions to mitigate this risk, but we may need to litigate to enforce our rights under these agreements, which could be time-consuming, expensive and ineffective. A significant increase in the turnover rate among our current sales representatives and agents could also increase our recruiting costs and decrease our operating efficiency, which could lead to a decline in the demand for our services.

We have not registered any patents nor trademarks to date, and our inability to protect our intellectual property rights may impair our competitive position.

Our failure to adequately protect our intellectual property and other proprietary rights could harm our competitive position. We rely on a combination of copyright, trademark, and trade secret laws, as well as license agreements and other contractual provisions to protect our intellectual property and other proprietary rights. In addition, we attempt to protect our intellectual property and proprietary information by requiring all of our employees and independent contractors to enter into confidentiality and invention assignment agreements. To date we have not pursued patent protection for our technology. We also have not registered trademarks to protect our brands. We cannot be certain that the steps we have taken to protect our intellectual property rights will be adequate or will prevent third parties from infringing or misappropriating our rights; imitating or duplicating our technology, services or methodologies, including ETM; or using trademarks similar to ours. Should we need to resort to litigation to enforce our intellectual property rights or to determine the validity and scope of the rights of others, such litigation could be time-consuming and costly, and the result of any litigation is subject to uncertainty. In addition, ETM incorporates open source software components that are licensed to us under various public domain licenses. Although we believe that we have complied with our obligations under the various applicable licenses for the open source software that we use, there is little or no legal precedent governing the interpretation of many of the terms of these licenses, and the potential impact of such terms on our business is, therefore, difficult to predict.

We have a long selling cycle to secure a new enterprise contract and a long implementation cycle, which require significant investments of resources.

We typically face both a long selling and implementation cycle to secure a new enterprise contract, which requires significant investment of resources and time by both our clients and us. Before committing to use our services, potential clients require us to spend time and resources educating them on the value of our services and assessing the feasibility of integrating our systems and processes with theirs. Our clients then evaluate our services before deciding whether to use them. Therefore, our enterprise selling cycle, which can take up to six months, is subject to many risks and delays over which we have little control, including our clients' decisions to choose alternatives to our services (such as other providers or in-house resources) and the timing of our clients' budget cycles and approval processes. Implementing our enterprise services, which can take from one to six months, involves a significant commitment of resources over an extended period of time from both our clients and us. Depending on the scope and complexity of the processes being implemented, these time periods may be significantly longer. Our clients and future clients may not be willing or able to invest the time and resources necessary to implement our services, and we may fail to close sales with potential clients to which we have devoted significant time and resources, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows, as we do not recognize significant revenue until after we have completed the implementation phase.

Our clients may terminate their relationships with us on short notice with limited or no penalties, and our clients are not obligated to spend a minimum amount with us.

Our transactional clients, which accounted for approximately 61% and 68% of our revenue in 2010 and 2011, respectively, use our services on a shipment-by-shipment basis rather than under long-term contracts. These clients have no obligation to continue using our services and may stop using them at any time without penalty or with only limited penalties. Our contracts with enterprise clients typically have terms of one to three years and are subject to termination provisions negotiated on a contract-by-contract basis. If the Company fails to adhere to the terms of the contract or provide the negotiated level of cost savings, the client can terminate the relationship. Enterprise contracts



accounting for 8.3% and 9.8% of our revenue in 2011 are scheduled to expire (subject to possible renewal) in 2012 and 2013, respectively.

The volume and type of services we provide each client may vary from year to year and could be reduced if the client were to change its outsourcing or shipping strategy. Our enterprise clients generally are not obligated to spend any particular amount with us, although our enterprise contracts are typically exclusive with respect to point of origin or one or more modes of

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transportation, meaning that the client is obligated to use us if it ships from the point of origin or uses those modes. These contractual exclusivity provisions help ensure, but do not guarantee, that we receive a significant portion of the amount that our enterprise clients spend on transportation in the applicable mode or modes or from the applicable point of origin. In our experience, compliance with such provisions varies from client to client and over time. Failure to comply with these exclusivity provisions may adversely affect our revenue.

If a significant number of our transactional or enterprise clients elect to terminate or not to renew their engagements with us, or if the volume of their shipping orders decreases, our business, operating results and financial condition could suffer. If we are unable to renew our enterprise contracts at favorable rates, our revenue may decline.

High fuel prices may increase carrier prices and volatility in fuel prices may make it more difficult to pass through this cost to our clients, which may impair our operating results.

Fuel prices recently reached historically high levels and continue to be volatile and difficult to predict. In the event fuel prices rise, carriers can be expected to charge higher prices to cover higher operating expenses, and our gross profits and income from operations may decrease if we are unable to continue to pass through to our clients the full amount of these increased costs. Higher fuel costs could also cause material shifts in the percentage of our revenue by transportation mode, as our clients may elect to utilize alternative transportation modes. In addition, increased volatility in fuel prices may affect our gross profits and income from operations if we are not able to pass through to our clients any higher costs associated with such volatility. Any material shifts to transportation modes with respect to which we realize lower gross profit margins could impair our operating results.

A decrease in levels of excess capacity in the U.S. transportation services industry could have an adverse impact on our business.

We believe that, historically, the U.S. transportation services industry has experienced significant levels of excess capacity. Our business seeks to capitalize on imbalances between supply and demand in the transportation services industry by obtaining favorable pricing terms from carriers in our network through a competitive bid process. Reduced excess capacity in the transportation services industry generally, and in our carrier network specifically, could have an adverse impact on our ability to execute our business strategy and on our business results and growth prospects.

A decrease in the number of carriers participating in our network could adversely affect our business.

We use our proprietary technology platform to compile freight and logistics data from our network of over 24,000 carriers. In 2011, we used approximately 11,600 transportation providers across multiple modes of transportation. We expect to continue to rely on these carriers to fulfill our shipping orders in the future. However, these carriers are not contractually required to continue to accept orders from us. If shipping capacity at a significant number of these carriers becomes unavailable, we will be required to use fewer carriers, which could significantly limit our ability to serve our clients on competitive terms. The transportation industry has also experienced consolidation among carriers in recent years and further consolidations could result in a decrease in the number of carriers, which may impact our ability to serve our clients on competitive terms. In addition, we rely on price bids provided by our carriers to populate our database. If the number of our carriers decreases significantly, we may not be able to obtain sufficient pricing information for ETM, which could affect our ability to obtain favorable pricing for our clients.

Our obligation to pay our carriers is not contingent upon receipt of payment from our clients, and we extend credit to certain clients as part of our business model.

In most cases, we take full risk of credit loss for the transportation services we procure from carriers. Our obligation to pay our carriers is not contingent upon receipt of payment from our clients. In 2010 and 2011, our revenue was \$426.4 million and \$602.8 million, respectively, and our top 10 clients accounted for 23% and 19% of our revenue, respectively. If any of our key clients fail to pay for our services, our profitability would be negatively impacted.

We extend credit to certain clients in the ordinary course of business as part of our business model. By extending credit, we increase our exposure to uncollected receivables. The current economic conditions of the global and domestic economy have resulted in an increasing trend of business failures, downsizing and delinquencies, which may cause an increase in our credit risk. If we fail to monitor and manage effectively any increased credit risk, our immediate and long-term liquidity may be adversely affected. In addition, if one of our key clients defaults in paying us, our profitability would be negatively impacted.

We are subject to claims arising from our transportation operations.

We use the services of thousands of transportation companies and their drivers in connection with our transportation operations. From time to time, these drivers are involved in accidents or goods carried by these drivers are lost or damaged and

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the carriers may not have adequate insurance coverage. Although these drivers are not our employees and all of these drivers are employees or independent contractors working for carriers or are owner-operators, from time to time, claims may be asserted against us for their actions, or for our actions in retaining them. Claims against us may exceed the amount of our insurance coverage, or may not be covered by insurance at all. If a shipment is lost or damaged during the delivery process, a client may file a claim for the damaged shipment with us and we will bear the risk of recovering the claim amount from the carrier. If we are unable to recover all or any portion of the claim amount from the carrier, and to the extent each claim exceeds the amount which may be recovered from the Company's own insurance, we may bear the financial loss. A material increase in the frequency or severity of accidents, claims for lost or damaged goods, liability claims or workers' compensation claims, or unfavorable resolutions of claims, could materially adversely affect our operating results. Significant increases in insurance costs or the inability to purchase insurance as a result of these claims could also reduce our profitability.

Our industry is subject to seasonal sales fluctuations. If our business experiences seasonality, it could have an adverse effect on our operating results and financial condition.

Our industry is subject to some degree of seasonal sales fluctuations as shipments generally are lower during and after the winter holiday season because many of our retail clients ship goods and stock inventories prior to the winter holiday season. If we were to experience lower-than-expected revenue during any such period, whether from a general decline in economic conditions or other factors beyond our control, our expenses may not be offset, which would have a disproportionately adverse impact on our operating results and financial condition for that period.

We may not be able to identify suitable acquisition candidates, effectively integrate newly acquired businesses or achieve expected profitability from acquisitions.

Part of our growth strategy is to increase our revenue and the market regions that we serve through the acquisition of complementary businesses. There can be no assurance that suitable candidates for acquisitions can be identified or, if suitable candidates are identified, that acquisitions can be completed on acceptable terms, if at all. Even if suitable candidates are identified, any future acquisitions may entail a number of risks that could adversely affect our business and the market price of our common stock, including the integration of the acquired operations, diversion of management's attention, risks of entering new market regions in which we have limited experience, adverse short-term effects on our reported operating results, the potential loss of key employees of acquired businesses and risks associated with unanticipated liabilities.

We may use our common stock to pay for acquisitions. If the owners of potential acquisition candidates are not willing to receive our common stock in exchange for their businesses, our acquisition prospects could be limited. Future acquisitions could also result in accounting charges, potentially dilutive issuances of equity securities and increased debt and contingent liabilities, including liabilities related to unknown or undisclosed circumstances, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business and the market price of our common stock.

Our business depends on compliance with many government regulations.

International and domestic transportation of goods is subject to a number of governmental regulations, including licensing and financial security requirements, import and export regulations, security requirements, packaging regulations and notification requirements. These regulations and requirements are subject to change based on new legislation and regulatory initiatives, which could affect the economics of the transportation industry by requiring changes in operating practices or influencing the demand for, and the cost of providing, transportation services.

We are licensed by the U.S. Department of Transportation as a broker authorized to arrange for the transportation of general commodities by motor vehicle. We must comply with certain insurance and surety bond requirements to act in this capacity.

We are currently providing customs broker services through contacts with licensed customs brokers. We have registered as an indirect air carrier with the Transportation Security Administration, and as a registered indirect air carrier we are required to comply with air security regulations imposed by the Transportation Security Administration. We may experience an increase in operating costs, such as security costs, as a result of governmental regulations that have been and will be adopted in response to terrorist activities and potential terrorist activities. No assurances can be given that we will be able to pass these increased costs on to our clients in the form of rate increases or surcharges.

From time to time, we arrange for the movement of hazardous materials at the request of our clients. As a result, we are subject to various environmental laws and regulations relating to the handling, transport and disposal of hazardous materials. If our clients or carriers are involved in a spill or other accident involving hazardous materials, or if we are found to be in violation of applicable laws or regulations, we could be subject to substantial fines or penalties, response or remediation costs,

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and civil and criminal liability, any of which could have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations. In addition, current and future national laws and multilateral agreements relating to carbon emissions and the effects of global warming can be expected to have a significant impact on the transportation sector generally and the operations and profitability of some of our carriers in particular, which could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Our growth and profitability may not continue, which may result in a decrease in our stock price.

There can be no assurance that our long-term growth objective will be achieved or that we will be able to effectively adapt our management, administrative, and operational systems to respond to any future growth. Future changes in and expansion of our business, or changes in economic or political conditions, could adversely affect our operating margins. Slower or less profitable growth or losses could adversely affect our stock price.

Our ability to raise capital in the future may be limited, and our failure to raise capital when needed could prevent us from growing.

We may in the future be required to raise capital through public or private financing or other arrangements. Such financing may not be available on acceptable terms, or at all, and our failure to raise capital when needed could harm our business. Additional equity financing may dilute the interests of our common stockholders, and debt financing, if available, may involve restrictive covenants and respond to competitive pressures.

**Risks Related to Ownership of Our Common Stock**

The trading price of our common stock has been and may continue to be volatile.

The trading prices of many newly publicly-traded companies are highly volatile. Since our initial public offering in October 2009 through March 6, 2012, the closing sale price of our common stock as reported by the Nasdaq Global Market has ranged from a low of \$10.04 on November 11, 2010 to a high of \$19.38 on February 16, 2012.

Certain factors may continue to cause the market price of our common stock to fluctuate, including:

• fluctuations in our quarterly financial results or the quarterly financial results of companies perceived to be similar to us;

• changes in market valuations of similar companies;

• success of competitive products or services;

• changes in our capital structure, such as future issuances of debt or equity securities;

• announcements by us, our competitors, our clients or our suppliers of significant products or services, contracts, acquisitions or strategic alliances;

• regulatory developments in the United States or foreign countries;

• litigation involving our company, our general industry or both;

• additions or departures of key personnel;

• investors' general perception of us; and

• changes in general economic, industry and market conditions.

In addition, if the stock market in general experiences a loss of investor confidence, the trading price of our common stock could decline for reasons unrelated to our business, financial condition or results of operations. If any of the foregoing occurs, it could cause our stock price to fall and may expose us to class action lawsuits that, even if unsuccessful, could be costly to defend and distracting to management. As a result, you could lose all or part of your investment.

Because a limited number of stockholders control the majority of the voting power of our common stock, our other stockholders will not be able to determine the outcome of stockholder votes.

As of December 31, 2011, Eric P. Lefkofsky, Richard A. Heise, Jr., Bradley A. Keywell and affiliates of New Enterprise Associates, directly or indirectly, beneficially own and have the ability to exercise voting control over, in the aggregate, approximately 44% of our outstanding common stock. As a result, these stockholders are able to exercise significant control over all matters requiring stockholder approval, including the election of directors, any amendments to our certificate of

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incorporation and significant corporate transactions. These stockholders may exercise this control even if they are opposed by our other stockholders. Without the consent of these stockholders, we could be delayed or prevented from entering into transactions (including the acquisition of our company by third parties) that may be viewed as beneficial to us or our other stockholders. In addition, this significant concentration of stock ownership may adversely affect the trading price of our common stock if investors perceive disadvantages in owning stock in a company with controlling stockholders.

Our quarterly results are difficult to predict and may vary from quarter to quarter, which may result in our failure to meet the expectations of investors and increased volatility of our stock price.

The continued use of our services by our clients depends, in part, on the business activity of our clients and our ability to meet their cost saving needs, as well as their own changing business conditions. In addition, a significant percentage of our revenue is subject to the discretion of our transactional clients, who may stop using our services at any time, and the transportation industry in which we operate is subject to some degree of seasonal sales fluctuations as shipments generally are lower during and after the winter holiday season because many of our retail clients ship goods and stock inventories prior to the winter holiday season. Therefore, the number, size and profitability of shipments may vary significantly from quarter to quarter. As a result, our quarterly operating results are difficult to predict and may fall below the expectations of current or potential investors in some future quarters, which could lead to a significant decline in the market price of our stock and volatility in our stock price.

We do not currently intend to pay dividends, which may limit the return on your investment in us.

We currently intend to retain all available funds and any future earnings for use in the operation and expansion of our business and do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

If our board of directors authorizes the issuance of preferred stock, holders of our common stock could be diluted and harmed.

Our board of directors has the authority to issue up to 2,500,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more series and to establish the preferred stock's voting powers, preferences and other rights and qualifications without any further vote or action by the stockholders. The issuance of preferred stock could adversely affect the voting power and dividend liquidation rights of the holders of common stock. In addition, the issuance of preferred stock could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third-party to acquire, or discouraging a third-party from acquiring, a majority of our outstanding voting stock or otherwise adversely affect the market price of our common stock. It is possible that we may need, or find it advantageous, to raise capital through the sale of preferred stock in the future.

Item 1B. Unresolved staff comments

None.





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Item 2. Properties

Our principal executive offices are located in Chicago, Illinois. As of December 31, 2011, we conducted our business from the following properties, all of which are leased:

Location	Use
Chicago, Illinois	Corporate Headquarters
Park City, Utah	Business Development
Los Angeles, California	Business Development
Vancouver, Washington	Business Development
Matteson, Illinois	Business Development
Little Rock, Arkansas	Business Development
Troy, Michigan	Business Development
Buffalo, Minnesota	Business Development
Coon Rapids, Minnesota	Business Development
Atlanta, Georgia	Business Development
Andover, Minnesota	Business Development
Dallas, Texas	Business Development
Green Bay, Wisconsin	Business Development
Bend, Oregon	Business Development
San Francisco, California	Business Development
Phoenix, Arizona	Business Development
Rochester, New York	Business Development

We consider these properties to be in good condition and believe that our facilities are adequate for our operations and provide sufficient capacity to meet our anticipated requirements.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

In the normal course of business, we are subject to potential claims and disputes related to our business, including claims for freight lost or damaged in transit. Some of these matters may be covered by our insurance and risk management programs or may result in claims or adjustments with our carriers.

In October 2010, we filed a lawsuit against one of our former enterprise clients demanding payment of outstanding amounts due. Management believes all billed amounts, approximately \$2.7 million, are due and collectible and as such, the entire amount due is reflected in accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts, as of December 31, 2011. The allowance for doubtful accounts has been adjusted to reflect our estimate of the probable outcome of this dispute. Concurrently, a lawsuit was filed by this client against us alleging damages of approximately \$2.5 million. Management believes this lawsuit is without merit and intends to vigorously dispute this claim.

Management does not believe that the outcome of any of the legal proceedings to which we are a party will have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.



## Part II

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

## Market Information

Our common stock is listed and has been traded on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "ECHO" since October 2, 2009. The following table sets forth the high and low sales price for our common stock as reported by the Nasdaq Global Market for each of the periods listed.

2010	High	Low
First Quarter	\$ 14.02	\$ 10.18
Second Quarter	\$ 14.00	\$ 11.80
Third Quarter	\$ 13.85	\$ 10.73
Fourth Quarter	\$ 16.09	\$ 9.85
2011	High	Low
First Quarter	\$ 14.00	\$ 11.17
Second Quarter	\$ 17.96	\$ 13.03
Third Quarter	\$ 18.53	\$ 12.02
Fourth Quarter	\$ 17.13	\$ 11.42

## Holders

As of March 7, 2012, there were 14 holders of record of our common stock. The holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote per share.

## Dividends

We currently do not intend to pay any dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. We intend to retain all available funds and any future earnings for use in the operation and the expansion of our business. Any determination in the future to pay dividends will depend on our financial condition, capital requirements, operating results and other factors deemed relevant by our board of directors, including any contractual or statutory restrictions on our ability to pay dividends.

## Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

None.

## Use of Proceeds from Registered Securities

In connection with our initial public offering, we offered and sold 5,700,000 shares of common stock at price of \$14.00 per share. The offer and sale of the shares in the initial public offering were registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-150514), which was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 1, 2009. The managing underwriters in this offering were Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, William Blair & Company, L.L.C., Thomas Weisel Partners LLC, Barrington Research Associates, Inc. and Craig-Hallum Capital Group, Inc. After deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering related expenses, our net proceeds from the initial public offering were approximately \$68.6 million. In connection with the offering, we paid underwriting discounts and commissions of approximately \$5.6 million and paid approximately \$5.6 million in offering expenses. We used a portion of these net proceeds to repay all outstanding principal and accrued interest under our line of credit with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., which bears interest at a rate of either the prime rate or LIBOR plus 2.25% and matured on July 31, 2010 (approximately \$14.0 million), and approximately \$6.9 million of our net proceeds from the offering to repay all outstanding principal and accrued interest under our term loan payable to EGL Mezzanine LLC, which bore interest at a rate of 13.0% and was set to mature on June 2, 2012, members of which included certain of our directors, officers and stockholders, and which we incurred in connection with our acquisition of RayTrans Distribution Services. In addition to the foregoing purposes, we used approximately \$3.5 million of the net proceeds to make required accrued dividend payments to the holders of our Series B and D preferred shares, which holders include certain of our director or entities owned or controlled by them.

In 2011, we used approximately \$5.0 million of net proceeds on new business acquisitions. This included \$0.5 million which was used to fund earn-out payments made related to 2007 acquisitions as certain performance measurements

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achieved. We plan to invest the remaining proceeds to further expand our sales force, continue to acquire or make strategic investments in complementary businesses and for working capital and other general corporate purposes.

#### Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

None.

#### Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The following table presents selected consolidated financial and other data as of and for the periods indicated. The share amounts and per share dollar amounts below give effect to our one-for-two reverse stock split retroactively. You should read the following information together with the more detailed information contained in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes.

	Years ended December 31,				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	(dollars and shares in thousands, except per share data)				
Consolidated statements of operations data:					
Revenue	\$95,461	\$202,807	\$259,561	\$426,374	\$602,764
Transportation costs	75,535	159,717	203,893	345,209	485,547
Net revenue	19,926	43,090	55,668	81,165	117,217
Operating expenses (income):					
Commissions	4,433	11,799	15,816	24,871	35,872
Selling, general and administrative	12,037	23,115	29,984	40,607	54,327
Contingent consideration	—	—	(983)	(4,700)	(246)
Depreciation and amortization	1,845	3,231	4,991	6,926	8,330
Total operating expenses	18,315	38,145	49,808	67,704	98,283
Income from operations	1,611	4,945	5,860	13,461	18,934
Other income (expense)	191	(144)	(1,275)	(291)	(273)
Income before income taxes	1,802	4,801	4,585	13,170	18,661
Income tax benefit (expense)	(749)	(1,926)	611	(4,765)	(6,613)
Net income	1,053	2,875	5,196	8,405	12,048
Dividends on preferred shares	(1,054)	(1,054)	(807)	—	—
Net income (loss) applicable to common stockholders	\$(1)	\$1,821	\$4,389	\$8,405	\$12,048
Net income (loss) per share of common stock:					
Basic	\$—	\$0.15	\$0.30	\$0.38	\$0.54
Diluted	\$—	\$0.14	\$0.29	\$0.38	\$0.53
Shares used in per share calculations:					
Basic	11,713	12,173	14,703	21,863	22,132
Diluted	11,713	12,817	15,089	22,239	22,577
	Years ended December 31,				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Other data:					
Enterprise clients(1)	62	92	116	148	177
Transactional clients served in period(2)	4,566	11,952	15,259	22,617	29,155
Total clients(3)	4,628	12,044	15,375	22,765	29,332
Employees, agents and independent contractors(4)	344	664	835	908	1,157



- (1) Reflects number of enterprise clients on the last day of the applicable period.  
 (2) Reflects number of transactional clients served in the applicable period.  
 (3) Reflects total number of enterprise clients determined on the last day of the applicable period and number of transactional clients served in the applicable period.  
 (4) Reflects number of employees, agents and independent contractors on the last day of the applicable period.

	As of December 31,				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	(in thousands)				
Consolidated balance sheet data:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,569	\$1,873	\$47,804	\$43,218	\$47,007
Working capital	3,556	3,209	65,637	63,591	70,111
Total assets	27,106	45,909	132,675	161,548	200,498
Total liabilities	12,540	27,082	38,885	56,570	81,176
Series D convertible preferred shares	18,695	19,742	—	—	—
Cash dividends per common share	—	—	—	—	—
Total stockholders' equity (deficit)	\$(4,129)	\$(915)	\$93,790	\$104,978	\$119,322

## Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

## Overview

We are a leading provider of technology enabled transportation and supply chain management services, delivered on a proprietary technology platform serving the transportation and logistics needs of our clients. Our proprietary web-based technology platform compiles and analyzes data from our network of over 24,000 transportation providers to serve our clients' shipping and freight management needs. Our technology platform, composed of web-based software applications and a proprietary database, enables us to identify excess transportation capacity, obtain competitive rates and execute thousands of shipments every day while providing high levels of service and reliability. We focus primarily on arranging transportation across the major modes, including truckload (TL), less than truck load (LTL) and small parcel, and we also offer inter-modal (which involves moving a shipment by rail and truck), domestic air, expedited and international transportation services.

We procured transportation and provided logistics services for more than 29,300 clients for the year ended December 31, 2011 across a wide range of industries, such as manufacturing, construction, consumer products and retail. Our clients fall into two categories, enterprise and transactional. We typically enter into multi-year contracts with our enterprise clients, which are often on an exclusive basis for a specific transportation mode or point of origin. As part of our value proposition, we also provide core logistics services to these clients. We provide transportation and logistics services to our transactional clients on a shipment-by-shipment basis, typically with individual, or spot market, pricing.

## Results of Operations

The following table represents certain statement of operations data:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	2010	2011
(dollars and shares in thousands, except per share data)	(dollars and shares in thousands, except per share data)		
Consolidated statements of operations data:			
Revenue	\$259,561	\$426,374	\$602,764
Transportation costs	203,893	345,209	485,547
Net revenue	55,668	81,165	117,217
Operating expenses (income):			
Commissions	15,816	24,871	35,872
Selling, general and administrative	29,984	40,607	54,327
Contingent consideration	(983	) (4,700	) (246
Depreciation and amortization	4,991	6,926	8,330
Total operating expenses	49,808	67,704	98,283
Income from continuing operations	5,860	13,461	18,934
Other expense	(1,275	) (291	) (273
Income before income taxes	4,585	13,170	18,661
Income tax benefit (expense)	611	(4,765	) (6,613
Net income	\$5,196	\$8,405	\$12,048
Dividends on preferred shares	(807	) —	—
Net income applicable to common stockholders	4,389	8,405	12,048
Net income per share of common stock:			



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Basic	\$0.30	\$0.38	\$0.54
Diluted	\$0.29	\$0.38	\$0.53
Shares used in per share calculations:			
Basic	14,703	21,863	22,132
Diluted	15,089	22,239	22,577

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### Revenue

We generate revenue through the sale of transportation and logistics services to our clients. Revenue is recognized when the client's product is delivered by a third-party carrier. Our revenue was \$259.6 million, \$426.4 million and \$602.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively, reflecting growth rates of 64% and 41%, in 2010 and 2011, respectively, as compared to the corresponding prior year.

Our revenue is generated from two different types of clients: enterprise and transactional. Our enterprise accounts typically generate higher dollar amounts and volume than our transactional relationships. We categorize a client as an enterprise client if we have a contract with the client for the provision of services on a recurring basis. Our contracts with enterprise clients typically have a multi-year term and are often exclusive for a certain transportation mode or point of origin. In several cases, we provide substantially all of a client's transportation and logistics requirements. We categorize all other clients as transactional clients. We provide services to our transactional clients on a shipment-by-shipment basis. As of December 31, 2011, we had 177 enterprise clients and, for the year ended December 31, 2011, we served 29,155 transactional clients. For the year ended December 31, 2011, we added 29 enterprise clients. For the years ended December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011, enterprise clients accounted for 42%, 39% and 32%, of our revenue, respectively, and transactional clients accounted for 58%, 61% and 68%, of our revenue, respectively. We expect to continue to grow both our enterprise and transactional client base in the future, although the rate of growth for each type of client will vary depending on opportunities in the marketplace.

Revenue recognized per shipment will vary depending on the transportation mode, fuel prices, shipment weight, density and mileage of the product shipped. The primary modes of shipment that we transact in are TL, LTL and small parcel. Other transportation modes include inter-modal, domestic air, expedited services and international. Typically, our revenue is lower for an LTL shipment than for a TL shipment, and revenue per shipment is higher for shipments in modes other than TL, LTL and small parcel. Material shifts in the percentage of our revenue by transportation mode could have a significant impact on our revenue growth. In 2011, LTL accounted for 48% of our revenue, TL accounted for 44% of our revenue, small parcel accounted for 5% of our revenue and other transportation modes accounted for 3% of our revenue.

The transportation industry has historically been subject to seasonal sales fluctuations as shipments generally are lower during and after the winter holiday season because many companies ship goods and stock inventories prior to the winter holiday season. While we experience some seasonality, differences in our revenue between periods have been driven primarily by growth in our client base.

### Transportation costs and net revenue

We act primarily as a service provider to add value and expertise in the procurement and execution of transportation and logistics services for our clients. Our fee structure is primarily variable, although we have entered into a limited number of fixed fee arrangements that represent an insignificant portion of our revenue. Net revenue equals revenue minus transportation costs. Our transportation costs consist primarily of the direct cost of transportation paid to the carrier.

Net revenue is the primary indicator of our ability to add value to our clients and is considered by management to be an important measurement of our success in the marketplace. Although our transportation costs are typically lower for an LTL shipment than for a TL shipment, our net revenue margin is typically higher for an LTL shipment than for a TL shipment. Material shifts in the percentage of our revenue by transportation mode, including small parcel, could have a significant impact on our net revenue. The discussion of results of operations below focuses on changes in our

net revenue and expenses as a percentage of net revenue margin. In 2009, 2010 and 2011, our net revenue was \$55.7 million, \$81.2 million and \$117.2 million, respectively, reflecting growth rates of 46% and 44% in 2010 and 2011, respectively, compared to the corresponding prior year.

#### Operating expenses

Our costs and expenses, excluding transportation costs, consist of commissions paid to our sales personnel, selling, general and administrative expenses to run our business, changes related to contingent consideration and depreciation and amortization.

Commissions paid to our sales personnel, including employees and agents, are a significant component of our operating expenses. These commissions are based on the net revenue we collect from the clients for which they have primary responsibility. In 2009, 2010 and 2011, commission expense was 28.4%, 30.6% and 30.6%, respectively, as a percentage of our

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net revenue. The percentage of net revenue paid as commissions will vary depending on the type of client, composition of the sales team and mode of transportation. Commission expense, stated as a percentage of net revenue, could increase or decrease in the future depending on the composition of our revenue growth and the relative impact of changes in sales teams and service offerings.

We accrue for commission expense when we recognize the related revenue. Some of our sales personnel receive a monthly advance to provide them with a more consistent income stream. Cash paid to our sales personnel in advance of commissions earned is reflected as a prepaid expense on our balance sheet. As our sales personnel earn commissions, a portion of their commission payment is withheld and offset against their prepaid commission balance, if any.

Our selling, general and administrative expenses primarily consist of compensation costs for our sales (excluding commission expense), operations, information systems, finance and administrative support employees. In 2009, 2010 and 2011, our selling, general and administrative expenses were \$29.9 million, \$40.6 million and \$54.3 million, respectively. In 2009, 2010 and 2011, selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net revenue were 53.9%, 50.0% and 46.3%, respectively.

Our contingent consideration income (expense) consists of the change in the fair value of the contingent liabilities payable to the sellers of our acquired businesses. The contingent liabilities relate to expected earn-out payments that will be paid upon the achievement of certain performance measures by our acquired businesses. These liabilities are evaluated on a quarterly basis and the change in the contingent liability is included in the selling, general and administrative expenses in our consolidated statement of income. In 2009, 2010 and 2011, we recorded a reduction of \$1.0 million, \$4.7 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, in contingent consideration.

Our depreciation expense is primarily attributable to our depreciation of purchases of computer hardware and software, equipment, furniture and fixtures, and internally developed software. In 2009, 2010 and 2011, depreciation expense was \$4.0 million, \$5.1 million and \$5.9 million, respectively.

Our amortization expense is attributable to our amortization of intangible assets acquired from business combinations, including client relationships, trade names and non-compete agreements. In 2009, 2010 and 2011, amortization expense was \$1.0 million, \$1.8 million and \$2.4 million, respectively.

### Reverse Stock Split and Recapitalization

Prior to our initial public offering, on September 25, 2009, we effectuated a one-for-two reverse stock split of all outstanding shares of our Series A common stock, Series B preferred stock and Series D preferred stock. Immediately following the reverse stock split, we exchanged all outstanding shares of our Series A common stock, Series B preferred stock and Series D preferred stock for newly issued shares of common stock on approximately a one-for-one basis.

### Income Taxes

On June 7, 2006, our company completed a conversion pursuant to which Echo Global Logistics, LLC, a limited liability company, converted to Echo Global Logistics, Inc., a corporation. As a limited liability company, we were treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. As a result, all items of income, expense, gain and loss of Echo were generally reportable on the tax returns of members of Echo Global Logistics, LLC.

As a result of our conversion, we account for income taxes in accordance with ASC Topic 740, under which deferred assets and liabilities are recognized based upon anticipated future tax consequences attributable to differences between financial statement carrying values of assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. In connection with our conversion, we used \$9.4 million of our net proceeds from the issuance of our Series D preferred stock to redeem certain of our Series A common units. Because we redeemed the units as a limited liability company, the cash distribution was taxable to the members and our tax basis increased resulting in the recognition of a deferred tax asset

of \$3.8 million, for which we recorded a valuation allowance of \$2.0 million and a corresponding net increase to additional paid in capital of \$2.0 million. The Company evaluated this valuation allowance as of December 31, 2009 and determined it was more likely than not that the existing deferred tax assets would be fully realized, thus the valuation allowance was reduced to zero with the corresponding income tax benefit recorded to income tax expense in 2009. There were no valuation allowance changes in 2010 or 2011 that impacted our income tax expense.

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### Critical Accounting Policies

#### Revenue Recognition

In accordance with ASC Topic 605-20 Revenue and Expense Recognition for Freight Services in Process, transportation revenue and related transportation costs are recognized when the shipment has been delivered by a third-party carrier. Fee for service revenue is recognized when the services have been rendered. At the time of delivery or rendering of services, as applicable, the Company's obligation to fulfill a transaction is complete and collection of revenue is reasonably assured.

In accordance with ASC Topic 605-45 Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent, the Company generally recognizes revenue on a gross basis, as opposed to a net basis similar to a commission arrangement, because it bears the risks and benefits associated with revenue-generated activities by, among other things: (1) acting as a principal in the transaction; (2) establishing prices; (3) managing all aspects of the shipping process, including selection of the carrier; and (4) taking the risk of loss for collection, delivery, and returns. Certain transactions to provide specific services are recorded at the net amount charged to the client due to the following key factors: (a) the Company does not have latitude in establishing pricing; and (b) the Company has credit risk for only the net revenue earned from its client while the carrier has credit risk for the transportation costs.

#### Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Accounts receivable are uncollateralized customer obligations due under normal trade terms. Invoices require payment within 30 to 90 days from the invoice date. Accounts receivable are stated at the amount billed to the customer. Customer account balances with invoices past due 90 days are considered delinquent. The Company generally does not charge interest on past due amounts.

The carrying amount of accounts receivable is reduced by an allowance for doubtful accounts that reflects management's best estimate of amounts that will not be collected. The allowance is based on historical loss experience and any specific risks identified in client collection matters. Accounts receivable are charged off against the allowance for doubtful accounts when it is determined that the receivable is uncollectible.

#### Goodwill and Other Intangibles

Goodwill represents the excess of purchase price and related costs over the value assigned to the net tangible and identifiable intangible assets of businesses acquired. In accordance with ASC Topic 350 Intangibles - Goodwill and Other : Testing Goodwill for Impairment, goodwill is not amortized, but instead is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if circumstances indicate a possible impairment may exist. In September 2011, the FASB approved ASU No. 2011-08, "Intangibles-Goodwill and Other: Testing Goodwill for Impairment. As a result, the Company assessed the qualitative factors and determined no further testing was necessary. If further testing is warranted, the Company evaluates the recoverability of goodwill using a two-step impairment test at the reporting unit level. For goodwill impairment test purposes, the Company is considered one reporting unit. In the first step, the fair value for the Company is compared to its carrying value including goodwill. In the case that the fair value is less than the carrying value, a second step is performed that compares the implied fair value of goodwill to the carrying value of the goodwill. The fair value for the implied goodwill is determined based on the difference between the fair value of the reporting unit and the net fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities excluding goodwill. If the implied fair value of the goodwill is less than the carrying value, the difference is recognized as an impairment charge. Absent any special circumstances that could require an interim test, the Company has elected to test for goodwill impairment during the fourth quarter of each year. ASC Topic 350 also requires that intangible assets with finite lives be amortized over their respective estimated useful lives and reviewed for impairment whenever impairment indicators exist in accordance with ASC Topic 360 Property, Plant and Equipment. The Company's intangible assets consist of customer relationships, noncompete agreements, and trade names, which are being amortized on an accelerated basis over their estimated weighted-average useful lives of 7 years, 3 years and 3 years, respectively.

#### Stock-Based Compensation

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation in accordance with ASC Topic 718 Compensation - Stock Compensation which requires all share-based payments to employees, including grants of stock options, to be recognized in the income statement based upon their fair values. Share-based employee compensation costs are recognized as a component of selling, general and administrative expense in the consolidated statements of income.

For more information related to the Company's stock-based compensation programs, see "Note 14—Stock-Based Compensation Plans" for a description of the Company's accounting for stock-based compensation plans.

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## Initial Public Offering Costs

Costs associated with the initial public offering were reclassified to additional paid-in-capital upon completion of the initial public offering in October of 2009. At the end of 2009, approximately \$270,000 in accrued costs were reclassified to additional paid-in-capital. These costs were paid in the first quarter of 2010 in addition to approximately \$50,000 in costs that had not been accrued for as of December 31, 2009.

## Results of Operations

The following table sets forth our consolidated statements of income data for the periods presented in both thousands of dollars and as a percentage of our net revenue:

	Years Ended December 31,			
	2009	2010	2011	
	(dollars in thousands)			
Consolidated statements of operations data:				
Revenue	\$259,561	\$426,374	\$602,764	
Transportation costs	203,893	345,209	485,547	
Net revenue	\$55,668	\$81,165	\$117,217	
Operating expenses (income):				
Commissions	15,816	24,871	35,872	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	29,984	40,607	54,327	
Contingent consideration	(983)	(4,700)	(246)	)
Depreciation and amortization	4,991	6,926	8,330	
Total operating expenses	49,808	67,704	98,283	
Income from operations	\$5,860	\$13,461	\$18,934	
Stated as a percentage of net revenue:				
Net revenue	100.0	% 100.0	% 100.0	%
Operating expenses:				
Commissions	28.4	% 30.6	% 30.6	%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	53.9	% 50.0	% 46.3	%
Contingent consideration	(1.8)	)% (5.8)	)% (0.2)	)%
Depreciation and amortization	9.0	% 8.5	% 7.1	%
Total operating expenses	89.5	% 83.3	% 83.8	%
Income from operations	10.5	% 16.7	% 16.2	%

## Comparison of years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

## Revenue

Our revenue increased by \$176.4 million, or 41.4%, to \$602.8 million in 2011 from \$426.4 million in 2010. The increase was attributable to the increase in the number of our clients, and the total number of shipments executed on behalf of, and services provided to, these clients. In addition, tighter capacity and higher fuel prices, in both the LTL and TL marketplace, led to higher transportation rates. Included in this increase was \$61.9 million of additional revenue generated in 2011 from acquisitions completed in 2010 and 2011.

Our revenue from enterprise clients increased by \$28.3 million, or 17.1%, to \$193.8 million in 2011 from \$165.5 million in 2010, resulting from an increase in the number of enterprise clients, shipments executed and increases in transportation rates. As we increased our number of transactional clients, our percentage of revenue from enterprise clients decreased to 32.1% of our revenue in 2011 from 38.8% in 2010. As of December 31, 2011, we had 177 enterprise clients under contract, which was an increase of 29 compared to 148 enterprise clients under contract as of December 31, 2010.



Our revenue from transactional clients increased by \$148.1 million, or 56.8%, to \$409.0 million in 2011 from \$260.9

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million in 2010. The growth in revenue from transactional clients during 2011 was driven by the increase in the number of our transactional clients and an increase in the revenue per transactional client, partially due to higher transportation rates. Our percentage of revenue from transactional clients increased to 67.9% of our revenue for the year ended December 31, 2011 from 61.2% of our revenue for the year ended December 31, 2010. We served over 29,000 transactional clients in 2011, an increase of approximately 6,300 compared to the 22,700 transactional clients served in 2010.

### Transportation costs

Our transportation costs increased by \$140.3 million, or 40.6%, to \$485.5 million in 2011 from \$345.2 million in 2010. The growth in the total number of shipments executed on behalf of our clients accounted for most of the increase in our transportation costs during this period. Our transportation costs as a percentage of revenue decreased to 80.6% in 2011 from 81.0% in 2010 due to an increased number of LTL shipments in the composition of our sales volume.

### Net revenue

Net revenue increased by \$36.0 million, or 44.3%, to \$117.2 million in 2011 from \$81.2 million in 2010. The growth in the total number of shipments executed on behalf of our clients accounted for most of the increase in our net revenue during this period. Net revenue margins increased to 19.4% in 2011 from 19.0% in 2010. The increase in net revenue margins was the result of a higher mix of LTL revenue in 2011 and also reflect our ability to pass on higher transportation rates to our customers.

### Operating expenses

Commission expense increased by \$11.0 million, or 44.2%, to \$35.9 million in 2011 from \$24.9 million in 2010. This increase is primarily attributable to the increase in net revenue.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by \$13.7 million, or 33.8%, to \$54.3 million in 2011 from \$40.6 million in 2010. The increase is primarily the result of hiring sales personnel who are expected to drive continued growth of our business and operational personnel to support our growth in customers and shipment volume. As a percentage of net revenue, general and administrative expenses decreased to 46.3% in 2011 from 50.0% in 2010. The decrease, as a percentage of net revenue, is primarily attributable to additional operating leverage over facilities and other administrative expenses resulting from the growth in our business.

### Contingent consideration

The change in contingent consideration for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, respectively, resulted in a net decrease in our contingent consideration obligation. The benefit recognized in our consolidated statement of income from contingent consideration decreased by \$4.5 million, or 94.8%, to \$0.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 from \$4.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2010. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the benefit primarily related to a decrease in the contingent liability due to DNA Freight Inc. ("DNA") of \$1.7 million offset by increases in the contingent liability due to Freight Management Inc. ("FMI"), Distribution Services Inc. ("DSI"), Lubenow Logistics, LLC ("Lubenow") and Freight Lanes International Inc. ("FLI") of \$0.5 million, \$0.4 million, \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. These adjustments were the result of financial performance, changes to the forecasted financial performance of each acquisition and an amendment to the terms of the DNA Freight Inc. ("DNA") purchase agreement related to contingent consideration. DNA did not experience the growth needed to achieve the first-year EBITDA performance measures set forth in the asset purchase agreement. As a result, the value of the first year earn-out payment was reduced to zero and the value of future earn-out payments was

partially reduced, as there is an increased probability that future EBITDA earn-out targets will not be achieved. The fair value of the contingent consideration obligation for each acquisition reflects updated probabilities as of December 31, 2011. For the year ended December 31, 2010, the benefit related to a decrease in the contingent liability of \$3.0 million and \$1.4 million due to RayTrans Distribution Services, Inc. ("RDS") and FMI, respectively. These adjustments were the result of these acquisitions not meeting the necessary EBITDA growth targets set forth in the respective asset purchase agreements and changes to the forecasted financial performance of each acquisition.

#### Depreciation and amortization

Depreciation expense increased by \$0.8 million, or 15.7%, to \$5.9 million in 2011 from \$5.1 million in 2010. The increase in depreciation expense is primarily attributable to purchases of computer hardware and software, equipment, furniture and fixtures, and the capitalization of internally developed software. Amortization expense increased by \$0.6 million, or 33.3%, to \$2.4 million in 2011 from \$1.8 million in 2010. The increase in amortization expense is the result of the intangibles acquired

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in acquisitions completed in 2010 and 2011.

### Income from operations

Income from operations increased by \$5.4 million, or 40.0%, to \$18.9 million in 2011 from \$13.5 million in 2010. The increase in income from operations is attributable to the increase in net revenue in excess of the increase in operating expenses.

### Other expense and income tax expense

Other expense remained consistent at \$0.3 million in 2010 and 2011.

Income tax expense increased to \$6.6 million in 2011 from \$4.8 million in 2010. Our effective tax rate decreased from approximately 36.2% in 2010 to 35.4% in 2011. The decrease in the effective tax rate was primarily the result of the reinstatement of the research and development tax credit for the State of Illinois in the fourth quarter of 2011.

### Net Income

Net income increased by \$3.6 million, or 42.9%, to \$12.0 million in 2011 from \$8.4 million in 2010 related to the items previously discussed.

## Comparison of years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009

### Revenue

Our revenue increased by \$166.8 million, or 64.3%, to \$426.4 million in 2010 from \$259.6 million in 2009. The increase was primarily attributable to the increase in the number of our clients, the total number of shipments executed on behalf of, and services provided to these clients. The increase was also partially due to an increase in transportation rates due to pricing increases caused by a reduction in capacity in the truckload marketplace during 2010. Included in the increase was \$45.3 million of revenue generated in 2010 from acquisitions that were completed in 2009 and 2010. Our revenue from enterprise clients increased by \$56.4 million, or 51.7%, to \$165.5 million in 2010 from \$109.1 million in 2009, resulting from an increase in the number of enterprise clients and shipments executed and services provided. As we increased our number of transactional clients, our percentage of revenue from enterprise clients decreased to 39% of our revenue in 2010 from 42% of our revenue in 2009. As of December 31, 2010, we had 148 enterprise clients under contract, which was an increase of 32, compared to 116 enterprise clients under contract as of December 31, 2009.

Our revenue from transactional clients increased by \$110.5 million, or 73.4%, to \$260.9 million in 2010 from \$150.4 million in 2009. The growth in revenue from transactional clients during this period was driven by the increase in the number of our transactional clients due to the addition of transactional sales representatives and sales agents as well as an increase in the average revenue generated by transactional sales representatives and sales agents, including those acquired in 2010 acquisitions. Our percentage of revenue from transactional clients increased to 61% of our revenue in 2010 from 58% of our revenue in 2009. We served over 22,700 transactional in 2010, an increase of approximately 7,700 compared to the 15,000 transactional clients served in 2009.

### Transportation costs

Our transportation costs increased by \$141.3 million, or 69.3%, to \$345.2 million in 2010 from \$203.9 million in 2009. The growth in the total number of shipments executed to service of our clients accounted for most of the increase in our transportation costs during this period. Our transportation costs as a percentage of revenue increased to 81.0% in 2010 from 78.6% in 2009, due to an increase in transportation rates, primarily in the truckload market.

### Net revenue

Net revenue increased by \$25.5 million, or 45.8%, to \$81.2 million in 2010 from \$55.7 million in 2009. The growth in the total number of shipments executed to service of our clients accounted for most of the increase in our net revenue

during this period. The remaining increase in net revenue was the result of the \$11.4 million generated from acquisitions completed in 2009 and 2010. Net revenue margins decreased to 19.0% in 2010 from 21.4% in 2009. The decrease in net revenue margins was the result of tightening in capacity in the truckload market resulting in higher costs and higher mix of truckload revenue.

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### Operating expenses

Commission expense increased by \$9.1 million, or 57.3%, to \$24.9 million in 2010 from \$15.8 million in 2009. This increase is attributable to the increase in net revenue.

General and administrative expenses increased by \$10.6 million, or 23.8%, to \$40.6 million in 2010 from \$30.0 million in 2009. The increase is primarily the result of hiring personnel to support our growth.

### Contingent consideration

The change in contingent consideration for the years ended December 31 2009 and 2010, respectively, resulted in a net decrease in our contingent consideration obligation. The resulting benefit recognized in our consolidated statement of income from contingent consideration increased by \$3.7 million, or 378.3%, to \$4.7 million for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2010 from a benefit of \$1.0 million for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2009. The increase in the change was the reduction of the contingent consideration liabilities due to the sellers of RDS and FMI. RDS did not experience the necessary growth to earn its first year earn-out target and the first year earn-out target value was partially reduced in 2009. In 2010, the changes in the forecasted growth and financial performance of RDS indicated that it was unlikely that they would achieve future earn-out payments and the fair value of the future payments was reduced to zero in 2010. Similarly, the benefit recognized related to the FMI contingent consideration liability was the result of FMI's financial performance, changes to the forecasted financial performance of FMI and an amendment to the terms of the FMI purchase agreement. FMI did not experience the growth needed to achieve the first-year EBITDA performance measures set forth in the asset purchase agreement. As a result, the value of the first year earn-out payment was reduced for FMI and the likelihood of not achieving future targets increased, further reducing the liability related to future earn-out payments.

### Depreciation and amortization

Depreciation expense increased by \$1.1 million, or 28.4%, to \$5.1 million in 2010 from \$4.0 million in 2009. The increase in depreciation expense is primarily attributable to purchases of computer hardware and software, equipment, furniture and fixtures, and the capitalization of internally developed software. Amortization expense increased by \$0.8 million, or 72.5%, to \$1.8 million in 2010 from \$1.0 million in 2009. The increase in amortization expense is the result of the intangibles acquired as part of the acquisitions made in 2010.

### Income from operations

Income from operations increased by \$7.6 million to \$13.5 million in 2010 from \$5.9 million in 2009. \$4.7 million of the increase was attributable to the reduction in contingent consideration liability and the remaining \$2.9 million is attributable to the increase in net revenue in excess of the increase in operating expenses, due to improved leverage gained through the growth of our business.

### Other expense and income tax

Other expense decreased to \$0.3 million in 2010 from \$1.3 million in 2009. The decrease is due to interest expense of approximately \$0.8 million related to additional borrowings on our line of credit and the subordinated debt agreement entered into in 2009. The subordinated debt agreement was paid in full upon our initial public offering. In addition, there was a \$200,000 increase in other expense related to miscellaneous tax expenses in 2009.

Provision for income taxes increased by \$5.4 million to \$4.8 million in 2010 from income tax benefit of \$0.6 million in 2009. The increase was the result of the 2009 reversal of the \$2.0 million valuation allowance recorded initially in June 2006. Periodically, we review the continuing need for the valuation allowance based on the factors existing at the time of review. We evaluated this valuation allowance as of December 31, 2009 and determined that the full valuation allowance was no longer needed. There was no valuation allowance reversal in 2010.

### Net Income

Net income increased by \$3.2 million to \$8.4 million in 2010 from \$5.2 million in 2009 related to the items previously discussed.

### Quarterly Results of Operations

The following table represents our unaudited statement of operations data for our most recent eight fiscal quarters. You should read the following table in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere

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in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The results of operations of any quarter are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any future period.

	Mar. 31, 2010	June 30, 2010	Sept. 30, 2010	Dec. 31, 2010	Mar. 31, 2011	June 30, 2011	Sept. 30, 2011	Dec. 31, 2011
	(in thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)							
Revenue	\$89,104	\$109,905	\$113,533	\$113,832	\$129,446	\$151,504	\$158,956	\$162,857
Net revenue	17,045	20,049	21,466	22,605	25,526	29,286	30,619	31,784
Operating Income	2,026	3,126	4,254	4,055	3,589	4,700	5,451	5,196
Net income	1,236	1,926	2,595	2,648	2,241	2,895	3,380	3,532
Net income applicable to common stockholders	1,236	1,926	2,595	2,648	2,241	2,895	3,380	3,532
Net income per share of common stock:								
Basic	\$0.06	\$0.09	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.10	\$0.13	\$0.15	\$0.16
Diluted	\$0.06	\$0.09	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.10	\$0.13	\$0.15	\$0.16

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of December 31, 2011, we had \$47.0 million in cash and cash equivalents, \$70.1 million in working capital and \$10.0 million available under our credit facility, which expires on July 31, 2012.

## Cash provided by (used in) operating activities

For the year ended December 31, 2011, \$15.7 million of cash was provided by operating activities, representing an increase of \$7.1 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. In 2011, we generated \$21.5 million in cash from net income, adjusted for non-cash operating items as compared to \$14.3 million in 2010 and \$8.9 in 2009. The cash generated from net income were offset by changes to working capital, primarily related to increases to accounts receivable and accounts payable balances related to the growth of our business. The changes in accounts receivable exceed changes in payables due to our tendency to fulfill our obligation to our carriers before payment from the customer is received.

## Cash used in investing activities

Cash used in investing activities was \$11.3 million and \$14.8 million during the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The primary investing activities during these periods were acquisition related payments, the procurement of computer hardware and software and the internal development of computer software. Our capital expenditures were \$4.3 million, \$6.2 million and \$6.4 million for the years ended December 31 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2011, we used \$4.5 million for three new acquisitions, and paid a \$0.5 million earn-out payment to the former owners of Mountain Logistics. In 2009 and 2010, we used approximately \$7.2 and \$8.6 on two and five acquisitions throughout those years, respectively. In 2010, \$1.9 million related to earn-out payments to the former owners of Mountain Logistics.

## Cash provided by (used in) financing activities

During the year ended December 31, 2011, net cash used in financing activities was \$0.6 million compared to cash provided by financing activities of \$1.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2010. 2011 cash used in financing activities was primarily attributable to the exercise of employee stock options offset by a contingent consideration payment of \$1.3 million. For the year ended December 31, 2010, the cash provided by financing activities was



primarily related to the exercise of employee stock options. In 2009, the cash provided by financing activities was the result of our initial public offering in the fourth quarter of 2009 offset by payments to reduce our outstanding debt obligations.

#### Credit facility

As of December 31, 2011, we had no amounts outstanding on a \$10.0 million line of credit with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., which is due to expire on July 31, 2012. Any outstanding borrowings are collateralized by substantially all of our assets. The maximum amount outstanding under our line of credit cannot exceed 80% of the book value of our eligible accounts receivable. Our line of credit contains limitations on our ability to incur indebtedness, create liens and make certain investments. Interest on the line of credit is payable monthly at an interest rate equal to either: (1) the prime rate or (2) LIBOR plus 2.25%. We have discretion in determining if specific advances against the line of credit are drawn down as a prime rate advance or a LIBOR advance. The terms of the credit line include various covenants, including covenants that require us to

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maintain a maximum leverage ratio and a minimum interest coverage ratio. As of December 31, 2011, we were not in violation of any of these various covenants.

## Anticipated uses of cash

Our priority is to continue to grow our revenue and net revenue. We anticipate that our operating expenses and planned expenditures will constitute a material use of cash, and we expect to use available cash to expand our sales force, to enhance our technology, to acquire or make strategic investments in complementary businesses and for working capital and other general corporate purposes. We also expect to use available cash to make approximately \$5.3 million of potential earn-out payments in 2012 due in connection with our acquisitions. We currently expect to use up to \$7.0 million for capital expenditures by the end of 2012. We expect the use of cash for working capital purposes will be offset by the cash flow generated from operating earnings during this period.

Historically, our average accounts receivable lifecycle has been longer than our average accounts payable lifecycle, meaning that we have used cash to pay carriers in advance of collecting from our clients. We elect to provide this benefit to foster strong relationships with our clients and carriers. As our business grows, we expect this use of cash to continue. The amount of cash we use will depend on the growth of our business.

## Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

## Contractual Obligations

As of December 31, 2011, we had the following contractual obligations (in thousands):

	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years
Capital lease	\$210	\$185	\$25	\$—	\$—
Operating lease	9,737	2,601	6,574	562	—
Contingent consideration obligations(1)	12,852	5,279	7,573	—	—
Total	\$22,799	\$8,065	\$14,172	\$562	\$—

Amounts relate to contingent consideration for the acquisitions of DSI, FMI, Resource Group and Associates, DSI, (1)Lubenow, FLI, DNA, Nationwide Traffic Services, Inc., Advantage Transport, Inc. and Trailer Transport Systems acquisitions.

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

On May 12, 2011, the FASB approved ASU No. 2011-04, "Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRS." This ASU establishes a global standard for measuring amounts at fair value. This ASU will not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations, but will change the Company's disclosure policies for fair value. This ASU is effective for reporting periods (including interim periods) beginning after December 15, 2011. We will adopt this ASU for the interim period ending March 31, 2012. Early adoption is not permissible, and this ASU must be applied prospectively.

On September 15, 2011, the FASB approved ASU No. 2011-08, "Intangibles-Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Testing Goodwill for Impairment." This ASU permits an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not (a likelihood of more than 50 percent) that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. After assessing qualitative factors, if an entity determines that it is not more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, no further testing is necessary. If an entity determines that it is more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying value, then the traditional two-step goodwill impairment test must be performed. This ASU is effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests

performed for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011. However, early adoption was permitted. We early adopted the standard when performing our goodwill impairment tests in 2011.

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Commodity Risk

We pass through increases in fuel prices to our clients. As a result, we believe that there is no material risk exposure to fluctuations in fuel prices.

Interest Rate Risk

We have exposure to changes in interest rates on our line of credit. The interest rate on our line of credit fluctuates based on the prime rate or LIBOR plus 2.25%. Assuming the \$10.0 million line of credit was fully drawn, a 1.0% increase in the prime rate would increase our annual interest expense by \$100,000.

Our interest income is sensitive to changes in the general level of U.S. interest rates, in particular because all of our investments are in cash equivalents. Due to the short-term nature of our investments, we believe that there is no material risk exposure.

We do not use derivative financial instruments for speculative trading purposes.

Impact of Inflation

We believe that our results of operations are not materially impacted by moderate changes in the inflation rate. Inflation and changing prices did not have a material impact on our operations in 2009, 2010 and 2011.

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Management's Assessment of  
Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The consolidated financial statements were prepared by management, which is responsible for their integrity and objectivity and for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting.

The Company's internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

- i. pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company;  
provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and
- ii. provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any internal control, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of controls. Accordingly, even effective internal controls can provide only reasonable assurances with respect to financial statement preparation. Further, because of changes in conditions, the effectiveness of internal controls may vary over time.

Management assessed the design and operating effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") in Internal Control—Integrated Framework.

Based on management's assessment using those criteria, as of December 31, 2011, management believes that the Company's internal controls over financial reporting are effective.

Ernst & Young, LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, has audited the financial statements of the Company for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 and the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011. Their reports are presented on the following pages.

Echo Global Logistics, Inc.  
March 7, 2012

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm On  
Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of  
Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and Subsidiaries

We have audited Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and subsidiaries; internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and subsidiaries' management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

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

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

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

In our opinion, Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and subsidiaries maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2011 of Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and subsidiaries, and our report dated March 7, 2012, expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Chicago, IL  
March 7, 2012

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of  
Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and Subsidiaries

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2011. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule. These financial statements and schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audits.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and subsidiaries at December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2011, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Echo Global Logistics, Inc and subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated March 7, 2012, expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Chicago, IL  
March 7, 2012

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Consolidated Balance Sheets

	December 31, 2010	2011
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$43,218,164	\$47,007,309
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$2,786,776 and \$3,017,742 at December 31, 2010 and 2011, respectively	60,316,454	89,191,456
Income taxes receivable	—	636,362
Prepaid expenses	8,063,892	4,634,612
Other current assets	396,613	164,286
Total current assets	111,995,123	141,634,025
Property and equipment, net	9,638,800	10,834,526
Intangible assets:		
Goodwill	32,597,577	41,476,212
Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$4,098,246 and \$6,563,870 at December 31, 2010 and 2011, respectively	6,974,818	6,281,452
Other assets	341,863	271,871
Total assets	\$161,548,181	\$200,498,086
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$40,097,083	\$59,949,927
Current maturities of capital lease obligations	274,282	175,166
Due to seller-short term	2,720,517	5,278,889
Accrued expenses	3,398,620	5,195,545
Income tax payable	125,111	—
Deferred income taxes	1,788,286	923,208
Total current liabilities	48,403,899	71,522,735
Due to seller-long term	7,073,102	7,573,392
Deferred income taxes	946,608	2,056,275
Capital lease obligations, net of current maturities	146,559	24,086
Total liabilities	56,570,168	81,176,488
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 22,043,850 and 22,155,857 shares were issued and outstanding at December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011, respectively	2,205	2,216
Additional paid-in capital	91,152,070	93,447,472
Retained earnings	13,823,738	25,871,910
Total stockholders' equity	104,978,013	119,321,598
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$161,548,181	\$200,498,086
See accompanying notes.		



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Consolidated Statements of Income

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	2010	2011
REVENUE	\$259,560,658	\$426,373,975	\$602,763,471
COSTS AND EXPENSES:			
Transportation costs	\$203,892,962	\$345,208,575	\$485,546,842
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	44,816,750	60,778,106	89,952,126
Depreciation and amortization	4,990,919	6,926,118	8,329,836
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	5,860,027	13,461,176	18,934,667
Interest income	23,971	93,098	115,749
Interest expense	(792,303 )	(51,413 )	(21,154 )
Other, net	(506,255 )	(333,060 )	(367,771 )
OTHER EXPENSE	(1,274,587 )	(291,375 )	(273,176 )
INCOME BEFORE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	4,585,440	13,169,801	18,661,491
INCOME TAX BENEFIT (EXPENSE)	610,544	(4,765,163 )	(6,613,319 )
NET INCOME	\$5,195,984	\$8,404,638	\$12,048,172
DIVIDENDS ON PREFERRED SHARES	\$(806,625 )	\$—	\$—
NET INCOME APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS	\$4,389,359	\$8,404,638	\$12,048,172
Basic net income per share	\$0.30	\$0.38	\$0.54
Diluted net income per share	\$0.29	\$0.38	\$0.53
See accompanying notes.			

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Echo Global Logistics, Inc.  
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	Common A		Series B Preferred		Common Stock		Additional	Retained	Total
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Paid-In Capital	Earnings	
Balance at January 1, 2009	12,323,352	\$2,466	62,500	\$27,416	—	\$—	\$(1,974,698)	\$1,029,741	\$(915,075)
Preferred Series B dividends	—	—	—	(27,404)	—	—	—	(5,751)	(33,155)
Preferred Series D dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(800,874)	(800,874)
Share compensation expense	—	—	—	—	—	—	521,764	—	521,764
Exercise of stock options	81,250	16	—	—	—	—	151,985	—	152,001
Vesting of restricted shares	157,500	32	—	—	275,000	28	3,928,690	—	3,928,750
Conversion of Preferred Series D	—	—	—	—	3,169,057	317	17,052,851	—	17,053,168
Conversion to Common Stock	(12,562,102)	(2,514)	(62,500)	(12)	12,624,602	1,262	1,264	—	—
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options	—	—	—	—	—	—	112,636	—	112,636
Initial public offering proceeds	—	—	—	—	5,700,000	570	68,574,304	—	68,574,874
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,195,984	5,195,984
Balance at December 31, 2009	—	—	—	—	21,768,659	\$2,177	\$88,368,796	\$5,419,100	\$93,790,073
Share compensation expense	—	—	—	—	—	—	592,372	—	592,372
Payment of costs related to initial public offering	—	—	—	—	—	—	(49,000)	—	(49,000)

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Exercise of stock options	—	—	—	275,191	28	1,449,209	—	1,449,237
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options	—	—	—	—	—	790,693	—	790,693
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	—	8,404,638	8,404,638
Balance at December 31, 2010	—	—	—	22,043,850	\$2,205	\$91,152,070	\$13,823,738	\$104,978,013
Share compensation expense	—	—	—	—	—	1,343,752	—	1,343,752
Exercise of stock options	—	—	—	112,007	11	797,315	—	797,326
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options	—	—	—	—	—	154,335	—	154,335
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,048,172	12,048,172
Balance at December 31, 2011	—	—	—	22,155,857	\$2,216	\$93,447,472	\$25,871,910	\$119,321,598

See accompanying notes.

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## Echo Global Logistics, Inc.

## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	2010	2011
Operating activities			
Net income	\$5,195,984	\$8,404,638	\$12,048,172
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Deferred income taxes	(792,683 )	3,074,654	5,862
Noncash stock compensation expense	521,764	592,372	1,343,752
Reduction in contingent consideration due to seller	(982,620 )	(4,700,192 )	(246,347 )
Depreciation and amortization	4,990,919	6,926,118	8,329,836
Change in assets, net of acquisitions:			
Accounts receivable	(16,540,665 )	(15,353,802 )	(23,887,014 )
Taxes receivable	436,357	469,228	(761,473 )
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(3,274,551 )	(1,131,542 )	3,613,400
Change in liabilities, net of acquisitions:			
Accounts payable	6,351,831	10,425,014	15,153,931
Accrued expenses and other	(1,508,476 )	(64,149 )	149,461
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(5,602,140 )	8,642,339	15,749,580
Investing activities			
Purchases of property and equipment	(4,273,593 )	(6,214,413 )	(6,372,116 )
Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(7,226,281 )	(8,623,613 )	(4,972,811 )
Net cash used in investing activities	(11,499,874 )	(14,838,026 )	(11,344,927 )
Financing activities			
Principal payments on capital lease obligations	(246,724 )	(302,518 )	(262,169 )
Borrowings (payments) on credit line	(5,000,000 )	—	—
Tax benefit of stock options exercised	112,636	790,693	154,335
Payment of contingent consideration	—	—	(1,305,000 )
Borrowings on subordinated debt from related party	7,500,000	—	—
Payments on subordinated debt from related party	(7,500,000 )	—	—
Payment of costs associated with initial public offering	(2,676,430 )	(327,265 )	—
Issuance of shares, net of issuance costs	152,001	1,449,237	797,326
Payment of dividends on preferred shares	(3,522,687 )	—	—
Initial public offering proceeds	74,214,000	—	—
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	63,032,796	1,610,147	(615,508 )
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	45,930,782	(4,585,540 )	3,789,145
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	1,872,922	47,803,704	43,218,164
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$47,803,704	\$43,218,164	\$47,007,309
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information			
Cash paid during the year for interest	\$741,844	\$51,600	\$21,154
Cash paid for income taxes	125,000	581,014	7,337,331
Non-cash investing activity			
Issuance of common stock in connection with Mountain Logistics acquisition	3,850,000	—	—
Purchases of furniture and equipment with capital lease	353,385	—	—
Non-cash financing activity			
Vesting of restricted shares	78,750	—	—
Due to seller	7,252,661	8,633,770	4,610,009

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1. Description of Business

Echo Global Logistics, Inc. (the Company) is a leading provider of technology-enabled transportation and supply chain management services, delivered on a proprietary technology platform serving the transportation and logistics needs of its clients. The Company provides services across all major transportation modes, including truckload (TL), less-than truck-load (LTL), small parcel, inter-modal, domestic air, and international. The Company's core logistics services include rate negotiation, shipment execution and tracking, carrier management, routing compliance, freight bill audit, and payment and performance management and reporting functions, including executive dashboard tools. The Company was formed on January 3, 2005, and commenced operations in March 2005. The Company was originally established as a limited liability company (LLC). Effective June 7, 2006, the Company converted its legal form to a C corporation organized and existing under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. On June 7, 2006, the Company completed its conversion to a corporate structure whereby Echo Global Logistics LLC converted to Echo Global Logistics, Inc. As a result, each Series A common unit of the LLC converted to a fully paid share of Series A Common Stock, with a par value of \$0.0002 per share. In addition, each Series B and C preferred unit of the LLC converted to fully paid shares of Series B Preferred Stock and Series A Common Stock, respectively, both with a par value of \$0.0002 per share. In connection with the conversion, the undistributed losses as of the conversion date were classified to additional paid-in capital.

In October 2009, we completed an initial public offering of our shares of common stock. Upon the completion of our initial public offering, our common stock became listed on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "ECHO."

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the Company). All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in the consolidation. The consolidated statements of income include the results of entities or assets acquired from the effective date of the acquisition for accounting purposes.

Preparation of Financial Statements and Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results can differ from those estimates.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

As of December 31, 2010 and 2011, the carrying value of the Company's financial investments, which consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, capital lease obligations, and a line of credit, approximate their fair values due to their short term nature. The fair value of due to seller is determined based on the likelihood of contingent earn-out payments.

Reverse Stock Split

As of September 24, 2009, the Company's Board of Directors approved a resolution to effect a one-for-two reverse stock split of the Company's capital stock with a corresponding change to the par value of the capital stock. The reverse stock split became effective on September 25, 2009. Any fractional shares resulting from the reverse stock split were rounded down to the nearest whole share and stockholders were entitled to cash in lieu of any fractional shares. All share numbers and per share amounts for all periods presented have been adjusted retroactively to reflect the one-for-two reverse stock split.



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Revenue Recognition

In accordance with ASC Topic 605-20 Revenue Recognition - Services, transportation revenue and related transportation costs are recognized when the shipment has been delivered by a third-party carrier. Fee for service revenue is recognized when the services have been rendered. At the time of delivery or rendering of services, as applicable, the Company's obligation to fulfill a transaction is complete and collection of revenue is reasonably assured.

In accordance with ASC Topic 605-45 Revenue Recognition - Principal Agent Considerations, the Company generally recognizes revenue on a gross basis, as opposed to a net basis similar to a commission arrangement, because it bears the risks and benefits associated with revenue-generated activities by, among other things: (1) acting as a principal in the transaction; (2) establishing prices; (3) managing all aspects of the shipping process; and (4) taking the risk of loss for collection, delivery, and returns. Certain transactions to provide specific services are recorded at the net amount charged to the client due to the following key factors: (a) the Company does not have latitude in establishing pricing; and (b) the Company has credit risk for only the net revenue earned from its client while the carrier has credit risk for the transportation costs.

Rebates

The Company has entered into agreements with certain clients to rebate to them a portion of the costs that they pay to the Company for transportation services, based on certain conditions and/or pricing schedules that are specific to each individual agreement, but that are typically constructed as a percentage of the costs that its clients incur.

Rebates are recognized at the same time that the related transportation revenue is recognized and are recorded as a reduction of transportation revenue.

Segment Reporting

The Company applies the provisions of ASC Topic 280 Segment Reporting, which establishes accounting standards for segment reporting.

The Company's chief operating decision-maker assesses performance and makes resource allocation decisions for the business as a single operating segment, transportation and logistics service. Therefore, the Company has only one reportable segment in accordance with this guidance. The Company has provided all enterprise wide disclosures required by this guidance.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Accounts receivable are uncollateralized customer obligations due under normal trade terms. Invoices require payment within 30 to 90 days from the invoice date. Accounts receivable are stated at the amount billed to the customer.

Customer account balances with invoices 90 days past due are considered delinquent. The Company generally does not charge interest on past due amounts.

The carrying amount of accounts receivable is reduced by an allowance for doubtful accounts that reflects management's best estimate of amounts that will not be collected. The allowance is based on historical loss experience and any specific risks identified in client collection matters. Accounts receivable are charged off against the allowance for doubtful accounts when it is determined that the receivable is uncollectible.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. The estimated useful lives, by asset class, are as follows:

Computer equipment and software	3 years
Office equipment	5 years
Furniture and fixtures	7 years



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Capital leases are amortized over the shorter of the useful life or related lease term.

**Internal Use Software**

The Company has adopted the provisions of ASC Topic 350 Intangibles - Goodwill and Other. Accordingly, certain costs incurred in the planning and evaluation stage of internal use computer software are expensed as incurred. Costs incurred during the application development stage are capitalized and included in property and equipment. Capitalized internal use software costs are amortized over the expected economic life of three years using the straight-line method. The total amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011 was \$2,671,009, \$3,580,153 and \$4,260,936 respectively. At December 31, 2010 and 2011, the net book value of internal use software costs was \$6,044,079 and \$7,752,264, respectively.

**Goodwill and Other Intangibles**

Goodwill represents the excess of purchase price and related costs over the value assigned to the net tangible and identifiable intangible assets of businesses acquired. In accordance with ASC Topic 350 Intangibles - Goodwill and Other, goodwill is not amortized, but instead is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if circumstances indicate a possible impairment may exist. In September 2011, the FASB approved ASU No. 2011-08, "Intangibles-Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Testing Goodwill for Impairment." This ASU permits an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not (a likelihood of more than 50 percent) that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. After assessing qualitative factors, if an entity determines that it is more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit is greater than its carrying amount, no further testing is necessary. The Company assessed the qualitative factors and determined no further testing was necessary. If further testing was necessary, the Company would have tested the recoverability of goodwill using a two-step impairment test at the reporting unit level. For goodwill impairment test purposes, the Company is considered one reporting unit. In the first step, the fair value for the Company is compared to its carrying value including goodwill. In the case that the fair value is less than the carrying value, a second step is performed that compares the implied fair value of goodwill to the carrying value of the goodwill. The fair value for the implied goodwill is determined based on the difference between the fair value of the reporting unit and the net fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities excluding goodwill. If the implied fair value of the goodwill is less than the book value, the difference is recognized as an impairment charge. Absent any special circumstances that could require an interim test, the Company has elected to test for goodwill impairment during the fourth quarter of each year. Topic ASC 350 also requires that intangible assets with finite lives be amortized over their respective estimated useful lives and reviewed for impairment whenever impairment indicators exist in accordance with ASC Topic 360 (previously SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets). The Company's intangible assets consist of customer relationships, noncompete agreements, and trade names, which are being amortized on an accelerated basis over their estimated weighted-average useful lives of 7 years, 3 years and 3 years, respectively.

**Income Taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with ASC Topic 740 Income Taxes, under which deferred assets and liabilities are recognized based upon anticipated future tax consequences attributable to differences between financial statement carrying values of assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. A valuation allowance is established to reduce the carrying value of deferred tax assets if it is considered more likely than not that such assets will not be realized. Any change in the valuation allowance would be charged to income in the period such determination was made.

In July 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Interpretation of ASC Topic 740 Income Taxes. This guidance clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements in accordance with the guidance. This guidance also prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for financial statement recognition and measurement that a tax position is required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements. The guidance also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. The Company adopted the guidance as of

January 1, 2007.

**Stock-Based Compensation**

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation in accordance with ASC Topic 718 Compensation - Stock Compensation which requires all share-based payments to employees, including grants of stock options, to be recognized in the income statement based upon their fair values. Share-based employee compensation costs are recognized as a component of selling, general and administrative expense in the consolidated statements of income. See Note 14—Stock-Based Compensation Plans for a description of the Company's accounting for stock-based compensation plans.

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Initial Public Offering Costs

Costs associated with the initial public offering were reclassified to additional paid-in-capital upon completion of the initial public offering in October of 2009. At the end of 2009, approximately \$270,000 in costs that had been reclassified to additional paid-in-capital still had not been paid. These costs were paid in the first quarter of 2010 in addition to approximately \$50,000 in costs that had not been accrued for as of December 31, 2009 but related to the initial public offering.

Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified from accounts receivable to prepaid expenses to conform to the current year presentation.

3. New Accounting Pronouncements

On May 12, 2011, the FASB approved ASU No. 2011-04, "Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRS." This ASU establishes a global standard for measuring amounts at fair value. This ASU will not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations, but will change the Company's disclosure policies for fair value. This ASU is effective for reporting periods (including interim periods) beginning after December 15, 2011. The Company will adopt this ASU for the interim period ending March 31, 2012. Early adoption is not permissible, and this ASU must be applied prospectively.

On September 15, 2011, the FASB approved ASU No. 2011-08, "Intangibles-Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Testing Goodwill for Impairment." This ASU permits an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not (a likelihood of more than 50 percent) that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. After assessing qualitative factors, if an entity determines that it is not more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, no further testing is necessary. If an entity determines that it is more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying value, then the traditional two-step goodwill impairment test must be performed. This ASU is effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011. However, early adoption was permitted. The Company early adopted the standard when performing its goodwill impairment tests in 2011.

4. Acquisitions

2007 Acquisition

Mountain Logistics Acquisition

Effective May 1, 2007, the Company acquired Mountain Logistics, Inc. (Mountain Logistics), a non-asset based third-party logistics provider with offices in Park City, Utah and Los Angeles, California, and the results of Mountain Logistics have been included in the consolidated financial statements since that date. For the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, the Company paid \$1,850,000 and \$500,000, respectively, in contingent consideration related to this 2007 acquisition. The contingent consideration paid was recorded as additional goodwill as of December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011, in accordance with accounting guidance prior to the Company's adoption of ASC 805 Business Combinations on January 1, 2009.

2010 Acquisitions

Distribution Services Inc.

Effective January 1, 2010, the Company acquired Distribution Services Inc. (DSI), a non-asset based third-party logistics provider with offices in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, and the results of DSI have been included in the consolidated financial statements since that date. The Company purchased the assets and assumed certain liabilities of DSI as of the acquisition date for \$728,056. An additional \$2,080,000 in cash consideration may become payable upon achievement of certain performance measures by or prior to December 31, 2014. As a result of the acquisition, the Company recorded \$1,947,161 of goodwill, of which \$1,817,264 related to contingent consideration. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company recorded an increase of \$388,305, to the contingent consideration obligation as a result of increases to the forecasted financial performance



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of DSI, resulting in a liability due to seller of \$1,909,966 at December 31, 2011. For the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company recorded a reduction of \$295,602 to the contingent consideration obligation to reflect the change in fair value, which was primarily the result of adjustments to the forecasted financial performance of DSI resulting in a liability due to seller of \$1,521,661 at December 31, 2010. Changes in the fair value of contingent consideration are included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income for each respective period. The Company expects total remaining undiscounted contingent consideration payments to DSI to be \$2,080,000. Pro forma results of 2010 acquisitions have been included in aggregate below. The amount of goodwill deductible for U.S. income tax purposes is approximately \$130,000, excluding future contingent consideration payments.

Resource Group and Associates

Effective January 1, 2010, the Company acquired Resource Group and Associates (RGA), a non-asset based third-party logistics provider with offices in Andover, Minnesota, and the results of RGA have been included in the consolidated financial statements since that date. The Company purchased the assets and assumed certain liabilities of RGA as of the acquisition date for \$1,027,696. An additional \$600,000 in cash consideration may become payable upon achievement of certain performance measures by or prior to December 31, 2012. As a result of the acquisition, the Company recorded \$1,383,867 of goodwill, of which \$785,248 is related to contingent consideration. In January 2011, the Company paid RGA \$200,000 as certain performance measures of the purchase agreement were met as of December 31, 2010. This payment reduced the contingent consideration liability. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company recorded an increase of \$79,909 to the contingent consideration obligation as a result of increases to the forecasted financial performance of RGA, resulting in a liability due to seller of \$577,358 at December 31, 2011. For the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company recorded a reduction of \$87,799 to the contingent consideration obligation to reflect the change in fair value, which was primarily the result of adjustments to the forecasted financial performance of RGA resulting in a liability due to seller of \$697,449 at December 31, 2010. Changes in the fair value of contingent consideration are included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income for each respective period. The Company expects total remaining undiscounted contingent consideration payments to RGA to be \$600,000. Pro forma results of 2010 acquisitions have been included in "Summary and Proforma Information for 2010 Acquisitions" below. The amount of goodwill deductible for U.S. income tax purposes is approximately \$599,000, excluding future contingent consideration payments.

Lubenow Logistics, LLC

Effective May 1, 2010, the Company acquired Lubenow Logistics, LLC (Lubenow), a non-asset based third-party logistics provider with offices in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and the results of Lubenow have been included in the consolidated financial statements since that date. The Company purchased the assets and assumed certain liabilities of Lubenow as of the acquisition date for \$522,500. An additional \$1,120,000 in cash consideration may become payable upon achievement of certain performance measures by or prior to April 30, 2015. As a result of the acquisition, the Company recorded \$1,077,859 of goodwill, of which \$994,780 is related to contingent consideration. In June 2011, the Company paid Lubenow \$280,000 as certain performance measures of the purchase agreement had been met as of April 30, 2011. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company recorded an increase of \$214,878 to the contingent consideration obligation as a result of increases to the forecasted financial performance of Lubenow, resulting in a liability due to seller of \$917,202 at December 31, 2011. For the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company recorded a reduction of \$12,456 to the contingent consideration obligation to reflect the change in fair value, which was primarily the result of adjustments to the forecasted financial performance of Lubenow resulting in a liability due to seller of \$982,324 at December 31, 2010. Changes in the fair value of contingent consideration are

included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income for each respective period. The Company expects total remaining undiscounted contingent consideration payments to Lubenow to be approximately \$1,120,000. Pro forma results of 2010 acquisitions have been included in "Summary and Proforma Information for 2010 Acquisitions" below. The amount of goodwill deductible for U.S. income tax purposes is approximately \$83,000, excluding future contingent consideration payments.

#### Freight Lanes International Inc.

Effective September 1, 2010, the Company acquired Freight Lanes International Inc. (FLI), a non-asset based third-party logistics provider with offices in Bend, Oregon, and the results of FLI have been included in the consolidated financial statements since that date. The Company purchased the assets and assumed certain liabilities of FLI as of the acquisition date for \$658,300. An additional \$915,000 in cash consideration may become payable upon achievement of certain performance measures by or prior to August 31, 2014. As a result of the acquisition, the Company recorded \$1,002,036 of goodwill, of

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which \$914,406 is related to contingent consideration. In December 2011, the Company paid FLI \$305,000 as certain performance measures of the purchase agreement had been met as of August 31, 2011. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company recorded an increase of \$154,342 to the contingent consideration obligation to reflect the change in fair value, which was primarily the result of adjustments to the forecasted financial performance of FLI resulting in a liability due to seller of \$794,544 at December 31, 2011. For the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company recorded an increase of \$30,796 to the contingent consideration obligation to reflect the change in fair value, which was primarily the result of adjustments to the forecasted financial performance of FLI resulting in a liability due to seller of \$945,202. The Company expects total remaining undiscounted contingent consideration payments to FLI to be approximately \$915,000. Pro forma results of 2010 acquisitions have been included in "Summary and Proforma Information for 2010 Acquisitions" below. The amount of goodwill deductible for U.S. income tax purposes is approximately \$119,000, excluding future contingent consideration payments.

DNA Freight Inc.

Effective December 1, 2010, the Company acquired DNA Freight Inc. (DNA), a non-asset based third-party logistics provider with offices in San Francisco, California, and the results of DNA have been included in the consolidated financial statements since that date. The Company purchased the assets and assumed certain liabilities of DNA as of the acquisition date for \$4,583,076. An additional \$2,880,000 in cash consideration was to become payable upon achievement of certain performance measures by or prior to November 30, 2014. As a result of the acquisition, the Company originally recorded \$6,584,058 of goodwill, of which \$4,122,071 was related to contingent consideration.

During the quarter ending June 30, 2011 and prior to the finalization of the accounting for this acquisition, the Company recorded certain adjustments that reduced the initial goodwill acquired. First, as a result of additional information existed at the acquisition date, the Company adjusted the fair value of the initial contingent consideration liability and goodwill by \$892,071. Secondly, based on terms included in the purchase agreement related to working capital amounts, the Company and DNA agreed to reduce the purchase price by \$1,250,000, which was recorded as a reduction to goodwill. As a result of these adjustments and the finalization of the accounting for the DNA acquisition, the Company recorded \$4,921,144 of goodwill, of which \$3,230,000 was related to contingent consideration.

Subsequent to the finalization of the accounting for the DNA acquisition, the terms of the purchase agreement were amended which reduced the target used to determine the earn out amount to be paid to the seller and the future EBITDA thresholds required to achieve the earn-out payment. These amended terms to the original purchase agreement resulted in a reduction to the contingent consideration obligation and was recorded as a decrease to selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income.

For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company recorded a reduction of \$1,732,058 to the contingent consideration obligation recorded under the amended purchase agreement to reflect the change in fair value, which was primarily the result of decreases to the forecasted financial performance of DNA, resulting in a liability due to seller of \$1,585,530 at December 31, 2011. For the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company recorded an increase of \$87,588 to the contingent consideration to reflect the change in fair value, which was primarily the result of adjustments to the forecasted financial performance of DNA resulting in a liability due to the seller of \$4,209,659 at December 31, 2010.

Changes in the fair value of contingent consideration are included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income for each respective period. The Company expects total undiscounted contingent consideration payments to DNA to be between \$2,000,000 and \$2,880,000. Pro forma results of 2010 acquisitions

have been included in "Summary and Proforma Information for 2010 Acquisitions" below. The amount of goodwill deductible for U.S. income tax purposes is approximately \$1,690,000, excluding future contingent consideration payments.

#### Summary and Proforma Information for 2010 Acquisitions

During 2010, the Company made five business acquisitions. These acquisitions have been described above. The 2010 acquisitions allowed the Company to enter several new geographic markets as well as add assembled workforces in each location that had both industry and geographic specific knowledge. The acquisition date fair value of the consideration transferred totaled \$13,052,347, which consisted of the following:

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Fair value of consideration transferred	
Cash	\$5,310,650
Contingent consideration	7,741,697
Total	\$13,052,347

The contingent consideration arrangements may require the Company to pay an additional \$8.6 million in cash if each acquisition meets the respective EBITDA targets set forth in their individual asset purchase agreements. The Company expects to make undiscounted contingent consideration payments in the range of \$6.7 million to \$7.6 million on or before April 30, 2015. The fair value of the contingent consideration obligation was \$7.7 million dollars. Subsequent adjustments and the resulting changes to the fair value of the contingent obligations have been recognized in selling, general, and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income. There were no other contingent liabilities assumed in the acquisition.

The purchase price allocations (after adjustments made to preliminary purchase accounting) for the acquisitions completed during 2010 are as follows:

Accounts receivable	\$1,708,866	
Prepaid expenses	1,750	
Other current assets	83,507	
Property and equipment	107,364	
Goodwill	10,431,798	
Intangible assets (customer relationships)	4,194,110	
Contingent consideration	(7,741,697)	)
Current liabilities assumed	(3,475,048)	)
Cash used in acquisitions, net of cash acquired	\$5,310,650	

The Company recorded the change in the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed to goodwill. The changes related to the finalization of the valuations of identified intangible assets and contingent consideration and certain working capital adjustments. Goodwill of \$10.4 million represents the premium the Company paid over the fair value of the net tangible and intangible assets acquired. The Company paid this premium for certain reasons, including the ability to (i) expand its geographic presence; (ii) add more than 1,000 transactional clients, which expands the pipeline of clients to which the Company can market its transportation management services; and (iii) gain access to new carriers that provide specialized transportation services to the Company's existing clients.

The intangible assets (client relationships) have an estimated life of seven years.

The amounts of revenue and net income of the Company's 2010 acquisitions included in its consolidated statement of income from the respective acquisition dates to the year ended December 31, 2010 are \$15.8 million and \$1.1 million respectively. The following unaudited pro forma information presents a summary of the Company's consolidated statements of income for the year ended December 31, 2010 as though the businesses acquired during 2010 had been acquired as of January 1, 2010.

	Year Ended December 31, 2010
Pro forma revenue	\$446,376,042
Pro forma income from operations	13,623,943
Pro forma net income	8,567,405

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Pro forma net income applicable to common shareholders	8,567,405
Pro forma basic earnings per share	\$0.39
Pro forma diluted earnings per share	\$0.39

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The above unaudited pro forma supplemental information is based upon accounting estimates and judgments that the Company believes are reasonable. This unaudited pro forma supplemental information includes the effect of purchase accounting adjustments, such as the adjustments to working capital. These pro forma results are not necessarily indicative either of what would have occurred if the acquisitions had been in effect for the period presented or of future results.

2011 Acquisitions

Nationwide Traffic Services, LLC.

Effective January 1, 2011, the Company acquired Nationwide Traffic Services, LLC. (Nationwide), a non-asset based third-party logistics provider with offices in Santa Fe, California, and the results of Nationwide have been included in the consolidated financial statements since that date. The Company purchased the assets and assumed certain liabilities of Nationwide as of the acquisition date for \$873,768. An additional \$1,750,000 in cash consideration may become payable upon achievement of certain performance measures by or prior to December 31, 2014. As a result of the acquisition, the Company recorded \$2,182,378 of goodwill, of which \$1,515,984 is related to contingent consideration. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company recorded an increase of \$90,959 to the contingent consideration obligation to reflect the change in fair value, which was primarily the result of increases to the forecasted financial performance of Nationwide, resulting in a liability due to seller of \$1,606,943 at December 31, 2011. Changes in the fair value of contingent consideration are included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income. The Company expects total undiscounted contingent consideration payments to Nationwide to be approximately \$1,750,000. Pro forma results of the acquisition have not been included as the acquisition does not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements. The amount of goodwill deductible for U.S. income tax purposes is approximately \$666,000, excluding future contingent consideration payments.

Advantage Transport, Inc.

Effective July 1, 2011, the Company acquired Advantage Transport, Inc. (Advantage), a non-asset based third-party logistics provider with offices in Phoenix, Arizona, and the results of Advantage have been included in the consolidated financial statements since that date. The Company purchased the assets and assumed certain liabilities of Advantage as of the acquisition date for \$3,291,548. An additional \$2,775,000 in cash consideration may become payable upon achievement of certain performance measures by or prior to July 31, 2014. As a result of the acquisition, the Company recorded \$4,841,311 of goodwill, of which \$2,353,640 is related to contingent consideration. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company recorded an increase of \$92,465 to the contingent consideration obligation to reflect the change in fair value, which was primarily the result of increases to the forecasted financial performance of Advantage, resulting in a liability due to seller of \$2,446,105 at December 31, 2011. Changes in the fair value of contingent consideration are included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income. The Company expects total undiscounted contingent consideration payments to Advantage to be between \$2,500,000 and \$2,775,000. As of December 31, 2011, the purchase price allocation has not been finalized due to the timing of the acquisition and terms of the purchase agreement. Pro forma results of the acquisition have not been included as the acquisition does not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements. The amount of goodwill deductible for U.S. income tax purposes is approximately \$2,500,000, excluding future contingent consideration payments.

Trailer Transport Systems

Effective December 1, 2011, the Company acquired the stock of Trailer Transport Systems (TTS), a non-asset based third-party logistics provider with offices in Rochester, New York, and the results of TTS have been included in the consolidated financial statements since that date. The Company acquired 100% of the stock of TTS as of the acquisition date for \$1,902,982. An additional \$1,875,000 in cash consideration may become payable upon achievement of certain performance measures by or prior to November 30, 2014. As a result of the acquisition, the Company recorded \$2,918,130 of goodwill, of which \$1,632,457 is related to contingent consideration. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company recorded an increase of \$8,923 to the contingent consideration obligation to reflect the change in fair value, which was primarily the result of increases to the forecasted financial performance of TTS, resulting in a liability due to seller of \$1,641,380 at December 31, 2011. Changes in the fair value of contingent consideration are included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income. The Company expects total undiscounted contingent consideration payments to TTS to be between \$1,690,000 and \$1,875,000. As of December 31, 2011, the purchase price allocation has not been finalized due to the



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timing of the acquisition and terms of the purchase agreement. Pro forma results of the acquisition have not been included as the acquisition does not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements. There is no goodwill deductible for U.S. income tax purposes.

2011 Business Combinations

The Company has evaluated the 2011 acquisitions to determine if they are material on both an individual and aggregate basis. The Company has concluded the acquisitions of Nationwide, Advantage and TTS are not material on an individual or aggregate basis.

5. Fair Value Measurement

The Company applies ASC Topic 820 Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures for its financial assets and financial liabilities. The guidance requires disclosures about assets and liabilities measured at fair value. The Company's financial assets primarily relate to money market funds and financial liabilities primarily relate to contingent earn-out payments of \$12,852,281. The potential earnout payments and performance are defined in the individual purchase agreement for each acquisition. EBITDA is the performance target defined and measured to determine the earnout payment due, if any, after each defined measurement period.

ASC Topic 820 includes a fair value hierarchy that is intended to increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements and related disclosures. The fair value hierarchy is based on observable or unobservable inputs to valuation techniques that are used to measure fair value. Observable inputs reflect assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability based on market data obtained from independent sources while unobservable inputs reflect a reporting entity's pricing based upon its own market assumptions. The fair value hierarchy consists of the following three levels:

Level 1: Inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Inputs are quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in an active market, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable and market-corroborated inputs, which are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3: Inputs that are derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or value drivers are unobservable.

The significant inputs used to derive the fair value of the amounts due to seller include financial forecasts of future operating results, the probability of reaching the forecast and an appropriate discount rate for each contingent liability. The probability of paying the contingent consideration ranges from 5% to 55%, with discount rates used in determining the fair value of the contingent consideration ranging between 6% and 12%. Historical results of the respective acquisitions serve as the basis for the financial forecasts used in the valuation. Quantitative factors are also considered in these forecasts, including acquisition synergies, growth and sales potential and potential operational efficiencies gained. Changes to the significant inputs used in determining the fair value of the contingent consideration could result in a change in the fair value of the contingent consideration. However, the correlation and inverse relationship between higher projected financial results to the discount rate applied and probability of meeting the financial targets mitigates the effect of any changes to the unobservable inputs.

In November 2011, the Company transferred the funds from a Level 1 financial asset (commercial paper) to a non-interest bearing cash account. As such, the funds are no longer classified as a Level 1 fair value financial asset. The following table sets forth the Company's financial liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the basis of measurement as of December 31, 2011 and 2010:

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	Fair Value Measurements as of December 31, 2011			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:				
Money market funds	\$5,048,029	\$5,048,029	\$—	\$—
Liabilities:				
Contingent consideration obligation	\$(12,852,281 )	\$—	\$—	\$(12,852,281 )

  

	Fair Value Measurements as of December 31, 2010			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:				
Money market funds	34,674,436	34,674,436	—	—
Liabilities:				
Contingent consideration obligation	(9,793,619)	—	—	(9,793,619 )

The following table provides a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for the liabilities measured at fair value using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3):

	Due to Seller	
Balance at January 1, 2010	\$(6,170,041	)
Increase related to purchase accounting for acquisitions	(8,633,770	)
Change in fair value	4,700,192	
Payment of contingent consideration	310,000	
Balance at December 31, 2010	(9,793,619	)
Increase related to purchase accounting for acquisitions	(4,610,009	)
Change in fair value	246,347	
Payment of contingent consideration	1,305,000	
Balance at December 31, 2011	\$(12,852,281	)

For the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, the Company recorded an adjustment to the original contingent consideration obligations recorded upon the acquisitions of FMI (Freight Management, Inc, a 2009 acquisition ("FMI")), DSI, RGA, Lubenow, FLI, DNA, Nationwide, Advantage and TTS. The adjustments were the result of using revised forecasts and updated fair value measurements that adjusted the Company's potential earnout payments related to the purchases of these businesses.

For the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, the Company recognized a benefit of \$4,700,192 and \$246,347, respectively, in selling, general, and administrative expenses in the consolidated statement of income due to the change in fair value measurements using a level three valuation technique.

For the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, the Company paid \$310,000 and \$1,305,000, respectively, in contingent earn-out payments. In 2010, the Company paid the former owners of FMI \$310,000 as the EBITDA targets established in the amended purchase agreement had been met. In 2011, the Company paid the former owners of RGA, Lubenow, FMI, and FLI, \$200,000, \$280,000, \$520,000 and \$305,000, respectively, as the EBITDA targets established in the purchase agreements had been met.

## 6. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment at December 31, 2010 and 2011, consisted of the following:

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	2010	2011
Computer equipment	\$4,450,322	\$5,061,533
Software, including internal use software	15,244,090	21,213,210
Furniture and fixtures	3,064,447	3,544,054
	22,758,859	29,818,797
Less accumulated depreciation	(13,120,059 )	(18,984,271 )
	\$9,638,800	\$10,834,526

Depreciation expense, including amortization of capitalized internal use software, was \$3,932,626, \$5,071,637 and \$5,864,212 for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively.

## 7. Intangibles and Other Assets

The following is a summary of goodwill as of December 31:

Balance as of December 31, 2009	\$18,651,496
Additional purchase price related to the purchase of Mountain Logistics, Inc.	1,850,000
Additional purchase price related to the purchase of Bestway Solutions LLC	101,100
Goodwill related to the purchase of DSI	1,947,161
Goodwill related to the purchase of RGA	1,383,867
Goodwill related to the purchase of Lubenow	1,077,859
Goodwill related to the purchase of FLI	1,002,036
Goodwill related to the purchase of DNA	6,584,058
Balance as of December 31, 2010	32,597,577
Additional purchase price related to the purchase of Mountain Logistics, Inc.	500,000
Additional goodwill acquired related to the purchase of FLI	99,730
Goodwill reduction related to the purchase of DNA	(1,662,914 )
Goodwill acquired related to the purchase of Nationwide	2,182,378
Goodwill acquired related to the purchase of Advantage	4,841,311
Goodwill acquired related to the purchase of TTS	2,918,130
Balance as of December 31, 2011	\$41,476,212

The following is a summary of amortizable intangible assets as of December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011:

	December 31, 2010	December 31, 2011	Weighted-Average Life
Customer relationships	\$10,744,064	\$12,516,322	6.5 years
Noncompete agreements	139,000	139,000	2.9 years
Trade names	190,000	190,000	3.0 years
	11,073,064	12,845,322	6.4 years
Less accumulated amortization	(4,098,246 )	(6,563,870 )	
Intangible assets, net	\$6,974,818	\$6,281,452	

Amortization expense related to intangible assets was \$1,058,293, \$1,854,481 and \$2,465,624 for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively.



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The estimated amortization expense for the next five years and thereafter is as follows:

2012	1,802,668
2013	1,397,229
2014	1,108,454
2015	904,869
2016	595,253
Thereafter	472,979
	\$6,281,452

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## 8. Accrued Expenses

The components of accrued expenses at December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011 are as follows:

	December 31, 2010	December 31, 2011
Accrued compensation	\$489,736	\$1,710,448
Accrued rebates	1,412,715	1,557,081
Deferred rent	760,112	706,188
Other	736,057	1,221,828
Total accrued expenses	\$3,398,620	\$5,195,545

## 9. Line of Credit

In the third quarter of 2011, the Company extended the \$10.0 million line of credit with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. which is due to expire on July 31, 2012. Any outstanding borrowings are collateralized by substantially all of our assets. The maximum amount outstanding under our line of credit cannot exceed 80% of the book value of our eligible accounts receivable. The line of credit contains limitations on our ability to incur indebtedness, create liens and make certain investments. Interest on the line of credit is payable month at an interest rate equal to either: (1) the prime rate or (2) LIBOR plus 2.25%. We have discretion in determining if specific advances against the line of credit drawn down as a prime rate advance or a LIBOR advance. The terms of the credit line include various covenants, including covenants that require us to maintain a maximum leverage ratio and a minimum interest coverage ratio. As of December 31, 2011, the Company was not in violation of any of these various covenants. No borrowings were outstanding as of December 31, 2010 and 2011.

## 10. Commitments and Contingencies

## Leases

In April 2007, as amended August 2008, the Company entered into an operating lease agreement for an office facility. The lease agreement expires in November 2015, and has escalating base monthly rental payments ranging from \$29,798 to \$162,410, plus an additional monthly payment for real estate taxes and common area maintenance fees related to the building. The Company has an option to renew this lease for an additional five-year term at a lease rate that is equal to the prevailing fair market value at that time.

Additionally, the Company entered into various capital leases for the acquisition of office furniture and equipment whereby it can purchase the underlying assets for a nominal amount at the end of the lease term. The cost of the furniture and equipment capitalized in conjunction with these capital leases was \$1,234,163 as of December 31, 2010 and 2011. The related accumulated amortization of the furniture capitalized in conjunction with these capital leases was \$548,204 and \$747,134 as of December 31, 2010 and 2011, respectively. The related amortization expense is included in depreciation and amortization expense on the accompanying statements of operations.

During 2010 and 2011, the Company also assumed contractual operating and capital lease obligations through acquisitions, which consisted primarily of building operating leases expiring at various dates through 2017.

The Company recognizes operating lease rental expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. The total rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively, was \$2,261,395, \$2,449,653 and \$2,877,540, respectively.

Future minimum annual rental payments, excluding immaterial sublease income, are as follows:



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	Capital Leases	Operating Leases
2012	\$184,557	\$2,600,971
2013	25,443	2,629,203
2014	—	2,226,431
2015	—	1,718,513
2016	—	342,835
Thereafter	—	218,673
	210,000	9,736,626
Less amounts representing interest expense	(10,748	) —
	\$199,252	\$9,736,626

## 11. Income Taxes

On June 7, 2006, the Company converted from a limited liability company to a C-corporation. As a result of this conversion, the Company now accounts for income taxes in accordance with ASC Topic 740 (previously SFAS No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes), under which deferred assets and liabilities are recognized based upon anticipated future tax consequences attributable to differences between financial statement carrying values of assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. As a result of the \$9.4 million share redemption occurring in June 2006 (see Note 12), the tax basis of the Company increased resulting in the recognition of a deferred tax asset of \$3.8 million, for which a valuation allowance of \$2.0 million was recorded with a corresponding net increase to additional paid-in capital of \$2.0 million. Periodically, the Company reviews the continuing need for the valuation allowance based on the factors existing at the time of the review. The Company evaluated this valuation allowance as of December 31, 2009 and determined that it was more likely than not that the existing deferred tax assets would be fully realized, and the valuation allowance was reduced to zero which was recorded as a tax benefit in 2009. Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted the provisions of ASC Topic 740 (previously FIN 48), a summary of which is provided in Note 2. The Company did not have any unrecognized tax benefits at adoption and, therefore, there was no effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations as a result of implementing the guidance. In addition, there were no changes, increases or decreases in unrecognized tax benefits for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2008. For the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, the Company recognized an increase of \$19,991 and \$64,413 in unrecognized tax benefits, respectively. This was included in deferred tax liabilities as of December 31, 2009 and 2010. The Company's policy is to recognize interest and penalties on unrecognized tax benefits as a component of income tax expense. As of the date of adoption, the Company did not have any accrued interest or penalties associated with unrecognized tax benefits nor did the Company record any interest or penalties during 2009, 2010 and 2011. The following is a reconciliation of the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits excluding interest and penalties for the 2011 annual reporting period:

	2010	2011
Balance at January 1	\$72,856	\$92,847
Gross increases — current period tax positions	19,991	64,413
Balance at December 31	\$92,847	\$157,260

The Company does not believe it will have any significant changes in the amount of unrecognized tax benefits in the next 12 months. The total amount of the unrecognized tax benefits, if recognized, for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, respectively, would affect the effective tax rate. The evaluation was performed for the tax years ended December 31, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 which remain subject to examination by major tax jurisdictions.

The provision for income taxes consists of the following components for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011:

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	2009	2010	2011	
Current:				
Federal	\$115,645	\$1,374,945	\$6,073,140	
State	80,915	181,103	587,391	
Total current	196,560	1,556,048	6,660,531	
Deferred:				
Federal	(539,000	) 2,928,981	(99,131	)
State	(268,104	) 280,134	51,919	
Total deferred	(807,104	) 3,209,115	(47,212	)
Income tax expense (benefit)	\$(610,544	) \$4,765,163	\$6,613,319	

The provision for income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011, differs from the amount computed by applying the U.S. federal income tax rate of 35% to pretax income because of the effect of the following items:

	2009	2010	2011	
Tax expense at U.S. federal income tax rate	\$1,559,050	\$4,478,741	\$6,531,534	
State income taxes, net of federal income tax effect	98,168	263,123	429,067	
Nondeductible expenses and other	73,573	100,694	87,986	
Effect of state rate change on deferred items	50,730	(1,327	) 100,340	
Deferred tax asset valuation allowance	(1,964,642	) —	—	
Research and development credit	(487,466	) —	(295,091	)
Unrecognized tax benefits reassessment	72,856	19,991	64,413	
Provision to return adjustments	(12,813	) (96,059	) (304,930	)
	\$(610,544	) \$4,765,163	\$6,613,319	

At December 31, 2010 and 2011, the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities consisted of the following:

	2010	2011	
Current deferred tax assets:			
Reserves and allowances	\$1,537,128	\$1,731,277	
Total current deferred tax assets	1,537,128	1,731,277	
Noncurrent deferred tax assets:			
Intangible assets	900,671	433,899	
Stock options	556,068	989,885	
Research and development credit	59,387	(61,015	)
Net operating loss carryforward	15,786	18,244	
Total noncurrent deferred tax assets	1,531,912	1,381,013	
Total deferred tax assets	3,069,040	3,112,290	
Less valuation allowance for deferred tax assets	—	—	
Total deferred tax assets, net of valuation allowances	3,069,040	3,112,290	
Total current deferred tax liability:			
Prepaid and other expenses	3,325,291	2,654,364	
Noncurrent deferred tax liabilities:			
Fixed assets	2,478,643	3,437,409	
Total deferred tax liabilities	5,803,934	6,091,773	
Net deferred tax asset (liability)	\$(2,734,894	) \$(2,979,483	)

As of December 31, 2011, the Company has a state net operating loss carryforward of \$325,000 that expires between 2019 and 2021.



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## 12. Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)

## Initial Public Offering

In October 2009, the Company completed an initial public offering of shares of its common stock. The Company offered and sold 5,700,000 shares of common stock at a price to the public of \$14.00 per share. All 5,700,000 shares were sold by the Company. The net proceeds to the Company from the initial public offering were \$68.6 million, which, in part, the Company used for dividend payments to certain shareholders, and to repay outstanding indebtedness under its line of credit and loan agreement with certain existing shareholders.

In addition, the board of directors has the authority to issue up to 2,500,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more series and to establish the preferred stock's voting powers, preferences and other rights and qualifications without any further vote or action by the stockholders. As of December 31, 2011, there was no preferred stock outstanding.

## 13. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per common share is calculated by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average shares outstanding plus share equivalents that would arise from the exercise of share options and the conversion of preferred shares. Employee stock options totaling 51,500, 119,500 and 38,556 for 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively, were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share, as they were anti-dilutive. The computation of basic and diluted earnings per common share for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011 are as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2009	2010	2011
Numerator:			
Net income	\$5,195,984	\$8,404,638	\$12,048,172
Preferred stock dividends	(806,625	) —	—
Net income applicable to common shareholders	4,389,359	8,404,638	12,048,172
Denominator:			
Denominator for basic earnings per share - weighted-average shares	14,702,760	21,863,045	22,132,355
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Employee stock options	386,233	376,322	444,119
Denominator for dilutive earnings per share	15,088,993	22,239,367	22,576,474
Basic net income per common share	\$0.30	\$0.38	\$0.54
Diluted net income per common share	\$0.29	\$0.38	\$0.53

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## 14. Stock-Based Compensation Plans

In March 2005, the Company adopted the 2005 Stock Option Plan providing for the issuance of stock options of Series A common shares. During the fourth quarter of 2009, the Company adopted the 2008 Stock Incentive Plan (The Plan). Upon adoption, the 2005 Stock Option Plan was merged into the Stock Incentive Plan and ceased to separately exist. Outstanding awards under the Stock Option Plan are now subject to the Stock Incentive Plan and no additional awards may be made under the Stock Option Plan on or after the effective date of the Stock Incentive Plan. A total of 1,400,000 shares of common stock have been reserved for issuance under the Plan. The plan is administered by the Board of Directors who determine the type of award, exercise price of options, the number of options to be issued, and the vesting period. As specified in the Plan, the exercise price per share shall not be less than the fair market value on the effective date of grant. Upon exercise of a stock option under the Plan, new stock is issued. The term of an option does not exceed 10 years, and the options generally vest ratably over one to five years from the date of grant. Under the Plan, two types of stock incentives have been issued: stock option awards and restricted stock awards. In 2011, the Company granted 189,806 options to certain employees at exercise prices ranging from \$11.78 to \$15.42, of which 33,556 will vest ratably over 3 years, 3,000 options will vest over a 12 month period, and the remaining 153,250 options will vest ratably over 5 years. In addition, the Company also awarded 189,250 shares of restricted stock to certain employees that vest ratably over a 5-year period based on their continued employment. The grant date fair value of the restricted stock granted ranged from \$11.78 to \$12.88. There was \$1,726,168 and \$4,336,834 of total unrecognized compensation costs related to the stock-based compensation granted under the plans as of December 31, 2010 and 2011, respectively. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.0 years.

## Stock Option Awards

Using the Black-Scholes-Merton option valuation model and the assumptions listed below, the Company recorded \$521,764, \$592,372 and \$1,086,524 in compensation expense with corresponding tax benefits of \$203,488, \$231,025 and \$423,744 for stock option awards for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively.

The following assumptions were utilized in the valuation for options granted in 2009, 2010 and 2011:

	2009	2010	2011
Dividend yield	—	—	—
Risk-free interest rate	2.28% - 3.39%	1.77% - 3.05%	1.98% - 3.37%
Weighted-average expected life	7.1 years	7.4 years	7.3 years
Volatility	33.5	% 36.0	% 35.0% - 35.2%

The volatility assumption used in the valuation for options granted was determined by analyzing the volatilities of comparable companies that are in a similar industry and stage of development as the Company. The expected life of options granted for all periods was determined using the simplified method under Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 110 (SAB 110) and is calculated by taking the average of the vesting term and contractual life of the option grant. The simplified method under SAB 110 may be used as the Company does not have sufficient historical exercise data to provide a reasonable basis upon which to estimate the expected life.

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A summary of stock option activity is as follows:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2009	1,494,200	\$6.32	8.3	\$764,292
Granted	292,850	8.49		
Exercised	(81,250 )	1.87		\$511,750
Forfeited or canceled	(42,900 )	9.44		
Outstanding at December 31, 2009	1,662,900	6.84	7.9	\$9,721,099
Granted	545,000	11.56		
Exercised	(275,191 )	5.23		\$1,872,797
Forfeited or canceled	(288,236 )	10.11		
Outstanding at December 31, 2010	1,644,473	8.10	7.9	\$7,383,305
Granted	189,806	12.61		
Exercised	(109,007 )	6.85		\$—
Forfeited or canceled	(124,666 )	9.81		
Outstanding at December 31, 2011	1,600,606	\$8.56	6.9	\$12,152,215
Options vested and exercisable at December 31, 2011	967,367	\$6.56	5.8	\$9,273,186

The following table provides information about stock options granted and vested in the years ended December 31:

	2009	2010	2011
Options granted:			
Range of exercise prices per share of options granted	\$ 6.84 - 14.06	\$ 11.31 - 13.00	\$ 11.78 - 15.42
Options vested/exercisable:			
Grant date fair value of options vested	\$3,361,447	\$1,703,505	\$2,007,126
Aggregate intrinsic value of options vested and exercisable at end of period	\$5,514,067	\$5,840,320	\$12,152,215

The aggregate intrinsic value of options outstanding and exercisable represents the total pretax intrinsic value (the difference between the fair value of the Company's stock on the last day of each fiscal year and the exercise price, multiplied by the number of options where the exercise price exceeds the fair value) that would have been received by the option holders had all option holders exercised their options as of December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively. These amounts change based on the fair market value of the Company's stock, which was \$12.69, \$12.04 and \$16.15, on the last business day of the years ended December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively. The weighted-average grant-date fair market value for 2011 option grants was \$5.57.

#### Restricted Stock Awards

In 2011, we awarded restricted shares to certain key employees that vest primarily based on their continued employment. The value of these awards is established by the market price on the date of the grant and is being expensed ratably over the vesting period of the award. The following table summarizes these nonvested restricted share grants as of December 31, 2011:

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	Number of Restricted Shares
Nonvested at December 31, 2010:	—
Granted	197,750
Vested	—
Forfeitures	(8,500 )
Nonvested at December 31, 2011	189,250

In 2011, the Company recorded \$257,228 in compensation expense with corresponding tax benefits of \$100,319 for restricted stock awards.

#### 15. Benefit Plans

The Company adopted a 401(k) savings plan effective September 1, 2005, covering all of the Company's employees upon hiring date. Employees may contribute a percentage of eligible compensation on both a before-tax basis and an after-tax basis. The Company has the right to make discretionary contributions to the plan. For the years ended December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011, the Company did not make any contributions to the plan.

#### 16. Significant Customer Concentration

For the years ended December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011, all revenue consisted of sales generated from customers that were individually less than 10% of the Company's total revenue.

#### 17. Related Parties

Certain stockholders and directors of the Company have a direct and/or indirect ownership interest in InnerWorkings, Inc. (InnerWorkings), a publicly-traded company that provides print procurement services. InnerWorkings is one of the Company's stockholders. As of December 31, 2011, InnerWorkings owned 69,954 shares of the Company's common stock, or 0.3% of total shares outstanding on a fully-diluted basis.

The Company provides transportation and logistics services to InnerWorkings. The Company recognized revenue of \$4,199,204, \$6,828,067 and \$8,769,861 for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively, from InnerWorkings. In 2009 and 2010, the Company also had a rebate program in place with InnerWorkings in association with the transportation and logistics services provided. The rebate agreement was terminated in the fourth quarter of 2010. InnerWorkings also provides print and procurement services to the Company.

As of December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011, the Company had a net receivable due from InnerWorkings of \$941,669 and \$1,800,181, respectively. The Company had accounts payable of \$184,803 and \$148,443 due to InnerWorkings as of December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011, respectively, as a result of the rebate agreement in 2010 as well as the print and procurement services.

During 2010, an executive officer at CareerBuilder.com, a privately-held online job website, became a member of the Company's Board of Directors. CareerBuilder.com provides the Company with online job posting services.

During 2010 and 2011, the Company used the law firm Lefkofsky & Gorosch, P.C. for legal services. Lefkofsky & Gorosch, P.C. was founded by Steven P. Lefkofsky, the brother of Eric Lefkofsky, a member of the Company's Board of Directors.

In December 2010, Orazio Buzzza, the Company's former Chief Operating Officer, Vip Sandir, a former employee of the Company, and certain current employees of the Company (collectively, the "Fooda parties") started Fooda, Inc., a business that facilitates the delivery of lunch to business premises. In exchange for any rights that the Company may have had in Fooda's business as a result of the Fooda parties developing the business plan during the course of their employment with the Company, the Fooda parties caused Fooda to issue to the Company a 13% ownership interest in Fooda and paid the Company \$100,000 in cash. A fund affiliated with Eric P. Lefkofsky and Bradley A. Keywell also invested in Fooda. In February 2011, the Company



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sold the 13% ownership interest in Fooda to Messrs. Buzza and Sandhir for \$325,000 in cash.

The Company previously subleased a portion of its office space to Groupon, Inc. (Groupon), a local e-commerce marketplace, whose investors include certain stockholders and directors of the Company. The sublease agreement was entered into on May 1, 2009 and was cancelled effective April 1, 2011. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company received sublease rental income of \$37,044 from Groupon. The Company had no amounts due to or from Groupon as of December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011.

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## 18. Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)

	Year Ended December 31, 2010			
	First Quarter	Second Quarter(1)	Third Quarter(2)	Fourth Quarter(3)
Revenue	\$89,104,024	\$109,904,864	\$113,532,992	\$113,832,095
Net revenue	17,044,537	20,048,790	21,466,389	22,605,684
Net income	1,235,971	1,926,033	2,595,155	2,647,479
Net income (loss) applicable to common stockholders	1,235,971	1,926,033	2,595,155	2,647,479
Net income per share:				
Basic	\$0.06	\$0.09	\$0.12	\$0.12
Diluted	\$0.06	\$0.09	\$0.12	\$0.12
	Year Ended December 31, 2011			
	First Quarter(4)	Second Quarter	Third Quarter(5)	Fourth Quarter(6)
Revenue	\$129,445,571	\$151,504,471	\$158,956,001	\$162,857,428
Net revenue	25,525,955	29,286,557	30,619,404	31,784,713
Net income	2,241,399	2,895,314	3,379,501	3,531,958
Net income applicable to common stockholders	2,241,399	2,895,314	3,379,501	3,531,958
Net income per share:				
Basic	\$0.10	\$0.13	\$0.15	\$0.16
Diluted	\$0.10	\$0.13	\$0.15	\$0.16

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- (1) The Company acquired Lubenow Logistics, LLC in May 2010 and the financial results of this acquisition are included in the consolidated financial statements beginning May 1, 2010.
- (2) The Company acquired Freight Lanes International Inc. in September 2010 and the financial results of this acquisition are included in the consolidated financial statements beginning September 1, 2010.
- (3) The Company acquired DNA Freight Inc. in December 2010 and the financial results of this acquisition are included in the consolidated financial statements beginning December 1, 2010.
- (4) The Company acquired Nationwide Traffic Services, LLC in January 2011 and the financial results of this acquisition are included in the consolidated financial statements beginning January 1, 2011.
- (5) The Company acquired Advantage Transport, Inc. in July 2011 and the financial results of this acquisition are included in the consolidated financial statements beginning July 1, 2011.
- (6) The Company acquired Trailer Transport Systems in December 2011 and the financial results of this acquisition are included in the consolidated financial statements beginning December 1, 2011.

## 19. Legal Matters

In the normal course of business, the Company is subject to potential claims and disputes related to its business, including claims for freight lost or damaged in transit. Some of these matters may be covered by the Company's insurance and risk management programs or may result in claims or adjustments with the Company's carriers.

In October 2010, we filed a lawsuit against one of our former enterprise clients demanding payment of outstanding amounts due. Management believes all billed amounts, approximately \$2.7 million, are due and collectible and as such, the entire amount due is reflected in accounts receivable, net of the allowance for doubtful accounts, as of December 31, 2011. The allowance for doubtful accounts has been adjusted to reflect our estimate of the probable outcome of this dispute. Concurrently, a lawsuit was filed by this client against us alleging damages of approximately \$2.5 million. Management believes this lawsuit is without merit and intends to vigorously dispute this claim.



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Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and Subsidiaries

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Years Ended December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011

Management does not believe that the outcome of any of the legal proceedings to which the Company is a party will have a materially adverse effect on its financial position or results of operations.

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## SCHEDULE II - VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

## Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

	2009	2010	2011
Allowance for doubtful accounts:			
Balance at beginning of year	\$688,197	\$1,323,916	\$2,786,776
Provision, charged to expense	970,761	2,388,059	1,536,496
Write-offs, less recoveries	(335,042	) (925,199	) (1,305,530
Balance at end of year	1,323,916	2,786,776	3,017,742
Income tax valuation allowance:			
Balance at beginning of year	1,964,642	—	—
Release of valuation allowance recorded in connection with impact of tax basis intangible	(1,964,642	) —	—
Valuation allowance recorded in connection with research and development credit	—	—	64,413
Balance at end of year	—	—	64,413

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Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure  
None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.

Under the supervision and with the participation of our senior management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation 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 Annual Report (the "Evaluation Date"). Based on this evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded as of the Evaluation Date that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective such that the information relating to the Company, including consolidated subsidiaries, required to be disclosed in our Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") reports (i) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms, and (ii) is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f). Our internal control system was designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Based on its evaluation, management concluded that our internal controls over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2011. As required under this Item 9A, the management's report titled "Management's Assessment of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting" is set forth in "Item 8 - Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" and is incorporated herein by reference.

Attestation Report of the Registered Public Accounting Firm

As required under this Item 9A, the auditor's attestation report titled "Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting" is set forth in "Item 8 - Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" and is incorporated herein by reference.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarterly period ended December 31, 2011 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## Part III

## Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

Certain information required by this Item 10 relating to our directors and executive officers is incorporated by reference herein from our 2011 proxy statement to be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the close of our fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

We have adopted a code of ethics, which is posted in the Investor section on our website at <http://www.echo.com>. We intend to include on our website any amendments to, or waivers from, a provision of the code of ethics that applies to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, or controller that relates to any element of the code of ethics definition contained in Item 406(b) of SEC Regulation S-K.

## Item 11. Executive Compensation

Certain information required by this Item 11 relating to remuneration of directors and executive officers and other transactions involving management is incorporated by reference herein from our 2012 proxy statement to be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the close of our fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters  
Securities Authorized For Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plan

## Plan Category

	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a))	
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders(1)	1,600,606	\$ 8.56	825,721	(2)
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders(3)	—	—	—	
Total	1,600,606	\$ 8.10	—	

(1) Includes our 2005 Stock Option Plan, which was merged with our 2008 Stock Incentive Plan

(2) Includes shares remaining available for future issuance under our 2008 Stock Incentive Plan

(3) There are no equity compensation plans in place not approved by our stockholders

Certain information required by this Item 12 relating to security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management is incorporated by reference herein from our 2012 proxy statement to be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the close of our fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

## Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

Certain information required by this Item 13 relating to certain relationships and related transactions and director independence is incorporated by reference herein from our 2012 proxy statement to be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the close of our fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

## Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services

Certain information required by this Item 14 regarding principal accounting fees and services is incorporated by reference herein from the section entitled "Matters Concerning Our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" in our 2012 proxy statement to be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the close of our fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

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PART IV. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules

(a)(1) Financial Statements: Reference is made to the Index to Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedule in the section entitled "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(2) Financial Statement Schedule: Reference is made to the Index to Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedule in the section entitled "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Schedules not listed above are omitted because they are not required or because the required information is given in the consolidated financial statements or notes thereto.

(3) Exhibits: Exhibits are as set forth in the section entitled "Exhibit Index" which follows the section entitled "Signatures" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Certain of the exhibits listed in the Exhibit Index have been previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such exhibits are identified by the parenthetical references following the listing of each such exhibit and are incorporated by reference.

Exhibits which are incorporated herein by reference can be inspected and copied at the public reference rooms maintained by the SEC in Washington, D.C., New York, New York, and Chicago, Illinois. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms. SEC filings are also available to the public from commercial document retrieval services and at the Web site maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

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SIGNATURES

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

ECHO GLOBAL LOGISTICS, INC.  
By: /s/ DOUGLAS R. WAGGONER  
Douglas R. Waggoner  
Chief Executive Officer

KNOWN BY ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that the individuals whose signatures appear below hereby constitute and appoint Douglas R. Waggoner and David B. Menzel, and each of them severally, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents with full power of substitution and resubstitution for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead in any and all capacities to sign any and all amendments to this Annual Report on Form 10-K and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, full power and authority to do or perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or of his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do to cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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

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Signature	Title	Date
/s/ DOUGLAS R. WAGGONER Douglas R. Waggoner	Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer) and Director	March 7, 2012
/s/ DAVID B. MENZEL David B. Menzel	Chief Financial Officer (principal accounting and financial officer)	March 7, 2012
/s/ SAMUEL K. SKINNER Samuel K. Skinner	Chairman of the Board	March 7, 2012
/s/ JOHN R. WALTER John R. Walter	Director	March 7, 2012
/s/ JOHN F. SANDNER John F. Sandner	Director	March 7, 2012
/s/ PETER J. BARRIS Peter J. Barris	Director	March 7, 2012
/s/ ANTHONY R. BOBULINSKI Anthony R. Bobulinski	Director	March 7, 2012
/s/ ERIC P. LEFKOFSKY Eric P. Lefkofsky	Director	March 7, 2012
/s/ BRADLEY A. KEYWELL Bradley A. Keywell	Director	March 7, 2012
/s/ MATTHEW W. FERGUSON Matthew W. Ferguson	Director	March 7, 2012

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
3.1 (1)	Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation.
3.2 (1)	Amended and Restated By-laws.
4.1 (1)	Specimen Common Stock Certificate.
4.2 (1)	Investor Rights Agreement effective as of June 7, 2006 by and among Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and certain investors set forth therein.
10.1 (1)†	Echo Global Logistics, LLC 2005 Stock Option Plan.
10.2 (1)†	Amended and Restated Echo Global Logistics, Inc. 2008 Stock Incentive Plan.
10.3 (1)†	Echo Global Logistics, Inc. Annual Incentive Plan.
10.4 (1)†	Employment Agreement, dated as of September 24, 2009, by and between Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and Douglas R. Waggoner.
10.5 (1)†	Employment Agreement, dated as of April 7, 2008, by and between Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and David B. Menzel.
10.6 (1)†	Employment Agreement, dated as of September 24, 2009, by and between Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and David Rowe.
10.7 (1)	Form of Indemnification Agreement.
10.8 (1)	Asset Purchase Agreement dated June 2, 2009 by and among Echo/RT Holdings, LLC, RayTrans Distribution Services, Inc., RayTrans Holdings, Inc. and James A. Ray.
10.9 (1)	Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated August 26, 2009, by and between Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and EGL Mezzanine LLC.
10.10 (1)	Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated August 26, 2009, by and between Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as amended by the First Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 8, 2009.
10.13 (1)	Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated August 26, 2009, by and between Echo Global Logistics, Inc. and EGL Mezzanine LLC.
21.1	Subsidiaries of Echo. *
23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP. *
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act 2002.*

31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*

32.1 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*

32.2 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*

101 The following financial information from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 is formatted in eXtensible Business Reporting Language: (i) consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2011 and 2010; (ii) consolidated statements of income for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2011; (iii) consolidated statements of stockholders' equity (deficit) for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2011; (iv) consolidated statements of cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2011; and (iv) notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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(1) Incorporated by reference to Form S-1 Registration Statement (File No. 333-150514).

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- † Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement of the Company.
- \* Filed herewith.

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