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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

October 1, 2011 For the quarterly period ended October 1, 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 001-33226

NEXTWAVE WIRELESS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of

20-5361360
(IRS Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

12264 El Camino Real, Suite 305, San Diego, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

92130
(Zip Code)

(619) 573-1570

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

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

Smaller reporting company

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

As of October 30, 2011, there were 24,938,132 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

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Table of Contents**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****ITEM 1. Financial Statements****NEXTWAVE WIRELESS INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(in thousands, except par value data)****(unaudited)**

	October 1, 2011	January 1, 2011
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,739	\$ 42,528
Restricted cash	23	20
Short-term investment	15,000	
Wireless spectrum licenses held for sale	6,535	6,535
Deferred financing costs, net	614	3,262
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	541	1,092
Current assets of discontinued operations	3,557	3,632
Total current assets	35,009	57,069
Wireless spectrum licenses, net	430,700	437,781
Property and equipment, net	1,532	2,188
Other assets	472	115
Total assets	\$ 467,713	\$ 497,153
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS DEFICIT		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 326	\$ 947
Accrued expenses	1,441	3,427
Current portion of long-term obligations	958,287	784,649
Other current liabilities	11	1,272
Current liabilities of discontinued operations	54	515
Total current liabilities	960,119	790,810
Deferred income tax liabilities	83,243	84,688
Long-term obligations, net of current portion	17,720	19,821
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' deficit:		
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 25,000 shares authorized; 355 shares designated as Series A Senior Convertible Preferred Stock; no other shares issued or outstanding		
Common stock, \$0.007 par value; 57,143 shares authorized; 23,510 and 23,729 shares issued at October 1, 2011 and January 1, 2011, respectively; 23,510 shares outstanding at October 1, 2011 and January 1, 2011	165	166
Additional paid-in-capital	888,302	887,676
Accumulated other comprehensive income	21,136	21,116
Accumulated deficit	(1,502,972)	(1,307,124)

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Total stockholders' deficit	(593,369)	(398,166)
Total liabilities and stockholders' deficit	\$ 467,713	\$ 497,153

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

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	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	October 1, 2011	October 2, 2010	October 1, 2011	October 2, 2010
Operating expenses:				
General and administrative	\$ 4,809	\$ 9,364	\$ 16,826	\$ 23,223
Restructuring credits		(247)	(1,076)	(232)
Total operating expenses	4,809	9,117	15,750	22,991
Net gains (losses) on sale of wireless spectrum licenses	(195)	(1)	(200)	11
Loss from operations	(5,004)	(9,118)	(15,950)	(22,980)
Other income (expense):				
Interest income	13	43	42	557
Interest expense	(64,762)	(56,779)	(185,007)	(155,042)
Gain on extinguishment of debt				37,988
Other income (expense), net	(7)	407	1,245	9,788
Total other expense, net	(64,756)	(56,329)	(183,720)	(106,709)
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	(69,760)	(65,447)	(199,670)	(129,689)
Income tax benefit	262		2,082	
Net loss from continuing operations	(69,498)	(65,447)	(197,588)	(129,689)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations before income taxes, net of gains (losses) on divestitures of discontinued operations of \$(1), \$(1,219), \$2,119 and \$(5,835), respectively	66	(20,978)	2,740	(32,398)
Income tax benefit (provision)	(24)	4,158	(1,000)	4,051
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations	42	(16,820)	1,740	(28,347)
Net loss attributed to noncontrolling interest in subsidiary		2,557		3,794
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations attributed to NextWave	42	(14,263)	1,740	(24,553)
Net loss attributed to NextWave	\$ (69,456)	\$ (79,710)	\$ (195,848)	\$ (154,242)
Other comprehensive loss:				
Net loss	\$ (69,456)	\$ (82,267)	\$ (195,848)	\$ (158,036)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(2,653)	2,852	20	5,273
Total other comprehensive loss	(72,109)	(79,415)	(195,828)	(152,763)
Comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interest in subsidiary		1,932		4,134

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Other comprehensive loss attributed to NextWave	\$ (72,109)	\$ (77,483)	\$ (195,828)	\$ (148,629)
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Amounts attributed to NextWave common shares:

Net loss from continuing operations	\$ (69,498)	\$ (65,447)	\$ (197,588)	\$ (129,689)
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Net income (loss) per share attributed to NextWave common shares basic and diluted

Continuing operations	\$ (2.89)	\$ (2.69)	\$ (8.21)	\$ (5.35)
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Discontinued operations		(0.59)	0.07	(1.01)
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Net loss	\$ (2.89)	\$ (3.28)	\$ (8.14)	\$ (6.36)
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Weighted-average shares used in per share calculation	24,060	24,279	24,060	24,264
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	Nine Months Ended	
	October 1, 2011	October 2, 2010
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net loss	\$ (195,848)	\$ (158,036)
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations	1,740	(28,347)
Net loss from continuing operations	(197,588)	(129,689)
Adjustments to reconcile loss from continuing operations to net cash used in operating activities of continuing operations:		
Amortization of intangible assets	5,709	5,756
Depreciation	656	316
Non-cash share-based compensation	625	855
Paid-in-kind interest	98,448	81,527
Amortization of deferred financing costs and discounts	86,552	73,224
Gain on extinguishment of debt		(37,988)
(Gain) loss on sales of wireless spectrum licenses	200	(11)
Gains from changes in estimated fair values of embedded derivatives	(1,261)	(8,499)
Other non-cash adjustments	(1,044)	1,015
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	551	91
Other assets	(389)	(195)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(2,610)	(4,903)
Other liabilities and deferred credits	(1,082)	(123)
Net cash used in operating activities of continuing operations	(11,233)	(18,613)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of held-to-maturity investment security	(15,000)	
Proceeds from the sale of wireless spectrum licenses, net of selling costs	(200)	3,431
Proceeds from the sale of auction-rate securities		24,023
Payments for the purchase of property and equipment		(2,856)
Other, net		91
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities of continuing operations	(15,200)	24,689
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payments on long-term obligations	(10,137)	(25,442)
Proceeds from long-term obligations		25,000
Proceeds from the sale of common shares		141
Payment to restricted spectrum sales cash account used to redeem long-term obligations		(696)
Net cash used in financing activities of continuing operations	(10,137)	(997)
Cash provided (used) by discontinued operations:		
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities of discontinued operations	(906)	18,170
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities of discontinued operations	3,654	(790)

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Net cash provided by discontinued operations	2,748	17,380
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash	3	(685)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(33,819)	21,774
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	42,598	20,512
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	8,779	42,286
Less cash and cash equivalents of discontinued operations, end of period	(40)	(19,633)
Cash and cash equivalents of continuing operations, end of period	\$ 8,739	\$ 22,653

NON CASH FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Senior, Second and Third Lien Notes issued to noteholders in exchange for debt modification fees	\$	\$ 21,249
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**NEXTWAVE WIRELESS INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****1. Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies*****Financial Statement Preparation***

The condensed consolidated financial statements of NextWave Wireless Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, the Company, NextWave, we, our us) are unaudited. We have prepared the condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and, therefore, certain information and disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States have been condensed or omitted. In the opinion of management, the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements for the periods presented reflect all adjustments necessary to fairly state our financial position, results of operations and cash flows, including adjustments related to asset impairment write-offs and restructuring-related charges and credits. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with our audited financial statements for the year ended January 1, 2011, from which the balance sheet data was derived, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 17, 2011.

Basis of Presentation and Liquidity

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming that we will continue as a going concern. This basis of accounting contemplates the recovery of our assets and the satisfaction of our liabilities in the normal course of business. Our Senior Secured Notes (the Senior Notes), having an aggregate principal amount of \$133.0 million at October 1, 2011, were due to mature on July 17, 2011. On July 17, 2011, the holders of our Senior Notes provided a limited waiver of our obligation to pay these notes in full on their maturity date. Concurrently with the expiration of the limited waiver on August 1, 2011, we entered into a Forbearance Agreement with all of the holders of our secured notes pursuant to which such holders agreed to forbear from exercising their remedies relating to payment and other potential defaults through November 30, 2011, subject to certain conditions including our commitment to consummate a refinancing transaction. We have been engaged in discussions with the holders of our secured notes relating to a maturity extension and related amendments to our notes agreements since January 2011. The holders of our notes have not agreed to a maturity extension. An independent committee of our Board of Directors has authorized us to seek alternative sources of financing to repay our Senior Notes and Senior Subordinated Secured Second Lien Notes due 2011 (the Second Lien Notes). At this time, alternative financing has not been identified and cannot be assured. The Forbearance Agreement contemplates that we will meet certain milestones in an offering of new senior notes for net proceeds of at least \$380 million with a maturity date no earlier than June 30, 2014 (the New First Lien Notes). As permitted by the Forbearance Agreement, the holders of our Senior Notes have extended the date by which we must complete a refinancing transaction to November 30, 2011. This date may be extended by mutual agreement of the Company and the holders of our Senior Notes, except that the completion date of the issuance may not be extended past December 15, 2011 without the consent of all note holders. If the offering of New First Lien Notes is completed, we have agreed to redeem our Senior Notes, Second Lien Notes and \$25 million of our Third Lien Subordinated Secured Convertible Notes due 2011 (the Third Lien Notes) using the proceeds of such transaction. If such Third Lien Notes redemption is completed, the holders of our Third Lien Notes have agreed to exchange their remaining notes for a new class of second lien notes with a maturity date six months after the maturity date of the New First Lien Notes. If, after these redemptions, the net proceeds of the New First Lien Notes are not sufficient to provide the Company with at least \$55 million in working capital, we will be permitted to issue incremental first priority senior secured notes ranking pari passu with all senior obligations of the Company for an aggregate amount of net proceeds up to such deficit at a later date.

If the Forbearance Agreement is terminated without completion of the contemplated refinancing transaction, an event of default under our Senior Notes, our Second Lien Notes, and our Third Lien Notes will occur and the principal amount of each series of Notes will accrue default interest at a rate of 2% per annum, in addition to the interest rate currently in effect, retroactively to August 1, 2011. In addition, such an event of default would entitle the holders of at least 51% of the aggregate principal amount of each such series of Notes to declare amounts outstanding under such Notes immediately due and payable prior to their respective scheduled maturity dates. In the event that amounts outstanding under the Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes are declared immediately due and payable prior to their scheduled maturity dates, all unamortized discounts and debt issuance costs would be immediately expensed.

Our current cash reserves are not sufficient to meet our payment obligations under our secured notes at their current maturity dates. Additionally, we will not be able to consummate sales of our wireless spectrum assets yielding sufficient proceeds to retire this indebtedness at the current scheduled maturity dates. If we are unable to extend maturity beyond 2011, or identify and successfully implement alternative financing to repay the Senior Notes and Second Lien Notes, the holders of our secured notes could proceed against the assets pledged to collateralize these

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obligations. These conditions raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. Insufficient capital to repay our debt at maturity would significantly restrict our ability to operate and could cause us to seek relief through a filing in the United States Bankruptcy Court. Any alternative financing

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and/or maturity extension of our secured notes may be costly to obtain, and could involve the issuance of equity securities that could cause significant dilution to our existing stockholders and potentially limit our net operating loss carry forwards.

We generated net losses attributable to NextWave of \$195.8 million and \$154.2 million for the nine months ended October 1, 2011 and October 2, 2010, respectively, and have an accumulated deficit of \$1.5 billion at October 1, 2011. Our net loss from continuing operations of \$129.7 million for the nine months ended October 2, 2010 includes a \$38.0 million noncash gain on extinguishment of debt resulting from the debt modification of our Third Lien Notes in March 2010, which was treated as an extinguishment of debt for accounting purposes. Without this gain, we would have reported a loss from continuing operations of \$167.7 million for the nine months ended October 2, 2010. We used cash from operating activities of our continuing operations of \$11.2 million and \$18.6 million during the nine months ended October 1, 2011 and October 2, 2010, respectively. Our total unrestricted cash, cash equivalents and short-term investment included in current assets of continuing operations at October 1, 2011 totaled \$23.7 million. We had a net working capital deficit of \$925.1 million at October 1, 2011.

In 2010, we had capital expenditure needs associated with certain build-out or substantial service requirements which apply to our domestic licensed wireless spectrum, which generally must be satisfied as a condition of the license. The substantial service deadlines applicable to our domestic wireless spectrum assets, and our activities to meet these requirements, are described below:

The substantial service build-out deadline for our domestic Wireless Communication Services (WCS) spectrum was July 21, 2010 under the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) rules in existence at that time. We made the capital expenditures required to complete the applicable WCS build-out requirements by the July 21, 2010 deadline. Immediately preceding the deadline, on May 20, 2010, the FCC adopted new rules that became effective September 1, 2010 replacing the July 21, 2010 substantial service requirements with new requirements that must be met by March 4, 2014 and additional requirements that must be met by September 1, 2016. Since the effective date for the new rules was in September, after the July deadline for completion of the build-out required by the old rules, and we had completed the build out in accordance with the old rules, we filed substantial service showings with the FCC on July 20, 2010 for all of our WCS licenses under the rules then in effect. On June 14, 2011, the FCC dismissed our substantial service showings in accordance with the plans it announced in its June 29, 2010 order announcing that substantial service showings would no longer be accepted because of the new performance requirements that were adopted. Accordingly, we will be required to make additional capital expenditures to comply with the new rules.

The substantial service deadline for Educational Broadband Service (EBS) spectrum was extended by the FCC on March 21, 2011 to November 1, 2011; however, most of our EBS leases required us to complete build-out activities in 2010, in advance of the FCC 's substantial service deadline. To meet the substantial service requirements for EBS spectrum, we arranged with our EBS licensees to either (a) have the EBS licensee continue to use the spectrum to provide educational services in the cases where the EBS licensee is currently providing such service or (b) provide educational services on a network that was installed by us, at our cost, either of which option is intended to deliver educational services over the spectrum in compliance with the FCC 's educational safe harbor to meet the substantial service showing by the deadline. We have completed build-out activities for our EBS leases. Our reliance on the EBS licensees to provide the educational service may subject us to risk of non-renewal in the event the EBS licensee fails to provide the service. In addition, the affected license(s) are subject to non-renewal if the FCC does not accept the substantial service showing. Of the nine EBS licensees with whom we have leases, all of them have filed substantial service showings and the FCC has accepted eight of such showings. The last showing was filed prior to the November 1 deadline and awaits acceptance by the FCC.

The substantial service deadline for Broadband Radio Service (BRS) spectrum was May 1, 2011. With respect to our domestic BRS spectrum, we have constructed and are operating a commercial system using the spectrum to meet the FCC substantial service requirement. The FCC accepted our substantial service showings and renewed our BRS licenses on September 20, 2011.

We also operate or hold spectrum licenses through various subsidiaries in Canada and Norway. In Canada, our 2.3 GHz licenses are subject to mid-term in-use demonstration requirements; the deadline for 63 of our licenses is November of 2012 and for the remaining 25 licenses it is April of 2013. In order for us to operate our Canadian spectrum under Canadian ownership rules, we will need a Canadian-controlled partner. There can be no assurance that we will find a Canadian-controlled partner who will be able to provide a viable business plan and attract appropriate financing by the build out deadline. Failure to make the in-use demonstrations for each of our 88 licenses, in the absence of an extension by Industry Canada, could result in forfeiture of the applicable licenses. We do not have specific build-out obligations in Norway.

Discontinued Operations

In an effort to reduce our future working capital requirements and in order to comply with the terms of our Senior Notes, Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes, in the second half of 2008, our Board of Directors approved the implementation of a global restructuring initiative, pursuant to which we have divested, either through sale, dissolution or closure, our multimedia, network infrastructure and semiconductor businesses.

Our continuing operations are comprised of our portfolio of licensed wireless spectrum assets. We continue to pursue sales of our wireless spectrum license assets, the net proceeds of which will be used to reduce our outstanding indebtedness.

The results of operations of our PacketVideo and Cygnus subsidiaries, our Semiconductor and Global Services Support strategic business units and our WiMAX Telecom, Inquam and South American businesses, have been reported as discontinued

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operations in the consolidated financial statements for all periods presented, prior to sale or dissolution of the respective business. In October 2010, we sold our remaining 65% stock ownership in our PacketVideo subsidiary.

The carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities of our discontinued operations are as follows:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	October 1, 2011	January 1, 2011
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 40	\$ 70
Property and equipment held for sale	3,500	3,500
Other assets	17	62
Current assets of discontinued operations	\$ 3,557	\$ 3,632
Current liabilities of discontinued operations	\$ 54	\$ 515

The financial results of our discontinued operations are as follows:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	October 1, 2011	October 2, 2010	October 1, 2011	October 2, 2010
Revenues (including related party revenues of \$0, \$2,062, \$0 and \$11,399, respectively)	\$	\$ 9,868	\$ 6	\$ 39,729
Total operating expenses (credits) (including related party cost of revenues of \$0, \$199, \$0 and \$729, respectively) ⁽¹⁾	(65)	29,240	(613)	65,887
Net gains (losses) on business divestitures	(1)	(1,219)	2,119	(5,835)
Income (loss) before income taxes	66	(20,978)	2,740	(32,398)
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations	42	(16,820)	1,740	(28,347)
Net loss attributed to noncontrolling interest in subsidiary		2,557		3,794
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations attributed to NextWave	42	(14,263)	1,740	(24,553)

- (1) Total operating expense credits for the three months ended October 1, 2011 includes \$0.1 million in sublease revenue. Total operating expense credits for the nine months ended October 1, 2011 include a \$0.3 million favorable settlement with a service vendor, \$0.2 million in net gains on the sale of equipment and \$0.2 million in sublease revenue. Total operating expenses for the three and nine months ended October 2, 2010 include asset impairment charges of \$12.1 million and \$14.1 million and restructuring charges of \$0.1 million and \$1.1 million, respectively.

Principles of Consolidation

Our consolidated financial statements include the assets, liabilities and operating results of our wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries as of October 1, 2011 and October 2, 2010, and for the three and nine months then ended, respectively. Noncontrolling interest represents the noncontrolling shareholder's proportionate share of the net equity in our consolidated subsidiary, PacketVideo, prior to the sale of our remaining 65% stock ownership in PacketVideo in October 2010. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Fiscal Year End

We operate on a 52-53 week fiscal year ending on the Saturday nearest to December 31 of the current calendar year or the following calendar year. Normally, each fiscal year consists of 52 weeks, but every five or six years the fiscal year consists of 53 weeks. Fiscal years 2011 and 2010 are 52-week years ending on December 31, 2011 and January 1, 2011, respectively. The three- and nine-month periods ending on October 1, 2011 and October 2, 2010 include 13 weeks and 39 weeks each, respectively.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to income taxes, share-based awards, wireless spectrum licenses and other long-lived assets. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Short-Term Investment

We consider all highly liquid investments with a remaining time to maturity of three months or less when acquired to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents at October 1, 2011 and January 1, 2011 consisted primarily of money market funds. The carrying amounts approximate fair value due to the short maturities of these instruments.

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At October 1, 2011, our short-term held-to-maturity investment securities consisted of \$15.0 million in bank certificate of deposits with remaining maturities of less than one year. These securities are stated at their amortized costs which approximate their respective fair values at October 1, 2011.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2011, the FASB issued new guidance on the presentation of comprehensive income. The new guidance eliminates the current option to report other comprehensive income and its components in the statement of changes in equity. Components of net income and other comprehensive income must be presented in one continuous statement, referred to as the statement of comprehensive income, or in two separate, but consecutive, statements. While the new guidance changes the presentation of comprehensive income, there are no changes to the components that are recognized in net income or other comprehensive income under current accounting guidance. This new guidance is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2011. Our election to early adopt this new guidance did not have an impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In May 2011, the FASB issued authoritative guidance related to fair value measurements and disclosures. The new guidance results in a consistent definition of fair value and common requirements for measurement of and disclosure about fair value between accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The guidance is effective for our first quarter beginning after January 1, 2012. We are currently assessing the impact of this guidance on our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

2. Related Party Transactions

Debt-Related Transactions

Avenue Capital Management II, L.P., is an affiliate of Avenue Capital Group (Avenue Capital). Robert Symington, a portfolio manager with Avenue Capital, is a member of our Board of Directors. As of October 1, 2011, Avenue Capital and its affiliates beneficially owned shares of our issued and outstanding common stock, such that Avenue Capital would be considered a related party; \$99.9 million, or 75%, of the aggregate principal amount of our Senior Notes; \$145.0 million, or 78%, of the aggregate principal amount of our Second Lien Notes; and \$187.1 million, or 28%, of the aggregate principal amount of our Third Lien Notes. As of October 1, 2011, Solus Core Opportunities Master Fund Ltd and its affiliates and co-investors beneficially owned shares of our issued and outstanding common stock, such that Solus would be considered a related party; \$33.1 million, or 25%, of the aggregate principal amount of our Senior Lien Notes; \$41.3 million, or 22%, of the aggregate principal amount of our Second Lien Notes; and \$76.7 million, or 12%, of the aggregate principal amount of our Third Lien Notes.

Effective as of March 16, 2010, we entered into an Amendment and Limited Waiver (the Amendment and Waiver) to the agreements governing our Senior Notes, Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes. Pursuant to the Amendment and Waiver, the maturity date of our Senior Notes was extended from July 17, 2010 to July 17, 2011, with an additional extension to October 17, 2011 if certain conditions are met, including the pendency of asset sales that would yield net proceeds sufficient to repay all then-outstanding Senior Notes. In addition, the maturity date of our Second Lien Notes was extended from December 31, 2010 to November 30, 2011. As a result of the Amendment and Waiver, the interest payable on our Senior Notes and Second Lien Notes was increased to a rate of 15% per annum and the interest payable on our Third Lien Notes was increased to a rate of 12% per annum initially, increasing 1% per annum on each of December 31, 2010, March 30, 2011, June 30, 2011 and September 30, 2011 to a maximum of 16%. As a result of the Amendment and Waiver, all Notes receive only payment-in-kind interest for the full term of such Notes, unless we elect to pay cash interest, and the redemption premium on the Notes was eliminated. The Amendment and Waiver reduced the requirement to maintain a minimum cash balance from \$5.0 million to \$1.0 million and, after payment in full on October 12, 2010 of certain designated Senior Notes with an aggregate principal and accrued interest amount of \$58.8 million and the Senior Incremental Notes (as defined below) with an aggregate principal and accrued amount of \$26.6 million, permitted us to retain up to \$12.5 million for general working capital purposes and permitted investments.

As consideration for the Amendment and Waiver, we paid an amendment fee to each of Avenue Capital, Solus, Douglas F. Manchester, a member of our Board of Directors, and Navation, Inc. (Navation), an entity owned by Allen Salmasi, our Chairman, through the issuance of additional Notes under the applicable note purchase agreements in an amount equal to 2.5% of the outstanding principal and accrued and unpaid interest on such holder s existing Notes as of March 16, 2010 (the Fee Notes). The Fee Notes were paid on March 16, 2010 by the issuance of Senior Notes, Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes to Avenue Capital, Solus, Mr. Manchester and Navation, and accrue interest and become payable in accordance with the terms of the respective Note Agreements. Avenue Capital received \$2.3 million in Senior Notes, \$2.8 million in Second Lien Notes and \$3.7 million in Third Lien Notes. Solus received \$0.7 million in Senior Notes, \$0.8 million in Second Lien Notes and \$1.5 million in Third Lien Notes. Mr. Manchester and Navation each received \$1.9 million in Third Lien Notes. The transactions contemplated

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by the Amendment and Waiver, including the issuance of the Senior Incremental Notes, were approved and recommended to our Board of Directors by an independent committee consisting of members of the Board of Directors who did not have any direct or indirect economic interest in the Notes.

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In connection with the Amendment and Waiver, we entered into a binding commitment letter (the *Commitment Letter*) with Avenue Capital Management II, L.P., acting on behalf of its managed investment funds signatory thereto, and Solus Core Opportunities Master Fund Ltd and its affiliates and co-investors (*Solus*), to provide up to \$25.0 million in additional financing through the purchase of additional Senior Notes (the *Senior Incremental Notes*). The terms of the *Commitment Letter* provided that we were entitled to borrow up to \$25.0 million in one or more borrowings after March 16, 2010 but prior to July 31, 2010. The full committed amount of the *Senior Incremental Notes* was issued in April and May 2010. No commitment fee or structuring fee was payable in connection with the issuance of the *Senior Incremental Notes*.

The Amendment and Waiver to our Third Lien Notes, which increased the interest rate payable on our Third Lien Notes, was determined to have been accomplished with debt instruments that are substantially different, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, resulting in an effective extinguishment of the existing Third Lien Notes and a new issue of Third Lien Notes as of the amendment date for accounting purposes. The new issue of Third Lien Notes was recorded at fair value and that amount was used to determine the net debt extinguishment gain of \$38.0 million recognized during the nine months ended October 2, 2010, in other income in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations.

Business Divestitures and Revenue Transactions

In June 2010, we sold the capital stock of our WiMAX Telecom Slovakia, s.r.o (*WT SRO*) subsidiary to a private limited liability company of which the controlling shareholder is the former managing director and statutory representative of *WT SRO* for \$0.1 million and recognized an \$8.8 million net loss from business divestitures. Upon closing of the sale, we have no remaining obligations to provide financing to support the ongoing operations of *WT SRO*. In connection with the sale, we entered into an additional consideration agreement with the buyer that provided for payment to us upon the sale of all or part of the capital stock of *WT SRO* by the buyer to any third party. In May 2011, the buyer sold all of the capital stock of *WT SRO* to a third party whereby we received \$0.4 million under the terms of the additional consideration agreement and recognized a net gain on business divestitures of \$0.4 million during the nine months ended October 1, 2011, all of which is reported in discontinued operations in the condensed consolidated statement of operations.

In June 2010, we sold the capital stock of our two Latin American subsidiaries to the holders of our notes payable secured by the Latin American spectrum, for net proceeds of \$0.7 million, after deducting direct and incremental costs of \$0.5 million, and the assumption of the notes payable aggregating \$4.3 million. We recognized a net gain on business divestitures of \$4.2 million due to the assumption of our notes payable, all of which is reported in discontinued operations in the condensed consolidated statement of operations.

PacketVideo sold and licensed versions of its multimedia player to NTT DOCOMO, INC. (*DOCOMO*), a related party, for installation into *DOCOMO* handset models. PacketVideo recognized \$2.1 million and \$11.4 million in related party revenues and \$0.2 million and \$0.7 million in cost of revenues, during the three and nine months ended October 2, 2010, respectively, from *DOCOMO* in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for our discontinued operations.

3. Wireless Spectrum Licenses and Business Divestitures

Dispositions

We continue to market for sale our wireless spectrum holdings and have retained Moelis & Company to explore the sale of our wireless holdings in the United States and Canada. Any sale or transfer of the ownership of our wireless spectrum holdings is generally subject to regulatory approval. We are required to use the net proceeds from the sale of our wireless spectrum licenses to redeem our Senior Notes, Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes.

During the three and nine months ended October 1, 2011, we recognized \$0.2 million in net expenditures on the sale of wireless spectrum licenses, which represents our receipt of a \$0.3 million holdback payment that was released to us by the spectrum buyer upon expiration of a milestone for an indemnity obligation, which was more than offset by \$0.5 million in legal costs we incurred related to regulatory issues and our ongoing negotiations to sell our wireless spectrum license assets.

During the nine months ended October 1, 2011, we completed the sale of our remaining subsidiaries in Latin America to a third party for \$3.0 million and recognized a gain on the divestiture of \$1.7 million, all of which is reported in discontinued operations in the condensed consolidated statement of operations.

During the nine months ended October 2, 2010, we recognized net gains on sales of our spectrum licenses of \$11,000, after deducting incremental costs of \$0.8 million. The net gains recognized during the nine months ended October 2, 2010, include lease payments received by

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us, pending completion of the sale of certain of our owned WCS spectrum licenses in the United States to a third party, of \$0.3 million and the forfeiture of a spectrum license sales deposit received by us of \$0.3 million.

We anticipate that certain of our remaining wireless spectrum licenses will be sold within the next twelve months. Accordingly, at October 1, 2011, we classified wireless spectrum holdings with a carrying value of \$6.5 million as assets held for

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sale, and, in accordance with accounting guidance for assets while held for sale, we are no longer amortizing these assets. Any net proceeds from these sales will be used to redeem a portion of the Senior Notes.

Impairment Charges

Through our continued efforts to sell our wireless spectrum licenses in Europe and Argentina during 2010, we determined that the carrying value of certain of these spectrum licenses exceeded their fair value based primarily on bids received and negotiations with third parties regarding the sale of these licenses, which led to our decision not to pursue build out obligations in Europe and Argentina during this time period.

Accordingly, during the three and nine months ended October 2, 2010, we wrote-down the carrying value of our wireless spectrum licenses in Europe and Argentina to their estimated fair value, net of selling costs, and recognized asset impairment charges of \$12.1 million and \$12.6 million, respectively, all of which is reported in discontinued operations. Upon the sale and deconsolidation during the three months ended October 2, 2010, of our Slovakia based subsidiary, WT SRO, we reclassified \$1.2 million of the asset impairment charge on our wireless spectrum licenses in Slovakia that was recognized during the first quarter of 2010 against the net losses on business divestitures. The impairment of our wireless spectrum license in Argentina resulted in an income tax benefit of \$4.5 million during the three and nine months ended October 2, 2010 from the effect of the reduction of deferred tax liabilities associated with the impaired wireless spectrum license.

4. Asset Impairment Charges**Long-Lived Assets**

In connection with our ongoing discussions to sell our Nevada office building, we determined that indicators of impairment were present, and, accordingly, based on the accounting guidance for the impairment or disposal of long-lived assets, we performed an assessment to determine if the carrying value of our building was recoverable through estimated undiscounted future cash flows resulting from the use of the assets and their eventual disposition. During the nine months ended October 2, 2010, we recognized additional asset impairment charges of \$1.5 million, all of which is reported as asset impairment charges in discontinued operations.

There are inherent estimates and assumptions underlying the projected cash flows utilized in the recoverability assessment, and management's judgment is required in the application of this information to the determination of the recovery value of the assets. No assurance can be given that the underlying estimates and assumptions will materialize as anticipated.

5. Restructuring Charges

The following summarizes the restructuring activity for the nine months ended October 1, 2011 and October 2, 2010 and the related restructuring liabilities:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Balance at Beginning of Year	Charges (Credits) to Expense	Cash Payments	Reversal of Deferred Charges	Balance at End of Period
For the Nine Months Ended October 1, 2011					
Lease abandonment costs continuing operations ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,855	\$ (1,030)	\$ (825)	\$	\$
For the Nine Months Ended October 2, 2010					
Lease abandonment and facility closure costs ⁽²⁾	\$ 1,750	\$ 354	\$	\$ (360)	\$ 1,744
Other related costs, including contract termination costs, selling costs and legal fees	349	849	(962)		236
Total	\$ 2,099	\$ 1,203	\$ (962)	\$ (360)	\$ 1,980
Continuing operations	\$ 1,833	\$ 101			\$ 1,770
Discontinued operations	266	1,102			210

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Total	\$ 2,099	\$ 1,203	\$ 1,980
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- (1) During the nine months ended October 1, 2011, we renegotiated our \$1.9 million long-term lease obligation, which resulted from a previous renegotiation of one of our abandoned lease liabilities, paid \$0.8 million in full settlement of this obligation and recognized a \$1.1 million credit to restructuring charges of continuing operations in the consolidated statements of operations. Included in lease abandonment costs of continuing operations for the nine months ended October 1, 2011 is \$0.1 million of interest accretion expense on long-term obligations resulting from the renegotiation of this lease liability, which is reported in interest expense of continuing operations in the condensed consolidated statement of operations.
- (2) Included in restructuring charges of continuing operations for the nine months ended October 2, 2010 is \$0.3 million of interest accretion expense on long-term obligations resulting from the renegotiation of one of our abandoned lease liabilities, which is reported in interest expense of continuing operations in the consolidated statement of operations.

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Long-term obligations held by continuing operations consist of the following:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	October 1, 2011	January 1, 2011
15% Senior Secured Notes, due November 30, 2011, net of unamortized discount of \$2,215 at January 1, 2011	\$ 132,954	\$ 122,261
15% Senior-Subordinated Secured Second Lien Notes due November 30, 2011, net of unamortized discounts of \$1,481 and \$7,952 at October 1, 2011 and January 1, 2011, respectively	184,828	158,876
15% Third Lien Subordinated Secured Convertible Notes due December 31, 2011, net of unamortized discounts of \$28,048 and \$101,567 at October 1, 2011 and January 1, 2011, respectively	636,281	497,574
Wireless spectrum leases, net of unamortized discounts of \$13,899 and \$14,183 at October 1, 2011 and January 1, 2011, respectively; expiring from 2014 through 2036 with one to five renewal options ranging from 10 to 15 years each	21,944	23,904
Abandoned lease liability		1,855
Long-term obligations	976,007	804,470
Less current portion	(958,287)	(784,649)
Long-term portion	\$ 17,720	\$ 19,821

The following table summarizes the activity related to our long-term obligations, net of any unamortized discounts, for the nine months ended October 1, 2011 and October 2, 2010:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Continuing Operations					Discontinued Operations	Total
	Senior Notes	Second Lien Notes	Third Lien Notes	Other	Total		
<u>For the Nine Months Ended October 1, 2011</u>							
Balance, January 1, 2011	\$ 122,261	\$ 158,876	\$ 497,574	\$ 25,759	\$ 804,470	\$	\$ 804,470
Paid-in-kind interest	13,778	19,481	65,189		98,448		98,448
Amortization of debt discount	2,215	6,471	73,518	1,700	83,904		83,904
Extension of wireless spectrum lease				398	398		398
Cash payments	(5,300)			(4,837)	(10,137)		(10,137)
Favorable settlement reclassified to restructuring credits				(1,076)	(1,076)		(1,076)
Balance, October 1, 2011	\$ 132,954	\$ 184,828	\$ 636,281	\$ 21,944	\$ 976,007	\$	\$ 976,007
<u>For the Nine Months Ended October 2, 2010</u>							
Balance, January 2, 2010	\$ 162,076	\$ 127,573	\$ 389,869	\$ 48,586	\$ 728,104	\$ 4,205	\$ 732,309
Extinguishment of Third Lien Notes upon modification			(409,078)		(409,078)		(409,078)
Issuance of new Third Lien Notes upon modification			367,359		367,359		367,359
Paid-in-kind interest	20,545	16,488	44,494		81,527		81,527

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Fee notes issued ⁽¹⁾			13,307		13,307		13,307
Amortization of debt discount	5,595	6,630	55,926	2,103	70,254	135	70,389
Proceeds from long-term obligations	25,000				25,000		25,000
Cash payments				(25,442)	(25,442)		(25,442)
Notes payable assumed by buyer in business divestiture						(4,340)	(4,340)
Fair value of embedded derivatives			(3,647)		(3,647)		(3,647)
Change in fair value of embedded derivatives	(379)	157			(222)		(222)
Balance, October 2, 2010	\$ 212,837	\$ 150,848	\$ 458,230	\$ 25,246	\$ 847,161	\$	\$ 847,161

- (1) The Fee Notes issued on March 16, 2010 through the issuance of \$4.3 million in Senior Notes and \$3.6 million in Second Lien Notes were added to the respective note discounts and, along with existing unamortized discounts, are amortized as a adjustment to interest expense over the remaining term of the modified debt instruments using the effective interest method in accordance with debt modification accounting principles.

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The following table summarizes the activity related to our unamortized debt issuance costs for the nine months ended October 1, 2011 and October 2, 2010:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Unamortized Debt Issuance Costs			
	Senior Notes	Second Lien Notes	Third Lien Notes	Total
For the Nine Months Ended October 1, 2011				
Balance at January 1, 2011	\$ 35	\$ 3,076	\$ 151	\$ 3,262
Amortization of costs	(35)	(2,504)	(109)	(2,648)
Balance at October 1, 2011	\$	\$ 572	\$ 42	\$ 614
For the Nine Months Ended October 2, 2010				
Balance, January 2, 2010	\$ 199	\$ 6,662	\$	\$ 6,861
Issuance costs for reissued Third Lien Notes			250	250
Amortization of costs	(116)	(2,788)	(66)	(2,970)
Balance at October 2, 2010	\$ 83	\$ 3,874	\$ 184	\$ 4,141

Forbearance Agreement

As discussed in Note 1 above, termination of the Forbearance Agreement, without completion of the contemplated refinancing transaction, would result in an event of default under our Senior Notes, Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes, and the principal amount of our Senior Notes, Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes would accrue default interest at a rate of 2% per annum, in addition to the respective interest rates in effect, retroactively to August 1, 2011.

7. Net Income (Loss) Per Common Share Information

Basic and diluted net income (loss) per common share for the three and nine months ended October 1, 2011 and October 2, 2010 is computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the respective periods, without consideration of common stock equivalents. If there is a loss from continuing operations, diluted net income (loss) per share is computed in the same manner as basic net income (loss) per share is computed, even if we report net income after adjusting for discontinued operations.

Our weighted-average number of common shares outstanding includes the weighted-average number of 1.8 million of warrants exercisable for shares of our common stock during each of the three and nine months ended October 1, 2011 and October 2, 2010, respectively, as they are issuable for an exercise price of \$0.07 each. At October 1, 2011, 1.8 million of these warrants remained outstanding. On October 6, 2011, subsequent to the end of our third quarter, 1.4 million of these warrants were exercised for cash of \$0.1 million resulting in the issuance of 1.4 million common shares.

The following securities that could potentially reduce net income or increase net loss per share in the future are not included in the determination of diluted income (loss) per share as they are antidilutive. The share amounts are determined using a weighted-average of the common stock equivalents outstanding during the respective periods.

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	October 1, 2011	October 2, 2010	October 1, 2011	October 2, 2010
Third Lien Notes	8,288	7,311	8,017	7,063
Outstanding stock options	1,486	2,775	1,510	2,856
Unvested restricted stock	1,236	681	1,236	227

8. Stockholders Deficit

Changes in shares of common stock outstanding and total stockholders deficit for the nine months ended October 1, 2011 are as follows:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Outstanding	Total Stockholders Deficit
Balance at January 1, 2011	23,729	\$ (398,166)
Share-based compensation expense		625
Retirement of treasury shares	(219)	
Foreign currency translation adjustment transferred to earnings upon divestiture of foreign entity		1,305
Foreign currency translation adjustment		(1,285)
Net loss		(195,848)
Balance at October 1, 2011	23,510	\$ (593,369)

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The following table summarizes our assets and liabilities that require fair value measurements on a recurring basis and their respective input levels based on the fair value hierarchy contained in accounting guidance for fair value measurements and disclosures:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements at End of Period Using:		
		Quoted Market Prices for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
At October 1, 2011				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,779	\$ 8,779	\$	\$
At January 1, 2011				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 42,598	\$ 42,598	\$	\$
Embedded derivatives ⁽¹⁾	1,261			1,261

(1) Included in other current liabilities in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet.

Embedded Derivatives. The automatic extension of the maturity date of our Senior Notes from July 17, 2011 to October 17, 2011 if certain conditions were met, including the pendency of asset sales that would yield net proceeds sufficient to repay all then-outstanding Senior Notes, and our obligation to redeem the Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes upon an asset sale and a change in control of the Company, constitute embedded derivatives under derivatives and hedging accounting guidance. Accordingly, the initial estimated fair values of the embedded derivatives were recorded as a reduction in the carrying values of the Senior Notes, Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes. The estimated fair value of the embedded derivatives are reported in other current liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and subsequent changes in the fair value of the embedded derivatives are recognized in other operating income (expense) in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. We measured the estimated fair value of the embedded derivatives in the Senior Notes, Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes using probability-weighted discounted cash flow models (Level 3 inputs). The discounted cash flow models utilize management assumptions of the probability of the occurrence of an extension of the maturity date of our Senior Notes and an early redemption of the Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes upon an asset sale and a change in control of the Company.

The following table summarizes the activity in liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 Inputs):

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Embedded Derivatives			Total
	Senior Notes	Second Lien Notes	Third Lien Notes	
Balance at January 1, 2011	\$ (794)	\$ (30)	\$ (437)	\$ (1,261)
Unrealized gains included in other income (expense), net	794	30	437	1,261
Balance at October 1, 2011	\$	\$	\$	\$

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis

There have been no significant changes to our assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis during the three and nine months ended October 1, 2011.

Fair Value of Other Financial Instruments

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The carrying amounts of certain of our financial instruments of continuing operations, including cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, accounts payable and accrued expenses, approximate fair value due to their short-term nature. The carrying amounts and fair values of our long-term obligations of continuing operations are as follows:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	October 1, 2011			January 1, 2011		
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Discount Rate	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Discount Rate
Senior Notes	\$ 132,954	\$ 132,953	15%	\$ 122,261	\$ 117,450	15%
Second Lien Notes	184,828	184,451	23%	158,876	157,777	23%
Third Lien Notes	636,281	633,922	40%	497,574	497,574	40%
Wireless spectrum leases	21,944	10,377	40%	23,904	11,154	40%

At October 1, 2011 and January 1, 2011, we determined the fair value of our long-term obligations using discounted cash flow models with the respective discount rates listed above, which represent our respective estimated incremental borrowing rates

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as of that date for that type of instrument. At January 1, 2011, our Third Lien Notes were measured using their fair value for accounting purposes upon reissuance in March 2010.

10. Commitments and Contingencies

Legal Proceedings

On September 16, 2008, a putative class action lawsuit, captioned *Sandra Lifschitz, On Behalf of Herself and All Others Similarly Situated, Plaintiff, v. NextWave Wireless Inc. et al., Defendants*, was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California against us and certain of our officers. The suit alleges that the defendants made false and misleading statements and/or omissions in violation of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder. The suit seeks unspecified damages, interest, costs, attorneys' fees, and injunctive, equitable or other relief on behalf of a purported class of purchasers of our common stock during the period from March 30, 2007 to August 7, 2008. A second putative class action lawsuit captioned *Benjamin et al. v. NextWave Wireless Inc. et al.* was filed on October 21, 2008 alleging the same claims on behalf of purchasers of our common stock during an extended class period, from November 27, 2006 through August 7, 2008. On February 24, 2009, the Court issued an Order consolidating the two cases and appointing a lead plaintiff pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. On May 15, 2009, the lead plaintiff filed an Amended Complaint, and on June 29, 2009, we filed a Motion to Dismiss that Amended Complaint. On March 5, 2010, the Court granted our Motion to Dismiss, without prejudice, permitting the lead plaintiff to file an Amended Complaint. On March 26, 2010, the lead plaintiff filed a Second Amended Consolidated Complaint, and we subsequently filed a Motion to Dismiss. On March 16, 2011, the Court granted our Motion and dismissed the complaint without prejudice. On May 5, 2011, the lead plaintiff filed a Third Amended Complaint, and we again filed a Motion to Dismiss. The Motion now has been fully briefed and oral argument is scheduled for December of 2011. At this time, there can be no assurance as to the ultimate outcome of this litigation. We have not recorded any significant accruals for contingent liabilities associated with this matter based on our belief that a liability, while possible, is not probable. Further, any possible range of loss cannot be estimated at this time.

We are also currently involved in other legal proceedings in the ordinary course of our business operations. We estimate the range of liability related to pending litigation where the amount and range of loss can be estimated. We record our best estimate of a loss when the loss is considered probable. Where a liability is probable and there is a range of estimated loss with no best estimate in the range, we record the minimum estimated liability related to the claim. As additional information becomes available, we assess the potential liability related to our pending litigation and revise our estimates. As of October 1, 2011, we have not recorded any significant accruals for contingent liabilities associated with our legal proceedings based on our belief that a liability, while possible, is not probable. Further, any possible range of loss cannot be estimated at this time. Revisions to our estimate of the potential liability could materially impact future results of operations.

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

In addition to historical information, the following discussion contains forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ substantially from those anticipated by such forward-looking information due to a number of factors, including, but not limited to, risks described in the section entitled "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report. Additionally, the following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report and the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the year ended January 1, 2011 contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 17, 2011. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof, and should be aware that the Company's actual results could differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including, without limitation, those factors described under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report. Any forward-looking statements should be considered in light of these factors. Unless otherwise required by law, the Company undertakes no obligation, and expressly disclaims any obligation, to update or publicly release the results of any revisions to these forward-looking statements that may be made to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, or otherwise.

We operate on a 52-53 week fiscal year ending on the Saturday nearest to December 31 of the current calendar year or the following calendar year. Normally, each fiscal year consists of 52 weeks, but every five or six years the fiscal year consists of 53 weeks. Fiscal years 2011 and 2010 are 52-week years ending on December 31, 2011 and January 1, 2011, respectively. The three- and nine-month periods ending October 1, 2011 and October 2, 2010 include 13 weeks and 39 weeks each, respectively.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting principles applicable to a going concern, which contemplates the realization of assets and extinguishment of liabilities in the normal course of business. As more fully described in Note 1 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, we have incurred recurring operating losses, our Senior Notes matured on July 17, 2011, and our cash reserves are not sufficient to meet these payment obligations. If the Forbearance Agreement is terminated without completion of the contemplated refinancing transaction, an event of default will occur under our Senior Notes, Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes. These conditions raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

OVERVIEW

Third Quarter of 2011

Our net loss from continuing operations during the third quarter of 2011 was \$69.5 million compared to \$65.4 million for the third quarter of 2010.

Our net loss from continuing operations during the first nine months of 2011 was \$197.6 million compared to \$129.7 million, and \$167.7 million prior to the gain on extinguishment of debt of \$38.0 million, for the first nine months of 2010.

We continue to seek alternative financing to refinance and extend our substantial secured debt, with an aggregate principal amount of \$983.6 million at October 1, 2011, and our ability to obtain such financing or alternative accommodations from our note holders prior to the expiration of our Forbearance Agreement on November 30, 2011, remains subject to substantial risks.

Our Business

NextWave Wireless Inc. is a holding company for our wireless spectrum portfolio. Our continuing operations are focused on the management of our wireless spectrum interests. Our total domestic spectrum holdings consist of approximately 3.8 billion MHz POPs. The term "MHz-POPs" is defined as the product derived from multiplying the number of megahertz associated with a license by the population of the license's service area. Our wireless license portfolio covers approximately 214.3 million total POPs, with 102.8 million POPs covered by 20 MHz or more of spectrum, and an additional 93.0 million POPs covered by at least 10 MHz of spectrum. In addition, a number of markets, including much of the New York City metropolitan region, are covered by 30 MHz or more of spectrum. Our domestic spectrum resides in the 2.3 GHz Wireless Communication Services (WCS), 2.5 GHz Broadband Radio Service (BRS)/Educational Broadband Service (EBS), and 1.7/2.1 GHz Advanced Wireless Service (AWS) bands and offers propagation and other characteristics suitable to support high-capacity, mobile broadband services.

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Our international spectrum included in continuing operations include 2.3 GHz licenses in Canada with 15 million POPs covered by 30 MHz of spectrum.

We continue to pursue the sale of our wireless spectrum holdings and have retained Moelis & Company to explore the sale of our wireless holdings in United States and Canada. Any sale or transfer of the ownership of our wireless spectrum holdings is subject to regulatory approval.

We will be required to successfully monetize most of our wireless spectrum assets for net proceeds substantially in excess of our cost basis in order to retire our debt.

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The sale price of our wireless spectrum assets will be impacted by many factors outside of our control, including, among other things:

the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) new technical rules relating to the operation of satellite digital audio radio services and services using our WCS spectrum licenses;

the timing and associated costs of build-out or substantial service requirements attached to our spectrum licenses, where a failure to comply with these requirements could result in license forfeiture;

timing of closure of potential sales, in particular if it is necessary to accelerate the planned sale of certain of our spectrum licenses in order to meet debt payment obligations;

worldwide economic conditions which we believe have adversely affected manufacturers of telecommunications equipment and technology and led to a delay in global network deployments;

availability of wireless spectrum in the United States in particular, which could be affected by potential government auctions of spectrum not previously available in the market; and

availability of capital for prospective spectrum buyers, which has been negatively impacted by the downturn in the credit and financial markets.

Our efforts to sell our wireless spectrum holdings on favorable terms has been delayed by current market conditions, as well as regulatory and other market activities involving potential buyers, including the pending acquisition of T-Mobile by AT&T, which may delay purchasing decisions by telecommunications service providers pending regulatory decisions on the transaction, and uncertainties relating to Sprint and Clearwire's WiMAX network deployment. We are continuing to have discussions with numerous parties who have expressed interest in our various spectrum assets. However, we believe that adverse economic conditions and other factors beyond our control continue to affect potential purchasers of our wireless spectrum, and there can be no assurance as to the timing of further spectrum sales or the sales prices that will be attained, or that sales will be completed at all.

Discontinued Operations

The results of operations of our PacketVideo and Cygnus subsidiaries, our Semiconductor and Global Services Support strategic business units and our WiMAX Telecom, Inquam and South American businesses, have been reported as discontinued operations in the condensed consolidated financial statements for all periods presented, prior to sale or dissolution of the respective business.

Our discontinued international operations hold a nationwide 2.0 GHz license in Norway.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The results of operations of our PacketVideo and Cygnus subsidiaries, our Semiconductor and Global Services Support strategic business units and our WiMAX Telecom, Inquam and South American businesses, have been reported as discontinued operations in the consolidated financial statements for all periods presented, prior to sale or dissolution of the respective business.

Comparison of Our Third Quarter of 2011 to Our Third Quarter of 2010 - Continuing Operations

General and Administrative

General and administrative expenses from continuing operations during the third quarter of 2011 were \$4.8 million compared to \$9.4 million for the third quarter of 2010. The \$4.6 million decrease is attributable primarily to \$3.8 million in lower maintenance expenditures associated with

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certain build-out or substantial service requirements of our licensed wireless spectrum, which generally must be satisfied as a condition of the license, a \$0.2 million net credit for the settlement of insurance claims resulting from a change in health insurance plans, \$0.1 million in impairment losses recognized during 2010 and the remainder of \$0.5 million in lower overhead costs resulting primarily from our sale of a business unit in 2010 which reduced the size of our operations.

Included in general and administrative expenses during each of the third quarters of 2011 and 2010 is \$1.9 million of amortization of finite-lived wireless spectrum. Also included in general and administrative expenses during each of the third quarters of 2011 and 2010 is \$0.2 million of share-based compensation expense.

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Restructuring Credits

During the third quarter of 2010, we recognized a credit of \$0.2 million resulting from actual costs to divest and close our discontinued businesses that were lower than originally estimated.

Interest Expense

Interest expense from continuing operations during the third quarter of 2011 was \$64.8 million, compared to \$56.8 million during the third quarter of 2010, an increase of \$8.0 million. The increase is primarily attributable to higher principal and paid-in-kind interest and the March 2010 Amendment and Waiver, which increased the interest rates on our Notes. Higher paid-in-kind interest and interest accretion of the debt discount and issuance costs related to our Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes accounted for \$1.1 million and \$11.6 million of the increase, respectively. These increases were partially offset by \$4.5 million in lower interest expense from our Senior Notes due to the lower principal balance of our Senior Notes and lower accretion of the related debt discount and issuance costs as the Notes near maturity.

Higher paid-in-kind interest on our Third Lien Notes and amortization of the related discount will continue to increase our interest expense during the remainder of the year. If the Forbearance Agreement is terminated without completion of the contemplated refinancing transaction, an event of default will occur under our Senior Notes, Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes and each series of Notes will accrue default interest of an additional 2% per annum retroactively to August 1, 2011, and upon the election of the holder of 51% of the aggregate principal amount outstanding under the Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes, respectively, all amounts outstanding under the Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes may be declared immediately due and payable prior to their scheduled maturity dates, causing all unamortized discounts and debt issuance costs to become immediately expensed, further increasing interest expense.

Other Income and Expense, Net

Other income, net, from continuing operations during the third quarter of 2010 was \$0.4 million which represents the changes in the estimated fair values of our embedded derivatives.

Income Taxes

During the third quarters of 2011 and 2010, substantially all of our U.S. subsidiaries had net losses for tax purposes with full valuation allowances. During the third quarter of 2010, no income tax provision or benefit was recognized for these subsidiaries.

Our effective income tax rate during the third quarter of 2011 was 0.4%, resulting in an income tax benefit of \$0.3 million on our pre-tax loss of \$69.8 million. The income tax benefit consists of a \$0.3 million tax benefit on taxes provided on income from discontinued operations that can be offset by losses from continuing operations.

Comparison of Our First Nine Months of 2011 to Our First Nine Months of 2010 – Continuing Operations

General and Administrative

General and administrative expenses from continuing operations during the first nine months of 2011 were \$16.8 million compared to \$23.2 million for the first nine months of 2010. The \$6.4 million decrease is attributable primarily to \$3.3 million in lower maintenance expenditures associated with certain build-out or substantial service requirements of our licensed wireless spectrum, which generally must be satisfied as a condition of the license, \$1.3 million in lower health insurance costs resulting from net credits for the settlement of insurance claims upon a change in health insurance plans, \$0.1 million in impairment losses recognized during 2010 and the remainder of \$1.7 million in lower overhead costs resulting primarily from our sale of a business unit in 2010 which reduced the size of our operations.

Included in general and administrative expenses during the first nine months of 2011 and 2010 is \$5.7 million and \$5.8 million, respectively, of amortization of finite-lived wireless spectrum. Also included in general and administrative expenses during the first nine months of 2011 and 2010 is \$0.6 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, of share-based compensation expense.

Restructuring Credits

During the first nine months of 2011, we recognized a credit of \$1.1 million resulting from a renegotiation of our \$1.9 million long-term obligation stemming from a previous renegotiation of one of our abandoned lease liabilities whereby we paid \$0.8 million in full settlement of

the obligation.

During the first nine months of 2010, we recognized a credit of \$0.2 million resulting from actual costs to divest and close our discontinued businesses that were lower than originally estimated.

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Sale of Wireless Spectrum Licenses

During the first nine months of 2011, we recognized \$0.2 million of net expenditures related to the sale of wireless spectrum licenses, representing our receipt of a \$0.3 million holdback payment that was released to us by the spectrum buyer upon expiration of a milestone for an indemnity obligation, which was more than offset by \$0.5 million in legal costs related to regulatory issues and our ongoing negotiations to sell our wireless spectrum license assets.

During the first nine months of 2010, we recognized net expenditures on sales of our wireless spectrum licenses of \$11,000, after deducting incremental costs of \$0.8 million. These expenditures were partially reduced by lease payments received by us, pending completion of the sale of certain of our owned WCS spectrum licenses in the United States to a third party, of \$0.3 million and the forfeiture of a spectrum license sales deposit received by us of \$0.3 million.

Interest Expense

Interest expense from continuing operations during the first nine months of 2011 was \$185.0 million, compared to \$155.0 million during the first nine months of 2010, an increase of \$30.0 million. The increase is primarily attributable to higher principal and paid-in-kind interest and the March 2010 Amendment and Waiver, which increased the interest rates on our Notes. Interest expense and interest accretion of the debt discount and issuance costs related to our Third Lien Notes accounted for \$38.3 million of the increase. Our Second Lien Notes accounted for an additional increase of \$3.0 million due to higher principal and paid-in-kind interest, which was partially offset by \$0.4 million in lower interest accretion of the debt discount and issuance costs. These increases were partially offset by \$10.4 million in lower interest expense from our Senior Notes due to the lower principal balance of our Senior Notes and lower accretion of the related debt discount and issuance costs as the Notes near maturity.

Gain on Extinguishment of Debt

The Amendment and Waiver modification to our Third Lien Notes in March 2010, which increased the interest rate payable on our Third Lien Notes, was determined to have been accomplished with debt instruments that are substantially different, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, resulting in an effective extinguishment of the existing Third Lien Notes and a new issue of Third Lien Notes as of the modification date for accounting purposes. The new issue of Third Lien Notes was recorded at its estimated fair value using a discount rate of 40%, and that amount was used to determine net debt extinguishment gain recognized during the first nine months of 2010 of \$38.0 million. The net gain was determined as the difference between the remaining unamortized discount under the extinguished Third Lien Notes of \$123.1 million and the new discount of \$164.8 million, plus \$9.6 million of embedded derivative liabilities that were eliminated at the date of the extinguishment, partially offset by \$13.3 million in fee notes issued to the holders of the Third Lien Notes.

Other Income and Expense, Net

Other income, net, from continuing operations during the first nine months of 2011 was \$1.2 million, compared to other income, net of \$9.8 million during the first nine months of 2010, a decrease of \$8.6 million. The decrease in other income, net, reflects primarily changes in the estimated fair values of our embedded derivatives aggregating \$7.2 million and cash of \$1.0 million released from escrow during the first nine months of 2010 related to our reorganization in 2005. Of the \$9.8 million credit to other income (expense) during the first nine months of 2010, \$9.6 million was attributable to a favorable change in the estimated fair value of our embedded derivative liabilities resulting from the Amendment and Waiver that eliminated the Second Lien Note redemption premiums required upon an asset sale or change in control.

Income Taxes

During the first nine months of 2011 and 2010, substantially all of our U.S. subsidiaries had net losses for tax purposes with full valuation allowances. During the first nine months of 2010, no income tax provision or benefit was recognized for these subsidiaries.

Our effective income tax rate during the first nine months of 2011 was 1.0%, resulting in an income tax benefit of \$2.1 million on our pre-tax loss of \$199.7 million. The income tax benefit consists of a \$1.3 million tax benefit from the effect of the change in the effective income tax rate on the deferred tax liabilities associated with indefinite-lived intangible assets and a \$0.8 million tax benefit on taxes provided on income from discontinued operations that can be offset by losses from continuing operations.

Comparison of Our Third Quarter and First Nine Months of 2011 to Our Third Quarter and First Nine Months of 2010 Discontinued Operations

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The results of operations of our discontinued PacketVideo, Semiconductor, Global Services Support, WiMAX Telecom, Inquam and South American businesses, are as follows:

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<i>(in millions)</i>	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	October 1, 2011	October 2, 2010	Increase (Decrease)	October 1, 2011	October 2, 2010	Increase (Decrease)
Revenues (including related party revenues of \$0, \$2.1, \$0 and \$11.4, respectively)	\$	\$ 9.9	\$ (9.9)	\$	\$ 39.7	\$ (39.7)
Total operating expenses (credits) (including related party cost of revenues of \$0, \$0.2, \$0 and \$0.7, respectively)	(0.1)	29.2	(29.3)	(0.6)	65.9	(66.5)
Net gain (losses) on business divestitures		(1.2)	1.2	2.1	(5.8)	7.9
Income (loss) before income taxes	0.1	(21.0)	21.1	2.7	(32.4)	35.1
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations		(16.8)	16.8	1.7	(28.3)	30.0
Net loss attributed to noncontrolling interest in subsidiary		2.5	(2.5)		3.8	(3.8)
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations attributed to NextWave		(14.3)	14.3	1.7	(24.6)	26.3

The \$9.9 million decrease in revenues from discontinued operations during the third quarter of 2011 when compared to the third quarter of 2010 was attributable to our sale of our PacketVideo subsidiary in October 2010.

Of the \$39.7 million decrease in revenues from discontinued operations during the first nine months of 2011 when compared to the first nine months of 2010, \$38.3 million was attributable to our sale of our PacketVideo subsidiary in October 2010. The remaining \$1.4 million decrease was primarily attributable to the sale of our WT SRO subsidiary in June of 2010.

Related party revenues during the third quarter and first nine months of 2010 represent sales and royalties related to versions of PacketVideo's multimedia player sold and licensed to DOCOMO for installation into DOCOMO handset models. During the first nine months of 2010 DOCOMO owned a 35% noncontrolling interest in our PacketVideo subsidiary.

Total Operating Expenses (Credits)

Of the \$29.3 million decrease in total operating expenses from discontinued operations during the third quarter of 2011 when compared to the third quarter of 2010, \$16.6 million is attributable to the divestiture of our PacketVideo subsidiary in October 2010, \$12.1 million and \$0.1 million is attributable to asset impairment and restructuring charges, respectively, recognized during the third quarter of 2010 and \$0.3 million is attributable to our divestiture during the first quarter of 2011 of our remaining subsidiaries in Latin America. Total operating expense credits for the third quarter of 2011 include \$0.1 million in sublease revenue.

Of the \$66.5 million decrease in total operating expenses from discontinued operations during the first nine months of 2011 when compared to the first nine months of 2010, \$48.5 million is attributable to the divestiture of our PacketVideo subsidiary in October 2010, \$14.1 million and \$1.1 million is attributable to asset impairment and restructuring charges, respectively, recognized during the first nine months of 2010 and the remaining \$2.8 million is primarily attributable to our divestitures during 2011 and 2010 of our discontinued Latin American subsidiaries and our WiMAX Telecom businesses in Slovakia and Switzerland. Total operating expense credits for the first nine months of 2011 include a \$0.3 million favorable settlement with a service vendor, \$0.2 million in net gains on the sale of equipment and \$0.1 million in sublease revenue.

Included in total operating expenses from discontinued operations during the third quarters of 2011 and 2010 is \$0 and \$1.0 million, respectively, and during the first nine months of 2011 and 2010 is \$0 and \$2.9 million, respectively, of amortization of purchased intangible assets. Also included in total operating expenses during the third quarters of 2011 and 2010 is \$0 and \$1.1 million, respectively, and during the first nine months of 2011 and 2010 is \$0 and \$3.3 million, respectively, of share-based compensation expense.

Net Gains (Losses) on Business Divestitures

During the first nine months of 2011, we completed the sale of our remaining subsidiaries in Latin America to a third party for \$3.0 million, recognizing a gain on the divestiture of \$1.7 million, and recognized a gain of \$0.4 million for cash received in May 2011 under the terms of an additional consideration agreement that we entered into upon the sale of WT SRO in June 2010.

The net loss on business divestitures during the third quarter of 2010 of \$1.2 million primarily relates to selling costs incurred for our sale of PacketVideo.

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The net loss on business divestitures during the first nine months of 2010 of \$5.8 million primarily relates to an \$8.8 million loss on our sale of WiMAX Telecom SRO in Slovakia and \$1.2 million in selling costs incurred for our sale of PacketVideo. These losses were partially offset by a \$4.2 million gain on the assumption of debt by the buyers of our two Latin American wireless spectrum businesses.

Income Taxes

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The effective income tax rate for discontinued operations during the third quarter and first nine months of 2011 was 36.5%, resulting in income tax provisions of \$24,000 and \$1.0 million on pre-tax income from discontinued operations of \$0.1 million and \$2.7 million, respectively. The tax provision was recorded as a result of an allocation of the current year loss from continuing operations.

The effective income tax rate for discontinued operations during the third quarter of 2010 was 19.8% resulting in a \$4.2 million income tax benefit on pre-tax losses from discontinued operations of \$21.0 million, which primarily relates to \$4.3 million from the effect of the reduction in deferred tax liabilities associated with indefinite lived intangible assets, partially offset by \$0.1 million in foreign withholding taxes on royalty payments received from our PacketVideo customers.

The effective income tax rate for discontinued operations during the first nine months of 2010 was 12.5%, resulting in a \$4.1 million income tax benefit on pre-tax losses from discontinued operations of \$32.4 million, which primarily relates to \$4.5 million from the effect of the reduction of deferred tax liabilities associated with indefinite-lived intangible assets, partially offset by \$0.3 million in foreign withholding taxes on royalty payments received from our PacketVideo customers and \$0.1 million of income taxes related to our controlled foreign corporations.

Net Income Attributed to Noncontrolling Interest in Subsidiary

During the third quarter and first nine months of 2010, the net income from discontinued operations attributed to the noncontrolling interest in our PacketVideo subsidiary totaled \$2.5 million and \$3.8 million, respectively, and represents DOCOMO's share of PacketVideo's net loss during the respective periods. In October 2010, we sold our remaining 65% stock ownership in our PacketVideo subsidiary.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

We have funded our operations, business combinations, strategic investments and wireless spectrum license acquisitions primarily with the \$550.0 million in cash received in our initial capitalization in April 2005, the net proceeds of \$295.0 million from the issuance of the Senior Notes in 2006 and 2010, the net proceeds of \$351.1 million from our issuance of Series A Senior Convertible Preferred Stock in March 2007 and the net proceeds of \$101.0 million from our issuance of the Second Lien Notes in 2008 and 2009. Our total unrestricted cash, cash equivalents and short-term investment included in continuing operations totaled \$23.7 million at October 1, 2011. We had a net working capital deficit of \$925.1 million at October 1, 2011.

In an effort to reduce our future working capital requirements and in order to comply with the terms of our Senior Notes, Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes, in the second half of 2008, our Board of Directors approved the implementation of a global restructuring initiative, pursuant to which we have divested, either through sale, dissolution or closure, our multimedia, network infrastructure and semiconductor businesses. We have also taken other cost reduction actions. The results of operations of these businesses are reported as discontinued operations in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements.

During the first nine months of 2011, our continuing operations used cash of \$11.2 million for operations, which includes costs to maintain our wireless spectrum licenses and costs associated with being a public reporting company. We expect that our cash requirements for our continuing operations will continue at this rate during the remainder of 2011.

In 2010, we had capital expenditure needs associated with certain build-out or substantial service requirements which apply to our licensed domestic wireless spectrum, which generally must be satisfied as a condition of the license. The substantial service deadlines applicable to our domestic wireless spectrum assets, and our activities to meet these requirements, are described below:

The substantial service build-out deadline for our domestic Wireless Communication Services (WCS) spectrum was July 21, 2010 under the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) rules in existence at that time. We made the capital expenditures required to complete the applicable WCS build-out requirements by the July 21, 2010 deadline. Right before the deadline, on May 20, 2010, the FCC adopted new rules that became effective September 1, 2010 replacing the July 21, 2010 substantial service requirements with new requirements that must be met by March 4, 2014 and additional requirements that must be met by September 1, 2016. Since the effective date for the new rules was in September, after the July deadline for completion of the build out required by the old rules, and we had completed the build out in accordance with the old rules, we filed substantial service showings with the FCC on July 20, 2010 for all of our WCS licenses under the rules then in effect. On June 14, 2011, the FCC dismissed our substantial service showings in accordance with the plans it announced in its June 29, 2010 order announcing that substantial service showings would no longer be accepted because of the new performance requirements that were adopted. Accordingly, we will be required to make additional capital expenditures to comply with the new rules.

The substantial service deadline for Educational Broadband Service (EBS) spectrum was extended by the FCC on March 21, 2011 to November 1, 2011; however, most of our EBS leases required us to complete build-out activities in 2010, in advance of the FCC s substantial service deadline. To meet the substantial service

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requirements for EBS spectrum we arranged with our EBS licensees to either (a) have the EBS licensee continue to use the spectrum to provide educational services in the cases where the EBS licensee is currently providing such service or (b) provide educational services on a network that was installed by us, at our cost, either of which option is intended to deliver educational services over the spectrum in compliance with the FCC's educational safe harbor to meet the substantial service showing by the deadline. We have completed build-out activities for our EBS leases. Our reliance on the EBS licensees to provide the educational service may subject us to risk of non-renewal in the event the EBS licensee fails to provide the service. In addition, the affected license(s) are subject to non-renewal if the FCC does not accept the substantial service showing. Of the nine EBS licensees with whom we have leases, all of them have filed substantial service showings and the FCC has accepted eight of such showings. The last showing was filed prior to the November 1 deadline and awaits acceptance by the FCC.

The substantial service deadline for Broadband Radio Service (BRS) spectrum was May 1, 2011. With respect to our domestic BRS spectrum, we have constructed and are operating a commercial system using the spectrum to meet the FCC substantial service requirement. The FCC accepted our substantial service showings and renewed our BRS licenses on September 20, 2011.

We also operate or hold spectrum licenses through various subsidiaries in Canada and Norway. In Canada, our 2.3 GHz licenses are subject to mid-term in-use demonstration requirements; the deadline for 63 of our licenses is November of 2012 and for the remaining 25 licenses it is April of 2013. In order for us to operate our Canadian spectrum under Canadian ownership rules, we will need a Canadian-controlled partner. There can be no assurance that we will find a Canadian-controlled partner who will be able to provide a viable business plan and attract appropriate financing by the build out deadline. Failure to make the in-use demonstrations for each of our 88 licenses, in the absence of an extension by Industry Canada, could result in forfeiture of the applicable licenses.

We do not have specific build-out obligations in Norway.

Debt Maturities, Forbearance Agreement and Ability to Continue as Going Concern

Our Senior Notes, having an aggregate principal amount of \$133.0 million at October 1, 2011, were due to mature on July 17, 2011. On July 17, 2011, the holders of our Senior Notes provided a limited waiver of our obligation to pay these notes in full on their maturity date. Concurrently with the expiration of the limited waiver on August 1, we entered into a Forbearance Agreement with all of the holders of our secured notes pursuant to which such holders agreed to forbear from exercising their remedies relating to payment and other potential defaults through November 30, 2011, subject to certain conditions including our commitment to consummate a refinancing transaction. Our Second Lien Notes, having an aggregate principal amount of \$186.3 million at October 1, 2011, will mature in November 2011 and our Third Lien Notes, having an aggregate principal amount of \$664.3 million at October 1, 2011, will mature in December 2011. We have been engaged in discussions with the holders of our secured notes relating to a maturity extension and related amendments to our notes agreements since January 2011. The holders of our notes have not agreed to a maturity extension. An independent committee of our Board of Directors has authorized us to seek alternative sources of financing to repay our Senior Notes and Second Lien Notes. At this time, alternative financing has not been identified and cannot be assured. The Forbearance Agreement contemplates that we will meet certain milestones in an offering of new senior notes for net proceeds of at least \$380 million with a maturity date no earlier than June 30, 2014 (the New First Lien Notes). As permitted by the Forbearance Agreement, the holders of our Senior Notes have extended the date by which we must complete a refinancing transaction to November 30, 2011. This date may be extended by mutual agreement of the Company and the holders of our Senior Notes, except that the completion date of the issuance may not be extended past December 15, 2011 without the consent of all note holders. If the offering of New First Lien Notes is completed, we have agreed to redeem our Senior Notes, Second Lien Notes and \$25 million of our Third Lien Notes using the proceeds of such transaction. If such Third Lien Notes redemption is completed, the holders of our Third Lien Notes have agreed to exchange their remaining notes for a new class of second lien notes with a maturity date six months after the maturity date of the New First Lien Notes. If, after these redemptions, the net proceeds of the New First Lien Notes are not sufficient to provide the Company with at least \$55 million in working capital, we will be permitted to issue incremental first priority senior secured notes ranking pari passu with all senior obligations of the Company for an aggregate amount of net proceeds up to such deficit at a later date.

If the Forbearance Agreement is terminated without completion of the contemplated refinancing transaction, an event of default under our Senior Notes, our Second Lien Notes, and our Third Lien Notes will occur and the principal amount of each series of Notes will accrue default interest at a rate of 2% per annum, in addition to the interest rate currently in effect, retroactively to August 1, 2011. In addition, such an event of default would entitle the holders of at least 51% of the aggregate principal amount of each such series of notes to declare amounts outstanding under such notes immediately due and payable prior to their respective scheduled maturity dates. In the event that amounts outstanding under the Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes are declared immediately due and payable prior to their scheduled maturity dates, all unamortized discounts and debt issuance costs would be immediately expensed.

Our current cash reserves are not sufficient to meet our payment obligations under our secured notes at their current maturity dates. Additionally, we will not be able to consummate sales of our wireless spectrum assets yielding sufficient proceeds to retire this indebtedness at the current

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scheduled maturity dates. If we are unable to extend maturity beyond 2011, or identify and successfully implement alternative financing to repay the Senior Notes and Second Lien Notes, the holders of our secured notes could proceed against the assets pledged to collateralize these obligations. These conditions raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. Insufficient capital to repay our debt at maturity would significantly restrict our ability to operate and could cause us to seek relief through a filing in the United States Bankruptcy Court. Any alternative financing and/or maturity extension of our secured notes may be costly to obtain, and could involve the issuance of equity securities that could cause significant dilution to our existing stockholders.

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The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming the Company will continue as a going concern and do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty. This basis contemplates the recovery of the Company's assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business.

The following table presents our working capital deficit, our cash, cash equivalents and short-term investment balances:

<i>(in millions)</i>	October 1, 2011	July 2, 2011	Increase (Decrease) for the Three Months Ended October 1, 2011	January 1, 2011	Increase (Decrease) for the Nine Months Ended October 1, 2011
Working capital deficit	\$ (925.1)	\$ (857.6)	\$ (67.5)	\$ (733.7)	\$ (191.4)
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8.7	\$ 22.6	\$ (13.9)	\$ 42.5	\$ (33.8)
Short-term investments	15.0	5.0	10.0		15.0
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments - continuing operations	23.7	27.6	(3.9)	42.5	(18.8)
Cash and cash equivalents - discontinued operations		0.4	(0.4)	0.1	(0.1)
Total cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	\$ 23.7	\$ 28.0	\$ (4.3)	\$ 42.6	\$ (18.9)

Uses of Cash, Cash Equivalents and Short-Term Investments

The following table presents our utilization of cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments:

<i>(in millions)</i>	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	October 1, 2011	October 2, 2010	October 1, 2011	October 2, 2010
Beginning cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	\$ 28.0	\$ 33.8	\$ 42.6	\$ 20.5
Net operating cash used by continuing operations	(3.9)	(8.2)	(11.2)	(18.6)
Proceeds from the sale of wireless spectrum licenses, net of selling costs	(0.2)	2.7	(0.2)	3.4
Payments on long-term obligations, excluding wireless spectrum lease obligations			(6.1)	(21.4)
Cash paid for wireless spectrum license lease obligations	(0.2)	(0.2)	(4.0)	(4.0)
Proceeds from long-term obligations				25.0
Proceeds from the sale of auction-rate securities				24.0
Payments for the purchase of property and equipment				(2.9)
Other, net	(0.1)	0.4	(0.1)	(1.1)
Net operating and investing cash provided by discontinued operations	0.1	13.8	2.7	17.4
Ending cash, cash equivalents and short-term investment	23.7	42.3	23.7	42.3
Less: ending cash and cash equivalents - discontinued operations			(19.6)	(19.6)
	\$ 23.7	\$ 22.7	\$ 23.7	\$ 22.7

Ending cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments -
continuing operations

There were no significant investing or financing activities during the first nine months of 2011.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Our discussion and analysis of our results of operations and liquidity and capital resources are based on our consolidated financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates and judgments, including those related to revenue recognition, valuation of intangible assets and investments, and litigation. We base our estimates on historical and anticipated results and trends and on various other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances, including assumptions as to future events. These estimates form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. By their nature, estimates are subject to an inherent degree of uncertainty. Actual results that differ from our estimates could have a significant adverse effect on our operating results and financial position. Our accounting policies are described in more detail in Note 1 to our consolidated financial statements for the year ended January 1, 2011, contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 17, 2011.

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There have been no significant changes in our critical accounting policies and estimates since January 1, 2011.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The following table summarizes our cash contractual obligations for continuing and discontinued operations at October 1, 2011, and the effect that such obligations are expected to have on our liquidity and cash flows in future periods.

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Total	Payments Due by Fiscal Year Period			Years 2016 and Thereafter
		Remainder of 2011	Years 2012-2013	Years 2014-2015	
Continuing Operations:					
Long-term obligations:					
Notes payable ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 983,592	\$ 983,592	\$	\$	\$
Wireless spectrum leases	35,843	402	8,680	8,252	18,509
Operating leases	253	76	177		
	1,019,688	984,070	8,857	8,252	18,509
Discontinued Operations - Services agreement	8,153				8,153
Total	\$ 1,027,841	\$ 984,070	\$ 8,857	\$ 8,252	\$ 26,662

- (1) Amounts presented do not include the future issuance of additional Senior Notes, Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes in payment of interest.
- (2) Our Senior Notes, having an aggregate principal amount of \$133.0 million at October 1, 2011, matured on July 17, 2011. On July 17, 2011, the holders of our Senior Notes provided a limited waiver of our obligation to pay these notes in full on their maturity date. Concurrently with the expiration of the limited waiver on August 1, we entered into a Forbearance Agreement with all of the holders of our secured notes pursuant to which such holders agreed to forbear from exercising their remedies relating to payment and other potential defaults through November 30, 2011, subject to certain conditions including our commitment to consummate a refinancing transaction. Our Second Lien Notes, having an aggregate principal amount of \$186.3 million at October 1, 2011, will mature in November 2011 and our Third Lien Notes, having an aggregate principal amount of \$664.3 million at October 1, 2011, will mature in December 2011. The Forbearance Agreement contemplates that we will meet certain milestones in an offering of new senior notes for net proceeds of at least \$380 million with a maturity date no earlier than June 30, 2014 (the New First Lien Notes). As permitted by the Forbearance Agreement, the holders of our Senior Notes have extended the date by which we must complete a refinancing transaction to November 30, 2011. This date may be extended by mutual agreement of the Company and the holders of our Senior Notes, except that the completion date of the issuance may not be extended past December 15, 2011 without the consent of all note holders. If the offering of New First Lien Notes is completed, we have agreed to redeem our Senior Notes, Second Lien Notes and \$25 million of our Third Lien Subordinated Secured Convertible Notes due 2011 (the Third Lien Notes) using the proceeds of such transaction. If such Third Lien Notes redemption is completed, the holders of our Third Lien Notes have agreed to exchange their remaining notes for a new class of second lien notes with a maturity date six months after the maturity date of the New First Lien Notes. If, after these redemptions, the net proceeds of the New First Lien Notes are not sufficient to provide the Company with at least \$55 million in working capital, we will be permitted to issue incremental first priority senior secured notes ranking pari passu with all senior obligations of the Company for an aggregate amount of net proceeds up to such deficit at a later date.

If the Forbearance Agreement is terminated without completion of the contemplated refinancing transaction, an event of default under our Senior Notes, our Second Lien Notes, and our Third Lien Notes will occur and the principal amount of each series of Notes will accrue default interest at a rate of 2% per annum, in addition to the interest rate currently in effect, retroactively to August 1, 2011. In addition, such an event of default would entitle the holders of at least 51% of the aggregate principal amount of each such series of Notes to declare amounts outstanding under such Notes immediately due and payable prior to their respective scheduled maturity dates. In the event that amounts outstanding under the Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes are declared immediately due and payable prior to their scheduled maturity dates, all unamortized discounts and debt issuance costs would be immediately expensed.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Not applicable.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Conclusion Regarding the Effectiveness of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required financial disclosures. Because of inherent limitations, our disclosure controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance that the objectives of such disclosure controls and procedures are met.

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined under Rule 13a-15(e) promulgated under the Exchange Act. Based on this evaluation, our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarterly period ended October 1, 2011 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings

On September 16, 2008, a putative class action lawsuit, captioned Sandra Lifschitz, On Behalf of Herself and All Others Similarly Situated, Plaintiff, v. NextWave Wireless Inc. et al., Defendants, was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California against us and certain of our officers. The suit alleges that the defendants made false and misleading statements and/or omissions in violation of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder. The suit seeks unspecified damages, interest, costs, attorneys' fees, and injunctive, equitable or other relief on behalf of a purported class of purchasers of our common stock during the period from March 30, 2007 to August 7, 2008. A second putative class action lawsuit captioned Benjamin et al. v. NextWave Wireless Inc. et al. was filed on October 21, 2008 alleging the same claims on behalf of purchasers of our common stock during an extended class period, from November 27, 2006 through August 7, 2008. On February 24, 2009, the Court issued an Order consolidating the two cases and appointing a lead plaintiff pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. On May 15, 2009, the lead plaintiff filed an Amended Complaint, and on June 29, 2009, we filed a Motion to Dismiss that Amended Complaint. On March 5, 2010, the Court granted our Motion to Dismiss, without prejudice, permitting the lead plaintiff to file an Amended Complaint. On March 26, 2010, the lead plaintiff filed a Second Amended Consolidated Complaint, and we subsequently filed a Motion to Dismiss. On March 16, 2011, the Court granted our Motion and dismissed the complaint without prejudice. On May 5, 2011, the lead plaintiff filed a Third Amended Complaint, and we again filed a Motion to Dismiss. The Motion now has been fully briefed and oral argument is scheduled for December of 2011. At this time, there can be no assurance as to the ultimate outcome of this litigation. We have not recorded any significant accruals for contingent liabilities associated with this matter based on our belief that a liability, while possible, is not probable. Further, any possible range of loss cannot be estimated at this time.

We are also currently involved in other legal proceedings in the ordinary course of our business operations. We estimate the range of liability related to pending litigation where the amount and range of loss can be estimated. We record our best estimate of a loss when the loss is considered probable. Where a liability is probable and there is a range of estimated loss with no best estimate in the range, we record the minimum estimated liability related to the claim. As additional information becomes available, we assess the potential liability related to our pending litigation and revise our estimates. As of October 1, 2011, we have not recorded any significant accruals for contingent liabilities associated with our legal proceedings based on our belief that a liability, while possible, is not probable. Further, any possible range of loss cannot be estimated at this time. Revisions to our estimate of the potential liability could materially impact future results of operations.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

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Our business involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the following risks together with all of the other information contained in this Quarterly Report and our other filings with the SEC before making a future investment

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decision with respect to our securities. If any of the following risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected, and the value of our securities could substantially decline.

Risks Relating to Our Business

We may default on our debt, and our cash reserves will not be sufficient to meet these payment obligations. There can be no assurance that a maturity extension or refinancing transaction relating to our secured notes will be achieved. Any maturity extension or refinancing transaction may involve significant cost, including the accrual of payment-in-kind interest for an extended term which will increase our aggregate amount of indebtedness.

Our Senior Notes, having an aggregate principal amount of \$133.0 million at October 1, 2011, were due to mature on July 17, 2011. On July 17, 2011, the holders of our Senior Notes provided a limited waiver of our obligation to pay these notes in full on their maturity date. Concurrently with the expiration of the limited waiver on August 1, we entered into a Forbearance Agreement with all of the holders of our secured notes pursuant to which such holders agreed to forbear from exercising their remedies relating to payment and other potential defaults through November 30, 2011, subject to certain conditions including our commitment to consummate a refinancing transaction. We have been engaged in discussions with the holders of our secured notes relating to a maturity extension and related amendments to our notes agreements since January 2011. The holders of our notes have not agreed to a maturity extension. An independent committee of our Board of Directors has authorized us to seek alternative sources of financing to repay our Senior Notes and Second Lien Notes. At this time, alternative financing has not been identified and cannot be assured. The Forbearance Agreement contemplates that we will meet certain milestones in an offering of new senior notes for net proceeds of at least \$380 million with a maturity date no earlier than June 30, 2014 (the New First Lien Notes), with the issuance of the New First Lien Notes being completed by no later than November 30, 2011. The completion date of the issuance may not be extended past December 15, 2011 without the consent of all note holders.

If the Forbearance Agreement is terminated without completion of the contemplated refinancing transaction, an event of default under our Senior Notes, our Second Lien Notes, and our Third Lien Notes will occur and the principal amount of each series of Notes will accrue default interest at a rate of 2% per annum, in addition to the interest rate currently in effect, retroactively to August 1, 2011. In addition, such an event of default would entitle the holders of at least 51% of the aggregate principal amount of each such series of Notes to declare amounts outstanding under such Notes immediately due and payable prior to their respective scheduled maturity dates. In the event that amounts outstanding under the Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes are declared immediately due and payable prior to their scheduled maturity dates, all unamortized discounts and debt issuance costs would be immediately expensed.

Our current cash reserves are not sufficient to meet our payment obligations under our secured notes at their current maturity dates. Additionally, we will not be able to consummate sales of our wireless spectrum assets yielding sufficient proceeds to retire this indebtedness at the current scheduled maturity dates. If we are unable to extend maturity beyond 2011, or identify and successfully implement alternative financing to repay the Senior Notes and Second Lien Notes, the holders of our Notes could proceed against the assets pledged to collateralize these obligations. These conditions raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. Insufficient capital to repay our debt at maturity would significantly restrict our ability to operate and could cause us to seek relief through a filing in the United States Bankruptcy Court. Any alternative financing and/or maturity extension of our Notes may be costly to obtain, and could involve the issuance of equity securities that could cause significant dilution to our existing stockholders.

A refinancing or maturity extension of the Company's secured notes may be costly to obtain, and, if successful, will result in a greater aggregate amount of indebtedness due at maturity resulting from the accrual of payment-in-kind interest for the extended term. Such extension could also involve the issuance of equity securities that could cause significant dilution to existing stockholders.

Because there can be no assurance that we will be successful in obtaining a debt maturity extension or refinancing our debt, there is substantial doubt as to our ability to continue as a going concern, and our independent registered public accounting firm has included an explanatory paragraph highlighting this uncertainty in its report dated March 16, 2011.

Termination of the Forbearance Agreement without completion of the contemplated refinancing transaction would give rise to a cross-default under our Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes, which entitles the holders of at least 51% of the aggregate principal amount of such series of notes to declare amounts outstanding under such notes immediately due and payable prior to their scheduled maturity dates of November 30, 2011 and December 31, 2011, respectively. In addition, this event of default would cause the principal amount of the Senior Notes, Second Lien Notes and Third Lien Notes to accrue default interest at a rate of 2% per annum, in addition to the respective interest rates currently in effect, retroactively to August 1, 2011.

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In the event of a default, the holders of our notes could proceed against the assets pledged to collateralize these obligations, which include the Company's spectrum assets and the capital stock of its material subsidiaries. A failure to obtain a maturity extension or refinancing transaction could cause the Company to seek relief through a filing in the United States Bankruptcy Court. Our financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes continuity of operations and realization of assets and satisfaction of liabilities in the ordinary course of business. Our financial statements do not include any adjustments related to the recovery of assets and classification of liabilities that might be necessary should we be unable to continue as a going concern. Our ability to continue as a going concern is predicated upon our ability to obtain a maturity extension of our debt.

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Our capital structure requires that we successfully monetize most of our wireless spectrum assets for net proceeds substantially in excess of our cost basis in order to retire our debt. The value of our equity securities is dependent on our ability to successfully retire our debt.

If we complete a refinancing transaction or obtain a maturity extension, the aggregate amount of our secured debt will be increased due to accrued payment-in-kind interest for the extended term to maturity. There is no guarantee that we will be able to find third parties interested in purchasing our wireless spectrum assets at prices sufficient to retire this debt prior to maturity, even if extended. If we are unable to consummate sales of our wireless spectrum assets for net proceeds that are sufficient to retire our indebtedness, the value of our equity securities will be significantly impaired or eliminated. The sale price of our wireless spectrum assets will be impacted by many factors beyond our control including, among other things:

the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) s new technical rules relating to the operation of satellite digital audio radio services and services using our WCS spectrum licenses;

the timing and allocated costs of build-out or substantial service requirements attached to our domestic and international spectrum licenses, where a failure to comply with these requirements could result in license forfeiture;

timing of closure of potential sales, particularly if it is necessary to accelerate the planned sale of certain of our spectrum licenses in order to meet debt payment obligations if we are not able to obtain a maturity extension;

worldwide economic conditions, which we believe have adversely affected manufacturers of telecommunications equipment and technology and led to a delay in global network deployments;

availability of wireless spectrum in the United States in particular, which could be affected by potential government auctions of spectrum not previously available in the market; and

availability of capital for prospective spectrum bidders, which has been negatively impacted by the downturn in the credit and financial markets.

If we are unable to consummate sales of our wireless spectrum assets that are sufficient to retire our indebtedness, the holders of our notes could proceed against the assets pledged to collateralize these obligations, which include our spectrum assets and the capital stock of our material subsidiaries, which would impair our ability to continue as a going concern and the value of our equity securities would be impaired or eliminated.

If we successfully monetize our wireless spectrum assets at prices substantially in excess of our cost basis in order to retire our debt, we will rely on our substantial net operating loss carryforwards to offset the taxable gains that may arise as a result of such sales. Accordingly, if the use of our expected net operating loss carryforwards becomes limited, the after-tax proceeds realized from our spectrum sales may be reduced and the value of our equity securities or debt securities may be impaired.

As stated above, our capital structure requires that we successfully monetize a substantial portion of our wireless spectrum assets for net proceeds substantially in excess of our cost basis in order to retire our debt. The value of our equity securities is dependent on our ability to successfully retire our debt. We estimate that, as of December 31, 2010, we had federal income tax net operating loss carryforwards (NOLs) of approximately \$730.7 million, which begin to expire in 2018. We plan to use our NOLs to offset future gains on the sale of our spectrum assets. If our ability to use our NOLs as anticipated to offset any gains is limited, the after-tax proceeds realized from our spectrum sales may be reduced. Depending on the ultimate sale prices for our spectrum assets, the availability of our NOLs may be essential to ensuring the full payment of our Third Lien Notes and/or the realization of value for our equity securities.

Under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, a corporation that undergoes an ownership change may generally thereafter only utilize its pre-change losses to offset a fixed amount of taxable income per year, subject to certain adjustments. A corporation generally undergoes an ownership change if the percentage of stock of the corporation owned by one or more 5% shareholders has increased by

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more than 50 percentage points over a three-year period (with certain groups of less-than-5% shareholders treated as a single shareholder for this purpose).

Based on our analysis to date, we do not believe that we have undergone an ownership change in the past. However, subsequent changes in our stock ownership, including the purchase or sale of our common stock by 5% shareholders, changes in the indirect beneficial ownership of such stock, and issuances or redemptions of common stock or other equity securities by us, could result in an ownership change that would trigger the imposition of limitations under Section 382. If an ownership change occurs, the availability of our NOLs for use may be severely limited, subject to an adjustment for so-called net built-in gains that are recognized within the five-year period after the ownership change. Although we would expect to significantly benefit from the adjustment for net built-in gains with respect to any spectrum sales following an ownership change, the availability of our NOLs against any future gains from such sales may nevertheless be materially impaired.

The amount and availability of our NOLs is subject to examination and adjustment by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Accordingly, there is no assurance that the IRS will agree with our determination as to the available amount of NOLs in respect of any spectrum sales. In addition, the rules relating to U.S. federal income taxation are under ongoing review by persons involved in the legislative process and by the IRS and the U.S. Treasury Department, resulting in revisions of regulations and

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revised interpretations of established concepts, as well as statutory changes. Revisions in U.S. federal tax laws and interpretations thereof could adversely impair our currently expected ability to use our NOLs.

We are highly leveraged and our operating flexibility will be significantly reduced by our debt covenants.

As of October 1, 2011, the aggregate principal amount of our secured indebtedness was \$983.6 million. This amount includes our Senior Notes with an aggregate principal amount of \$133.0 million, our Second Lien Notes with an aggregate principal amount of \$186.3 million and our Third Lien Notes with an aggregate principal amount of \$664.3 million. Covenants in the purchase agreements for our Senior Notes and Second Lien Notes impose operating and financial restrictions on us. These restrictions prohibit or limit our ability, and the ability of our subsidiaries, to, among other things:

pay dividends to our stockholders;

incur, or cause to incur, additional indebtedness or incur liens;

sell assets for consideration other than cash or for net proceeds less than our cost basis;

consolidate or merge with or into other companies;

issue shares of our common stock or securities of our subsidiaries;

make capital expenditures or other strategic investments in our business not contemplated by our operating budget; or

acquire assets or make investments.

We anticipate that our overall level of indebtedness and covenant restrictions will:

limit our ability to pursue business opportunities;

render us more vulnerable to general adverse economic, regulatory and industry conditions; and

require us to dedicate proceeds from asset sales to service our debt.

A breach of any covenants contained in the note purchase agreements governing our secured notes could result in a default under our indebtedness. If we are unable to repay or refinance those amounts, the holders of our notes could proceed against the assets pledged to collateralize these obligations, which include our spectrum assets and substantially all of our other assets.

The terms of our Senior Notes and Second Lien Notes require us to certify our compliance with a restrictive operating budget and to maintain a minimum cash balance. A failure to comply with these terms may result in an event of default which could result in the acceleration of maturity of our indebtedness and impair our ability to continue as a going concern.

The terms of our Senior Notes and Second Lien Notes require us to deliver a six-month operating budget to the noteholders on a quarterly basis, which budget is reasonably acceptable to Avenue AIV US, L.P., an affiliate of Avenue Capital Management II, L.P. (Avenue Capital II).

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Avenue Capital II holds 78% of the aggregate principal amount of our Second Lien Notes and 75% of the aggregate principal amount of our Senior Notes. We must deliver monthly certifications relating to our cash balances to the holders of our Senior Notes and Second Lien Notes. If we are unable to certify that our cash balances have not deviated in a negative manner by more than 10% from budgeted balances, default interest will accrue and, if such condition persists for three monthly reporting periods, an event of default would occur under our Senior Notes and Second Lien Notes and, if the maturity of the foregoing indebtedness were to be accelerated, an event of default would occur under our Third Lien Notes. In addition, we must certify that we have maintained a minimum cash balance of \$1.0 million, and any failure to maintain such minimum cash balance will result in an immediate event of default under our Senior Notes and Second Lien Notes and, if the maturity of the foregoing indebtedness were to be accelerated, our Third Lien Notes. Upon an acceleration of our debt following an event of default, the holders of our notes could proceed against the assets pledged to collateralize these obligations, which include our spectrum assets and substantially all of our other assets, which would impair our ability to continue as a going concern.

We have become and may continue to be the target of securities class action suits and derivative suits which could result in substantial costs and divert management attention and resources.

Securities class action suits and derivative suits are often brought against companies following periods of volatility in the market price of their securities. Defending against these suits can result in substantial costs to us and divert the attention of our management.

On September 16, 2008, a putative class action lawsuit, captioned Sandra Lifschitz, On Behalf of Herself and All Others Similarly Situated, Plaintiff, v. NextWave Wireless Inc. et al., Defendants, was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California against us and certain of our officers. The suit alleges that the defendants made false and misleading statements and/or omissions in violation of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder. The suit seeks unspecified damages, interest, costs, attorneys fees, and injunctive, equitable or other relief on behalf of a purported class of purchasers of our common stock during the period from March 30, 2007 to August 7, 2008. A second putative class action lawsuit captioned Benjamin et al. v. NextWave Wireless Inc. et al. was filed on October

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Our common stock is no longer traded on The Nasdaq Global Market (Nasdaq) or any national securities exchange, and investors no longer have the benefit of certain exemptions from state securities laws governing resales, liquidity benefits and governance protections afforded by a Nasdaq (or other national securities exchange) listing.

As a result of our delisting from Nasdaq in July 2010, we are not currently subject to its corporate governance requirements and investors may not have the same protections as are afforded to stockholders of companies listed on Nasdaq. For example, we are no longer required to maintain a majority of independent directors on our Board of Directors. Delisting from Nasdaq may also result in increased obligations under state securities laws and decreased coverage by securities analysts.

Our common stock is quoted on the OTCQB, an over-the-counter electronic quotation service operated by Pink OTC Markets Inc. Markets operated by Pink OTC Markets Inc. are generally regarded as less efficient and liquid than Nasdaq. The ability to trade our common stock on the OTCQB depends on the presence and investment decisions of willing buyers and sellers. Accordingly, if an active and liquid trading market price for our common stock does not develop or, if developed, does not continue, the market price of our common stock will be adversely affected. In addition, because we are no longer listed on Nasdaq, sales of our common stock by brokers in certain states may be limited or prohibited pending completion of registration filings required under state securities laws.

Trading in our common stock may be subject to the requirements of certain rules promulgated by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which require additional disclosure by broker-dealers in connection with any trade involving a stock defined as a penny stock . A penny stock is any equity security that has a market price per share of less than \$5.00, subject to certain exceptions, such as any securities listed on a national securities exchange. Additional disclosure burdens relating to penny stocks imposed upon broker-dealers by the SEC requirements could discourage broker-dealers from facilitating trades in our common stock, which could further limit the market liquidity of our stock and the ability of investors to trade our common stock.

Special Risk Considerations Relating to our October 2010 Sale of our Remaining Interest in PacketVideo Corporation to NTT DOCOMO, INC.

We no longer have any significant operating revenues.

Given our previous divestiture and/or discontinuation of operations of our network infrastructure subsidiaries, all of our significant operating revenues during the first nine months of 2010 were generated by PacketVideo. After the sale of the PacketVideo shares to DOCOMO in October 2010, we no longer have any significant operating revenues and, if we are not able to successfully sell our wireless spectrum assets to generate cash flow, we may not be able to comply with our debt covenants and may not be able to continue as going concern.

Following the sale, we became a very small public company without any significant operating revenues.

The Company remains a publicly traded company and continues to be subject to SEC rules and regulations, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. While all public companies face the costs and burdens associated with being publicly traded, given the small size of our company and the lack of significant operating revenues, these costs and burdens are significant to us.

Risks Relating to Government Regulation

If we do not comply with build-out requirements relating to our domestic spectrum licenses, such licenses could be subject to forfeiture.

Certain build-out or substantial service requirements apply to our licensed wireless spectrum, which generally must be satisfied as a condition of the license and/or license renewal. In particular, for our domestic WCS spectrum, the FCC adopted new rules, purporting to supersede the

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July 21, 2010 build-out deadline, establishing two substantial service deadlines of March 4, 2014 and September 1, 2016; and for our domestic AWS spectrum, the substantial service build-out deadline is December 18, 2021. Failure to make the substantial service demonstration domestically, without seeking and obtaining an extension from the FCC, would result in forfeiture of the affected license.

The substantial service deadline for our domestic WCS spectrum was July 21, 2010 under the FCC rules effective at that time. However, the FCC adopted new rules on May 20, 2010, that, when they became effective on September 1, 2010, purported

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to replace the July 21, 2010 substantial service requirement with new requirements that must be met by March 4, 2014 and additional requirements that must be met by September 1, 2016. We filed substantial service showings with the FCC on July 20, 2010 for all of our WCS licenses under the rules then in effect. The FCC dismissed them on June 14, 2011 in accordance with June 2010 announcement that all substantial service showings would be dismissed given the new performance requirements it had adopted. The FCC did grant all pending WCS license renewal applications, including those that we filed in April of 2007, conditioned on the outcome of an ongoing FCC rulemaking proceeding regarding wireless license renewal procedures. There can be no assurance as to how the FCC will ultimately treat the WCS license renewal applications. Failure to make the substantial service demonstrations by March 4, 2014 and by September 1, 2016 without seeking and obtaining an extension from the FCC would result in license forfeiture.

AWS licensees must comply with all applicable legal and technical rules imposed by the FCC, including those found in Part 27 of Title 47 of the CFR. All of our AWS licenses are granted for a 15-year license term, with a renewal term of ten years. AWS licensees are required to demonstrate that they are providing substantial service in their license area within the initial 15-year license term. For our AWS licenses, the renewal deadline and the substantial service build-out deadline is December 18, 2021. Failure to make the substantial service demonstration, without seeking and obtaining an extension from the FCC, would result in license forfeiture.

The AWS spectrum includes a large number of incumbent federal government and non-government operations that must be relocated to other spectrum. AWS licensees are required to coordinate their operations to avoid interfering with these incumbent stations until relocation is complete. A small number of these incumbent stations must be protected indefinitely. In certain cases, the AWS licensee must pay for the relocation of incumbent stations within the AWS licensee's license area. AWS licensees are effectively prohibited from deploying time-division duplex (TDD) systems in the AWS spectrum. These requirements could affect the value of our AWS spectrum.

The FCC's rules for meeting the substantial service requirements are written generally so as to enable flexibility in providing service. However, because the rules are subject to interpretation, the FCC has discretion in determining if the substantial service showing is adequate to meet the rules and there is a risk that the FCC may not approve our substantial service showing and any of our licenses that did not meet the substantial service requirement would then be subject to non-renewal.

If we do not comply with build-out requirements relating to our Canadian spectrum licenses, such licenses could be subject to forfeiture.

In Canada, our 2.3 GHz licenses are subject to mid-term in-use demonstration requirements; the deadline for 63 of our licenses is November of 2012 and for the remaining 25 licenses it is April of 2013. The licenses are subject to renewal in November of 2014 and April of 2015 respectively. In order for us to operate our Canadian spectrum under Canadian ownership rules, we will need a Canadian-controlled partner. Similar to the U.S., Canada has allocated the 2.3 GHz band for both SDARS and mobile broadband uses, which necessitates the adoption of technical rules to protect against interference between the two uses. Canada has recently begun the process of developing such technical rules for the band. Until the technical rules are final, which in turn will allow the development of manufacturing standards for vendors to use to produce readily available commercial mobile equipment, deployment in the band for mobile services cannot occur. We are currently in discussions with Industry Canada, the spectrum regulator in Canada, about extending the deadline for the mid-term in-use demonstration. There can be no assurance that we will find a Canadian-controlled partner who will be able to provide a viable business plan and attract appropriate financing by the build out deadline. Failure to make the in-use demonstrations for each of our 88 licenses, in the absence of an extension by Industry Canada, could result in forfeiture of the applicable licenses.

Our use of EBS spectrum is subject to privately negotiated lease agreements. Changes in FCC rules governing such lease agreements, contractual disputes with EBS licensees, or failures by EBS licensees to comply with FCC rules could impact our use of the EBS spectrum.

With few exceptions, commercial enterprises are restricted from holding licenses for EBS spectrum. Eligibility for EBS spectrum is limited to accredited educational institutions, governmental organizations engaged in the formal education of enrolled students (e.g., school districts), and nonprofit organizations whose purposes are educational. Access to EBS spectrum can only be gained by commercial enterprises through privately negotiated EBS lease agreements. FCC regulation of EBS leases, private interpretation of EBS lease terms, private contractual disputes, and failure of an EBS licensee to comply with FCC regulations all could impact our use of EBS spectrum and the value of our leased EBS spectrum. The FCC rules permit EBS licensees to enter into lease agreements with a maximum term of 30 years; lease agreements with terms longer than 15 years must contain a right of review by the EBS licensee every five years beginning in year 15. The right of review must afford the EBS licensee with an opportunity to review its educational use requirements in light of changes in educational needs, technology, and other relevant factors and to obtain access to such additional services, capacity, support, and/or equipment as the parties shall agree upon in the spectrum leasing arrangement to advance the EBS licensee's educational mission. A spectrum leasing arrangement may include any mutually agreeable terms designed to accommodate changes in the EBS licensee's educational use requirements and the commercial lessee's wireless broadband operations. In addition, the terms of EBS lease agreements are subject to contract interpretation and disputes could arise with EBS licensees. There can be no assurance that EBS leases will continue for the full lease term, or be extended beyond the current term, or be renewed or extended on terms that are satisfactory to us, or at all. Similarly, since we are not eligible to hold EBS licenses, we must rely on EBS licensees

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with whom we contract to comply with FCC rules. The failure of an EBS licensee from whom we lease spectrum to comply with the terms of their FCC authorization or

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FCC rules could result in termination, forfeiture or non-renewal of their authorization, which would negatively impact the amount of spectrum available for our use.

We have no guarantee that the licenses we hold or lease will be renewed.

The FCC generally grants wireless licenses for terms of ten or 15 years, and such licenses are subject to renewal and revocation. FCC rules require all wireless licensees to comply with applicable FCC rules and policies and the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Communications Act), in order to retain their licenses. For example, licensees must meet certain construction requirements, including making substantial service demonstrations, in order to retain and renew FCC licenses. Failure to comply with FCC requirements with respect to any license could result in revocation or non-renewal of a license. In general, most wireless licensees who meet their construction and/or substantial service requirements are afforded renewal expectancy; however, all FCC license renewals can be challenged in various ways, regardless of whether such challenges have any legal merit. Under FCC rules, licenses continue in effect during the pendency of timely filed renewal applications. Challenges to license renewals, while uncommon, may impact the timing of renewal grants and may impose legal costs. Accordingly, there is no guarantee that licenses we hold or lease will remain in full force and effect or be renewed.

We hold 30 licenses issued by the FCC for WCS spectrum. Renewal applications for all 2.3 GHz WCS licenses, including those issued to us, were due to be filed with the FCC on July 21, 2007. We filed our WCS renewal applications on April 23, 2007. Under FCC rules, licenses continue in effect during the pendency of timely filed renewal applications. We are aware of three parties that made filings purporting to be competing applications in response to the renewal applications that we, AT&T, and others filed. The basis on which the third-party filings were made was the alleged failure of WCS licensees to deploy service on WCS spectrum and satisfy substantial service requirements by July 21, 2007. However, on December 1, 2006, the FCC issued a waiver order extending the substantial service deadline for WCS licensees to July 21, 2010. The FCC's rules contain no procedures for processing competing applications filed for WCS spectrum and the FCC has not accepted them for filing. The FCC granted all pending WCS license renewal applications, including those that we filed in April of 2007. However, the grant of these applications was conditioned on the outcome of an ongoing FCC rulemaking proceeding regarding wireless license renewal procedures in which the FCC has proposed to dismiss all pending competing applications. There can be no assurance of how the FCC will ultimately treat the competing applications or the WCS license renewal applications.

Industry Canada, Canada's spectrum regulatory body, has similar rules and policies to those of the FCC and therefore the requirements for retention and renewal and the risks of revocation are similar to those stated above. For example, as in the U.S., licensees of Canadian spectrum must comply with construction requirements in order to retain their licenses. Our 88 Canadian licenses each have a 10 year term, 63 of which expire in November 2014 and 25 of which expire in April 2015.

Interference could negatively impact our use of wireless spectrum we hold, lease or use.

Under applicable FCC and equivalent international rules, users of wireless spectrum must comply with technical rules that are intended to eliminate or diminish harmful radiofrequency interference between wireless users. Licensed spectrum is generally entitled to interference protection, subject to technical rules applicable to the radio service, while unlicensed spectrum has no interference protection rights and may be subject to interference caused by other users.

Wireless devices utilizing WCS, BRS and EBS spectrum may be susceptible to interference from Satellite Digital Audio Radio Services (SDARS).

Since 1997, the FCC has considered a proposal to permanently authorize terrestrial repeaters for SDARS operations adjacent to the C and D blocks of the WCS band. The FCC has permitted a large number of these SDARS terrestrial repeaters to operate on a special temporary authorization since 2001. Permanently authorizing SDARS repeaters adjacent to the WCS band could cause interference to WCS, BRS and EBS receivers. The extent of the interference from SDARS repeaters is unclear and will depend on the effectiveness of the new rules adopted by the FCC on May 20, 2010 (as further described below) and the operation of SDARS equipment under the new rules. Because WCS C and D block licenses are adjacent to the SDARS spectrum, the potential for interference to this spectrum is of greatest concern to us. We have a lesser magnitude concern regarding interference from SDARS to WCS A and B block licenses, and BRS and EBS licenses. The FCC adopted new technical rules on May 20, 2010 to govern WCS and SDARS operations. These rules became effective on September 1, 2010. Operation of both WCS and SDARS equipment under the new rules could result in interference to our WCS, BRS or EBS spectrum, which could impair the value of this spectrum.

Increasing regulation of the tower industry may make it difficult to deploy new towers and antenna facilities, which could adversely affect the value of certain of our wireless spectrum assets.

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The FCC, together with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), regulates tower marking and lighting. In addition, tower construction and deployment of antenna facilities is impacted by federal, state and local statutes addressing zoning, environmental protection and historic preservation.

The FCC adopted significant changes to its rules governing historic preservation review of new tower projects, which makes it more difficult and expensive to deploy towers and antenna facilities. The FCC also is considering changes to its rules regarding when routine environmental evaluations will be required to determine compliance of antenna facilities with its radiofrequency radiation exposure limits. If adopted, these regulations could make it more difficult to deploy facilities. In addition, the FAA has proposed modifications to its rules that would impose certain notification requirements upon entities

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seeking to (i) construct or modify any tower or transmitting structure located within certain proximity parameters of any airport or heliport, and/or (ii) construct or modify transmission facilities using the 2500-2700 MHz radiofrequency band, which encompasses virtually all of the BRS/EBS frequency band. If adopted, these requirements could impose new administrative burdens upon use of BRS/EBS spectrum.

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

None.

ITEM 3. Default Upon Senior Securities

None.

ITEM 4. (Removed and Reserved)

ITEM 5. Other Information

None.

ITEM 6. Exhibits

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SIGNATURES

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

NEXTWAVE WIRELESS INC.

November 3, 2011
(Date)

By: **/s/ Francis J. Harding**
Francis J. Harding
Executive Vice President and
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