

EVOLVING SYSTEMS INC

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-Q**

**x Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016**

**OR**

**o 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: 001-34261**

**EVOLVING SYSTEMS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**84-1010843**

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

**9777 Pyramid Court, Suite 100 Englewood, Colorado**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**80112**

(Zip Code)

**(303) 802-1000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a 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 November 3, 2016 there were 11,907,391 shares outstanding of Registrant's Common Stock (par value \$0.001 per share).

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	<b>September 30, 2016</b>	<b>December 31, 2015</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,941	\$ 8,400
Contract receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$74 at September 30, 2016 and \$83 at December 31, 2015	5,904	7,727
Unbilled work-in-progress	3,725	4,158
Prepaid and other current assets	1,792	1,459
Total current assets	18,362	21,744
Property and equipment, net	359	560
Amortizable intangible assets, net	4,396	4,983
Goodwill	21,269	23,142
Total assets	\$ 44,386	\$ 50,429
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of capital lease obligations	\$ 3	\$ 5
Revolving line of credit		10,000
Term loan - current	1,492	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4,332	4,607
Income taxes payable	579	324
Unearned revenue	4,284	3,330
Total current liabilities	10,690	18,266
Long-term liabilities:		
Capital lease obligations, net of current portion		1
Term loan, net of current portion	4,500	
Total liabilities	15,190	18,267
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 2,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015		
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 40,000,000 shares authorized; 12,085,702 shares issued and 11,906,813 outstanding as of September 30, 2016 and 11,970,731 shares issued and 11,791,842 outstanding as of December 31, 2015	12	12

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Additional paid-in capital	97,681	97,418
Treasury stock 178,889 shares as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, at cost	(1,253)	(1,253)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(8,780)	(5,999)
Accumulated deficit	(58,464)	(58,016)
Total stockholders' equity	29,196	32,162
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 44,386	\$ 50,429

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

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## EVOLVING SYSTEMS, INC.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(in thousands, except per share data)

(unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
<b>REVENUE</b>				
License fees and services	\$ 3,557	\$ 3,228	\$ 10,616	\$ 11,177
Customer support	2,546	2,545	8,045	7,327
Total revenue	6,103	5,773	18,661	18,504
<b>COSTS OF REVENUE AND OPERATING</b>				
Costs of license fees and services, excluding depreciation and amortization	961	1,043	2,968	3,458
Costs of customer support, excluding depreciation and amortization	298	396	1,003	1,116
Sales and marketing	1,236	1,336	3,807	4,435
General and administrative	952	1,010	2,774	2,943
Product development	697	913	2,485	2,887
Depreciation	57	97	205	277
Amortization	196	24	587	71
Restructuring	3		1,007	
Total costs of revenue and operating expenses	4,400	4,819	14,836	15,187
Income from operations	1,703	954	3,825	3,317
Other income (expense)				
Interest income	1	5	4	14
Interest expense	(74)	(3)	(265)	(9)
Foreign currency exchange loss	(261)	(244)	(508)	(218)
Other expense, net	(334)	(242)	(769)	(213)
Income from operations before income taxes	1,369	712	3,056	3,104
Income tax expense	428	142	908	894
Net income	\$ 941	\$ 570	\$ 2,148	\$ 2,210
Basic income per common share	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.19
Diluted income per common share	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.19
Cash dividend declared per common share	\$	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.33
Weighted average basic shares outstanding	11,873	11,687	11,824	11,677
Weighted average diluted shares outstanding	11,979	11,927	11,967	11,938

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**EVOLVING SYSTEMS, INC.**

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**

**(in thousands)**

**(unaudited)**

	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 2016</b>		<b>For the Three Months Ended September 2015</b>		<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016</b>		<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015</b>	
<b>Net income</b>	\$	941	\$	570	\$	2,148	\$	2,210
<b>Other comprehensive loss:</b>								
Foreign currency translation loss		(753)		(975)		(2,781)		(909)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$	188	\$	(405)	\$	(633)	\$	1,301

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## EVOLVING SYSTEMS, INC.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

(in thousands, except share data)

(unaudited)

	Common Stock Shares	Common Stock Amount	Additional Paid-in Capital	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Accumulated Deficit	Total Stockholders Equity
<b>Balance at December 31, 2015</b>	<b>11,791,842</b>	<b>\$ 12</b>	<b>\$ 97,418</b>	<b>\$ (1,253)</b>	<b>\$ (5,999)</b>	<b>\$ (58,016)</b>	<b>\$ 32,162</b>
Stock option exercises	111,785		50				50
Common stock issued pursuant to the Employee Stock Purchase Plan	3,186		15				15
Stock-based compensation expense			198				198
Common stock dividends declared						(2,596)	(2,596)
Net income						2,148	2,148
Foreign currency translation adjustment					(2,781)		(2,781)
<b>Balance at September 30, 2016</b>	<b>11,906,813</b>	<b>\$ 12</b>	<b>\$ 97,681</b>	<b>\$ (1,253)</b>	<b>\$ (8,780)</b>	<b>\$ (58,464)</b>	<b>\$ 29,196</b>

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## EVOLVING SYSTEMS, INC.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income	\$ 2,148	\$ 2,210
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	205	277
Amortization of intangible assets	587	71
Amortization of debt issuance costs	27	8
Stock based compensation	198	229
Unrealized foreign currency transaction loss, net	508	218
Provision for deferred income taxes	(18)	(25)
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Contract receivables	735	(137)
Unbilled work-in-progress	9	1,604
Prepaid and other assets	(389)	(183)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	202	(934)
Unearned revenue	1,326	(439)
Net cash provided by operating activities	5,538	2,899
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Purchase of property and equipment	(24)	(191)
Business combinations, net of cash		(9,014)
Net cash used in investing activities	(24)	(9,205)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Capital lease payments	(4)	(4)
Proceeds of the revolving line of credit		10,000
Payments of the revolving line of credit	(10,000)	
Proceeds from the term loan	6,000	
Payments for debt issuance costs	(20)	
Common stock cash dividends	(2,596)	(3,844)
Proceeds from the issuance of stock	65	73
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(6,555)	6,225
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(418)	(290)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(1,459)	(371)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	8,400	9,781
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 6,941	\$ 9,410
<b>Supplemental disclosure of cash and non-cash transactions:</b>		
Income taxes paid	\$ 791	\$ 1,092
Property and equipment purchased and included in accounts payable	1	12

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

**Organization** We are a provider of software solutions and services to the wireless, wireline and cable markets. We maintain long-standing relationships with many of the largest wireless, wireline and cable companies worldwide. Our customers rely on us to develop, deploy, enhance and maintain software solutions that provide a variety of service activation and provisioning functions. Our service activation solution, *Tertio*<sup>®</sup> ( TSA ) is used to activate bundles of voice, video and data services for wireless, wireline and cable network operators; our SIM card activation solution, *Dynamic SIM Allocation* <sup>TM</sup> ( DSA ) is used to dynamically allocate and assign resources to Mobile Network Operators ( MNOs ) devices that rely on SIM cards; our *Mobile Data Enablement* <sup>TM</sup> ( MDE ) solution provides a data consumption and policy management solution for wireless carriers and Mobile Virtual Network Operators ( MVNOs ) that monitor the usage and consumption of data services; our *Total Number Management* ( TNM ) product is a scalable and fully automated database solution that enables operators to reliably and efficiently manage their telephone numbers as well as other communication identifiers (i.e. SIMs, MSISDNs, IMSIs, ICCIDs, IPs). Our solutions can be deployed on premise or offered as a Software-as-a-Service ( SaaS ).

On September 30, 2015 we announced the acquisition of privately held RateIntegration, Inc., d/b/a Sixth Sense Media ( SSM ), a provider of real time analytics and marketing solutions to wireless carriers. SSM 's software solution platform, *Real-time Lifecycle Marketing* ( RLM ), enables carriers ' marketing departments to innovate, execute and manage highly-personalized and contextually-relevant, interactive campaigns that engage consumers in real time.

We believe the addition of SSM 's RLM product to our existing service activation and data enablement products will produce a powerful platform for wireless carriers. A product suite which we refer to as our Mobile Marketing Solutions ( MMS ) will provide sophisticated, highly tailored mobile campaigns which can be executed based on critical subscriber data captured during the initial activation experience (DSA and RLM) as well as in-life subscriber usage via MDE. We see the opportunity to leverage our technology to provide MNOs with sophisticated mobile marketing campaigns that will extend beyond voice, text and data usage campaigns and provide marketing services that will assist MNOs to market services that include retail mobile marketing, gaming, streaming video as well as social media based campaigns.

**Interim Consolidated Financial Statements** The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( GAAP ) and in conformity with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 8-03 of Regulation S-X and the related rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ). Accordingly, certain information and note disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. However, we believe that the disclosures included in these financial statements are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in this document have been prepared on the same basis as the annual consolidated financial

statements, and in our opinion reflect all adjustments, which include normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation in accordance with GAAP and SEC regulations for interim financial statements. The results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 are not necessarily indicative of the results that we will have for any subsequent period. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements for the year ended December 31, 2015 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**Reclassifications** - Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2015 financial statements to conform to the consolidated 2016 financial statement presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on net earnings or cash flows as previously reported.

**Use of Estimates** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. We made estimates with respect to revenue recognition for estimated hours to complete projects accounted for using the percentage-of-completion method, allowance for doubtful accounts, income tax valuation allowance, fair values of long-lived assets, valuation of intangible assets and goodwill, useful lives for property, equipment and intangible assets, business combinations, capitalization of internal software development costs and fair value of stock-based compensation amounts. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

**Foreign Currency** Our functional currency is the U.S. dollar. The functional currency of our foreign operations is the respective local currency for each foreign subsidiary. Assets and liabilities of foreign operations denominated in local currencies are translated at the spot rate in effect at the applicable reporting date. Our consolidated statements of income are translated at the weighted average rate of exchange during the applicable period. The resulting unrealized cumulative translation adjustment is recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss in stockholders' equity. Realized and unrealized transaction gains and losses generated by transactions denominated in a currency different from the functional currency of the applicable entity are recorded in other income (expense) in the consolidated statements of operations in the period in which they occur.

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**Principles of Consolidation** The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Evolving Systems, Inc. and subsidiaries, all of which are wholly owned. All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

**Goodwill** Goodwill is the excess of acquisition cost of an acquired entity over the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired. Goodwill is not amortized, but tested for impairment annually or whenever indicators of impairment exist. These indicators may include a significant change in the business climate, legal factors, operating performance indicators, competition, sale or disposition of a significant portion of the business or other factors. Application of the goodwill impairment test requires judgment, including the identification of reporting units, assignment of assets and liabilities to reporting units, assignment of goodwill to reporting units, and determination of the fair value of each reporting unit.

**Intangible Assets** Amortizable intangible assets consist primarily of purchased software and licenses, customer contracts and relationships, trademarks and tradenames, non-competition and business partnerships acquired in conjunction with our purchase of Telespree Communications ( Evolving Systems Labs, Inc. ) and RateIntegration, Inc. d/b/a Sixth Sense Media ( Evolving Systems NC, Inc. ). These assets are amortized using the straight-line method over their estimated lives.

We assess the impairment of identifiable intangibles if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the asset may not be recoverable. If we determine that the carrying value of intangibles and/or long-lived assets may not be recoverable, we compare the estimated undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition to the asset's carrying amount. If an amortizable intangible or long-lived asset is not deemed to be recoverable, we recognize an impairment loss representing the excess of the asset's carrying value over its estimated fair value.

**Fair Value Measurements** Fair value is the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value is estimated by applying the following hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value into three levels and bases the categorization within the hierarchy upon the lowest level of input that is available and significant to the fair value measurement:

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

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

*Level 3* Inputs that are generally unobservable and typically reflect management's estimate of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents** All highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less at the date of purchase are classified as cash equivalents.

**Revenue Recognition** We recognize revenue when an agreement is signed, the fee is fixed or determinable and collectability is reasonably assured. We recognize revenue from two primary sources: license fees and services, and customer support. The majority of our license fees and services revenue is generated from fixed-price contracts, which provide for licenses to our software products and services to customize such software to meet our customers use and managed services which leverages our expertise and software solutions to optimize our customers networks and create new revenue streams. When the customization services are determined to be essential to the functionality of the delivered software, we recognize revenue using the percentage-of-completion method of accounting. In these types of arrangements, we do not typically have Vendor Specific Objective Evidence ( VSOE ) of fair value on the license fee/services portion (services are related to customizing the software) of the arrangement due to the large amount of customization required by our customers; however, we do have VSOE for the warranty/maintenance services based on the renewal rate of the first year of maintenance in the arrangement. The license/services portion is recognized using the percentage-of-completion method of accounting, managed services is recognized as services are performed or ratably over the contract period and the warranty/maintenance services are separated based on the renewal rate in the contract and recognized ratably over the warranty or maintenance period. We estimate the percentage-of-completion for each contract based on the ratio of direct labor hours incurred to total estimated direct labor hours and recognize revenue based on the percent complete multiplied by the contract amount allocated to the license fee/services. Since estimated direct labor hours, and changes thereto, can have a significant impact on revenue recognition, these estimates are critical and we review them regularly. If the arrangement includes a customer acceptance provision, the hours to complete the acceptance testing are included in the total estimated direct labor hours; therefore, the related revenue is recognized as the acceptance testing is performed. Revenue is not recognized in full until the customer has provided proof of acceptance on the arrangement. Generally, our contracts are accounted for individually. However, when certain criteria are met, it may be necessary to account for two or more contracts as one to reflect the substance of the group of contracts. We record amounts

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billed in advance of services being performed as unearned revenue. Unbilled work-in-progress represents revenue earned but not yet billable under the terms of the fixed-price contracts. All such amounts are expected to be billed and collected within 12 months.

We may encounter budget and schedule changes or increases on fixed-price contracts caused by increased labor or overhead costs. We make adjustments to cost estimates in the period in which the facts requiring such revisions become known. We record estimated losses, if any, in the period in which current estimates of total contract revenue and contract costs indicate a loss. If revisions to cost estimates are obtained after the balance sheet date but before the issuance of the interim or annual financial statements, we make adjustments to the interim or annual financial statements accordingly.

In arrangements where the services are not essential to the functionality of the delivered software, we recognize license revenue when a license agreement has been signed, delivery and acceptance have occurred, the fee is fixed or determinable and collectability is reasonably assured. Where applicable, we unbundle and record as revenue fees from multiple element arrangements as the elements are delivered to the extent that VSOE of fair value of the undelivered elements exist. If VSOE for the undelivered elements does not exist, we defer fees from such arrangements until the earlier of the date that VSOE does exist on the undelivered elements or all of the elements have been delivered.

We recognize revenue from fixed-price service contracts using the proportional performance method of accounting, which is similar to the percentage-of-completion method described above. We recognize revenue from professional services provided pursuant to time-and-materials based contracts and training services as the services are performed, as that is when our obligation to our customers under such arrangements is fulfilled.

We recognize revenue from managed service as services are performed or ratably based on the terms and conditions of the contract.

We recognize revenue from our MDE contracts based on the number of transactions per month multiplied by a factor based on a unique table for transaction volumes relating to each account.

We recognize customer support, including maintenance revenue, ratably over the service contract period. When maintenance is bundled with the original license fee arrangement, its fair value, based upon VSOE, is deferred and recognized during the periods when services are provided.

We review and update our contract-related estimates regularly. We recognize adjustments in estimated profit on contracts under the reallocation method. Under the reallocation method, the impact of an adjustment in estimate is recognized prospectively over the remaining contract term. No adjustment on any one contract was material to our unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

**Stock-based Compensation** We account for stock-based compensation by applying a fair-value-based measurement method to account for share-based payment transactions with employees and directors. We record compensation costs associated with the vesting of unvested options on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. Stock-based

compensation is a non-cash expense because we settle these obligations by issuing shares of our common stock instead of settling such obligations with cash payments. We use the Black-Scholes model to estimate the fair value of each option grant on the date of grant. This model requires the use of estimates for expected term of the options and expected volatility of the price of our common stock.

**Comprehensive Income (Loss)** Comprehensive income (loss) consists of two components, net income and other comprehensive income (loss). Other comprehensive income (loss) refers to revenue, expenses, gains, and losses that under GAAP are recorded as an element of shareholders' equity but are excluded from net income. Other comprehensive income (loss) consists of foreign currency translation adjustments from those subsidiaries not using the U.S. dollar as their functional currency.

**Income Taxes** We record deferred tax assets and liabilities for the estimated future tax effects of temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and amounts reported in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets, as well as operating losses and tax credit carry-forwards. We measure deferred tax assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates expected to be applied to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. We reduce deferred tax assets by a valuation allowance if, based on available evidence, it is more likely than not that these benefits will not be realized.

We use a recognition threshold and a measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. For those benefits to be recognized, a tax position must be more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements** In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued Accounting Standards Update ( ASU ) No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, Topic 606. This Update affects any entity that either enters into contracts with customers to transfer goods or services or enters into contracts for the transfer of nonfinancial assets, unless those contracts are within the scope of other standards. The guidance in this Update supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Topic 605, Revenue Recognition and most industry-specific guidance. The core principle of the guidance is that an entity should recognize revenue to illustrate the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that

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reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The new guidance also includes a cohesive set of disclosure requirements that will provide users of financial statements with comprehensive information about the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from a reporting organization's contracts with customers. In April 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-10, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, Topic 606: Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing. This Update clarifies guidance related to identifying performance obligations and licensing implementation guidance contained in the new revenue recognition standard. The Update includes targeted improvements based on input the Board received from the Transition Resource Group for Revenue Recognition and other stakeholders. The update seeks to proactively address areas in which diversity in practice potentially could arise, as well as to reduce the cost and complexity of applying certain aspects of the guidance both at implementation and on an ongoing basis. In May 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-12, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, Topic 606: Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients. The amendments in this Update address narrow-scope improvements to the guidance on collectibility, noncash consideration, and completed contracts at transition. Additionally, the amendments in this Update provide a practical expedient for contract modifications at transition and an accounting policy election related to the presentation of sales taxes and other similar taxes collected from customers. This ASU is the final version of Proposed Accounting Standards Update 2015-320, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, (Topic 606): Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients, which has been deleted. This ASU is effective retrospectively for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years beginning after December 15, 2017 for public companies and 2018 for non-public entities. We do not expect the adoption of this standard to have a significant impact on the Company's financial position and results of operations.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842), which requires lessees to put most leases on their balance sheets by recognizing a lessee's rights and obligations, while expenses will continue to be recognized in a similar manner to today's legacy lease accounting guidance. This ASU could also significantly affect the financial ratios used for external reporting and other purposes, such as debt covenant compliance. This ASU will be effective for us on January 1, 2019, with early adoption permitted. We are currently in the process of assessing the impact of this ASU on our consolidated financial statements.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-09, Stock Compensation (Topic 718), which includes provisions intended to simplify various aspects related to how share-based payments are accounted for and presented in the financial statements. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016, with early adoption permitted. We are currently in the process of assessing the impact of this ASU on our consolidated financial statements.

**NOTE 2 ACQUISITION**

On September 30, 2015 we acquired privately held RateIntegration, Inc. d/b/a Sixth Sense Media (SSM), now known as Evolving Systems NC, Inc. for an initial payment of approximately \$9.75 million and a \$0.5 million working capital adjustment. We also agreed to make a payment on the one year anniversary of the transaction of \$250,000, with such payment being available to secure RateIntegration's representations and warranties in the agreement. This payment has not been paid to date because the reconciliation of adjustments has not been finalized.

We accounted for this business combination by applying the acquisition method, and accordingly, the purchase price was allocated to the assets and liabilities assumed based upon their fair values at the acquisition date. The excess of the purchase price over the net assets and liabilities, approximately \$6.9 million, was recorded as goodwill. The results of RateIntegration's operations have been included in the consolidated financial statements since the acquisition date.

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We believe this acquisition complements our activation and SIM management products. Combining SSM's real-time analytics and campaign capabilities with our DSA and MDE solutions will allow the company to offer global wireless carriers solutions that utilize the highly valuable contextual data captured from the subscribers' initial welcome experience via DSA, their ongoing network usage via RLM and their on-device app usage via MDE. The combined solutions will create a highly personalized experience that engages subscribers in real time from the first time subscribers power on their new devices right through their day-to-day usage.

Our strategic focus is primarily on the wireless markets in the areas of mobile marketing upsell, carrier service optimization, customer information monetization, customer acquisition acceleration, subscriber activation, SIM card management and activation, self-service mobile applications, data enablement solutions and connected device activation.

Total purchase price is summarized as follows (in thousands):

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	September 30, 2015	
Cash Consideration		
Initial Cash Purchase Price	\$	9,750
Cash/Working Capital Adjustment		535
Total Cash Consideration	\$	10,285
Assumed Liabilities		250
Total purchase price	\$	10,535

The following table summarizes the preliminary estimated fair values of the assets and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date (in thousands):

	September 30, 2015	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,521
Contract receivables		1,057
Unbilled work-in-progress		89
Intangible assets		4,642
Prepaid and other current assets		68
Other assets, non-current		32
Total identifiable assets acquired	\$	7,409
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	1,506
Deferred tax liability		1,760
Deferred revenue		557
Total identifiable liabilities acquired	\$	3,823
Net identifiable assets acquired		3,586
Goodwill		6,949
Net assets acquired	\$	10,535

We recorded \$4.6 million in intangible assets as of the acquisition date with a weighted-average amortization period of approximately seven years and are amortizing the value of the trade name, technology, non-competition and customer relationships over an estimated useful life of 2, 8, 2 and 7 years, respectively. Amortization expense related to the acquired intangible assets of \$0.7 million was recorded through the period ended September 30, 2016.

The \$5.4 million of goodwill was assigned to the license and service segment and \$1.5 million was assigned to the customer support segment. The goodwill recognized is attributed primarily to expected synergies and the assembled workforce of SSM. As of the date of this report there were no changes in the recognized amounts of goodwill resulting from the acquisition of SSM.

Intangible assets related to the Evolving Systems NC, Inc. s acquisition as of September 30, 2016 (in thousands):

Gross Amount	September 30, 2016		Weighted-Average Amortization
	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	

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					<b>Period</b>		
Purchased software	\$	1,679	\$	210	\$	1,469	8 yrs
Trademarks and tradenames		122		61		61	2 yrs
Non-competition		33		17		16	2 yrs
Customer relationships		2,808		401		2,407	7 yrs
	\$	4,642	\$	689	\$	3,953	7.19 yrs

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Evolving Systems NC, Inc. contributed revenues of \$3.9 million and net income of \$0.9 million for the period from January 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016. The following unaudited pro forma financial information reflects the consolidated results of operations as if the acquisition of SSM had taken place on January 1, 2015. The pro forma information includes adjustments for the amortization of intangible assets. The pro forma financial information is not necessarily indicative of the results of operations as they would have been had the transaction been effected on the assumed date (in thousands).

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2016	Actual	2015	Pro-forma
Revenue	\$	18,661	\$	23,118
Net Income		2,148		2,559

**NOTE 3 GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by reporting unit were as follows (in thousands):

	License and Services		U.K.	Customer Support		Total Goodwill
	U.S.	India		U.S.	U.K.	
Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$ 6,281	\$ 184	\$ 6,767	\$ 1,549	\$ 8,361	\$ 23,142
Effects of changes in foreign currency exchange rates (1)		(2)	(837)		(1,034)	(1,873)
Balance at September 30, 2016	\$ 6,281	\$ 182	\$ 5,930	\$ 1,549	\$ 7,327	\$ 21,269

(1) Represents the impact of foreign currency translation for instances when goodwill is recorded in foreign entities whose functional currency is also their local currency. Goodwill balances are translated into U.S. dollars using exchange rates in effect at period end. Adjustments related to foreign currency translation are included in other comprehensive income.

We performed our annual goodwill impairment test as of July 31, 2016, at which time we had \$21.5 million of goodwill included the following reporting units, License and Services ( L&S ) US of \$6.3 million, India of \$0.2 million and UK of \$6.1 million and Customer Support ( CS ) US of \$1.5 million and UK of \$7.4 million. The fair value of each reporting unit was estimated using both market and income based approaches. Specifically, we incorporated observed market multiple data from selected guideline public companies and values arrived at through the application of discounted cash flow analyses which in turn were based upon our financial projections as of the valuation date. In our analysis, we weighted the application of discounted cash flow analysis at 70% and observed market multiple data from selected guideline public companies at 30%. This analysis requires significant judgments, including estimation of future cash flows, which is dependent on internal forecasts, estimation of the long-term rate of growth for our business, estimation of the useful life over which cash flows will occur, and determination of our weighted average cost of capital. Changes in these estimates and assumptions could materially affect the determination of fair value and goodwill impairment for each reporting unit. If the carrying value of a reporting unit were to exceed its fair value, we would then be required to

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perform a second step of the impairment analysis which could lead to goodwill impairment should the carrying amount exceed the fair value. The excess of carrying amount over fair value would be charged to operations as an impairment loss. If the projected future performance of either of our segments as estimated in the income valuation approach is adjusted downward or is lower than expected in the future, we could be required to record a goodwill impairment charge. As a result of the first step of the 2016 goodwill impairment analysis, the fair value of each reporting unit exceeded its carrying value. Therefore the second step was not necessary. However, a hypothetical decrease of approximately 18% and 23%, respectfully, due to lower than estimated future cash flows in the estimated fair values of our L&S-U.S. and CS-U.S. reporting units would result in its carrying value exceeding its estimated fair value and therefore require the second step, which could result in impairment for that reporting unit. From July 31, 2016 through the date of this report, no events have occurred that we believe may have impaired goodwill.

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As a result of the acquisition of SSM, \$6.9 million of goodwill was acquired, of which \$5.4 million was assigned to the license and service segment and \$1.5 million was assigned to the customer support segment.

We amortized identifiable intangible assets for Evolving Systems Labs, Inc. and Evolving Systems NC, Inc. on a straight-line basis over their estimated lives ranging from one to eight years. As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, identifiable intangibles were as follows (in thousands):

	September 30, 2016			December 31, 2015			Weighted-Average Amortization Period
	Gross Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	
Purchased software	\$ 2,118	\$ 370	\$ 1,748	\$ 2,118	\$ 171	\$ 1,947	7.3 yrs
Trademarks and tradenames	185	98	87	185	43	142	2.6 yrs
Non-competition	33	16	17	33	4	29	2.0 yrs
Customer relationships	3,024	480	2,544	3,024	159	2,865	6.8 yrs
	\$ 5,360	\$ 964	\$ 4,396	\$ 5,360	\$ 377	\$ 4,983	6.8 yrs

Amortization expense of identifiable intangible assets was \$0.2 million and \$24,000 for the three months and \$0.6 million and \$71,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Expected future amortization expense related to identifiable intangibles based on our carrying amount as of September 30, 2016 was as follows (in thousands):

#### Twelve months ending September 30,

2017	\$ 783
2018	705
2019	694
2020	693
2021	693
Thereafter	828
	\$ 4,396

#### NOTE 4 EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE

We compute basic earnings per share ( EPS ) by dividing net income or loss available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period, including common stock issuable under participating securities. We compute diluted EPS using the weighted average number of shares outstanding, including participating securities, plus all potentially dilutive common stock equivalents. Common stock equivalents consist of stock options.

Our policy is to treat invested share-based payment awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents, whether paid or unpaid, as participating securities, included in the computation of both basic and diluted earnings per share. The following is the reconciliation of the denominator of the basic and diluted EPS computations (in thousands, except per share data):



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	For the Three Months Ended		For the Nine Months Ended	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
<b>Basic income per share:</b>				
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 941	\$ 570	\$ 2,148	\$ 2,210
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	11,873	11,687	11,824	11,677
Basic income per share:	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.19
<b>Diluted income per share:</b>				
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 941	\$ 570	\$ 2,148	\$ 2,210
Weighted average shares outstanding	11,873	11,687	11,824	11,677
Effect of dilutive securities - options	106	240	143	261
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	11,979	11,927	11,967	11,938
Diluted income per share:	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.19

For the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, 0.5 million and 0.3 million shares, respectively, of common stock were excluded from the dilutive stock calculation because their exercise prices were greater than the average fair value of our common stock for the period.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, 0.5 million and 0.3 million shares, respectively of common stock were excluded from the dilutive stock calculation because their exercise prices were greater than the average fair value of our common stock for the period.

**NOTE 5 SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION**

We account for stock-based compensation by applying a fair-value-based measurement method to account for share-based payment transactions with employees and directors, and record compensation cost for all stock awards granted after January 1, 2006 and awards modified, repurchased, or cancelled after that date, using the modified prospective method. We record compensation costs associated with the vesting of unvested options on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. We recognized \$0.1 million of compensation expense in the consolidated statements of operations, with respect to our stock-based compensation plans for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 and \$0.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

The following table summarizes stock-based compensation expenses recorded in the consolidated statement of operations (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended		For the Nine Months Ended	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Cost of license fees and services, excluding depreciation and amortization	\$ 7	\$ 17	\$ 27	\$ 56
Cost of customer support, excluding depreciation and amortization	1	3	5	8
Sales and marketing	7	10	20	26
General and administrative	20	23	90	76
Product development	17	16	56	63
Total share based compensation	\$ 52	\$ 69	\$ 198	\$ 229

**Stock Incentive Plans**

In June 2007, our stockholders approved the 2007 Stock Incentive Plan (the 2007 Stock Plan ) with a maximum of 1,000,000 shares reserved for issuance. In June 2010, our stockholders approved an amendment to the 2007 Stock Plan which increased the maximum shares that may be awarded under the plan to 1,250,000. In June 2013, our stockholders approved an amendment to the 2007 Stock Plan which increased the maximum shares that may be awarded under the plan to 1,502,209. In June 2015, our stockholders approved an amendment to the 2007 Stock Plan which increased the maximum shares that may be awarded under the plan to 2,002,209. Awards permitted under the 2007 Stock Plan include: Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Awards and Other Stock-Based Awards. Awards issued under the 2007 Stock Plan are at the discretion of the Board of Directors. As applicable, awards are granted with an exercise price equal to the closing price of our common stock on the date of grant, generally vest over four years for employees and three years for an initial grant and one year for subsequent grants for directors and expire no more than ten years from the date of grant. At September 30, 2016, there were approximately 0.3 million shares available for grant under the 2007 Stock Plan, as amended of which 0.2 million shares were reserved for acquisitions. At September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, 0.7 million and 0.8 million were issued and outstanding under the 2007 Stock Plan as amended, respectively.

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In June 2016, our stockholders approved the 2016 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2016 Stock Plan") with a maximum of 250,000 shares reserved for issuance. Awards permitted under the 2016 Stock Plan include: Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Awards and Other Stock-Based Awards. Awards issued under the 2016 Stock Plan are at the discretion of the Board of Directors. As applicable, awards are granted with an exercise price equal to the closing price of our common stock on the date of grant, generally vest over four years for employees and three years for an initial grant and one year for subsequent grants for directors and expire no more than ten years from the date of grant. At September 30, 2016, no awards have been granted under the 2016 Stock Plan.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 no grants of restricted stock were offered to members of our senior management. During the three months ended September 30, 2015 there were 20,000 grants of restricted stock to members of our senior management. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 5,000 shares of restricted stock vested. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, 0 and 94 shares of restricted stock vested, respectively. No shares of restricted stock were forfeited during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016. No shares of restricted stock were forfeited during the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 1,031 shares of restricted stock were forfeited during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The fair market value of restricted shares for share-based compensation expensing is equal to the closing price of our common stock on the date of grant. Stock-based compensation expense includes \$8,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and no expense for three months ended September 30, 2015, and \$23,000 and \$1,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, of expense related to restricted stock grants. The restrictions on the stock awards are released quarterly, generally over two and four years for senior management and over one year for board members.

The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes model. The Black-Scholes model uses four assumptions to calculate the fair value of each option grant. The expected term of share options granted is derived using the simplified method, which we adopted in January 2008. The risk-free interest rate is based upon the rate currently available on zero-coupon U.S. Treasury instruments with a remaining term equal to the expected term of the stock options. The expected volatility is based upon historical volatility of our common stock over a period equal to the expected term of the stock options. The expected dividend yield is based upon historical and anticipated payment of dividends. The weighted-average assumptions used in the fair value calculations are as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2015
Expected term (years)	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Risk-free interest rate	1.10%	1.37%	1.32%		1.37%
Expected volatility	36.55%	37.76%	36.81%		42.47%
Expected dividend yield	4.23%	7.33%	7.22%		6.32%

The following is a summary of stock option activity under the plans for the nine months ended September 30, 2016:

	Number of Shares (in thousands)	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands)
Options outstanding at December 31, 2015	834	\$ 5.97	6.94	\$ 957
Options granted	158	5.31		
Less options forfeited	(191)	7.44		
Less options exercised	(112)	1.14		

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Options outstanding at September 30, 2016	689	\$	6.19	7.55	\$	174
Options exercisable at September 30, 2016	347	\$	6.09	6.09	\$	174

There were 40,000 and 172,000 stock options granted during the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The weighted-average grant-date fair value of stock options granted were \$1.16 and \$0.96 during the three months

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ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. As of September 30, 2016, there were approximately \$0.5 million of total unrecognized compensation costs related to unvested stock options. These costs are expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.72 years. The total fair value of stock options vested during the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was approximately \$0.1 million, respectively. The total fair value of stock options vested during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was approximately \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million, respectively.

The deferred income tax benefits from stock option expense related to Evolving Systems U.K. totaled approximately \$3,000 and \$5,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The deferred income tax benefits from stock option expense related to Evolving Systems U.K. totaled approximately \$10,000 and \$14,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Cash received from stock option exercises for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$9,000 and \$0, respectively. Cash received from stock option exercises for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$50,000 and \$27,000, respectively.

During the three months ended September 30, 2016, we had net settlement exercises of stock options, whereby the optionee did not pay cash for the options but instead received the number of shares equal to the difference between the exercise price and the market price on the date of exercise. Net settlement exercises during the three months ended September 30, 2016, resulted in approximately 93,782 shares issued and 32,502 options cancelled in settlement of shares issued. There were no net settlement exercises during the three or nine months ended September 30, 2015.

**Employee Stock Purchase Plan**

Under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan ( ESPP ), we are authorized to issue up to 550,000 shares. Employees may elect to have up to 15% of their gross compensation withheld through payroll deductions to purchase our common stock, capped at \$25,000 annually and no more than 10,000 shares per offering period. The purchase price of the stock is 85% of the lower of the market price at the beginning or end of each three-month participation period. As of September 30, 2016, there were approximately 51,000 shares available for purchase. For the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, we recorded compensation expense of \$160 and \$3,000, respectively, and \$2,000 and \$11,000, for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, associated with grants under the ESPP which includes the fair value of the look-back feature of each grant as well as the 15% discount on the purchase price. This expense fluctuates each period primarily based on the level of employee participation.

The fair value of each purchase made under our ESPP is estimated on the date of purchase using the Black-Scholes model. The Black-Scholes model uses four assumptions to calculate the fair value of each purchase. The expected term of each purchase is based upon the three-month participation period of each offering. The risk-free interest rate is based upon the rate currently available on zero-coupon U.S. Treasury instruments with a remaining term equal to the expected term of each offering. The expected volatility is based upon historical volatility of our common stock. The expected dividend yield is based upon historical and anticipated payment of dividends. The weighted average assumptions used in the fair value calculations are as follows:

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	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Expected term (years)	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Risk-free interest rate	0.27%	0.01%	0.23%	0.03%
Expected volatility	40.28%	41.51%	41.56%	38.20%
Expected dividend yield	5.06%	7.33%	7.58%	5.77%

Cash received from employee stock plan purchases for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$1,000 and \$11,000, respectively. Cash received from employee stock plan purchases for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$6,000 and \$44,000, respectively.

We issued shares related to the ESPP of approximately 200 and 2,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. We issued shares related to the ESPP of approximately 1,000 and 7,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

**NOTE 6 CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK**

For the three months ended September 30, 2016, one significant customer (defined as contributing at least 10%) accounted for 13% of revenue from operations. The significant customer for the three months ended September 30, 2016 is a large telecommunications operator in Africa. For the three months ended September 30, 2015, no significant customers accounted for 10%

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of revenue from operations. For the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, no significant customers accounted for 10% of revenue from operations.

As of September 30, 2016, one significant customer accounted for approximately 14% of contract receivables and unbilled work-in-progress. This customer is a large telecommunication operator in Africa. As of December 31, 2015, two significant customers accounted for approximately 36% (25% and 11%) of contract receivables and unbilled work-in-progress. These customers are large telecommunications operators in Africa and Europe.

**NOTE 7 LONG-TERM DEBT**

On February 29, 2016, we entered into the Fifth Amendment to the Loan and Security Agreement with East West Bank which provides for a Term Loan (the Term Loan ) for \$6.0 million. The \$6.0 million loan bears interest at a floating rate equal to the U.S.A. Prime Rate plus 1.0%. The Term Loan is secured by substantially all of the assets of Evolving Systems, including a pledge, subject to certain limitations with respect to stock of foreign subsidiaries, of the stock of the existing and future direct subsidiaries of Evolving Systems. Interest shall accrue from the date the Term Loan is made at the aforementioned rate and shall be payable monthly. The Term Loan shall be repaid in 36 equal monthly installments of principal, plus accrued but unpaid interest, commencing on January 1, 2017 and continuing on the first day of each month thereafter through and including January 1, 2020. On the Term Loan maturity date, the outstanding principal amount of the Term Loan and all accrued and unpaid interest thereon shall be immediately due and payable. The Term Loan, once repaid, may not be reborrowed. We must maintain a minimum current ratio, a specified ratio of Total Liabilities to EBITDA and a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio which are as defined in the Term Loan. The Term Loan requires us to pay two annual credit facility fees of \$18,750 and legal fee equal to \$1,000. The Term Loan agreement required us to use the term loan's proceeds and \$4.0 million from our cash balances to pay off and terminate the Revolving Facilities totaling \$10.0 million. The Term Loan matures on January 1, 2020.

As of September 30, 2016, we are in compliance with the covenants and have a \$6.0 million balance under the Term Loan net of approximately \$8,000 debt issuance costs.

**NOTE 8 INCOME TAXES**

We recorded net income tax expense of \$0.4 million and \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The net expense during the three months ended September 30, 2016 consisted of current income tax expense of \$0.3 million and a deferred tax expense of \$0.1 million. The current tax expense consists of income tax from our U.S., U.K. and India based operations. The deferred tax expense primarily related to undistributed U.K. foreign earnings offset by the amortization of intangible assets related to the acquisition of Evolving Systems NC, Inc. in September 2015. The net expense during the three months ended September 30, 2015 consisted of current income tax expense of \$0.1 million. The current tax expense consists of income tax from our U.K. and India based operations and unrecoverable foreign withholding taxes in the U.K.

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We recorded net income tax expense of \$0.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015. The net expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 consisted of current income tax expense of \$0.9 million and a deferred tax benefit of (\$19,000). The current tax expense consists primarily of income tax from our U.K. and India based operations. The deferred tax benefit was primarily related to the amortization of intangible assets related to the acquisition of Evolving Systems NC, Inc. in September 2015 offset by undistributed U.K. foreign earnings. The net expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 consisted of current income tax expense of \$0.9 and a deferred tax benefit of (\$25,000). The current tax expense consists primarily of income tax from our U.K. and India based operations, and unrecoverable foreign withholding taxes in the U.K. The deferred tax benefit was primarily related to the increase of certain deferred tax assets in the U.K. and India.

Our effective tax rate was 31% and 20% for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The increase in our effective tax rate during 2016 relates to lower estimated research and development tax credits generated in the U.K. in 2016 and an adjustment in 2015 to our annual effective tax rate for earnings which were lower than projected.

Our effective tax rate was 30% and 29% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The increase in our effective tax rate relates to a lower estimated research and development tax credit being generated in the U.K. during 2016.

As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 we continued to maintain a valuation allowance on portions of our domestic net deferred tax asset. Such assets primarily consist of Foreign Tax credit carry forwards ( FTC ), certain state Net Operating Loss ( NOL ) carryforwards, research and development tax credits and Alternative Minimum Tax ( AMT ) credits. Our deferred tax assets and liabilities as of September 30, 2016, were comprised of the following (in thousands):

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	September 30, 2016	
Deferred tax assets		
Foreign tax credits carryforwards	\$	4,518
Net operating loss carryforwards		1,024
Research & development credits		303
AMT credits		770
Stock compensation		587
Depreciable assets		105
Accrued liabilities and reserves		232
Total deferred tax assets		7,539
Deferred tax liabilities		
Deferred revenue		
Undistributed foreign earnings	\$	(1,140)
Intangibles		(1,330)
Total deferred tax liability		(2,470)
Net deferred tax assets, before valuation allowance	\$	5,069
Valuation allowance		(5,069)
Net deferred tax asset	\$	

In our U.S. Federal income tax returns we historically deducted income taxes paid to various countries. In our 2014 U.S. Federal income tax return we had \$2.3 million of NOL carryforwards. Our income tax calculations have historically been under the regular and AMT regulations found in U.S. tax laws. The U.S. tax system contains rules to alleviate the burden of double taxation on income generated in foreign countries and subject to tax in such countries. The U.S. allows for either a deduction or credit of such foreign taxes against U.S. taxable income. An election to either claim a deduction or credit on such foreign income taxes can be made each tax year, independent from elections made in other years. A credit reduces a company's actual U.S. income tax on a dollar-for-dollar basis, while a deduction reduces only the company's income subject to tax. We made a comparison of our foreign dividends paid by our foreign subsidiary for which we deducted foreign taxes claimed versus claiming a Foreign Tax Credit ( FTC ) on the dividend paid by the foreign subsidiary. The dividends received were grossed-up with its corresponding foreign taxes. The U.S. law requires the offset of taxable income with NOL prior to applying the FTC rules. We determined it was beneficial for the company to gross-up the foreign dividends paid by the foreign subsidiary for the years 2012 through 2014 and make the election to claim a FTC. By doing so we fully utilized our December 31, 2014, \$2.3 million balance of the federal NOL. A similar comparison of benefits to either claim a deduction or a foreign tax credit for allowable foreign taxes has been made as of September 30, 2016. As the election to claim the foreign tax credit or deduction is made on an annual basis, the Company intends to compare benefits to either claim a deduction or foreign tax credit on a quarterly basis. As a result, the company has approximately \$4.5 million of FTC s to carryforward through 2016 and subsequent years as a deferred tax asset.

Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code imposes an annual limitation on the amount of certain tax attributes, including net operating loss and tax credit carryovers, available to be utilized following an Ownership Change triggered by a shift of greater than 50% in stock ownership over a three year testing period. We believe SSM likely may have had Ownership Changes prior to its acquisition by Evolving Systems, Inc. However, the amount of the applicable limitation is not known, and cannot be estimated at this time. Accordingly, the Company has not recorded a deferred tax asset associated with SSM's tax attributes in its initial purchase accounting. The Company intends to review the ownership history of SSM to determine the utilizable portion of its tax attributes as soon as practicable, and if appropriate, adjust the deferred tax assets and purchase accounting upon the conclusion of its assessment.

As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 we had no liability for unrecognized tax benefits.

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We conduct business globally and, as a result, Evolving Systems, Inc. or one or more of our subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various state and foreign jurisdictions. Throughout the world, in the normal course of business, we are subject to examination by taxing authorities up until, two years in the U.K. and four years in India, following the end of the accounting period. As of the date of this report, none of our income tax returns are under examination.

### **NOTE 9 STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY**

#### **Common Stock Dividend**

On May 3, 2016, our Board of Directors declared a second quarter cash dividend of \$0.11 per share, which was paid July 1, 2016, to stockholders of record June 3, 2016. Previously, our Board of Directors declared a first quarter cash dividend of \$0.11 per share on March 15, 2016, which was paid April 1, 2016, to stockholders of record March 28, 2016.

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Any determination to declare a future quarterly dividend, as well as the amount of any cash dividend which may be declared, will be based on our financial position, earnings, financial covenants to which we are subject, earnings outlook and other relevant factors at that time.

**Certain Anti-Takeover Provisions/Agreements with Stockholders**

Our restated certificate of incorporation allows the board of directors to issue up to 2,000,000 shares of preferred stock and to determine the price, rights, preferences and privileges of those shares without any further vote or action by our stockholders. The rights of the holders of our common stock will be subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of any preferred stock that may be issued in the future. Issuance of preferred stock, while providing desired flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire a majority of our outstanding voting stock. As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, no shares of preferred stock were outstanding.

In addition, we are subject to the anti-takeover provisions of Section 203 of Delaware General Corporation Law which prohibit us from engaging in a business combination with an interested stockholder for a period of three years after the date of the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder, unless the business combination is approved in the prescribed manner. The application of Section 203 may have the effect of delaying or preventing changes in control of our management, which could adversely affect the market price of our common stock by discouraging or preventing takeover attempts that might result in the payment of a premium price to our stockholders.

**NOTE 10 SEGMENT INFORMATION**

We define operating segments as components of our enterprise for which separate financial information is reviewed regularly by the chief operating decision-makers to evaluate performance and to make operating decisions. We have identified our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer as our chief operating decision-makers ( CODM ). These chief operating decision makers review revenues by segment and review overall results of operations.

We currently operate our business as two operating segments based on revenue type: license fees and services revenue, and customer support revenue (as shown on the consolidated statements of operations). License fees and services ( L&S ) revenue represents the fees received from the license of software products and those services directly related to the delivery of the licensed products, such as fees for custom development and integration services and managed services. Customer support ( CS ) revenue includes annual support fees, recurring maintenance fees, fees for maintenance upgrades and warranty services. Warranty services that are similar to software maintenance services are typically bundled with a license sale. Total assets by segment have not been disclosed as the information is not available to the chief operating decision-makers.

Segment information is as follows (in thousands):

For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
2016	2015	2016	2015

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<b>Revenue</b>						
License fees and services	\$	3,557	\$	3,228	\$ 10,616	\$ 11,177
Customer support		2,546		2,545	8,045	7,327
<b>Total revenue</b>		<b>6,103</b>		<b>5,773</b>	<b>18,661</b>	<b>18,504</b>
<b>Revenue less costs of revenue, excluding depreciation and amortization</b>						
License fees and services		2,596		2,185	7,648	7,719
Customer support		2,248		2,149	7,042	6,211
		<b>4,844</b>		<b>4,334</b>	<b>14,690</b>	<b>13,930</b>
<b>Unallocated Costs</b>						
Other operating expenses		2,885		3,259	9,066	10,265
Depreciation and amortization		253		121	792	348
Restructuring		3			1,007	
Interest income		(1)		(5)	(4)	(14)
Interest expense		74		3	265	9
Foreign currency exchange (gain) loss		261		244	508	218
<b>Income from operations before income taxes</b>	\$	<b>1,369</b>	\$	<b>712</b>	\$ 3,056	\$ 3,104

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We are headquartered in Englewood, a suburb of Denver, Colorado. We use customer locations as the basis for attributing revenues to individual countries. We provide products and services on a global basis through our headquarters, our London-based Evolving Systems U.K. subsidiary and our North Carolina based Evolving Systems NC, Inc. subsidiary. Additionally, personnel in Bangalore and Kolkata, India provide software development and support services to our global operations. Financial information relating to operations by geographic region is as follows (in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		
	L&S	2016 CS	Total
<b>Revenue</b>			
Algeria	\$ 867	\$	\$ 867
United Kingdom	352	370	722
Switzerland	505	181	686
Other	1,833	1,995	3,828
Total revenues	\$ 3,557	\$ 2,546	\$ 6,103

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		
	L&S	2015 CS	Total
<b>Revenue</b>			
United Kingdom	\$ 638	\$ 429	\$ 1,067
Indonesia	488	103	591
Other	2,102	2,013	4,115
Total revenues	\$ 3,228	\$ 2,545	\$ 5,773

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	L&S	2016 CS	Total
<b>Revenue</b>			
United Kingdom	\$ 1,447	\$ 1,175	\$ 2,622
Switzerland	1,570	539	2,109
Other	7,599	6,331	13,930
Total revenues	\$ 10,616	\$ 8,045	\$ 18,661

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	L&S	2015 CS	Total
<b>Revenue</b>			
United Kingdom	\$ 1,599	\$ 1,344	\$ 2,943
Other	9,578	5,983	15,561
Total revenues	\$ 11,177	\$ 7,327	\$ 18,504

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
<b>Long-lived assets, net</b>		
United States	\$ 12,356	\$ 13,026

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United Kingdom	13,366	15,318
Other	302	341
	\$ 26,024	\$ 28,685

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**NOTE 11 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**(a) Other Commitments**

As permitted under Delaware law, we have agreements with officers and directors under which we agree to indemnify them for certain events or occurrences while the officer or director is, or was, serving at our request in this capacity. The term of the indemnification period is indefinite. There is no limit on the amount of future payments we could be required to make under these indemnification agreements; however, we maintain Director and Officer insurance policies, as well as an Employment Practices Liability Insurance Policy, that may enable us to recover a portion of any amounts paid. As a result of our insurance policy coverage, we believe the estimated fair value of these indemnification agreements is minimal. Accordingly, there were no liabilities recorded for these agreements as of September 30, 2016 or December 31, 2015.

We enter into standard indemnification terms with customers and suppliers, in the ordinary course of business, for third party claims arising under our contracts. In addition, as we may subcontract the development of deliverables under customer contracts, we could be required to indemnify customers for work performed by subcontractors. Depending upon the nature of the indemnification, the potential amount of future payments we could be required to make under these indemnification agreements may be unlimited. We may be able to recover damages from a subcontractor or other supplier if the indemnification results from the subcontractor's or supplier's failure to perform. To the extent we are unable to recover damages from a subcontractor or other supplier, we could be required to reimburse the indemnified party for the full amount. We have never incurred costs to defend lawsuits or settle claims relating to an indemnification. As a result, we believe the estimated fair value of these agreements is minimal. Accordingly, there were no liabilities recorded for these agreements as of September 30, 2016 or December 31, 2015.

Our standard license agreements contain product warranties that the software will be free of material defects and will operate in accordance with the stated requirements for a limited period of time. The product warranty provisions require us to cure any defects through any reasonable means. We believe the estimated fair value of the product warranty provisions in the license agreements in place with our customers is minimal. Accordingly, there were no liabilities recorded for these product warranty provisions as of September 30, 2016 or December 31, 2015.

Our software arrangements generally include a product indemnification provision whereby we will indemnify and defend a customer in actions brought against the customer for claims that our products infringe upon a copyright, trade secret, or valid patent of a third party. We have not historically incurred any significant costs related to product indemnification claims. Accordingly, there were no liabilities recorded for these indemnification provisions as of September 30, 2016 or December 31, 2015.

In connection with our acquisition of Telespree on October 24, 2013, we agreed to make a cash payment of \$0.5 million on the one year anniversary of the closing. This payment was subject to reduction for certain claims and has not been paid to date. We have made claims against this payment which are currently under dispute. Once settled the final payment will be released.

**(b) Litigation**

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From time to time, we are involved in various legal matters arising in the normal course of business. We do not expect the outcome of such proceedings, either individually or in the aggregate, to have a material effect on our financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

### **NOTE 12 RESTRUCTURING**

During the first, second and third quarters of 2016, we undertook a reduction in workforce involving the termination of employees resulting in an expense of \$0.9 million, \$0.1 million and \$3,000, respectively, primarily related to severance for the affected employees. The reduction in workforce was related to the consolidations of duplicative functions and alignment of staff with ongoing business activity as a result of the acquisition of Evolving Systems NC, Inc. in the third quarter of 2015. There was no restructuring expense for the three or nine months ended September 30, 2015.

In October 2015, we undertook a reduction in workforce involving the termination of employees resulting in an expense of approximately \$0.5 million primarily related to severance for the affected employees. The reduction in workforce was related to the

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consolidations of duplicative functions and alignment of staff with ongoing business activity as a result of the acquisition of Evolving Systems NC, Inc. in the third quarter of 2015.

The restructuring liability was approximately \$0.1 million and \$25,000 as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

**SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

*This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements that have been made pursuant to the provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates, and projections about Evolving Systems' industry, management's beliefs, and certain assumptions made by management. Forward-looking statements include our expectations regarding product, services, and maintenance revenue, annual savings associated with the organizational changes effected in prior years, and short- and long-term cash needs. In some cases, words such as anticipates, expects, intends, plans, believes, estimates, variations of these words, and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. The statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties, and assumptions that are difficult to predict; therefore, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or forecasted in any forward-looking statements. Risks and uncertainties of our business include those set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 under Item 1A. Risk Factors as well as additional risks described in this Form 10-Q. Unless required by law, we undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. However, readers should carefully review the risk factors set forth in other reports or documents we file from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission, particularly the Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and any Current Reports on Form 8-K.*

**OVERVIEW**

We are a provider of software solutions and services to the wireless, wireline and cable markets. We maintain long-standing relationships with many of the largest wireless, wireline and cable companies worldwide. Our customers rely on us to develop, deploy, enhance and maintain software solutions including managed services that provide a variety of service activation and provisioning functions. RLM enables carrier marketing departments to innovate, execute and manage highly-personalized and contextually-relevant, interactive campaigns that engage consumers in real time; our service activation solution, TSA is used to activate bundles of voice, video and data services for wireless, wireline and cable network operators; our SIM card activation solution, DSA is used to dynamically allocate and assign resources to MNOs devices that rely on SIM cards; our MDE solution provides a data consumption and policy management solution for wireless carriers and MVNOs that monitor the usage and consumption of data services; our TNM product is a scalable and fully automated database solution that enables operators to reliably and efficiently manage their telephone numbers as well as other communication identifiers (i.e. SIMs, MSISDNs, IMSIs, ICCIDs, IPs). Our solutions can be deployed on premise or offered via a SaaS model. Prior to the acquisition of SSM, we reported license and services and customer support revenue separately and further classified our revenue as TSA or DSA, where MDE and TNM were included in DSA. Going forward we will continue to report license and services and customer support revenue separately, but we will further classify our revenue as TSA and Mobile Marketing Solutions ( MMS ), with MMS including RLM, DSA, MDE and TNM.

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We recognize revenue in accordance with the prescribed accounting standards for software revenue recognition under generally accepted accounting principles. Our license fees and services revenues fluctuate from period to period as a result of the timing of revenue recognition on existing projects.

### **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

Consolidated revenue was \$6.1 million and \$5.8 million for the three months and \$18.7 million and \$18.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The increase in revenue for the three and nine months ended is due higher MMS license services and customer support revenue offset by lower TSA license services and customer support revenues.

Our twelve month backlog increased to \$12.0 million as of September 30, 2016, compared to \$10.3 million as of September 30, 2015 due to higher MMS and TSA balances.

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We have operations in foreign countries where the local currency is used to prepare the financial statements which are translated into our reporting currency, U.S. Dollars. Changes in the exchange rates between these currencies and our reporting currency are partially responsible for some of the changes from period to period in our financial statement amounts. The chart below summarizes how our revenue and expenses would change had they been reported on a constant currency basis. The constant currency basis assumes that the exchange rate was constant for the periods presented (in thousands).

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016 vs. 2015		For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016 vs. 2015	
Revenue	\$	(186)	\$	(403)
Costs of revenue and operating expenses		(368)		(874)
Operating gain	\$	182	\$	471

The net effect of our foreign currency translations for the three months ended September 30, 2016 was a \$0.2 million decrease in revenue and a \$0.4 million decrease in operating expenses versus the three months ended September 30, 2015. The net effect of our foreign currency translations for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was a \$0.4 million decrease in revenue and a \$0.9 million decrease in operating expenses versus the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following table presents the unaudited consolidated statements of operations reflected as a percentage of total revenue.

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
<b>REVENUE</b>				
License fees and services	58%	56%	57%	60%
Customer support	42%	44%	43%	40%
Total revenue	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>COSTS OF REVENUE AND OPERATING</b>				
Costs of license fees and services, excluding depreciation and amortization	16%	18%	16%	19%
Costs of customer support, excluding depreciation and amortization	5%	7%	5%	6%
Sales and marketing	20%	23%	20%	24%
General and administrative	16%	18%	15%	16%
Product development	11%	16%	13%	16%
Depreciation	1%	2%	1%	1%
Amortization	3%		3%	
Restructuring	0%		5%	
Total costs of revenue and operating expenses	72%	84%	78%	82%
Income from operations	28%	16%	22%	18%
Other income (expense)				

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Interest income	0%	0%	0%	0%
Interest expense	(2)%	(0)%	(1)%	(0)%
Foreign currency exchange gain (loss)	(4)%	(4)%	(4)%	(1)%
Other income (expense), net	(6)%	(4)%	(5)%	(1)%
Income from operations before income taxes	22%	12%	17%	17%
Income tax expense	7%	2%	5%	5%
Net income	15%	10%	12%	12%

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***Revenue***

Revenue is comprised of license fees/services and customer support. License fees and services revenue represent the fees we receive from the licensing of our software products and those services directly related to the delivery of the licensed product as well as integration and consulting services and managed services. Customer support revenue includes annual support, recurring maintenance and warranty services. Warranty services consist of maintenance services and are typically bundled with a license sale and the related revenue, based on Vendor-Specific Objective Evidence ( VSOE ), is deferred and recognized ratably over the warranty period.

Revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$6.1 million and \$5.8 million respectively. The license and services revenue increase for the three months is primarily due to higher license and services from our MMS product suite offset by a decrease of license and services from our TSA product. Customer support revenue remained the same during the two periods. Revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$18.7 million and \$18.5 million, respectively. License and services revenue decreased primarily due to lower license and services from our TSA product offset by an increase of license and services from our MMS products. Customer support revenue increased due to our MMS product suite.

***License Fees and Services***

License fees and services revenue increased \$0.3 million, or 10%, to \$3.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 from \$3.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015. The increase is due to higher revenue from our MMS product suite offset by lower revenue from our TSA products.

License fees and services revenue decreased \$0.6 million, or 5%, to \$10.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 from \$11.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease in revenue is due to lower license and services revenue from our TSA products offset by increased revenue from our MMS product suite.

***Customer Support***

Customer support revenue was \$2.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015. Even though customer support did not change period over period our MMS product suite customer support revenue increased during the period offset by lower revenue from our TSA products.

Customer support revenue increased \$0.7 million, or 10%, to \$8.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 from \$7.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The increase is due to higher revenue from our MMS product suite.

*Costs of Revenue, Excluding Depreciation and Amortization*

Costs of revenue, excluding depreciation and amortization, consist primarily of personnel costs and other direct costs associated with these personnel, facilities costs, costs of third-party software and partner commissions. Costs of revenue, excluding depreciation and amortization, were \$1.3 million and \$1.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and \$4.0 million and \$4.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

*Costs of License Fees and Services, Excluding Depreciation and Amortization*

Costs of license fees and services, excluding depreciation and amortization decreased \$0.1 million, or 8%, to \$0.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 from \$1.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease in costs of license fees and services is primarily attributable to less salary expense as a result of the restructuring in the fourth quarter of 2015 and first quarter of 2016, lower embedded software expense partially offset by the costs of license fees and services from the operations of Evolving Systems NC, Inc. which was acquired in September 2015. As a percentage of license fees and services revenue, costs of license fees and services, excluding depreciation and amortization, decreased to 27% for the three months ended September 30, 2016 from 32% for the three months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease as a percentage of revenue is primarily due to the aforementioned reduction of costs and increased revenue during the period.

Costs of license fees and services, excluding depreciation and amortization, decreased \$0.5 million, or 14%, to \$3.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 from \$3.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease in costs is primarily attributable to the reductions of embedded software, employee costs due to a reduced workforce, travel, software maintenance and procurement costs all of which are a result of lower revenue, partially offset by costs of license fees and services revenue of Evolving Systems NC, Inc. As a percentage of license fees and services revenue, costs of license fees and services, excluding depreciation and amortization, decreased to 28% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 from 31% for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease in costs as a percentage of revenue is primarily due to the aforementioned reduction of costs during the period.

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***Costs of Customer Support, Excluding Depreciation and Amortization***

Costs of customer support, excluding depreciation and amortization decreased \$0.1 million or 25%, to \$0.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 from \$0.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease in the costs of customer support is primarily attributable to lower salary expense due to the restructuring partially offset by costs of customer support from the operations of Evolving Systems NC, Inc. As a percentage of customer support revenue, costs of customer support revenue, excluding depreciation and amortization, decreased to 12% for the three months ended September 30, 2016 from 16% for the three months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease in costs as a percentage of revenue is primarily the result of the aforementioned reduction of costs during the period.

Costs of customer support, excluding depreciation and amortization decreased \$0.1 million or 10%, to \$1.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 from \$1.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The costs of customer support were lower in the current period from embedded software and partner commission expenses, and salary expense due to the restructuring but were partially offset by costs of customer support from the operations of Evolving Systems NC, Inc. As a percentage of customer support revenue, costs of customer support revenue, excluding depreciation and amortization, decreased to 12% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 from 15% for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease in costs as a percentage of revenue is primarily the result of higher revenue during the period.

***Sales and Marketing***

Sales and marketing expenses primarily consist of compensation costs, including incentive compensation and commissions, travel expenses, advertising, marketing and facilities expenses. Sales and marketing expenses decreased \$0.1 million, or 7%, to \$1.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 from \$1.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease in expenses is attributable to lower partner fees, salary expense due to the restructuring and travel expenses partially offset by increased costs from operations of Evolving Systems NC, Inc. As a percentage of total revenue, sales and marketing expenses decreased to 20% for the three months ended September 30, 2016 from 23% for the three months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease in sales and marketing expenses as a percentage of revenue is primarily due to aforementioned reduction of sales and marketing costs.

Sales and marketing expenses decreased \$0.6 million, or 14%, to \$3.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 from \$4.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease in costs is primarily attributable to partner fees and salary expense due to the restructuring partially offset by costs from operations of Evolving Systems NC, Inc. As a percentage of total revenue, sales and marketing expenses decreased to 20% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 from 24% for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease in sales and marketing expenses as a percentage of revenue is primarily due to the increase in revenue and aforementioned decrease in expenses during the period.

***General and Administrative***

General and administrative expenses consist principally of employee related costs and professional fees for the following departments: facilities, finance, legal, human resources, and certain executive management. General and administrative expenses decreased \$0.1 million, or 6%, to \$0.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 from \$1.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease in general and administrative expenses is primarily the result of lower professional fees and travel expense. As a percentage of revenue, general

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and administrative expenses decreased to 16% for the three months ended September 30, 2016 from 17% for the three months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease in general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue is primarily due to increased revenue and the aforementioned decrease in costs during the period.

General and administrative expenses decreased \$0.2 million, or 6%, to \$2.7 million from \$2.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The decrease in costs is primarily related to lower professional fees and travel expense. As a percentage of revenue, general and administrative expenses decreased to 15% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 from 16% for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease in general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue is primarily due to increased revenue and the aforementioned decrease in costs during the period.

### *Product Development*

Product development expenses consist primarily of employee related costs and subcontractor expenses. Product development expenses decreased \$0.2 million, or 24%, to \$0.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 from \$0.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease in product development expenses was due to lower salary expense because of the restructuring partially offset by the costs from operations of Evolving Systems NC, Inc. As a percentage of revenue, product development expenses decreased to 11% for the three months ended September 30, 2016 from 16% for the three months ended

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September 30, 2015. The decrease in product development expenses as a percentage of revenue is primarily due to increased revenue and the aforementioned decrease in costs during the period.

Product development expenses decreased \$0.4 million, or 14%, to \$2.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 from \$2.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease in product development expenses is primarily attributable to lower salary expense due to the restructuring partially offset by costs from operations of Evolving Systems NC, Inc. As a percentage of revenue, product development expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 decreased to 13% from 16% for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease as a percentage of revenue is primarily due to the aforementioned decrease of expenses during the period.

***Depreciation***

Depreciation expense consists of depreciation of long-lived property and equipment. Depreciation expense was \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015. As a percentage of total revenue, depreciation expense for the three months ended September 30, 2016 decreased to 1% from 2% for the three months ended September 30, 2015. The decrease as a percentage of revenue is primarily due to increased revenue during the period.

Depreciation expense decreased \$0.1 million, or 26%, to \$0.2 million from \$0.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. As a percentage of total revenue, depreciation expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, remained at 1%.

***Amortization***

Amortization expense consists of amortization of identifiable intangible assets acquired through our acquisition of Evolving Systems Labs, Inc. and Evolving Systems NC, Inc. Amortization expense increased \$0.2 million or 717% to \$0.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 from \$24,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2015. The increase in amortization expense is primarily due to the acquisition of Evolving Systems NC, Inc. As a percentage of total revenue, amortization expense increased to 3% for the three months ended September 30, 2016 from 0% for the three months ended September 30, 2015. The increase in costs as a percentage of revenue is primarily due to the aforementioned costs during the period.

Amortization expense increased \$0.5 million or 727% to \$0.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 from \$0.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The increase in amortization expense is primarily due to the acquisition of Evolving Systems NC, Inc. As a percentage of total revenue, amortization expense increased to 3% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 from 0% for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The increase in costs as a percentage of revenue is primarily due to the aforementioned costs during the period.

***Restructuring***

Restructuring expense includes the costs associated with a reduction in workforce due to the consolidation of duplicative functions and alignment of staff with ongoing business activity as a result of the acquisition of Evolving Systems NC, Inc. Restructuring was \$3,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2016. The expense was an adjustment related to the second quarter 2016 reduction in workforce. There was no restructuring expense for the three months ended September 30, 2015. As a percentage of revenue, restructuring expense was 0% for the three months ended September 30, 2016.

Restructuring was \$1.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. There were no restructuring expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. As a percentage of revenue, restructuring expense was 5% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

***Interest Income***

Interest income includes interest income earned on cash and cash equivalents. Interest income was \$1,000 and \$5,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Interest income was \$4,000 and \$14,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

***Interest Expense***

Interest expense includes interest expense from the amortization of debt issuance costs, our revolving debt facility, our term loan and interest expense from our capital lease obligations. Interest expense was \$0.1 million and \$3,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The increase of interest expense is related to drawing on our debt facilities to acquire

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Evolving System NC, Inc. in the third quarter of 2015. As a percent of revenue, interest expense was 1% and 0% for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Interest expense was \$0.3 million and \$9,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The increase of \$0.3 million is primarily due to drawing on our debt facilities to acquire Evolving System NC, Inc. As a percent of revenue, interest expense was 1% and 0% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

***Foreign Currency Exchange Loss***

Foreign currency transaction losses resulted from transactions denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the respective subsidiary and was \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and \$0.5 million and \$0.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The losses were generated primarily through the re-measurement of certain non-functional currency denominated financial assets and liabilities of our Evolving Systems U.K. and India subsidiaries of which the primary loss was related to Evolving Systems U.K. contract receivables.

***Other Comprehensive Loss***

Other comprehensive loss refers to revenue, expenses, gains, and losses that under GAAP are recorded as an element of shareholders' equity but are excluded from net income. Other comprehensive loss consists of foreign currency translation adjustments from those subsidiaries not using the U.S. dollar as their functional currency. Other comprehensive loss was \$0.8 million during the three months ended September 30, 2016 compared to \$1.0 million during the three months ended September 30, 2015. The current period loss is related to a weaker British Pound Sterling and the related translation of our U.K. subsidiary's assets and liabilities to the United States Dollar for consolidation purposes.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2016 other comprehensive loss increased to \$2.8 million from \$0.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The loss for the for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 is related to a weaker British Pound Sterling and the related translation of our U.K. subsidiary's assets and liabilities to the United States Dollar for consolidation purposes.

***Income Taxes***

We recorded net income tax expense of \$0.4 million and \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The net expense during the three months ended September 30, 2016 consisted of current income tax expense of \$0.3 million and a deferred tax expense of \$0.1 million. The current tax expense consists of income tax from our U.S., U.K. and India based operations. The deferred tax expense primarily related to undistributed U.K. foreign earnings offset by the amortization of intangible assets related to the acquisition of Evolving Systems NC, Inc. in September 2015. The net expense during the three months ended September 30, 2015 consisted of current income tax expense of \$0.1 million.

The current tax expense consists of income tax from our U.K. and India based operations and unrecoverable foreign withholding taxes in the U.K.

We recorded net income tax expense of \$0.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015. The net expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 consisted of current income tax expense of \$0.9 million and a deferred tax benefit of (\$19,000). The current tax expense consists primarily of income tax from our U.K. and India based operations. The deferred tax benefit was primarily related to the amortization of intangible assets related to the acquisition of Evolving Systems NC, Inc. in September 2015 offset by undistributed U.K. foreign earnings. The net expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 consisted of current income tax expense of \$0.9 and a deferred tax benefit of (\$25,000). The current tax expense consists primarily of income tax from our U.K. and India based operations, and unrecoverable foreign withholding taxes in the U.K. The deferred tax benefit was primarily related to the increase of certain deferred tax assets in the U.K. and India.

Our effective tax rate was 31% and 20% for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The increase in our effective tax rate during 2016 relates to an adjustment in 2015 to our annual effective tax rate for earnings which were lower than projected.

Our effective tax rate was 30% and 29% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The increase in our effective tax rate relates to a lower estimated research and development tax credit being generated in the U.K. during 2016.

As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 we continued to maintain a valuation allowance on portions of our domestic net deferred tax asset. Such assets primarily consist of FTC carryforwards, certain state NOL carryforwards, research and development tax credits and AMT credits. See Note 8 to the financial statements for a summary of our deferred tax assets and liabilities.

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**FINANCIAL CONDITION**

Our working capital position increased \$4.2 million, or 121%, to \$7.7 million as of September 30, 2016 from \$3.5 million as of December 31, 2015. The increase in working capital is related to paying off our \$10 million short term revolving line of credit with a long term loan and \$4.0 million from our cash balance, partially offset by increases of the current term loan balance and unearned revenue.

**CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

There have been no material changes to the contractual obligations as disclosed in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

We have historically financed operations through cash flows from operations and equity transactions. At September 30, 2016, our principal source of liquidity was \$6.9 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$5.9 million in contract receivables, net of allowances. Our anticipated uses of cash in the future will be to fund the expansion of our business through both organic growth as well as possible acquisition activities, the expansion of our customer base internationally and debt service payments on the Term Loan. Other uses of cash may include quarterly dividends, capital expenditures and technology expansion.

Net cash provided by operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$5.5 million and \$2.9 million, respectively. Cash provided by operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was primarily due to net income coupled with the increase of unearned revenue, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and collection of contract receivables and unbilled work-in-progress offset by an increase in prepaid and other assets. The increase in cash provided by operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was primarily due to net income coupled with the billing and collection of unbilled work-in-progress offset by decreases in accounts payable and accrued liabilities and unearned revenue and an increase in prepaid and other assets.

Net cash used in investing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$24,000 and \$9.2 million, respectively. Cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 is due to the purchase of property and equipment in the period of \$24,000 and \$0.2 million, respectively. Also, in September 2015, \$9.0 million of cash was used, net of cash received, to acquire Evolving Systems NC, Inc.

Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was (\$6.6) million and \$6.2 million, respectively. The cash used in financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was primarily due to the payment of the \$10.0 million revolving line of credit offset by the proceeds of the \$6.0 million term loan and the payment of the first and second quarters 2016 common stock cash dividend of \$2.6 million. The cash provided by financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was primarily due to the \$10.0 million received from our revolving debt facility for the initial payment of the acquisition Evolving System NC, Inc. in September 2015 offset by the first, second and third quarters common stock cash dividends of \$3.8 million paid in the period.

We believe that our current cash and cash equivalents, together with anticipated cash flow from operations will be sufficient to meet our working capital, capital expenditure and financing requirements for at least the next twelve months. In making this assessment we considered the following:

- Our cash and cash equivalents balance at September 30, 2016 of \$6.9 million;
- Our working capital balance of \$7.7 million;
- Our demonstrated ability to generate positive cash flows from operations;
- Our backlog as of September 30, 2016 of approximately \$12.0 million, including \$7.4 million in license fees and services and \$4.6 million in customer support;
- Our planned capital expenditures of less than \$0.3 million during 2016; and
- The repayment of our long term debt facility of which the first principal payment is due beginning January 2017.

We are exposed to foreign currency rate risks which impact the carrying amount of our foreign subsidiaries and our consolidated equity, as well as our consolidated cash position due to translation adjustments. For the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, the effect of exchange rate changes resulted in a \$0.4 million decrease and \$0.3 million decrease to consolidated

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cash, respectively. We do not currently hedge our foreign currency exposure, but we monitor rate changes and may hedge our exposures if we see significant negative trends in exchange rates.

**OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements that have a material current effect or that are reasonably likely to have a material future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

**ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE MARKET RISK DISCLOSURES**

In the ordinary course of business, we are exposed to certain market risks, including changes in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. Uncertainties that are either non-financial or non-quantifiable such as political, economic, tax, other regulatory, or credit risks are not included in the following assessment of market risks.

*Interest Rate Risks*

Our cash balances are subject to interest rate fluctuations and as a result, interest income amounts may fluctuate from current levels.

*Foreign Currency Risk*

We are exposed to favorable and unfavorable fluctuations of the U.S. dollar (our functional currency) against the currencies of our operating subsidiaries. Any increase (decrease) in the value of the U.S. dollar against any foreign currency that is the functional currency of one of our operating subsidiaries will cause the parent company to experience unrealized foreign currency translation losses (gains) with respect to amounts already invested in such foreign currencies. In addition, we and our operating subsidiaries are exposed to foreign currency risk to the extent that we enter into transactions denominated in currencies other than our respective functional currencies, such as accounts receivable (including intercompany amounts) that are denominated in a currency other than their own functional currency. Changes in exchange rates with respect to these items will result in unrealized (based upon period-end exchange rates) or realized foreign currency transaction gains and losses upon settlement of the transactions. In addition, we are exposed to foreign exchange rate fluctuations related to our operating subsidiaries' monetary assets and liabilities and the financial results of foreign subsidiaries and affiliates when their respective financial statements are translated into U.S. dollars for inclusion in our consolidated financial statements. Cumulative translation adjustments are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) as a separate component of equity. As a result of foreign currency risk, we may experience economic loss and a negative impact on earnings and equity with respect to our holdings solely as a result of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

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The relationship between the British pound sterling, Indian rupee and the U.S. dollar, which is our functional currency, is shown below, per one U.S. dollar:

<b>Spot rates:</b>			<b>September 30, 2016</b>	<b>December 31, 2015</b>
British pound sterling			0.76990	0.67495
Indian rupee			66.61597	66.15844

  

<b>Average rates:</b>	<b>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
British pound sterling	0.76151	0.64532	0.71919	0.65283
Indian rupee	66.96207	64.96318	67.11474	63.55350

At the present time, we do not hedge our foreign currency exposure or use derivative financial instruments that are designed to reduce our long-term exposure to foreign currency exchange risk. To the extent that translation and transaction gain and losses become significant, we will consider various options to reduce this risk.

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**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ), that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of such period.

In designing and evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that disclosure controls and procedures, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the disclosure controls and procedures are met. Additionally, in designing disclosure controls and procedures, our management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible disclosure controls and procedures. The design of any disclosure controls and procedures also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions.

During the three months ended September 30, 2016, there were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) or in other factors 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**

We are involved in various legal matters arising in the normal course of business. Losses, including estimated costs to defend, are recorded for these matters to the extent they were probable of loss and the amount of loss could be reasonably estimated.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

There has been no material changes in the risk factors previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, filed with the SEC on March 15, 2016.

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with the risk factors defined in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 under Item 1A. Risk Factors.

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

None

**ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES**

None

**ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

None

**ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

None

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

(a) Exhibits

Exhibit 31.1 Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

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Exhibit 31.2 Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Exhibit 32.1 Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Exhibit 32.2 Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Exhibit 101 - The following financial information from the quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Evolving Systems, Inc. for the quarter ended September 30, 2016, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income, (iii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, (iv) Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity, (v) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (vi) Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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**SIGNATURE**

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

Date: November 8, 2016

/s/ DANIEL J. MOORHEAD  
Daniel J. Moorhead  
Chief Financial Officer,  
Treasurer and Secretary  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)